

Interesting Subjects

Discussed at the Meeting of the British Empire League Last Evening.

Trade With Australasia Dealt With—Excellent Paper Improved News Agency.

A meeting of the Victoria branch of the British Empire League was held in the city hall last night, at which some very interesting subjects were discussed.

Owing to the fact that Dr. Powell was unable to attend, the resolution standing in his name: "That in the opinion of this meeting there should be unrestricted trade reciprocity between Canada and Australasia, and this meeting would view with favor any steps taken by the Dominion government to further that end," was moved by Mr. Welch Solomon, who pointed out that while the volume of trade between these two British countries was at present very small, and that between the United States and Australasia was very large, there were very few articles exported to Australasia from the United States that could not be equally well supplied by Canada; that Australasia, like Canada, would raise her revenue by means of a tax on imports, and that therefore a treaty of unrestricted commercial reciprocity would be of great advantage to us because Canada would have free access to a market in which her competitors would be handicapped by a customs duty, and could reasonably hope to take away from them a large percentage of their Australasian trade.

Mr. Gosnell then called upon to read his paper, "On Some Aspects of a Great Question." He dealt with the movement in Canada towards Imperial Federation, and did full justice to a great subject. Tracing the history of the Imperial sentiment step by step, he showed how Canada had passed through a period of transition when three courses appeared to be open to her—closer union with the Mother Land, national independence, and absorption in the neighboring republic, and that, though she had never faltered for a time through indecision of her course, she had now chosen the better part and favored in her history irrevocably with the Empire, of which she was a noble ornament.

Mr. O'Dell then moved the following resolution: "Be it resolved that in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that some arrangement should be effected whereby British subjects domiciled in Seattle to the newspapers of Canada without passing through United States channels."

He dealt upon the manner in which telegraphic news, late before the Canadian was "cooked" to suit a foreign palate, and pleaded for a better knowledge of the Old Country by means of a better news agency.

Mr. Jones seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

COMING FOR REPAIRS

Strike of Machinists Responsible for Sending of Garonne to Victoria.

Of the many vessels which have of late been coming here from the Sound to be repaired or to go on the ways for a cleaning or painting, none has attracted the attention of the mariners of Victoria as likely to receive. She will arrive from Seattle this evening. The vessel has been undergoing repairs at Seattle preparatory to entering the Nome trade, and her machinery has been taken all apart. Because of the mariners' strike now on in Seattle the work had to be temporarily suspended, and for this reason it is said the ship is being brought over here. She will be taken to the outer wharf, where the somewhat extensive repairs began on her will be carried out with all possible dispatch. The strike has heretofore been referred to several times in dispatches. It arose out of a demand of the machinists for a reduction in working hours from ten to nine hours a day. It has already assumed serious dimensions, and may, it is stated, be the means of driving other work to this city.

Frank Waterhouse, who owns the Garonne, is one of the principals in the China Mutual company, which has now a line of some nine or ten large steamships running from the Sound to London, England, via the Suez Canal. This line, which has been in operation only a few months, has no direct connection with this city as yet, but arrangements will be made, it is understood, within the course of a few days whereby Victoria will be made a port of call. Victoria wholesale houses carry on quite a large trade with English firms, and this business is sufficient to bring a big fleet of sailing ships here every year. The handling of the salmon output alone employs a fleet of coastwise steamers. There, with a line of steamers calling here regularly for freight, it is believed this trade could be developed to a very marked extent, and it is for the purpose of receiving a portion of this business that the Glen, or China Mutual steamers, will call. The vessels of the line have been published in the Times heretofore.

Mrs. Jazs (the next morning)—Do you know what time you got home last night? Mr. Jazs—It must have been pretty late, but an important business transaction detained me at the office, and by the way, dear, did you see anything of my shoes? "Yes, you'll find them hanging on the hat-rack in the hall, just where you left them."

REV. MR. CLEAVER HONORED.

Appreciative Congregation Presented Him With Token of Their Regard.

At the meeting of the quarterly official board of Grace church, Winnipeg, recently a resolution was passed in connection with the approaching departure of Rev. Solomon Cleaver for Toronto, and as an expression of appreciation he was presented with \$500.

