

# HOW MOTHER WAS OBTAINED AMAZING PLOT TO MURDER MRS. BROWN PRISONER OF \$1600 BAIL

### Evidence Taken at the Preliminary Hearing at Collingwood of William Brown, Charged With Conspiring to Kill—Defence Calls No Witnesses and Asks for a Dismissal.

Collingwood, Oct. 7.—(From our special reporter.)—Old men crowded and women wept in the shrouded courtroom today when the amazing plot to murder an aged woman was slowly unfolded in all its shocking details. It was the preliminary hearing of William Brown, charged with conspiring to kill his mother that he might secure her life insurance. Magistrate John Nettleton presided, Crown Attorney J. R. Cotter prosecuted, John Birnie, K.C., and W. T. Allan defended, while P. H. Chief Magistrate and Provincial Detective Greer were present as the sleuths who worked up the case.

At the conclusion of the investigation Magistrate Nettleton announced that he would render his decision tomorrow. The prisoner was released on \$1600 bonds, signed by Robert Wright and William Best. The penalty is 14 years imprisonment.

**Crowded to Suffocation.**  
The case was not submitted until late in the evening. The stuffy little courtroom was suffocating. Men, women and children stood in the aisles, on top of benches and the town urching peeped in thru the transoms of the high doors, all eager to catch every syllable of the sickening story. And right well the curious of the town were repaid, for it was the dullest murder ever devalued by the morbid frequenters of a Criminal Court. Mrs. Brown was over the throne, and a sea of threatening faces confronted the miserable looking prisoner as witnesses recited his proposition to slay the woman who gave him life. The morning's populace became even more frenzied when Mrs. James Brown, the frail old lady whose life was endangered, tottered into the box, confronted her trembling son and told the hideous story of the efforts to accomplish her death.

**Climax of a Rural Drama.**  
It was the climax of a rural drama, real life as startling as any fragment of the playwright's imagination, in which the characters are the people of Collingwood. Whether overwhelmed by the conflicting emotions which the wretched story of the intended matricide provoked, or melted by the pathetic picture of a mother accusing her son, Brown buried his face in a handkerchief and sobbed. The aged woman, as if oblivious of the presence of the onlookers, character of her feet, related the details with stoicism. Apparently the mother suffered little pain from the unnatural position in which she was placed, conducting herself in a manner that indicated that she had long since passed the period where she felt the pangs of a son's cruelty or a child's neglect.

**The Chief Witness.**  
The complaint charged conspiracy to murder Mrs. Brown, Sept. 1. John Rose was the chief witness, the others merely tending to corroborate his story—and such a story. The tall figure of the perspiring, white-haired old man in the witness-box, telling the details, showing conclusively that at the best he was Brown's accomplice, left such an unfavorable impression upon the crowd that, as he stepped from the box, he was met with dark looks. Sometimes he appeared rational and again almost idiotic.

**Did it ever occur to you that you ought to be tarred and feathered for your despicable part in this affair?** inquired Mr. Birnie of Rose as he closed a meretricious cross-examination. Rose did not hear him; if he did, he did not reply.

The old man shamelessly asserted that he pretended to accept the commission to murder Mrs. Brown that he might write a book. He was entitled to all the money he could get, for he was saving the mother from her son.

