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The Twins Immediately Rearrested on a Charge of Conspiracy to Murder Martha Hyams—The Summary of the Case, as Submitted to the Jury by His Lordship One of the Most Remarkable, in Many Respects, Ever Heard in a Canadian Court—Full Text of Mr. Osler's Closing Address—Scenes in and About the Court Room on the Twenty-third Day of the Sensational Case.

Harry Place Hyams and Dallas Theodore Hyams were on Saturday found "Not guilty" of the charge of having on Jan. 16, 1893, killed and murdered William Chinnock Wells.

When the verdict had been formally recorded. His Lordship discharged both men, but they were at once rearrested on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the insurance companies and murder Martha Wells Hyams.

The charge of His Lordship Mr. Justice Ferguson to the jury was in many respects the most remarkable ever delivered in a Canadian assize court. The address of Mr. Osler was concluded at 12.20, and a moment later the learned judge took up his task. During his address of two hours and forty minutes he expressed his opinions of the evidence with a force and clearness that left no doubt in the minds of either jurymen, counsel or spectators of his views on the whole case. "That is the way I look at it. You may see it in another light, and hold a different opinion," was a remark which frequently fell from His Lordship's lips.

How Mr. Osler Affected the Twins.

While Mr. Osler was reviewing on behalf of the Crown the evidence which he claimed pointed the finger of guilt at the prisoners, the accused men sat in the dock as motionless as statues and without a trace of color or life in their faces. As His Lordship's charge proceeded the faces of both men brightened with the hope that his words inspired within them, that the verdict of the jury could be none other than that of acquittal.

When Mr. Osler had stated to the court the grounds upon which he asked for a reserved case, the prisoners were conducted by their guards from the dock to their cells.

Has Mrs. Dallas Changed?

Mrs. Dallas Hyams had sat during the afternoon in the northwest corner of the grand jury box. As her husband passed her on the way to his cell from which he was to return to hear the verdict that to him meant life or death, she reached out her hand and grasping his gave it a feeble shake, but it was noticed that there was a complete absence of the display of affection which took place before the jury at the May trial. Mrs. Hyams at once retired and was not seen again in the court room.

The Jury Wanted to Ballot.

Exactly seven minutes after the jury had retired a loud knock was heard at the door through which they had passed into the jury room. A murmur ran through the court room that an agreement had been reached, and for the moment there was a bustle of excitement. Sheriff Mowat answered the call, which proved to be only a request for paper for use as ballots.

The Jury With Its Verdict.

The application of Mr. Osler for a new trial had been concluded, Mr. and Mrs. Wellman had taken leave of their friends in the court room and hurried away to catch the out-going train for their home in New York. A buzz of conversation ran through the court room until 4.35, when the rapping on the jury room door was again heard. As before it was answered by Sheriff Mowat, who, on receipt of the message, summoned His Lordship from his private room. Everyone knew that a verdict had been reached and a hurrying of feet and uneasy moving about of chairs was followed by a silence almost of death. Every sound was hushed and every eye was turned to the room through which the jury must enter. Slowly the men to whom the fate of the twins had been entrusted by their country filed into their places.

The Twins Looked Happy

The jurors looked satisfied. They walked with the quick, anxious step of men who had come to the end of a long and wearisome task.

High Constable Jones was calling the names of the jurymen when the prisoners emerged through the eastern door of the court room. The cheery look on their countenances told that they fully anticipated an acquittal at the hands of their fellow-countrymen. They walked with a step that was more elastic and steady than they have for many days.

The Tragic Moment.

When the fomalities of court procedure were passed Constable Jones put the question: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon your verdict"

William Frisby, who had been appointed foreman, rose from his chair and in a low, but distinct voice, answered: "We have."

A painful pause followed, the foreman evidently waiting for the clerk to ask another question. All eyes turned toward him and when he had realized that the court was waiting to hear the words, he said: "NOT GUILTY," and settled back into his chair, with a heavy sigh of relief.

Effect on the Prisoners.

The prisoners heard the words with composure. For a moment Dallas appeared to be unable to realize the meaning of the verdict. His face grew ashen pale, and it was only with a great effort that he forced a smile. Harry was less affected. His head sank into the corner of the dock, but his broad grin indicated that a crushing load was taken from his heart.

A feeble attempt at applause by some impulsive women in the gallery was suppressed by the sheriff and constables.

Their Freedom Was Brief.

