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NIGHT WATCHMAN GAGGED BY THREE BURGLARS AT MIDNIGHT CARPET CO. SAFE BLOWN

Daring Exploit in Parkdale—Thomas Murray Awed by Revolver—Safe Demolished and Considerable Amount Taken.

Safe blowers entered the Toronto Carpet Works on King-street, just west of the subway, at midnight last night, held a revolver at the head of the night watchman, Thomas Murray, and gagged him, blew the safe and escaped with all the valuable contents.

When the night watchman was on his rounds last night he did not notice anything in particular until, while crossing the yard, to his surprise, a man stepped up from behind him and pointing a revolver told him to put his hands up. Nothing was left but to comply, as the man was joined by two others, each with a revolver. Evidently they had heard his approaching footsteps. They then entered the building, taking him along.

Bound and Gagged.
They bound his limbs and gagged his mouth so that he could not raise his voice. Proceeding with their job they resumed operations around the safe. After working for about a quarter of an hour they rose and dragged Murray into the adjoining room. Then one of the men went back to the office.

Murray heard a loud noise and the building shook. Then, after the smoke had cleared the robbers went back. Murray soon after heard them take their departure, and managed to wriggle himself free from his bonds. The safe in the outer room was a wreck.

The sides and doors had been torn off by an explosion of nitro glycerine. The ledgers were strewn around the room with the force of the detonation. The cash drawers had been stripped of all the cash.

The loss is believed to be considerable.

Police Notified.
Murray telephoned the police department and Sgt. Watson of No. 6 police station was on the spot with a posse in a few minutes.

No trace could be found of the safe-crackers, with the exception of the fact that they had taken the night car east on King-street.

All three were clean-shaven men, averaging about 30 years of age. The tallest of the crowd seemed to be the leader, and issued the commands to the others. It was he who did the final stroke in blowing the safe.

F. B. Hayes, the manager of the company, was sent for in order to obtain the amount taken, but was not at the factory when The World telephoned at 2.30.

The Toronto Carpet Works is the large brick building on the south side of King-street, at the corner of Fraser-avenue, as you go down to the baseball grounds. It has wire screens on all the windows on the ground floor.

How the robbers obtained access to the building is not yet ascertained.

RETURN THREE MILLIONS! DEATH OF MADE ON M'CURDY

Nine Separate Causes of Action Alleging Unlawful Waste and Misuse of Company's Funds.

New York, March 23.—The first complaint in a series of eight actions already begun by the Mutual Life Insurance Company against ex-President Richard A. McCurdy, his son Robert H. and the firm of Chas. Raymond & Co., the company's former Metropolitan agents, was made public to-day.

This particular complaint is against ex-President McCurdy, and contains nine separate causes of action, each charging Mr. McCurdy with the waste of large sums of money belonging to the company, thru alleged unfaithfulness and neglect of duty.

The first five causes seek recovery in the aggregate of \$295,500, as alleged contributions to political parties since January 1, 1885. These payments are said to have been "unlawful and improper," and authorized and permitted by ex-President McCurdy "thru want of ordinary care and diligence."

The sixth cause seeks to recover \$225,000, embracing the \$50,000 alleged increase of annual salary drawn by the ex-president since June 1, 1901, without authority, as is claimed.

The seventh cause seeks to recover \$500,000 as the aggregate of respective sums of \$25,000 drawn quarterly from the company for the last six years of Mr. McCurdy's presidency, on the voucher of the committee on expenditures.

The eighth cause deals with the relations of Lewis A. Theobald, son-in-law of ex-President McCurdy, with Raymond & Company, and the gratuity of that firm of commission received by that firm.

The final cause deals with the sum of \$1,282,841, received by Robert H. McCurdy, as commission from 1886 to November 1905, as superintendent of the foreign department, and charges that by reason of "unfaithfulness and neglect" by the president, these commissions had been allowed at rates which are enormous increase in the foreign business had rendered exorbitant and unnecessary.

Finally, the company demands judgment against ex-President McCurdy for \$3,700,041, with interest, as damages for alleged unfaithfulness and neglect.

PREMIER SCOTT IN OTTAWA.
Ottawa, March 23.—(Special.)—Hon. Walter Scott, premier of the Province of Saskatchewan, is in the city on business with the government.

EARL'S BAPTISM OF FIRE.
Ottawa, March 23.—(Special.)—While viewing the fire to-night, which did \$10,000 damage to a building on Suffolk-street, the governor-general was thoroughly drenched by a hose bursting.

ALL QUIET.
Lethbridge, Alta., March 23.—Perfect quiet prevails around the coal mines where strike is in progress. About 50 men are at work.