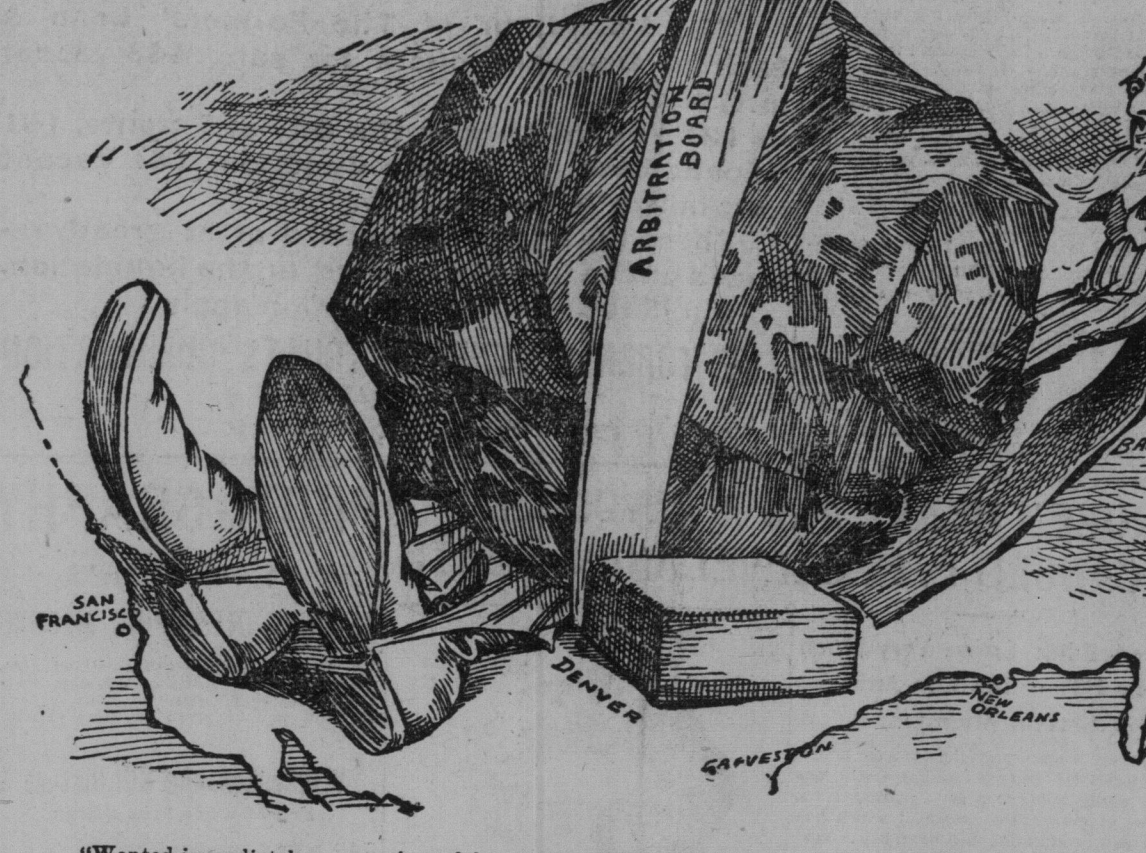
**Asked for a Dismissal.**  
At the conclusion of the Crown's case the defence announced that no evidence would be offered and asked for a dismissal because the complaint charged conspiracy and the law did not require a conspiracy unless more than one person was involved. The Crown refused permission to amend the complaint, but permission was refused during the trial the charges between the lawyers were keen and quick witted, to the great amusement of the crowd. During one of the numerous clashes the court impressively observed: "This is not a law court—simply a court of justice, British justice." That was applauded. Mr. Birnie of Toronto was more conspicuous because of his innumerable contradictions than because of his eloquence.

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HIS LATEST SUGGESTION FOR RELIEF.



"Wanted immediately—a number of large, responsible gentlemen to occupy positions on several boards of arbitration. Apply to UNCLE SAM, Washington, D. C."

### Roosevelt Asks Strikers to Go Back to Work Pending Investigation of Their Grievances by a Commission Miners Stand Firm Till Concessions Are Won

**Tremendous Interest Manifested in the Effect the Presence of 10,000 Troops Will Have on the Production of Coal—It is Up to the Operators to Mine Coal, But They Wait to Discover What the State Proposes to Do.**

#### PRESIDENT'S NEW PEACE PLAN.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The following statement was made public at the White House this afternoon: "On Monday, Oct. 6, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, went to Philadelphia and gave to Mr. John Mitchell the following from the President: "If Mr. Mitchell will secure the immediate return to work of the miners in the anthracite regions the President will at once appoint a commission to investigate thoroughly into all the matters at issue between the operators and miners, and will do all within his power to obtain a settlement of those questions in accordance with the report of the commission." "Mr. Mitchell has taken this matter under consideration, but the President has not yet been advised of any decision."

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 7.—The two principal features of the anthracite coal strike which claimed public attention in the coal fields to-day were: Will the miners yield to the desire of the President of the United States for them to return to work and investigate afterwards, and will the mine operators be able to carry out their promise to produce enough coal to relieve the situation if given the protection of the full military power of the State?

