

SIX DOCTORS CONDUCT POST MORTEM IN HORSMAN CASE AT STEEVES MOUNTAIN

Prisoner Represented by Lawyer and Dr. Jones

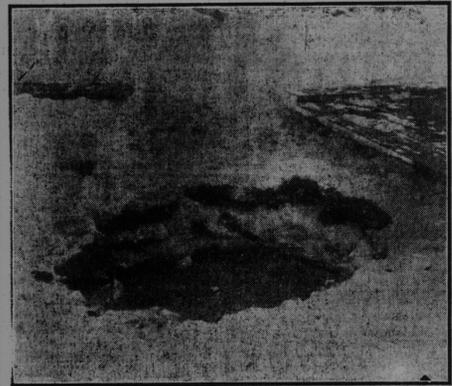
Horsman's Little Girl Afraid to Tell Sad Story--Between Her Tears and Sobs She Related the Unhappy Life of One Time Threatened to Kill Mother, Threw Her Into Mud Hole at Another, and Once Hurled a Metal Teapot at Her.



THE HORSMAN HOUSE AT STEEVES MOUNTAIN.

Salsbury, N. B., Dec. 6.—An autopsy on the body of the late Mrs. Horsman was made here this evening. Six doctors were in attendance: Drs. G. A. B. Addy, St. John; McDonald, Petticoadie; Myers and MacNaughton, Moncton; King and Jones, Salsbury.

E. A. Reilly, counsel for Horsman, arrived here from Moncton this evening, and with Doctor Jones, attended the autopsy in the interests of his client. The body, this morning, was in a well preserved state and was viewed by many of the villagers, including school children. Those who know the woman in life remarked that her features looked very natural.



THE WELL IN WHICH MRS. HORSMAN WAS FOUND.

To determine beyond question the cause of the death of Mrs. Charlotte Horsman, of Steeves Mountain, in connection with whose death, her husband, Christopher A. Horsman, is held for preliminary examination in Moncton, Attorney General McKewen Friday commissioned Dr. G. A. B. Addy, of this city, to go to Steeves Mountain, and, with the coroner, Dr. McDonald, of Petticoadie, make an autopsy on the body which, on the crown's order, has been detained at that place.

care of the baby, when I was home. On this other occasions she was away only a little bit. The well is right down by the barn and you can't see it from the porch or house. She would come back in a few minutes generally. She did not come back as soon as usual that morning.

"What did you do?" "I got baby asleep and went out in the porch waiting for mama to come."

"Do you know how long it was before you went out in the porch?" "I don't know. I stayed in the porch quite a few minutes. I had no coat or hat on. I stayed in the porch until I was cold and then went in the house. I did call out and could not see her. I could not see father. I didn't see the barn door open, as I couldn't see it from the house."

Moncton, Dec. 7.—Hattie Horsman and Mrs. Wentworth Steeves were the principal witnesses today during the examination of Christopher Horsman. The child testified reluctantly that on one occasion her father had threatened to kill her mother, but she saw no violence on the part of her mother. Much of the testimony was of a highly interesting character. Fear of her father prevented Hattie Horsman from testifying freely.

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Hattie Horsman's Story. She was at first questioned by Solicitor-General Jones in regard to herself, and said: "I have gone to school and am in the first book. I am twelve years of age, and have seven brothers and sisters. I remember Saturday morning last, when I was no school and I was at home. I remember mama being found in the well. It was after breakfast. I don't know what time. The breakfast dishes had not been washed up."

"When your mother went out of doors for the last time that morning, where were you?" "I was in the porch when she went out, and I came in and went out again. Mother took a tin pail and a wooden pail. I went in the house to take care of the baby, which is three months old. The baby was in the cradle, and I rocked the cradle, but didn't take up the baby. I remember mama went to the well before and left me to take

"Coley Jones was one and some others helped him to you remember any of the words that were said between your father and mother that morning?" "No."

Hurled Teapot at Mother. "He threw the teapot at her."

Made Horsman Let Go Wife's Threat. Deceased was left on a hand sled by Mrs. Johnson arrived. They finally removed the woman to the bench and wanted to put warm clothing on her, but Horsman said she would come to sooner if she was kept cold.

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Mother Lying on Ground. "No he was not. I didn't see him again until I got in the yard. He had hold of mother then. He was standing by the well. Mother was out of the well and he was standing over her. She was lying on the ground near the well. Mrs. Steeves and father tried to carry her and they couldn't, and then they got her on a hand-sled, and hauled her to the house. Miles, Frank, Mrs. Steeves, father and myself were there. Miles and Frank were coming up when we got in the yard."

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I was summoned by Hattie Horsman, who said 'mother's in the well.' She looked up and it went with me. My children were in the house at the time, my husband not being at home. I didn't see Horsman until I got into the yard. The Horsman well is visible from my pantry window, but I did not look. When I got in the Horsman yard, Horsman was standing across the well with one foot on each side of it. He was holding Mrs. Horsman's face out of the water, her face being out about three inches. Her face was down towards the water and her feet were still in the water, and water was running off her hands and hair. It looked to me as if she had just been lifted out. His hands were underneath her, and if he had let go, she would have fallen back in. I think I could have pulled her out alone, for I took hold of her shoulders and lifted her out. The well was not full of water then, it being down about ten inches.

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HORRIBLE DEATH OF WORKMAN

Fell Into Tub of Boiling Pulp and Flesh Parboiled—Told His Terrible Experience Before He Died.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Boiled in a vat of pulp and scalding water was the terrible experience of Leslie Williams, twenty-nine years of age, of Turner Lake (N. Y.). The vat was six feet deep, and the young man had to wade ten feet before he could get out of the stuff. By this time his flesh was parboiled from head to foot, and by the time he dragged himself out of the hole he was in a wretched state and soon collapsed and fell back into the boiling water.

