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IMPORTANT CLUES IN THE NEAL CASE

Thanks to persistent and skilful inquiry for which Coroner Berryman must receive great credit, much important evidence was heard at the inquest in the case of Mrs. Neal, which was continued last evening in thisville.

From the hour he was notified of Mrs. Neal's violent death and learned the nature of the injuries which caused it, Coroner Berryman made the effort to probe the murder theory, and directed a careful inquiry into the facts.

Good news for the port of St. John is that which comes from Ottawa, to the effect that the government has decided to grant to the Imperial Dry Dock Company the three per cent bonus for twenty years, which was asked.

Drumsticks and powder were found in a trunk which the men left behind when they went away from the Cattlemen's Shelter.

A silk handkerchief found on one of the men bears the initials M. Mrs. Neal's name was Margaret. Three other handkerchiefs, of linen, which they had, are similar to those of Pelemon Lawson found in Mrs. Neal's house after her death.

Both during and after its construction the dock will prove of immense benefit to the city. It will be the most important undertaking of years, and the government's course shows how strongly St. John's claims have been presented and how much it means to our citizens to be represented at Ottawa by men of weight upon matters of vital interest to St. John come up for discussion.

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"with as much transport as possible." Evidently when that despatch was written Cobbe was hemmed in and fighting the desperate fight of a man who must be annihilated unless reinforcements reach him.

The loss of 200 officers and men will doubtless mean a movement in force to round up the Mullah and settle with him after the fashion of Omdurman.

What are we doing in Somaliland, anyway? may be asked. The answer is that the correction of the Mullah is one of the duties which come of the British policy in Africa and which may not be abridged.

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ful Transcript regarding Russia's attitude in Manchuria. The writer says Japan cannot ignore Russia's position without such a loss of prestige as she will not submit to. Thus the Anglo-Japanese alliance becomes suddenly of new importance.

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which they made so much noise during the campaign. Restigouche answered that cry.

The New York Sun, in a double-leaded editorial, nominates Roosevelt for president in 1904—which means that J. P. Morgan and Wall street would rather bear the Republicans' ills than have them fly to others that they know not of.

The lesson from the Neal case is that when there is a violent death it is better to first try to find out just what happened and discuss murder and accident theories later, in the light of the facts.

Members of the legislature sat up expectantly when Mr. Osmen said one serious charge that the opposition had brought against the government in the public accounts committee completely overshadowed the Gagey scandal in Ontario.

The records of Brown and Woodworth, the bank burglars, show that they were desperate men. There may not be evidence to connect them with the murder of Mrs. Neal, but there is much regarding their movements in St. John which needs clearing up.

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