**NO NECESSITY FOR RUSHING SOLDIERS TO THE COAL MINES  
BUT THIS AFTERNOON 9000 NEW TROOPS WILL BE ON GUARD**

**Governor Stone Denies That He Ordered Out the Entire State Militia on the Request of President Roosevelt—Unions Will Hold Mass Meetings to Express Their Feelings.**

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—The officers of the State National Guard, having decided that the situation in the coal region was not so serious as to necessitate rushing the soldiers from their various local headquarters, no effort was made to move them to-day. Governor Stone's order for the entire militia of the State to be sent to the anthracite region, however, will be carried out to-morrow.

#### HIS IDEAL OF A PUBLIC MAN

Honesty, Ability, Skill, Training and Devotion to Duty Should Be Sole Qualifications

**SAYS THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick Deplores Strains Which Are Placed Upon Men Who Serve Country.

**Site for Armoury Bought.**  
St. Catharines, Oct. 7.—The City Council, at its meeting on Monday night, passed a by-law to purchase the Stephenson Gardens, at Welland and Lake-avenue, Drift Hill. The price to be proposed next week is \$2500.

**Wanted in Syracuse.**  
The police on Tuesday received information that P. O. Edgar, a grocer who disappeared from Syracuse on Sept. 2, had been communicated to Syracuse. The authorities here are waiting for further advice before any action is taken. Edgar took nearly \$500 with him when he left Syracuse.

**TO-DAY IN TORONTO.**  
Queen's Own Rifles parade, Armoury, 10 a.m.  
Princess, E. H. Sothorn in "I'll Be King," 8 p.m.  
Grand, "A Hot Scotch Major," 2 and 8 p.m.  
Toronto, "A Little Outcast," 8 p.m.  
Shear, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.  
Rear, "City Club Business," 2 and 8 p.m.

### GARDEN HOSE

A large variety carried in stock. BELLS, NOZZLES, COUPLINGS AND SUNDRIES THE GUTTA PERCHA & RUBBER MFG. CO. of Toronto, Limited.

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### OWNERS CORNER SUPPLY DIRE DISTRESS LOOMS UP

Mayor Howland Prepares a Petition to Be Sent to Ottawa to Ward Off Danger.

NO MENTION OF CIVIC GAS PLANT

Canadian Government Should Take Measures to Acquire Portion of the Coal Mines.

There is a general awakening at the City Hall in regard to the seriousness of the fuel situation, and the Mayor and aldermen are beginning to realize that dire distress is threatened in this city unless something is done at once preparatory to relieving the conditions which are now anxiously anticipated when Jack Frost comes upon us for his annual visit. Some opinions are to the effect that the aldermen displaying the energy are contemplating the coming elections, but nevertheless it is thought it would be far better to elect them all than have the fuel famine which is already a great hardship to citizens in human circumstances, and may result in a panic in a couple of months unless the famous advice of ex-Mayor Kennedy to "act promptly" is followed out by the people's representatives.

**Diagnose It This Afternoon.**  
The matter will be considered by the Board of Control this afternoon, and the members of the special committee appointed at the instance of Ald. Sheppard a couple of weeks ago will exchange ideas with the controllers. The special committee is composed of Ald. Sheppard, chairman; the Mayor, Ald. Fleming, Lamb, Hubbard, Woods and Lynd. They were appointed to confer with the Board of Trade and consider what steps can be taken to guarantee that there will be no shuttling in Toronto as possible thru want of fuel this winter.

The Mayor has prepared a petition to the Governor-General, which will doubtless be endorsed by the meeting and circulated and as soon as possible it will be forwarded. His Worship as President of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, will ask that he be authorized to send a printed copy to all the municipalities at the earliest possible date, and that they be asked to send it in the name of their particular municipality to His Excellency.

**The City's Petition.**  
The petition reads as follows: To His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council:

The humble petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Toronto, and of the undersigned citizens, thereof, humbly sheweth: That the people of this municipality and of large portions of Canada are threatened with dire distress during the coming winter on account of the high prices demanded for fuel. That it is believed that this is not due to any deficiency in the available supply of bituminous coal, but on account of the sources of such supply being concentrated in the hands of a small number of owners, who are instead of exacting an unnecessarily high price for their product. That it appears, therefore, to your petitioners that the time has come

**RODNEY MURDER CASE.**

Evidence Taken Leaves No Doubt That King Will Be Committed.

