

### GREAT INTEREST IN SODERBERG TRIAL.

Stettler Court Room Crowded and Town Wears a Holiday Aspect—Witnesses Heard Yesterday.

Stettler, April 12.—The second day of the Soderberg trial brought out two of the strong witnesses for the Crown. Emmanuel Filiatreault and Corporal Davies, W.M.M., Filiatreault's evidence took up most of the day and Davies had just started when court adjourned. Former lives a mile and a half from Lennox. It is on him largely that the Crown depends to establish that the shooting was done before nine o'clock and that the time thus allowed Soderberg, if he be the guilty party, was sufficient to get to Stettler for lodge. He has also assisted the police in tracking the footprints.

Defence lawyer, Tweedie, in a keen cross-examination, bordering on brow-beating, endeavored to shake his evidence but was not to any large extent successful. Filiatreault swore that the old tracks were identical with those of "Girle," mare of Soderberg. The incident of the poisoning of food three days before the murder was also brought out by Anderson, his hired boy, who had a narrow escape from death. Soderberg was at home on the day before, but Anderson says Lennox in the morning after had taken the honey and there were no flies.

Stettler, April 12.—Excitement in the Soderberg murder trial reached fever heat this morning. The failure of the Crown yesterday to produce evidence that would warrant the conviction of the prisoner seems to have pitched the citizens to an even higher pitch of excitement than has prevailed in town since the arrest of the accused. Long before the hour of starting the small court room was crowded. A general holiday appearance prevails in the streets.

Had the roads been in better shape many more persons from the country would be in. Women are showing great interest in the trial, and many young girls are also present. Public feeling was frequently shown when Tweedie for the prisoner was engaged in cross-examination.

It is said here that the Oddfellows and Modern Woodmen have subscribed \$200 to the legal expenses of Soderberg. Apparently the money is in the case against the accused is that he has not yet accounted for the time from 7:30 on the night of the murder to the time he reaches Stettler, about ten. It appears the murder was committed shortly after nine. It is said that at least one witness possible it would occupy more than an hour to come to Stettler.

Evidence Taken.—Anderson, a middle-aged farmer, was the first witness called at the morning session. He testified that he had gone to his father's house about eight o'clock on the night of the murder. He did not meet Soderberg until about ten o'clock yesterday. Evidence was taken of the house between seven and eight o'clock. He left for Stettler. Has any one been on the trail at the time going towards Stettler, he would have seen him. Cross-examination by Tweedie showed that there was one trail and also a road allowance between Soderberg's and the house. Soderberg admitted that the clocks in his house and his father's were both unreliable.

Evidence Taken.—Joseph Anderson, about twenty years old, was employed for some time with Lennox and was the man who was believed to have been in the house. This occurrence took place on March 20th. At supper time that evening, he had eaten the honey and tasted it. About half an hour after he took ill, with spasmodic fits. Dr. Houson was procured later and treated him. On the day Lennox was at Stettler and as far as he knew no one was at home. The clock at Lennox's nearly always ran fast. Tweedie, witness said anyone might have gone into the shack during the day and tampered with the honey. The honey was on the table in a tin bucket. He did not know whether anyone could be so bold as to tamper with the honey. Lennox had taken honey in the morning and was not so if it was honey. It may have been during that day.

Found Footprints.—David Brown, an uncle of the just witness, Joe Anderson, said he went to Lennox's about five o'clock Tuesday morning, because he was told Anderson had been poisoned. He noticed Lennox's clock was about thirty minutes faster than his watch, which he took at the day before at Erik's action. Soderberg had been at his house Wednesday, after the poisoning and said it was a terrible thing happened. Joe Anderson, He was looking for horses. He asked what had been done to the horse before at Erik's action. Him it was sent into town to be analyzed by the authorities. To Tweedie the witness admitted he had said to Soderberg that if he had a rucke against any man he would meet him face to face with the gun.