The verdict was formally recorded and Mr. Johnston and Mr. Lount arose and asked for the discharge of the prisoners. On behalf of the Crown, Crown Attorney Dewart asked that the prisoners both be held on a charge of conspiracy to defraud insurance companies and murder Martha Wells Hyams, and also that Harry be held on a charge of forgery. The Sheriff informed His Lordship that he had not been requested by the Crown to hold the prisoners, and they were discharged. For two short seconds they breathed theair of freedom. They had taked four steps from the prisoners' dock and were shaking hands with their counsel, when Detective Alf Cuddy stepped forward and re-arrested them on the charge already named.

Back to Their Old Quarters.

The twins were escorted by Detective Cuddy and County Constable Burns to the awaiting cab and hurried away to the jail, where the last nine months of their lives have been spent.

In conversation with a World reporter, a juryman said that His Lordship's charge appeared to strongly favor the prisoners. Only one ballot was taken in the juryroom, resulting in a unanimous vote for acquittal. It is safe to say that no more unpopular verdict was ever delivered in the York Assize Court.

How Mrs. Hyams Heard the News.

In a private hospital in Bellevue-avenue, the woman who was so thoroughly convinced that her husband was the murderer of her brother she accepted the doubtful distinction of being the only woman in the history of Canada to give evidence that she knew was putting the rope about her husband's neck heard the news of the verdict that liberated the twins. Mrs. Hyams received the announcement of the result of the trial very quietly.

The sorely-stricken woman has been unable to leave her bed the past week, but is said by her physician to be getting on nicely. It is reported that while she was satisfied that the twins murdered her brother, she felt that she was near the close of her own life, and did not want to have her last hours made more unhappy by the thought that she had assisted in sending her husband to the gallows. For this reason she requested her solicitor, Mr. Smoke, not to testify.

At a meeting of the Christian Alliance held at Bethany Church, University and Christopher-streets, prayers were offered on behalf of Mrs. H. P. Hyams.

HOW THE MORNING OPENED.

The Crowds Increased in Anticipation of the End.

The bright, frosty morning brought out hundreds of people desirous of hearing the balance of Mr. Osler's address, and the constables at all the doors had their hands full in keeping away the crowds who eagerly sought admission. More people endeavored to get into the court room Saturday than on any previous day of the trial, but unless they had an order from the Sheriff or else belonged to the same lodge as the doorkeeper, their efforts were in vian. Many of them, with "side-door" propensities, hied themselves to Court-street lane, thinking to get in by the back entrance, but there the doors were even more strongly guarded than in the front.

The Twins Arrive.

It was 9.15 when the hacks containing the prisoners and their escort drove to the rear of the Court House and the crowd eagerly tipped forward to get a glimpse of the faces of the men who were to know their fate in a few hours.

The twins alighted from the coupe with a firm, brisk step, but their appearance would suggest that they had passed a sleepless night. With a smiling nod of the head and a cheery "Good morning," Harry Hyams returned the greeting of The World's young man. The prisoners were quickly ushered through the crowd, and entered the court at the rear west door.

A steady stream of citizens, many of them ladies, continued to apply for admission, but the court was crowded long before 10 o'clock.

It was a mixed group that waited outside in the hope that some influential friend would arrive who could carry them past the constable on guard, but they were doomed to disappointment, and from remarks overheard will not mention the constables in their prayers for many moons.

They Made no Distinction.

Mr. J. W. St. John, M.L.A., Manager Smith of the Ferry Co.; John Gregg, foreman of the jury at the former trial; prominent lawyers and business men, many accompanied by ladies, had to submit to the inevitable, and turn their steps homeward. Many ladies came alone, but the men on the door were not ladies' men by any means, and no distinction was made.

Barristers Johnston, Horn and Murdoch entered the court at 9.45, and were curiously criticized as they passed.

Girls Fooled the Constables.

Judge Ferguson came along, accompanied by two ladies, five minutes afterwards. Here an amusing incident occurred. Two ladies had been refused admittance ten minutes before, and had been lingering longinly on the outskirts of the crowd. Noticing the judge approaching, the youngest of the two maids, a bewitching damsel, with brown eyes and drugstore hair, conceived a bright idea, which she expressed in a monotone to her companion. "Say, let's try and get in with the judge; they'll think we belong to his party." The World's young man watched with interest the development of the scheme, and was delighted to see it succeed. The two girls got in front of the judge, who pushed his way through the crowd, which had entirely forgotten any respect it may have had for the court, in their eager desire to obtain ingress themselves. Keeping close to His Lordship, the girls passed coolly through the narrow entrance. The doors were finally barred, and the crowd dispersed in bitter disappointment at their failure to see the twins or hear Mr. Osler's mighty marshalling of the facts with which the Crown sought to bring conviction to the prisoners.