Rodney, Oct. 7.—Today, before Police Magistrate Glenn of Rodney, the preliminary investigation of Charles King, for the murder of William Freeman, was commenced. Crown Attorney Deane prosecuted, and W. L. McLawson defending the prisoner. It will be remembered that, at that time, King stated that Willie Freeman had shot himself, but later, Judge W. J. Murray secured a confession from King. To-day, the evidence went to show that the gun was not in the hands of Willie Freeman when the shooting occurred. The nature of the wound, the shot having entered in the boy's head, and the absence of powder marks, corroborated King's confession. The case was adjourned for tomorrow afternoon. That King will be committed, there remains no doubt.

**For Weddings.**  
For weddings and funerals of all descriptions, there is, of course, only one real, proper hat—the silk hat. There are many silks, however, and the don't cost any more than the other kind. Illinois Company handle only the best. Sole Canadian agent for Dunlop and Heat and Melville. All the fashions are in.

**FINE.**  
Meteorological Office, Toronto, Oct. 7, 8 p.m.—A few showers have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, but the weather in Canada generally has been fine and in the Territories and Manitoba quite warm. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 26-36; Victoria, 48-58; Calgary, 36-68; Medicine Hat, 32-72; Qu'Appelle, 38-72; Winnipeg, 30-64; Harry Ross, 44-52; Toronto, 44-60; Ottawa, 46-80; Montreal, 46-64; Quebec, 42-62; Halifax, 56-72.

**Probabilities.**  
Lakes and Georgian Bay—North-west to southwest winds; fine; not much change in temperature.

**DEATHS.**  
BAILLIE—On Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 5 O'clock, Rosanna Simpson of 1111 St. Nicholas-street, in her 76th year. Friends will please send flowers.

**SELEWYN-LEE—On Saturday, Sept. 27, at Territt, Switzerland, Major Charles Henry Selwyn Lee, 12th Bengal Cavalry, to Mabel Eliza Lee, daughter of the late Walter S. Lee.**

**OLIVER-JONES—At the residence of the bride's parents, 248 Dufferin-street, on Tuesday, Oct. 7, Joseph Ormsby Oliver to Hannah Jones, both of Toronto.**

**TRIGGS-LOCKE—On Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1892, at the home of the bride's mother, Joseph E. Miller, Arthur-street, L. Triggs, eldest son of Capt. Triggs, 1st H. M. 62nd Regiment, to Mary Arthur Jones Hamilton, eldest daughter of the late Dr. C. F. A. Locke, and grand-daughter of the late John Macdonald, B.N. Cemetery.**

**BUTCHER—At her residence, 11 Howland-avenue, on the morning of the 7th inst., Sarah A. Butcher, dearly beloved wife of James Butcher, aged 58.**

**MELROCK—At the residence of his brother, Joseph E. Melrock, 15 Elmhurst-street, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 7, William (Blodpo) Melrock, second son of the late James Melrock, in his 72nd year.**

**TAYLOR—On Sunday night at his mother's residence, 236 East Gerrard-street, Joseph Burnett, aged 26 years, youngest and dearly beloved son of Margaret E. Taylor of Uverton, Lancashire, England.**

**Funeral Wednesday, at 3.30 o'clock.**

**STEARNS MOVEMENTS.**  
Oct. 7. AL. From Karamania, New York, Legno, Sardagna, New York, Genoa, Tunis, Liverpool, Montreal, Minnehaha, London, New York, Rotterdam, Boulogne, New York.

**MURDERER NOAH HALE SEEN**  
But the Overcarefulness of Provincial Constable Rush Allowed Him to Escape.

Orders Are Now Out to Take Him Dead or Alive—Mrs. Hale Dying.

**WILL BE HANGED NOV. 21.**  
Nelson, B. C., Oct. 7.—The jury brought in a verdict against Henry Rose for the murder of John Cole on June 4, 1901. He was sentenced to be hanged there on Nov. 21.

**FATALITY NEAR TOMMORDEN.**  
E. Windle Fell From a Buggy and Broke His Neck.

**SAYS THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

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