Tracked Hoof Marks.—Emmanuel Filiatreault told of Ullman coming to his place the night of the murder and telling of the shooting. He thought it was about half past nine when he looked at the clock. This was fifteen or twenty minutes after Ullman arrived. He went over to Lennox and then returned home. Next morning he went to George Larose's, told him the news and then both went over to Lennox's place. They found the prints of a horse tied in the bush east of the house and about twenty rods away, also the footprints of a man. A city policeman and Corporal Davies were also looking at the tracks. He had experience in tracking stock by footprints. Before being a farmer he was a blacksmith for twenty-five years. He followed the tracks on that day to the country near to the corner of Soderberg's place. The tracks traced yesterday were the same as those seen after the day of the murder.

What made you recognize these tracks? asked Grant.

"The way the track was made. The print of the heel and the quarters of

the toe were deeper, making a peculiar impression. This was on all the feet.

"Was there anything peculiar on the hoof?"

"Right hind foot was lower on the hoof."

"You give any idea as to the cause of it?"

Hoof-Marks Compared.—"It is in growth caused by lack of exercise."

"Do you know Alex Soderberg's horse?"

"Yes, do."

"What have you to say about similarity of the hoof-marks to those you have described?"

"I found hers to be the identical hoof that made the print."

Who compared the hoof-marks? asked Grant.

"Corporal Davies, Mr. Hayes and myself took out 'Girle' yesterday and ran the horse up and down the track. We then measured and recorded the measurements with rule and compass."

How did the tracks compare? asked Grant.

"They were identical."

"This witness is the first who seems to be strongly in sympathy with the police and to him Tweedie directed a stiff cross-examination."

"Girle," mare of Soderberg, was half past nine when Ullman arrived, and Ullman on the other hand had said it was seven minutes after ten. Either one witness was lying. At this stage a deadlock ensued. Tweedie inquired, "Does your clock keep good time?" Witness replied: "It runs a little fast. Tweedie insisted on an answer yes or no, but Filiatreault was stubborn, repeating his answer again and again. Robertson, who is in charge of the trial, and Grant intervened in defending the answer of the witness, which he thought was sufficient. "It is now a question of the dignity of the court," said Robertson. "It is no such thing," retorted Grant. Further deliberation of the court before the counsel with Worsley assisting, followed.

Eventually the magistrates asked the witness to continue, quietly intimating that if the witness refused to answer another question "there would be a witness shown when the former came to his house."

When Court resumed at two o'clock the cross-examination of Filiatreault was continued. He was asked the evidence of Dr. Houson, who treated Anderson for poisoning was taken. He brought with him the medicine which he had given to the prisoner. He had symptoms of strychnine poisoning. He had milled a sample of honey to the provincial analyst, but he said that the fastest rat it is settled by a resolution, which declared that the honey was to be known as a "businessman's Government." This is to be led by Mel. Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, with Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party, and the members of the party. He has been a hatching in the Conservative ranks over retaining Mr. Borden as leader. At this point the witness was asked to produce a resolution, which declared that the honey was to be known as a "businessman's Government." This is to be led by Mel. Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, with Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party, and the members of the party.

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How were you implicated? asked Tweedie.

"Because Lennox had written something on paper implicating me."

"And why are you interested in helping the police to run down another man?"

"Because it is in the interests of the district I want to catch the guilty man and see justice done."

"And still you told a man you would be a bad witness against him."

"I thought that my evidence would be serious for his case."

Tweedie then asked witness to make a drawing of the horse's hoofs. "I am a very poor man with the hand except to do my own harnessing. I brush my horses." Counsel then asked the witness to minutely describe the hoof-marks with the right front foot. This proved a pretty big task for the witness. "All I can say," asserted the witness, "is that the footprints were identical with those of 'Girle.' Tweedie continued at length in questioning the witness upon the peculiarities of the footprints, or which he made measurements.

Corporal Davies.—Corporal Davies was the next witness. He is in charge of the Stettler barracks. He was in the morning of March 24th he was notified of the shooting and arranged for a statement from the witness. He then went to the scene of the shooting with Constable Hoe of the town police. Davies said he located a bullet in the casing of the house. Then tried to trace tracks of the party who did the shooting. The person who fired had apparently shot 25 feet from the window. There were traces of some one having stood there. Then he went down with Larose, who had previously investigated to a position about 100 yards east of the house where a horse had apparently been tied. "Did you examine these footprints?"