Out On Adelaide-street.

All day there was an immense rush of people at the front entrance of the Court House, all clamoring for admittance, and the constables were constantly called upon to use harsh means to carry out the Sheriff's orders.

A Victoria-street barrister was the victim of rather hard usage. He was desirous of keeping an appointment with Barrister Hoskin in the Civil Assize Court, and explained his mission to the constable, who refused, however, to let him pass. The lawyer insisted and endeavored to get by, whereupon the constable called the assistance of several of his brethren, and the lawyer was forcibly ejected, after he had made a good fight against big odds. His apparel was damaged and he was slightly hurt, but his dignity suffered most, as the disturbance had provided a vast amount of amusement for the large number of ladies who were blocking the stairway.

The injured barrister has caused a letter to be sent to the Sheriff demanding that amends be made, and making charges against constables whom he names for exceeding their duty.

Several citizens complain bitterly of the high-handed manner in which they were treated by the specials, but, of course, allowance must be made for the crush and the stringent orders under which the men were laboring.

MR. OSLER CLOSES.

The Crown's Chief Counsel Shows the Twins but Little Mercy.

Promptly at 10 o'clock Mr. Osler resumed his argument for the Crown.

"You will remember," said he, "the prisoners owed Richard Lane somewhere between five and six hundred dollars at the date of the occurrence; it was running at interest of 5 per cent. per month. You should also recollect that the insurance on Wells' life was, to the knowledge of the prisoners, then soe $38,000, there being a $5000 accident policy, which turned out afterwards to be of no value, but which apparently at the then thought to be good, because if you will remember the evidence of young Randolph Wright, Harry Hyams stated he expected to get compensation for the injury to his hand from the same company which carried the insurance on the life of the deceased.

"Then I should also point out that up to the 19th of April, the day after the $2500 cheque was drawn by Martha Wells, Richard Lane was paid by a cheque for $745. Dr. King was also a creditor at that time for some $250; evidently an account of long standing—the operations that he had performed upon the Prisoner, H. P., having been a year or more before that date. There is also evidence of their being extremely pressed for money, in the fact that the repairs Roberts did in December, for a small amount, he had a great difficulty in collecting for.

On That Fatal Morning.

"Now, what happened on the morning of the 16th? That, of course, gentlemen, is the all-important question. Did the prisoners keep the appointment they had made the night before with Wells? He was wanted early; he was wanted to meet the prisoner H. P. Hyams on some business. What business? Is it shown there was anything to be done in the warehouse? Is it shown by any customer or person offering furniture for sale that they were wanted? Is there anything suggested which would occasion their meeting on that morning in the warehouse? The occasion would be within the prisoners' knowledge; it is a matter they could suggest to their counsel; it is a matter that could be hunted out, but there is absolute silence with reference to it.

"Now what is the first development we have? The first development is from Dr. King's testimony; and the importance of that development is that we find that dead body in the possession of these prisoners—killed by violence. And if you find two men in a room and the body there of a third, fresh killed by violence, what presumption arises? Have they to show it was accident? Have the Crown to show it was designed? If there is an apparent and reasonable accident to account for it, then the onus is upon the Crown to show design; but if there is nothing reasonable; if there is nothing probabe; then they have to account for that dead body lying there, and to account for the violence that has brought about the death. Are the prisoners in that plight? It is manifest, it is clear that unless a reasonable accident is suggested, is shown to be probable, they must answer for that death. The body is yet warm when Dr. King comes; so warm that he feels anxiously for the pulse. Now, Dr. King puts his visit between 9 and 10 o'clock; I will treat of time as a whole afterwards.

"The next to come—that is, after Dr. King had gone—is Fox. These are the two witnesses first seeing the body and describing the circumstances. The next is Humphrey, and the next is Humphrey's assistant, and then Atkins. Fox tells his story in a believable sort of way; but there is one matter of extreme improbability with reference to his story; and that is the having told it at the saloon where he got a drink and the people coming over. It is a very curious thing that neither Crown nor defence have been able to put into the box any single visitor of that kind on the premises. If any parties were allowed in that building beyond those named there is no record or trace of them; none of them seemed to come forward. Is not Fox there mistaken? Is not his visit to

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HOLMES MUST HANG.

The Application For a New Trial Refused.

SENTENCE PRONOUNCED UPON HIM

The Date of Execution Not Yet Decided.

Holmes Hears the Terrible Message Without Showing Any Emotion—Returned to Prison and a Death Watch Placed Over Him—Now There is Talk of Appealing the Case to the Supreme Court.