Williams was finally rescued by some of his comrades, and after a medical consultation, it was decided to bring him to Montreal. After emergency treatment of cold cream and sweet oil to prevent the skin from peeling off, he was brought to the city and taken to the General Hospital, where he died. When seen on Saturday morning he was able to relate his experience, and his death in the afternoon was not expected.

Springhill Company Declines to Reopen Miners' Grievances

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—A despatch from Ottawa quotes a letter from the Cumberland Railway & Coal Company addressed to the department of labor, in which they decline to take part in any proceedings under a board of conciliation which has been asked for by Pioneer Lodge, P. W. A. of Springhill. The company points out that the application is to re-open a question finally determined by a former board.

75,000 HANDS TO GO ON SHORT TIME IN NEW ENGLAND MILLS

Boston, Dec. 8.—Within the past few days a large number of industrial concerns throughout New England have reached a decision to curtail the production temporarily until there is further improvement in business conditions throughout the country. A week ago many factories which were closed for a brief period resumed operations, but beginning this week numerous corporations will run on short time until the close of the year.

Moncton Men Attacked by Lucifles. Moncton, N. B., Dec. 7.—(Special.) While William Mann and a lad named Stevenson were in the woods a few miles from the city in search of rabbits, yesterday afternoon they were attacked by a Lucifles. The animal was quickly killed by Mann. They first became aware of the Lucifles' presence by hearing a noise behind them and turned to find the animal sneaking upon them. The Lucifles immediately made a spring at them, but was ward off by Mr. Mann until he could get a shot at it. The animal was shot in the breast and was killed instantly.

STATEMENT BY DAVID RUSSELL

Denies Revealing Transaction to Liberal Leaders and Challenges Those Who Falsely Have Accused Him.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The Gazette this morning prints the following letter from David Russell: "With reference to a statement that I have revealed a certain transaction to the leaders of the Liberal party in connection with a discount amounting to \$100,000 that took place on or about the date of the last general election, I wish to state that my business transactions are conducted honorably and in a businesslike manner. Neither the Liberals, Conservatives nor the public have received any information at my hands whatever. I have had many transactions with both the Liberal and Conservative party, all of which have been above board and have been treated by me in the strictest confidence. Whether they were of a business or personal nature, I would consider it an ungentlemanly act to divulge them, and such action would be most repugnant to me and incompatible with my way of treating matters of this kind. I have been made a target in this case, and hereby challenge any one whom it may concern to prove the statement mentioned. I would now invite the guilty party to come forward and relieve me from the unworthy suspicion he has placed upon me and for which he is responsible."

EMERSON'S WOULD-BE BLACKMAILER PLEADS GUILTY

John L. Labatt Sentenced to Nine Months' Imprisonment in Jail.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 7.—(Special.) J. R. Labatt, manager of the local agency of the Labatt Brewery, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning to sending a blackmailing letter to Hon. H. R. Emmerson, and was given nine months in jail. The story is another one of stock speculation. Wentworth Greene appeared for Labatt and Charles Murphy for Emmerson. Mr. Greene said that there was no such letter as that alluded to by Mr. Labatt in his letter to Emmerson. When Mr. Labatt said that he had such a letter he stated what was false and for which there was no ground. Mr. Murphy said that this statement was satisfactory to Mr. Emmerson, who did not wish to appear against Labatt, and who had declined to do so. The only witness for the defence was John Labatt, an uncle of the prisoner. Labatt said that the prisoner worked for him for four years and gave every satisfaction. Some time ago he asked him for assistance as he had been speculating on margin. It appears that Mr. Labatt had bought on margin. He used \$300 of his mother's money for this purpose and wrote the letter to Mr. Emmerson demanding \$1,500 to help him out. Mr. Greene and Mr. Murphy wanted to let the prisoner off on suspended sentence, but the crown prosecutor, Mr. Ritchie, would not consent to this as Labatt had written letters to others. The prisoner therefore goes to jail for nine months.

ELDERKIN, WHO ESCAPED FROM DIGBY JAIL, RECAPTURED

Digby, N. S., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Elderkin, the man who escaped from Digby jail on the night of October 31st, last, was captured in the morning at the house he and his family occupied at Weymouth, yesterday afternoon, by Chief of Police Howies, of Digby, and brought here on a special train last night. He did not resist his arrest, although he is said to be somewhat of a desperado, and the Weymouth people thought he was bravely armed. Elderkin was arrested in Boston on a charge of burglarizing the Weymouth post office. He was brought to Digby on October 22nd. Since his escape his alleged assistants have been tried by the speedy trials act and discharged. Elderkin declares his innocence and claims that at least one of his companions was guilty.

SISTERS EXPELLED FROM FRANCE REACH HERE

SELLOR'S QUICKLY!

ALAMEDA, SASK., PRACTICALLY WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Alameda, Sask., Dec. 6.—Fire last night blotted this town almost entirely out of existence. The loss will be fully \$200,000, of which \$125,000 is covered by insurance, principally the Commercial Union Western Assurance and Liverpool London & Globe.

KILLED FORMER WIFE AND NEW HUSBAND, THEN SHOT HIMSELF

Smithville, Tex., Dec. 6.—E. W. Swenson shot and killed his former wife and her husband and then committed suicide near here this morning. Following her divorce from Swenson, the woman married Jacob First a farmer. With her husband she was in Smithville on a shopping trip and they were returning to their home, when they met Swenson. The couple met heading his command to stop. Swenson opened fire, killing the woman and then First. Turning the weapon on himself, he inflicted a fatal wound.

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