Rev. Mr. Cleaver was formerly pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, and is a most eloquent divine. He was very popular in the community, in fact so much so that he occupied the pastorate a couple of terms. During a vacation he and family visited Victoria last year, spending part of the time camping at Cordova Bay.

WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Appointments, Notices and Companies Incorporated—Blasting Powder For Clearing Land at Cost Price.

The official Gazette published yesterday notes the following appointments: Edward Bailey Parkinson, of Central Park, Vancouver, and Benjamin E. Drev, of Courthouse, Fish Creek, to be justices of the peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Carleton and Kootenay.

Henry Osborne Alexander, of the city of Vancouver, to be a stipendiary magistrate and to hold a Small Debts court in and for the county of Vancouver, vice R. A. Anderson, retired; such appointment and retirement to take effect on and after the 29th inst.

The resignation of R. A. Collins, of Soda Creek, as justice of the peace, has been accepted.

The notice is given that farmers desiring of obtaining blasting powder at cost price for clearing land may secure blank forms of requisition from the secretaries of the Farmers' Institutes.

The Art, Historical and Scientific Association of Vancouver has been incorporated for the following purposes: (a) To form a collection of paintings and works of art as a nucleus of an art gallery.

(b) To hold from time to time a loan exhibition of paintings and works of art.

(c) To form a museum of antiquities, especially of the remains of Indian life in British Columbia and America.

(d) To receive and preserve a collection of specimens of the ores and natural products of British Columbia and of Canada generally.

(e) To establish a library of books, pamphlets and periodicals bearing on the subjects of art, science, mineralogy, botany, geology, zoology and other sciences and on the early history of Canada and America, and generally to cultivate by all means in her power the study of these subjects.

The following other companies have been incorporated: Hostings Shingle Manufacturing Company, Ltd., capital \$300,000; Minnesota Mining and Development Company, Ltd., capital \$1,000,000; Mrs. Sicker and Breton Mines, Ltd., cap \$1,000,000.

Licenses have been granted to the following ex-provincial companies: Montreal and Boston Copper Co., Ltd., capital \$500,000; Standard Loan Co., capital \$1,000,000.

Municipal courts of revision will be held for Spalding men and women on Saturday, June 22nd, at 11 a.m.; and Victoria on Tuesday, June 18th, at 10 a.m.

E. B. Morgan and Chas. S. V. Branch have been appointed diving committee members for the Stovon diving list.

Judd Rohrer, timber dealer of Socon, has assigned.

A list of the officers and men who went to South Africa with Capt. W. O. Hughes, master of the steamer Tynia, is published, and any other persons entitled to relief from the purchase of free miners' certificates or exemption from work on mining properties under the provisions of the Canadian Contingent Exemption Act, 1900, and Amending Act, 1901, are requested to communicate with the Minister of Mines without delay.

DEATH OF CAPT. HUGHES.

Passed Away Yesterday at Residence of Son-in-Law.

Capt. James Hughes passed away last evening at the residence of his son-in-law, Second street. Deceased was 52 years of age, and a native of Halifax. He leaves two sons and a daughter in this city, and two daughters in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to mourn his loss.

Capt. Hughes was well known, and by all who knew him was well liked. He came to this city about six or seven years ago for the purpose of settling down, but while on the coast has never actively engaged in the sealing business.

Capt. Hughes had an especially good memory, and having engaged in trade in almost all foreign countries, he could tell many a good yarn of doings in former generations.

His two sons are Capt. H. Hughes, master of the ship Etta, and Capt. W. O. Hughes, master of the steamer Tynia. The statement made this morning by the Colonel that the deceased captain was seized by the Russians in 1892 with other sealing schooners is erroneous. It was Capt. W. O. Hughes, son of Capt. J. A. Hughes, who had command of the schooner Carmelite at that time, and who was seized by the Russians. The circumstances of the adventure are probably well known. The Carmelite was seized off Copper Island, and the crew was taken to Petropavlovsk, remaining on the Russian man-of-war for a considerable length of time, and finally being sent from Vladivostok to Nagasaki, and from there to Victoria on the Empress of China.