"Yes, I did, and took photos of them."

"Did you examine the horse tracks?"

"As far as I could follow these."

"How far did you follow these?"

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### THIRD DAY OF STETTLER TRIAL

No Direct Evidence Against Prisoner Has Yet Been Produced.

Stettler, April 13.—The third day of the murder trial has passed and nothing has been produced to connect the prisoner with the crime. The evidence of Filiatreault, Davies, and Hayes that the foot prints from the tree where the horse is supposed to have been tied on the night of the murder towards Soderberg's farm, are identical with those of Soderberg's race horse, "Girle." Unless Sergeant Ashe of the police, who has yet to be examined, can produce something new this will likely be the most decisive testimony against the defendant. Evidence with relation to the gun used in the murder is not yet produced. The witness, together with the police officers, went out yesterday and took measurements of the hoof marks, which have been found to correspond absolutely with those of "Girle," the mare owned by the accused, and on which he rode to Stettler the night of the murder.

This is the only important evidence that has been adduced by the Crown up to the present. Two other witnesses were examined this morning, but their evidence was unimportant.

The greatest interest is being manifested in the progress of the trial. There were no demonstrations of any kind in the court room cheered evidence favorable to the prisoner.

### BORDEN TO RETIRE.

Said to Have Made an Arrangement With Mr. McBride.

Montreal, April 13.—Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party, is expected to retire from the leadership of the party. He has been a hatching in the Conservative ranks over retaining Mr. Borden as leader. At this point the witness was asked to produce a resolution, which declared that the honey was to be known as a "businessman's Government." This is to be led by Mel. Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, with Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party, and the members of the party.

There was a unique scene at the opening of the afternoon session of the trial. The witness, who had been wished to see the mare "Girle," and the hoofs which made marks identical with those leading to the murder, were taken to the mounted police barracks down the street. The witness, who had been wished to see the mare "Girle," and the hoofs which made marks identical with those leading to the murder, were taken to the mounted police barracks down the street.

There is nothing astonishing," he says. "In the choice of Mr. Sifton as leader of the party, these were the men who led the anti-reciprocity fight. They are the men who are not to be called. He was asked to produce a resolution, which declared that the honey was to be known as a "businessman's Government." This is to be led by Mel. Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, with Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party, and the members of the party.

Canadian Member of British Parliament Deals With Japanese Treaty.

London, April 12.—Bonnar Law, M.P., speaking in the House of Commons, dealt with the Japanese treaty, pointing out how the "most favored nations" clause failed with regard to the mother country. Under it the mother country did not receive equality of treatment with other nations. The Morning Post, discussing the treaty, says the United States speech, says the United States hopes to secure a wider commercial arrangement with Canada, while on the other hand Canada was looking to the mother country for the same favor.

Real Estate Action.—Toronto, Ont., April 12.—The division court has allowed the appeal of Mary Herdery of New Liskard from the decision of the court in dismissing her action against D. A. "Yes."

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### HEAVY DEATH ROLL FROM TORNADES

Twenty-Five Lives Lost in Storms in Western Central States.

Kansas City, Mo., April 13.—Tornadoes which swept part of Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas yesterday afternoon and last night, killed 25 persons, injured more than one hundred, rendering more than five hundred homeless and are said to have done thousands of dollars damage to property. Of the dead only 12 have been identified. They are: William Morrow and his wife, John Kearns, Frederick Hammond, T. S. Hahn Brown, three unidentified persons at Big Heart, Oklahoma; Mrs. J. Sullivan, Mrs. Laura Childs, and a negro at Lawrence, Kansas; Mrs. Meisner, at Robinson, Kansas; Miss Ballot, at Highgate, Kansas; James Rosenbaum, at Germantown, Kansas; and a boy named Penton at Hiawatha, Kansas; Miss Alice Sheldie at Joplin, Mo.; a man and child at Checotah, Okla.; four persons at Mokor, Okla.; woman and child at Pawtitan, Kansas; a child at Manhattan, Kansas.