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DUTIES OF POSTMASTERS COMPARISONS ARE MADE AND QUERIES ASKED

That Dismissal at Cannington Leads Up to Question as to Why Some Officials Are Privileged to Do Extra Work.

Ottawa, March 23.—(Special.)—The house showed a disposition to-night to bait the new postmaster-general. Col. Sam Hughes directly charged him with suppressing important facts in his possession regarding the removal of the postmaster at Cannington. Indeed, that case arises almost daily to plague the new cabinet minister. This removal was made on the ground that the postmaster was engaged in the grocery business, and Mr. Fowler (King's N.E.) and others have not been slow to point out that Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, while a minister of the crown, is actively engaged in the private practice of his profession.

Mr. Hughes flatly denied that the postmaster was engaged in business, and insisted that full documentary proof of that fact had been for several days in the possession of the postmaster-general. He made some reference to the latter's connection with the Gage case amid laughter and cheers from the opposition. Mr. Aylesworth is treating property questions from the conservative side with an indifference amounting to disrespect, and there is a disposition to give him some trouble before he is chummy with his estimates.

Comparisons.
Mr. Clement (Conservative, Kent) brought up the Cannington case to-night and compared it with the situation and conduct of the postmaster at Leamington. This officer receives \$1200, as against \$900 received by the postmaster at Cannington, and enjoys besides a multiplicity of local offices, which require considerable time and bring in considerable money. He is police magistrate, collector of water rates, secretary and treasurer of the school board, etc.

Mr. Wilson (Lennox and Addington) spoke of Dr. Leonard, postmaster at Napanee. He had no personal feeling against the postmaster, but his salary was certainly double the salary enjoyed by the postmaster at Cannington, yet he had a large and important practice as a physician, and was the medical officer for the county, and also for the G.T.R. Sunday Mail Delivery.

Enquiry was made as to what was the rule in the postoffice department as to permitting boxholders to enter boxes of the postoffice and obtain their mail on Sunday. Mr. Aylesworth answered that no postmaster was permitted to do so, unless there was a general desire for it in the community. As to the many enquiries in the gentleman was compelled to admit that he had never heard of the postoffice. He had read about them in the newspapers, but was unable to furnish any information about the investigation.

NEARLY ASPHYXIATED.
Fred Oliver, 264 East King-street, became ill while turning on his gas yesterday morning. Presumably he became unconscious, as when he was found some time later he was nearly asphyxiated. He is lying in a hospital at present in a dangerous condition. Oliver is 51 years of age.

STRANGER IN SEARCH OF WIFE.
(Canadian Associated Press Cable).
London, March 23.—The Lord Provost of Dundee has received letter from a young Englishman in Ontario asking him to find a marriage partner for him. The writer, who gives references, says he is willing to provide a home for a hardworking Protestant girl of 27 to 30 years of age.

Drink the best Club Coffee.
Spring Seems Far Away.
We are certainly getting winter late in the year, and to judge by the present weather, spring is miles away. The streams and lakes are again frozen over, but the rain-springs still flow on and hundreds of cases a week are being bottled to supply the consumers throughout the whole of Canada.

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ON THE ROAD TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.



OLD MAN ONTARIO: You're on the right road all right, but travelin' a leetle slow. Kin I give yeh a hand?

It's Up to Fielding Now In Regard to Revelations He Was Told Some Things

Supt. Fitzgerald Passes Responsibility on to Minister of Finance—Yesterday's Session Was Quiet But Not Assuring.

Ottawa, March 23.—(Special.)—There is a growing disposition in the insurance department to pass on the responsibility. When Superintendent Fitzgerald first went on the stand he was quite inclined to refer examining counsel to Mr. Blackadar. This became so manifest that Mr. Fitzgerald was permitted to stand aside and Mr. Blackadar's examination began. There was, again, general sympathy with Mr. Blackadar. He seems to have been honest in his work and to have reported many transactions irregular and worse.

Still beyond a certain point he refused to accept the slightest responsibility. Over and over again examining counsel were referred by him to the superintendent. Accordingly, on Thursday morning Mr. Fitzgerald reappeared, his buoyant presence and cheery tones contrasting brightly with the address and appearance of Mr. Blackadar. The revelations concerning the Manufacturers' Life depressed him a trifle yesterday afternoon, but this morning he was light-hearted and cheery as ever. At the very first opportunity he relieved himself of all responsibility.

Fielding is Responsible.
When Hon. Mr. Fielding refers to the views of the insurance department, he explained to Mr. Shepley when shown a letter written by the minister.

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GOVT.-OWNED POWER PLANT AT NIAGARA FALLS IS WANTED

Seats Are Selling at an Advance—Coleman T. Connell Elected.