The remains of the late Capt. J. A. Hughes will be sent to Digby, Nova Scotia, in a few days for interment.

Victoria Day Festivities

Regatta Programme Drawn Up By Naval Officers and Committee Approve.

Children Making Preparations for May Pole Demonstration at Beacon Hill.

The regatta committee held a meeting last evening at which final arrangements were made for the regatta in connection with the Victoria Day celebration to be held on the afternoon of Friday next, the 24th. The programme which was completed, is even more attractive than in former years, the entries being more numerous than usual, and the events of a more varied nature.

Great enthusiasm is being displayed in the regatta, and from indications it will undoubtedly be a great success. The first event will come off at 1.30 sharp.

Chief Cooper at the meeting last evening reported that canoes would come from Valdez, Kupar, Cowichan, Saanich, Whalcom and Snodishom. On account of the numerous entries, it will be necessary in the case of two of the navy races to row in heats.

Before the adjournment of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered to the officers of the navy for their efforts in drawing up the following splendid programme: Single shot opens the regatta. All races to be called by bugle. Two minutes after the starting gun will be started by the gun. Referee, Commander Williams, R.N.; Judges, Capt. Casement, R. N., Capt. Kerpel, R. A., Major Wynne, R. A.; starters, Commander Bowman, R. N., Capt. Gaudin and Capt. Cox.

Committee—Lieut. Heston Ellis, R. N., Lieut. Scarlett, R. N., Lieut. Hulton, R. N., Sub-Lieut. Hodgson, R. N., Lieut. Mason, R. N., Capt. Bowdler, R. N., Lieut. Wahl, R. A., Col. Holmes, D. O. C., and Capt. Chr. Clarke.

Clerk of the Course—W. J. Case, R. N., and Capt. A. J. Dallas. Regatta Races—Chief Michael Cooper. Warspite—White flag, red St. George's Cross.

Condo—Yellow flag, black diagonal. Icarus—Blue flag, yellow cross. Virago and Sparrowhawk—Green flag, red ball.

Royal Artillery—Blue flag, red zigzag stripes. Royal Engineers—Red blue horizontal shaped flag.

Dockyard—Blue flag, white letter D. 1. Service Cutters and Scaered Jolly Boats—Course round Deadman Island, leaving it on port hand, return to barge, about 3 miles. 1st prize, \$80; 2nd prize, \$15; 3rd prize, \$5. Open to all citizens (amateurs). Boats to allow 10 seconds a thwart a mile. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Amphion; (c) Condo; (d) Condo; (e) Virago; (f) R. E. (g) R. E.

2. Service 5-oared Whalers and Single-Oared Gigs—Course, same as in race 1. Open to all citizens (amateurs). Boats to allow 10 seconds a thwart a mile. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Amphion; (c) Condo; (d) Condo; (e) Virago.

3. Double Sculls, Schoolboys' Race (under 17)—Clinker built boats with coxswain. Course from Mr. E. Crow Baker's boat house. Race to start as soon as No. 2 has passed the boat house. Silver medals.

North Ward School—A. McDonald (cox), F. Davy (stroke); colors, blue and white. Collegiate School—T. Campbell (cox), Harold Marshall (stroke), Geoffrey Armstrong (cox); colors, dark blue. G. C. Potts (cox), Victor Harrison (stroke), Charles Vincent (cox); colors, light blue. Alan Janon (cox), Leslie Bell (stroke), Ernest Todd (cox); colors, light and dark blue.

4. Indian War Canoes—Over 30 feet, etc. 5. Double Dugout, with lady coxswain—Course from E. Crow Baker's boat house to barge. Three to start on no race. One to start as soon as No. 4 has passed the boat house on way down.

6. Service 6-oared Gallies—Course as in race 1. Open to all citizens (amateurs). Race to start as soon as No. 4 has passed the boat house on way down. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Amphion; (c) Condo; (d) Virago.

7. Service 5-oared Whalers—Course as in race 1. Open to all citizens. Prizes, 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Amphion; (c) Condo; (d) Virago.

