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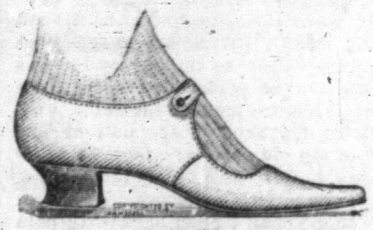
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HE IS ACQUITTED.

The Jury at Cobourg Find Billy Ponton Not Guilty.

Burglar Pare Gets Three Years and Holden Four—Roach Let off.

C. P. R. Special to The Planet. Cobourg, Sept. 23.—The jury in the case of William Ponton, the young bank clerk charged with complicity in the robbery of \$32,000 from the Dominion Bank at Napanee, to-day brought in verdict of not guilty. This was his second trial, the jury in the first case having disagreed. Pare, Holden and Roach were then put in the box and the former two pleaded guilty. They were sentenced, Pare to three years and Holden to four years in the penitentiary. Roach was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

It is said the jury voted unanimously for acquittal on the first ballot.

NEW YORK EXCURSION.

New York excursion via Lehigh Valley Railroad; tickets only \$10.70 round trip. Account of Dewey Day celebration the Lehigh Valley Railroad will sell tickets from Suspension Bridge to New York and return for \$10.70, good going Sept. 28 and 29. Good for return until Oct. 4th. For tickets and full particulars, call on or address Robt. S. Lewis, Passenger agent, 33 Yonge street, Board of Trade Building, Toronto.

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HE'S A DANGEROUS MAN

Expert who can Open Any Lock

TESTIFIES IN PONTON'S FAVOR—THE LATTER TELLS HIS STORY TO THE JURY.

NOT GUILTY. Cobourg, Sept. 23.—The jury this morning after being out a few minutes brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Cobourg, Sept. 23.—In the Ponton trial yesterday a safe expert, Van Anken, who was formerly a milliner, was called. He said he had opened hundreds of safes all over the United States, 3-wheel, 4-wheel, and ever 5-wheel and 6-wheel locks. Even when he was a person he was often called in to unlock safes, "and," said the witness, "I always opened the safe, whenever there was enough money in it to pay for my trouble."

Mr. Van Anken explained his system. He depended little on arithmetic, greatly on touch and sound. His hand and ear were so nice in their discrimination that he could tell many things about a lock without seeing the inside of it.

When facing a lock he insisted on quiet. First he would whirl the dial four or five times to detect any unusual sounds. When the notch passed under the dog a faint but peculiar sound was given off. Putting his hand on the lock and whirling the knob, he could tell how many wheels it had.

The lock at the Napanee bank vault was not up to date, and the combination was simple. Although it was a three-wheel combination, the set of figures used made it practically only a two-wheel. He had failed only once to open a safe, and that was through nervousness.

Van Anken went on to state that while mathematically there were variations in the numbers of the combination, practically there were very few combinations that could be omitted such. Three-quarters of the 40,000,000 combinations mentioned by Osier were not combinations at all. He laid it down that whatever the number of the dial, be it 50, 100, or 1,000, the practical chances of picking any lock were the same. The immense number of combinations was a fiction of the safe makers.

PONTON'S STORY.

The first question which Mr. Porter asked his client was as to whether the stories told by Holden and Roach in their evidence, was true.

"No, sir," replied Ponton, speaking in a firm, clear voice.

Ponton was shown the slip said to be found in safe room with the impression of the key on it, and said he had never taken it into his room and had never seen it before the preliminary investigation. He said that any member of the bank staff could have told how much money there was in the bank at any time. Mr. Bogart had said that the placing of my O. U. in the cash box of the bank was an irregularity. Ponton said that if it was an irregularity it was the most regular irregularity he had ever seen.

could not open the vault, he sent for Green, the janitor, and then for the manager. Ponton also substantiated the evidence of those who were with him at the house of Mrs. Davey, in Belleville, on the night that Holden claimed that Ponton visited him at the Dominion House.

Then Mr. Porter launched into a series of questions as to Ponton's financial position during the summer of the robbery. Ponton said that as a result of an accident he was laid up for 14 weeks in Belleville, and during that time received his salary from the bank, and \$5 a week from an insurance company. By means of this he saved about \$100 and had about \$80 when he came to Napanee to work in the branch there. He explained the fact that he did not pay his debts from this sum by saying that he wanted to keep that as a nest egg, and to pay his debts out of his salary. "If things had gone along all right," he said, "and this robbery had not taken place, I would have been able to do it." He admitted that he did not tell his mother of the money that he had hidden away.

On cross-examination, Mr. Osier showed that Ponton spent and had in his pocket \$148.33 in September, and that his salary was but \$45.50 a month. He said that he refused a draft that was made on him, that he had a due bill in the cash drawer in the bank, and that he was being dunned for accounts, but he still had the \$80 hidden away. Ponton said, in closing that he did not let the bank know that he was saving money, because he was afraid his salary would not be raised.

Mr. Porter then addressed the jury and was followed by Mr. Osier for the Crown this morning.

Park, Toronto, was sent by witness, at the instigation of Mr. Smith, directing him to go to look after the organization in Wellesley. He told him to see Jack Thompson and enquire into the condition of the organization in Wellesley and to take it off his hands. He paid him no money.

Vance said he knew Albert Bossard. Visited his hotel on several occasions to get a drink in company with Thompson. Smith and Lewis were there. Had drinks in a private room off the bar. Did not remember if Weller, Black or O'Gorman were there.

ALEX SMITH'S STORY.