Cobalt, March 23.—(Special.)—J. H. Finland was to-day by a good majority, elected first reeve of Township of Coleman, now a regularly organized municipality. The first councillors are: Barber, March, Hunter, Sol, White and J. P. Brown are charter members. The first twenty-five seats sold at \$50.

PATIENT BROKE FURNITURE.
A patient, who administered Gas, Sues and Gets Damages.
Quebec, March 23.—Chief Justice Routhier to-day rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Langlois v. Weippert.

DEATHS.
WHITE—Sudden, on 22nd inst., at 802 Queen-st. West, John White, in his 61st year.
Funeral Monday from above address to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

GRAVEYARD.
Grafton, Chesley and Elsherton papers please copy.
BROWNLEE—On Thursday, March 22nd, at Richmond Hill, James Brownlee, in his 50th year.
Funeral from his late residence on Sackville-st., at 2.30, to Richmond Hill Cemetery.

BURN—At his late residence, 372 Berkeley-st., on Thursday, 22nd inst., after a lingering illness, Catherine Carbery, mother of Rev. Jas. C. Carbery of Schomberg, formerly of this city, aged 68 years.
Funeral will take place on Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock, to St. Michael's Cemetery, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

DAVIS—On Thursday, March 22nd, 1906, at his late residence, No. 103 Manning-avenue, Toronto, Isabella, beloved wife of Joseph Davis, aged 74 years.
Funeral on Monday, March 26th, at 2.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

DOLY—In Friday, March 23rd, 1906, at 3 Metland-terrace, Elizabeth Alice, beloved wife of James C. Doly, aged 38 years.
Funeral Monday, March 26th, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

TAYLOR—On Friday, March 23rd, 1906, Arthur Rossford, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Weston, aged 6 years and 8 months.
Funeral Monday, March 26th, at 1.30 p.m.

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BURT COLLAPSES IN BOX AFTER A FUSILADE OF QUESTIONS

Crown Attorney's Endeavor to Glean Information as to Banking Methods Ended in Sensational Manner.

With the temporary collapse of G. R. Burt in the witness box shortly before half-past four yesterday afternoon, the proceedings in connection with the Phillips investigation in the police court abruptly terminated for the day.

Burt had been subjected to very stringent examination on the part of Crown Attorney Curry. Burt at last appeared to be laboring under keen bodily distress, a state of affairs which Magistrate Denison at once noticed.

"Would you like a chair?" asked the colonel sympathetically, but the witness replied in the negative. A few moments afterwards, however, he tottered and fell in the box, making inarticulate sounds. "Send for Dr. Sheard," directed the colonel. Water was procured and Mr. Burt was placed in a recumbent position on the floor with a ledger as a pillow.

The unhappy witness was soon restored, however, and that the services of the doctor were not required. Crown Attorney Curry took active part in the bringing round of Burt. The investigation ended for the day and will be continued Tuesday.

Phillips yesterday had again that smile and air of general insouciance. Miss Lillian Hudson was again absent, Georgia Hudson stating that her sister was ill.

In accordance with his information on the previous day, Crown Attorney Curry produced during the morning certified copies of the affidavit made by Joseph Phillips in which he was sole owner of the List Piano Co., and also a similar one of G. R. Burt in September, 1905, claiming that he was the owner. But Mr. Curry submitted no further one, in which Joseph Phillips stated under oath that his partnership in the List Piano Co. was dissolved.

"I can't show that," said Miss Eva Hall, when questioned as to the whereabouts of the detailed entries of the cash paid to the List Piano Co.

Robins' Story.
V. Robins, director and secretary-treasurer of the York County Loan Society, was asked by the crown attorney if there were any such security as a mortgage for a loan to Burt mentioned in a mortgage, and again as a loan. "I never saw a mortgage for it," replied Robins.

"What authority was there as treasurer to pay the first advance to Burt in 1905?" Mr. Curry asked.

The witness did not object to the figures. Minutes of the board meetings should give the information. Robins was not aware that Phillips was the sole partner and owner of the piano company. The only person he knew of in connection with it was Burt. He could not say anything about the larger loan, nor could he witness any remembrance of the first loan, save that it did not come before.

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Dineen on Saturday.
Dineen, ex-Yonge-street, Temperance-street, open until 10 o'clock tomorrow evenings. Men's hats in complete new style variety.

GETTING MILDER.
Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 23.—(8 p.m.)—The cold wave now centered over the lake region, and much milder conditions are setting in throughout the western and northwestern portions of the continent. In Ontario and Quebec the weather has been in fact decidedly cold, and in the Maritime Provinces ice and moderately cold.

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