8. Skiffs (Officers of H. M. Forces, with lady coxswain), double sculls—Skiffs the bona fide property of officers previous to race. Service skiff and skiff approved. Y committee only allowed to compete. First prize, bangle; 2nd prize, scent bottle. Post entries.

9. Indian War Canoes—Over 30 feet, etc. 10. Service Cutters and Scaered Jolly Boats—Course as in race 1. Open to stokers. Prizes, 1st, \$30; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$10. Boats to allow 10 seconds a thwart per mile. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Amphion; (c) Condo; (d) Virago.

11. Double Paddle per Canoe—Open to all amateurs. Course from a point below Currier's Point to barge. First canoe to receive prize. Race to start as soon as race No. 10 has passed the boat house on the way down. Post entries.

12. Kiootchen's race. 13. Service 5-oared Whalers and 4-oared Gigs—Course as in race 1. Open to seamen. R. N. Prizes, 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5. Boats to allow 10 seconds a thwart per mile. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Amphion; (c) Condo; (d) Virago; (e) Icarus; (f) Virago.

14. Service 6-oared Gallies—From below Mr. Crow Baker's boat house to start on the morning of Friday morning. Open to officers Royal Navy. Prizes, 1st, \$30; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$10. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Amphion; (c) Condo; (d) Virago; (e) Icarus; (f) Virago.

15. Indian 2-Man Canoe "Upset Race"—Course round barge and return. First prize, \$10; 2nd, \$5.

16. Service 5-oared Whalers—Course as in race 1. Open to per whalers. R. N. Prizes, 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Amphion; (c) Condo; (d) Virago.

17. Service Dinghys and Skiff Dinghys—Pair oars and Coxswain. Course as in race 1. Prizes, \$8. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Amphion; (c) Condo.

7. Price, \$8. Entries: (a) Warspite; (b) Warspite; (c) Amphion; (d) Condo.

18. All Comers' Race—Open to army and navy service boats. Any sized boat, any number of oars. Course as in race 1. Prizes, 1st, \$35; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$5. Post entries.

19. Copper Punts and Botton Boats—A prize of \$5 will be given to the best decorated punt or boat. To be decided by the judges. Post entries.

No third prize will be given in any race unless there are at least five constable boats, except in amateur races, three to start or no race.

The committee reserves to themselves the power to prevent any boat pulling in any race, and all boats are liable to inspection by the committee.

Virago and Sparrowhawk may combine to form crews for any race.

Icarus and Condo may combine to form crews for any race.

Private oars may be used. Protests to be lodged with committee immediately on conclusion of race.

May Pole Festivities. There was a large attendance of children at Waitt's hall yesterday afternoon when, at the request of the ladies' committee, they were invited to the May pole festivities to be held in connection with the coming demonstrations were present.

The meeting was called for the purpose of making arrangements for the regatta. Initial preparations were made, twenty-four children were chosen, and fifty children will assemble at Beacon Hill this afternoon, for the purpose of holding a first rehearsal.

May pole will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, the 24th, at Beacon Hill in connection with the sports being arranged to take place. The May Queen, accompanied by her twenty-four maids-of-honor, will leave for Beacon Hill from the city hall promptly at 1.15 on a float. Each child will wear a costume of white, and will bear a garland of some particular flower. The children will assemble at the city hall at 1.15, and arrangements will be made for them to follow the May Queen to Beacon Hill in the waggons of the fire brigade.

Preparations for the 24th of May celebrations are now practically completed. Yesterday evening final arrangements were made for the regatta to be held on the afternoon of the 24th, the programme being drawn up, and last night at the city hall the general celebration committee, as well as the finance, procession and printing, both at Beacon Hill in connection with the sports, and at the city hall, will close all the banks, etc., and practically suspend business for that day, assisting in the measure the success of the demonstrations.

The secretary, H. Cuthbert, reported as follows: Friday, 24th May. Monster procession of floats, etc., at 10 a. m., and the following prizes will be given: Representative float, 1st, \$80; 2nd, \$50; 3rd, \$30. Patriotic float, 1st, \$50; 2nd, \$30. Comic float, 1st, \$40; 2nd, \$10.

The finance committee appropriated \$400 to the use of this committee, about the same amount as last year.