Alex. Smith, Liberal organizer for the province, sworn, said he disbarred in all about \$100 during the Breithaupt campaign. This money was supplied by the treasurer of the Liberal Association, Mr. Anderson. Made special arrangements with Vance, to look after the registration and paid him \$150 before leaving Toronto. Had met Lewis in South Ontario and West Huron; also met him in Berlin several times. Visited Bossard's Hotel three or four times in company with Vance and Thompson to see who was around. Never spoke on election matters while there. Never saw Lewis in the committee room on 23rd May in connection with getting in voters. Paid Vance, in all, \$350; Carroll, \$15; Hugh Guthrie, of Guelph, \$10; Brant, \$20 after the election at his (witness) office. Never saw Lewis with any considerable sum of money during the elections. Knew J. H. Wildford, but not as a worker. Saw Cummings in the committee rooms, apparently at work.

WORKED WITH LEWIS.

John Shiedle, sworn, said—I was engaged by the Liberals and had charge of the mailing department under Mr. Vance; early in the campaign was out in the riding with Thompson; met him in club room; went with Lewis to Waterloo town-

Germany to get some of the Conservative voters turned over. I said I would, but afterwards said I did not care to, as I only had a license for two months at my hotel and could not afford to. They told me they would

FIX MY LICENSE

up all right. They asked me to make up my mind how much it would take to buy votes. I got about \$400 or \$500 altogether. The first \$200 I got from O'Gorman; then \$150 and \$200 from Lewis, and a second time I got money from O'Gorman. When I returned from New Germany saw O'Gorman and Lewis, and told the men out there would require about \$25 apiece, which amount I gave to Barney Shearer, Frank Shearer, Geo. Shearer, Geo. Lauber, Wm. Brohm and Andrew Scheller. I got \$10 from Vance the first time he came down to my place to treat the boys with. I subsequently got \$10 from him. I paid money at my hotel to Bull, Scheutz, Plumsy and others in presence of Lewis. I also gave Fred, Miss, Jake Stephens, Zimmerman and Lapinski \$5 each for their votes for Breithaupt. I got no money from any other sources.

Cross-examined by Mr. Aylesworth, witness said he signed a statement of his evidence submitted some time ago. No one had talked to him as to what he should say. Had been a Reformer since he started in the hotel business, some two years ago. Witness was asked if he ever offered to swear that his signed statement was untrue if he got \$100, to which he said—No, unless it was a joke, but added—I was called up to Lawyer Scellen's office and in company with a Mr. Grant, of Toronto, was offered \$400 or \$500 to fix this thing and not give evidence. I did not offer to leave town if I got \$100, but was going to stay right here and tell the truth, which I am doing. Lewis, in a cellar, offered me \$100 a few weeks ago to leave town. Witness was asked if he had told one Hume and Devitt that the Grits had ruined his business, and now it was his turn to get even, to which he replied he did not. He was subjected to severe cross-examination, but stuck to his story.

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A CLEAN BREAST OF IT.

North Waterloo Bribers

TELL HOW THE CONSTITUENCY WAS BOUGHT UP—ATTEMPTS MADE TO GET WITNESSES TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

Berlin, Sept. 23.—James Vance, Toronto, formerly a solicitor in Ingersoll, was called in the North Waterloo election trial yesterday. He said he came to Berlin at the invitation of Alex. Smith, Liberal organizer, and was engaged at \$100 a month from April 1. He received \$150 before he left Toronto, and Mr. Smith paid him \$200 in Berlin. He knew that O'Gorman was here during the election. Lewis, Weller, Black, Malloy and others arrived from London, supposedly to work for the party. Lewis came to witness and said he had been sent here to assist him in connection with registration. Witness saw Lewis treat at various times. Witness would not admit that there was general intercourse among Lewis, Smith, O'Gorman and the rest in their rooms at the Walpole House. He acknowledged the receipt of a telegram signed "A, Toronto," calling upon him to meet at Mr. Bitzer's office that evening at 8.30. He admitted that "A" was Alex. Smith. A telegram for Billie Carroll, Deer

ship, Saw Dilman Shantz, vice-president to arrange for a committee meeting in the interests of Mr. Breithaupt; also visited a Mr. Weaver, and then went into Waterloo, where we called upon Simon Snyder, who apparently knew Lewis. Left Lewis in his care and returned to Berlin. I received in all \$135 from Vance and \$10 from Thompson. Mr. Bitzer asked me to assist in the election. I expected to be remunerated for my services.

BOSSARD'S CLEAN BREAST OF IT.

Tell how he bribed—Was asked to Leave the country.

Albert Bossard, called and questioned by Mr. Bristol, said—Was delegate to convention; member of Liberal club for two or three months before election. Attended meetings when Mr. Breithaupt was there. On one occasion Mr. Breithaupt gave me \$2 to get a box of cigars for the boys. Accompanied Harry Cummings to committee rooms for the purpose of work. Saw Smith, Vance, Brant, Breithaupt and others in the room. Our object in going to the meetings was to look over the lists. Was at the committee rooms three or four times. Saw Dr. Homburger there. Was present at the committee rooms one evening when Hon. Mr. Davis made a speech. Vance, Smith, Breithaupt and others were present. Was working on election day, driving electors to polls. Got rig at Hyman's livery through the instigation of Mr. Lewis, and told him to charge it to the Reform Association. Lewis and I were together that day and drove from one poll to the other for instructions. W. J. Woodard introduced me to Thompson as one of our party workers. Vance came to my hotel and asked me how I thought it looked for Breithaupt. I told him I did not know; Lewis and O'Gorman then came down and asked me if I could go over to Weisenberg and Little

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