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—Herman W. Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, who was convicted of murder in the first degree for having caused the death in this city of Benjamin F. Pitezel, was this morning, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, refused a new trial and sentenced to be hanged. The opinion denying the accused a new trial was delivered by Judge Arnold, it having been concurred in by Judges Thayer, Wilson and Arnold, who heard the application for a new trial. Judge Arnold then pronounced the death sentence.

Holmes was placed in the dock at 10 o'clock and his counsel, Messrs. Rotan and Shoemaker, took their accustomed places at the bar of the court. District Attorney Graham, who secured the conviction of the prisoner, sat within the rail and beneath the bench where sat Judge Arnold, before whom Holmes was tried. But once during the delivery of the lengthy opinion did Holmes move in his seat, and then he leaned forward to catch the words of the judge as he said that "it was the unanimous opinion of the court that the verdict of murder in the first degree is fully justified by the evidence."

Sentence Pronounced

When Judge Arnold had concluded District Attorney Graham moved for the pronouncing of judgment upon the prisoner, to which there was no objection from counsel for the defence. Holmes was told to stand up by the court clerk, and as he did so every one in the court-room rose with him. The clerk then asked the prisoner the usual questions:

"Have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?"

"Nothing to say at present," came in low tones from the prisoner, and then followed the sentence of the court.

Judge Arnold arose and addressed Holmes as follows, in impressive tones:

"Herman W. Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, I have nothing to say to you further than what is contained in the opinion I have just read. There remains nothing for me to do but to proceed and pass the sentence which the law has imposed, and that is that you be taken hence to the place from whence you came, and from thence to the place of execution, and there hanged by the neck until you are dead. And may God have mercy on your soul."

During the pronouncing of the sentence Messrs. Rotan and Shoemaker stood close to the prisoner, they leaning on the rail of the dock. Holmes kept his eyes fixed upon the judge, but he did not betray any consciousness of the import of the words.

Then Holmes turned to his guard, and with the remark, "That is all," as if glad it was all over, he walked out of the court-room with a nimble tread, attended by three officers.

After Holmes was sentenced he had a conference with Lawyer Rotan, and instructed his counsel to have an appeal taken to the Supreme Court. Subsequently Mr. Rotan said: "I shall enter at once upon the preparation of papers for an appeal. When I shall have them ready it is impossible to tell, but no time will be lost. More than that I cannot say."

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BRITISH VESSEL FIRED UPON.

She Arrived at the Entrance to the Dardanelles, and Three Shells Were Fired at Her From the Shore.

London, Dec. 2.—The Daily News publishes a despatch from Odessa, giving an interview with Captain Noble, of the British steamer Loch Rannoch, from Leith, Nov. 1, for Odessa, which arrived a few days ago at Chanak, at the entrance of the Dardanelles, a few minutes after sundown. Captain Noble observed that the shore on either side of the Straits was lined with troops under canvas and that cannon were placed at close stages along the banks. Two blank shots, one from each shore, were fired at the Loch Rannoch. The captain did not heave his vessel to, thinking that the shots were part of some military manoeuvre. Soon three shells were fired at the steamer. The first shell dropped under her bows, the second fell astern and the third whizzed across the bridge a few feet from the captain's head. Captain Noble instantly reversed the steamer's engines. He was astonished and thought that war had been declared between England and Turkey. Hitherto the Turkish authorities have always allowed a time margin for vessels arriving in the Straits after sundown. The head of the Dardanelles is covered with torpedos.

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Cooper sustained the injuries which caused his death while at his work. After a hog had been butchered it was part of his duty to pull a lever and let the animal drop into a vat of boiling water. While doing this he was either struck by the lever or kicked by a dying animal and hurled into the vat. Cooper resided with his parents at 52 Water-street.

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PEARSON—WILKINSON—On the 28th inst., at Berkeley-stret Methodist Church, by the Rev. Joseph Odrey, John Pearson to Emma L., second daughter of W. C. Wilkinson, Esq., secretary-treasurer Toronto Public School Board, all of Toronto.

DEATHS.

CLAYTON—Nov. 30, Jetty Sharratt, beloved wife of Thomas Clayton, and only daughter of George and Jane Sharratt, late of Windsor, Brks.

Funeral Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 2.30 o'clock. English papers please copy.

LACKEY—At 538 Front east, on Sunday, Dec. 1, Eva W. Lackey, aged 5 months, youngest daughter of Thomas and Devina Lackey.

Funeral Monday, Dec. 2, at 3 o'clock, to St. James' Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Final appearance of Max O'Rell.

Turning Decidedly Colder.