1.30 p. m.—Grand regatta at the Gorge. This will be one of the most successful regattas held here for years. There will be no less than 17 events, with in some instances 11 entries for one race. In these events the heats will be rowed off before 1.30 p. m. The appropriation also appropriated \$925 to the use of this committee, about \$100 less than last year.

8 p. m. to 10 p. m.—Illumination of the principal streets of the city; procession of the illuminated and decorated boats in the harbor, the following prizes being offered: Brass band (in boat)—1st, \$25; 2nd, \$20. String band (in boat)—1st, \$10. Voices (in boat)—1st, \$10.

Decorated and illuminated boat—1st, \$30; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5. The finance committee appropriated \$400 to the use of this committee, about the same as last year. This appropriation also covers cost of Saturday evening's festivities.

Saturday, 25th May. 10 a. m.—Baseball match, Caledonia park. No appropriation. 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.—Public inspection of the warships of His Majesty's Pacific fleet now on port, by the kind permission of the commander-in-chief, Admiral Bickford.

1.15 p. m.—The "May Queen" elect, in company with her maids-of-honor, and an escort of about 100 children all dressed in white costumes and decorated with garlands, accompanied by a brass band and the fire brigade and equipages, will start from the city hall for the park.

1.45 p. m.—Crowning of the "May Queen" to be followed by the May-pole dances at Beacon Hill park.

2.15 p. m.—Competitive military drill by boys from the various schools, each company to be in command of one of their own boys as captain, at the same place.

2.45 p. m.—Athletic sports, for boys and girls from the various schools.

The finance committee has appropriated \$200 for the sports and May-pole, also \$100 for rifle shooting.

3.30 p. m.—Cup-tossing and croquet match, Victoria vs. Vancouver, at Caledonia park. No appropriation.

7.30 to 10.30 p. m.—Band concerts in Victoria park. The committee has also appropriated \$200 for the sports and May-pole, also \$100 for rifle shooting.

Best decorated gentleman's bicycle—\$7.50. Best decorated ladies' bicycle—\$7.50. The appropriations mentioned above together with the expenses of the printing and band committees, reception committee and sundries, amount to \$3,350, of which the finance committee has reported from the collectors of \$2,000, and it therefore remains to be collected that at least \$1,350 more should be collected if possible to enable the programme to be carried out in a proper manner. The estimated expenditure is at least \$1,400 less than that of last year.

The report was adopted. T. Burns suggested that any surplus funds be devoted to the refreshment committee. The treasurer, on being asked how

much cash was on hand, reported that \$3,078.40 was at the disposal of the committee. This announcement was received with applause. Considerable more cash has been promised, which is expected will be collected in a short time.

T. Watson then brought up the transportation problem. He wanted to know if any arrangements had been made to have larger and more commodious steamers put on the Victoria and Sound cities route. He thought this as well as reduced rates to and from Vancouver should receive the serious consideration of the committee.

H. Cuthbert announced that he had written to Dodwell & Co., asking them if it would be possible to put the Victorian on the run during the celebration. As yet he had received no answer. He did not see what further could be done in this matter until he had had a reply to his communication. In regard to the Vancouver-Victoria run he had seen the authorities on that subject, and had succeeded in persuading them to reduce their rates to \$2.00 return trip, but the C. P. R. had a very great objection to reducing their rates at any time more than half, and he did not think it possible to get them to reduce them any further. He further stated that now that the President would not be in Seattle at the time of the celebration, he had been increasing his energies in advertising in the Sound cities, and had made arrangements for a big "write-up" of the celebration in his entirety in one of the Sound papers. In fact everything pointed to an especially large flow of visitors from Seattle and other Sound cities. Dodwell & Co. had also agreed to distribute dog tags for the day before the commencement of the celebration in Seattle.

After some further discussion, Mr. Cuthbert stated that he had received a letter from the Hon. W. C. Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works, announcing that the park buildings would be thrown open and illuminated. The meeting then adjourned.