Several Storms.—According to dispatches today it is believed there were several storms. The first tornado reported at Escabedo, Kansas, 25 miles south of Topeka, at four o'clock yesterday morning. There were many houses destroyed and much damage reported to crops. The storm which swept Eskridge struck Nettawick, Kansas, nearby, and destroyed a north-west striking Whiting, north of Topeka, where sixty houses were destroyed. Continuing northwest, it struck near Lawrence, Kansas, where three persons were killed and much property damaged.

### THE DEMOCRATS AND THE TARIFF

To Pass Reciprocity Agreement and Press for Further Reductions—Prolonged Fight in the Senate Chamber.

Washington, D.C., April 12.—Two of the tariff measures which the Democratic House expects to pass in advance of any general legislation were introduced today by chairman Underwood of the committee on Finance. They are the Canadian reciprocity agreement, following the identical lines of the McCall bill, and a bill to amend the tariff act of 1902, authorizing the president to continue negotiations for reciprocity with Canada. The bill provides for a 10 per cent duty on the free list about 100 articles and cultural products, grain, iron, steel, and other articles. The bill also provides for a 10 per cent duty on the free list about 100 articles and cultural products, grain, iron, steel, and other articles.

The free list bill is designed to place the tariff on a new basis, and it is believed that it will be passed. The bill also provides for a 10 per cent duty on the free list about 100 articles and cultural products, grain, iron, steel, and other articles.

Word has been brought that agents of the C.N.E. are preparing to visit the Stettler area in the spring, as men have been and other provisions in the Stettler area. The Stettler area is a very important one, and it is believed that it will be visited in the spring.

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### MANITOBA SWEEP BY SLEET STORM.

Seeding Operations Suspended—Telegraph Wires Wrecked in Many Places.

Winnipeg, April 13.—The worst sleet storm in years yet hit the west so badly throughout Manitoba and the prairie west that practically there was nothing doing in any line all day. Commercial business accumulated in stacks and afternoon papers west of Winnipeg were cut off from their news services. Winnipeg evening papers did not appear because a good service was maintained with Montreal and with Minneapolis. Local wires to Fort William and Port Arthur, however, were either tied up or working so slowly as to be of little use. West of Winnipeg, the telegraph companies are faced with a situation such as has not been encountered for many seasons. Whole lines of poles, giving way before the sapping snow-laden wires, have gone by the board, and linemen are working under the worst possible conditions in a driving blizzard. So entire was the cut-off today that not even Winnipeg wheat prices for the day reached western elevators.

Agricultural experts say that the four to six inches of snow will be of unsatisfactory benefit for seeding. But few Manitoba farmers will get out their land again before next week.

Brandon, Man., April 12.—A blizzard raged here this morning, with a north-west wind and eight degrees below zero. The snow was piled up to two inches of snow has piled up and there are no indications of the storm ceasing.

### COSTLY GILM LAW SUIT.

Damages Awarded for Non-Fulfillment of Contract.

Vancouver, B.C., April 12.—A case in which the costs already amount to \$100,000, was heard in the Supreme Court today. The action is that of the Vancouver Underwood of the committee on Finance. They are the Canadian reciprocity agreement, following the identical lines of the McCall bill, and a bill to amend the tariff act of 1902, authorizing the president to continue negotiations for reciprocity with Canada. The bill provides for a 10 per cent duty on the free list about 100 articles and cultural products, grain, iron, steel, and other articles.

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### LABOR CASTE QUESTION.

Should Teamster Who is Salesman Be Called Driver?

Chicago, April 12.—It is more dignified to be a baker than a teamster. Should a teamster who is a salesman be classified as a driver?

These are some of the questions that will be solved by President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, before the Labor Caste Question is decided. The dispute is of several years' standing and centers around a number of bakery wagon drivers in Chicago, who are members of the Bakers' Union. The dispute is of several years' standing and centers around a number of bakery wagon drivers in Chicago, who are members of the Bakers' Union.

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