PROBS: Strong winds or gales from north and northwest; fair weather, with light local snowfalls or snow flurries; turning much colder; decidedly cold to-morrow.

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THE CITY BETRAYED.

Gas Co. Trafficking With Aldermanic "Stool Pigeons."

ANOTHER "BOODLE" INVESTIGATION

The Inconsistency of Ald. Lamb as a City Official and Shareholder in the Gas Company—Examples of Fraudulent Bookkeeping and the Likelihood of Criminal Prosecutions in Consequence—Was the Report Rushed Through to Open the Door for Further Sharp Practice?—A Few Pointers for Shareholders.

On Friday last The World made a serious charge against the company, and as many inquiries have been made as to the result, the public being anxious to know what the company is going to do about it; we now inform them that no communication has been received from the company or its solicitors. Its not meeting the charge forces the public to the conclusion that its truth is admitted. But for fear that the company while busily engaged in trafficking with aldermen has inadvertently overlooked it, we repeat it, as it appeared in our issue of the 29th November:

The World's Challenge.

"The World now charges, and is prepared to prove before any impartial tribunal, that the company, since April, 1887, has defrauded the consumers of about $500,000. This large sum has been simply stolen from the consumers as clearly as if their pockets had been picked.

"If the company does not promptly meet this serious accusation, the inference will plainly be an admission of its truth. The company can retain the ablest legal talent in the city, and the law courts are open.

"The taking of the accounts will result in a judgment against the company of about $1,500,000, which will include the 50 per cent. on the paid-up capital which should be to the credit of the Reserve Fund, but which has been illegally sunk in plant."

The badger evidently does not want to leave his hole. He only leaves it to confer with aldermen and then quietly slips back again. But he must come out—for a little fire is being kindled at the mouth of his hole that will simply smoke him out—and citizens should watch for his appearance, for then will they see better sport than they have enjoyed since the days when we were boys together.

The Aldermen Too Eager.

The council meets to-night and citizens will see how hard some aldermen fight for the company and how anxious they are to settle the whole matter by a paltry reduction of 15 cents. But if the judgment is carried out a $10.00 gas bill will be only $7.00 and the immense sums stolen for the last eight years will be paid back. Why are aldermen willing to accept less and so eager to settle with the company?

Aldermen appear to be laboring under a few mistakes as to the present action against the company. The city does not control it and is not even a party to it. It was brought by a private person on behalf of himself and other consumers, and as judgment was given in his favor they may if they choose share the benefits. The city—like other consumers—pays for lighting streets and other places, and is a large consumer of gas, but, strange to say, for some hidden reasons, it acts differently from all other consumers, because, according to Ald. Lamb, McMurrich, Scott and others, it does not desire the full benefit of the judgment—does not want gas to be reduced to the lowest point—does not want the immense sums overcharged and misapplied to be repaid, and is doing its utmost to help the defendant company out of the hole and to avoid suffering the full consequences of the judgment.

Has the City Been Betrayed?

Mr. W. R. Hughes, appointed auditor by the city for the very purpose of auditing the company's books, for years repeatedly warned the city that the company was disobeying the statute and diverting money, and yet nothing was done. What is the use of paying for an auditor unless his warnings are heeded? If an auditor for a bank reported frauds and misappropriations, would they be allowed to continue? They would be promptly stopped and the offenders punished, however high they might stand in the business world. Why should the city's business be conducted differently from any other business institution? Because its representatives when they feed under the sinister influence of a powerful corporation betray the interests of those they have sworn to serve. Are aldermen sent to council to represent the citizens or the Gas Company?

The City's Soft Snap.

At last a private person refused to submit to further extortion and without encouragement from the city, but in face of its opposition, issued a writ, and thereby stirred up the worst mass of frauds that has ever besmirched the fair fame of Toronto. The city was then reluctantly shamed into doing something, so Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q.C., was retained, but no responsibility was thereby assumed for the suit. If a decision had been given against the plaintiff he would have paid all costs, and the city would not have paid a cent. He bore all the trouble and expense, and never before had the city such a soft snap.

Shackling the Consumer.

The city cannot, by making a settlement, stop this action. It will proceed till the consumer finally gets the rights which Judge Ferguson declares belong to him, whether aldermen grant or refuse to grant financial assistance. How fortunate this is for the consumer. Had it been left to the city, the action would never have been brought at all—and the company might have gone on robbing till doomsday—not even the paltry 10 cent reduction would have been offered—which offer is an admission of guilt. And if the action had been started by the city, fancy how Gas Aldermen like Messrs. McMurrich, Scott and Lamb would steadily intro-