Procession Committee. Directly after the meeting of the general committee the members of the procession committee convened with A. Henderson in the chair. The secretary first reported that \$400 had been voted to the committee, and that the societies were greatly dissatisfied with the very small prizes offered for the best float. He pointed out that in his opinion it would be the better plan to reduce the number of prizes and make the remaining ones larger. This suggestion was adopted and W. Ridgeway Wilson, after some figuring, made a motion to the effect that two prizes be offered for the representative floats the first \$100, and the second, \$40; patriotic, \$70 and \$30, and comic, \$30. These prizes were thought to be out of proportion, and W. C. Moresby introduced an amendment to the motion as follows: Representative, \$80, \$50 and \$30. Patriotic, \$50 and \$30, and comic, \$20 and \$10. The amendment was carried.

Capt. Royle, on behalf of the marshals, read a route which had been drawn out for the parade. It was as follows: From city hall down Cormorant street to Government street, from Government street, from Johnson to Wharf, from Wharf to Government, by James Bay bridge, from Government to Yates, from Yates to Vancouver, from Vancouver to View, from View to Cook, from Cook to Yates, from Yates to Douglas, to the city hall.

This did not meet with the approval of the committee, and after a lengthy discussion, and after almost all the members of the committee had drawn out a route of their own the following was decided upon:

Start from the city hall to Douglas street; then to Yates, to Government, to Johnson, to Wharf, to Yates, to Government, to Fort, to Broad, to Yates, up Yates to Cook and return by Yates to Douglas, then to Kane and disband.

This, as will be seen, will take in all the principal streets of the city, and the parade will be for the greater part of the time on the paved streets. It will also carry the floats and equipages to the corner of Cook and Yates street will bring one portion of the parade past the other.

It was decided to request that all floats, etc., which wish to enter the parade must report to Chief Deasy at his office to that effect before noon Wednesday, and state which class they intend to enter under.

A committee consisting of Chief Deasy, Chief Langley and W. B. Winsby was appointed to make arrangements to get the Indians and the Chinamen in the parade. A suggestion was made to the effect that the Indians be induced to arrange a float of canoes on wheels with the Kiootchen in the canoe. It was pointed out, however, that the Indians could never be persuaded to pull the Kiootchen, but that it would very likely be vice versa.

The programme, which will be printed, will include all the events.

Finance Committee. The finance committee met at the city hall also last evening, and decided to appropriate \$50 more for rifle shooting, making a total of \$100 for this attraction; and \$400 more for the procession, making a total grant of \$400. The collectors reported the collection of several hundred dollars more.

Printing and Band Committee. A meeting of the printing and band committee was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, when the matter of printing the official programme was referred to Messrs. C. H. Lugin, N. Shakespeare and H. Cuthbert. Ten thousand copies will be circulated in the neighboring cities. The following bands have been requested: Two bands for the parade on Friday morning; one band for the regatta in the afternoon from 1.30 to 5.30; one band for Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4, and two bands for Saturday evening, to play on the streets.

The secretary was instructed to obtain tenders from bands and the matter was left in the hands of a sub-committee composed of Messrs. C. H. Lugin, E. A. Lewis, A. M. Williams and H. Cuthbert.

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Melbourne, May 16, 1901. The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, Victoria, B. C.: The Commonwealth parliament being under adjournment until Tuesday, I venture to express to you and members of your legislature the cordial thanks of the President and members of the Senate, and Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, for the felicitations your telegram expresses in such handsome terms. We are encouraged in our own hopes by the confidence with which you all expect that our labors will result in great benefit to our people and the Empire. The Commonwealth wishes all prosperity to British Columbia and the Dominion.

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How Ayres Was Shot

Mysterious Death of Young Clerk in New York Hotel Solved.

Mrs. Bonine Says Revolver Was Discharged Three Times During a Struggle.

Washington, D. C., May 20.—Mrs. J. Bonine was arrested last evening on the shooting of Joseph Ayres, the young department clerk. She has confessed the shooting of Ayres is one of the most mysterious cases that the police of this city ever have been called upon to unravel. He was found lying on the floor of his room over a week ago, the door leading into the room was locked and it was at first supposed that the cause of suicide. Blood stains on the floor and the escape gave the first clue to the police.

Mrs. Bonine's confession was entirely voluntary