

ACCUSED HER OF PERJURY

Judge Forin Administers Stinging Rebuke to a Witness.

Says a Female Witness Lied From Start to Finish.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

I am satisfied there has been a deliberate attempt at falsifying and will report the matter to the attorney-general as to whether the plaintiff shall be proceeded against for perjury.

The matter in hand was that of O'Brien vs. Pluman and Hartington. All the parties come from Trail. In November, 1901, the plaintiff, Mrs. Kate O'Brien, sold the furniture of the Klaser hotel at Trail to the defendants, who agreed to give in payment cash to the sum of \$400 and four notes of \$50 each.

After Mrs. O'Brien had concluded her evidence, Judge Forin denounced the testimony as false. Opening with the remark already quoted, the honor continued that Mrs. O'Brien's evidence was honeycombed with falsehood.

The spectators in the court room were deeply impressed with the earnestness displayed by the court in his stinging rebuke of what evidently was in his view, a flagrant violation of the oath of evidence.

Before closing the case Judge Forin indicated his intention of ruling for defendants in regard to the \$40 claim.

EIGHT KILLED.

Fatal Explosion in an Ohio Factory Yesterday.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 16.—A special from Foster says: Eight persons were killed and four injured by an explosion in the Peter and Fox explosives factory today. The magazine contained a large supply of high explosives.

MURDER IN BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, Feb. 17.—Charles T. Mohring, a brother of former Assemblyman Mohring, was fatally stabbed at his home on Fillmore avenue today. Mrs. Katherine Klein, with whom Mohring has lived for a number of years, has been arrested. She is held on an open charge. At the emergency hospital tonight it was stated that Mohring had no chance of recovery.

THE HUMBERT CASE.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Mme. Therese Humbert, the central figure in the Crawford millions litigation, has complained of suffering from an affliction of the heart caused by confinement in her cell, and the presiding judge of the court before which the case was to be tried has ordered a medical examination of the prisoner and postponed the proceedings which were set for today.

PROMOTION FOR BERESFORD.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—It was said in the lobbies of the house of commons this afternoon that Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford had been informed that he may be offered the command of the fleet. Replying to inquiries on the subject, Lord Beresford was quoted as saying that the matter was entirely unsettled.

KILLED HIMSELF.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Edward J. Bernard, suspected of the murder of Regina Curry, who was found dead on Thursday night near Lamont, committed suicide today by throwing himself in front of a train near this city. Detectives were seeking him.

CONVENED AT FERNIE

ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE CALLED TOGETHER FOR MARCH 18.

SERIES OF INTERESTING RESOLUTIONS ALREADY BROACHED FOR CONVENTION.

The "Business men's parliament of the interior" will meet next month when the associated boards of trade of Eastern British Columbia convene at Fernie on March 18th. This is the first Wednesday after the meeting of the legislature, as provided in the constitution of the associated boards. It will be the fifth annual convention of the organization.

The Rossland board of trade will probably be called together at an early date for the purpose of preparing resolutions for submission to the associated boards. It is likely that certain representations against the coke and coal supplies for the country will be combined in a resolution. The Kaslo board of trade has indicated its intention of making several recommendations to the associated boards.

The first of these relates to forest fires. The Kaslo board will urge that the provincial government take steps to make immediate provision for the prevention of the forest fires that annually sweep through the country, destroying millions of feet of valuable timber and thus reducing the assets of the province by thousands of dollars per year.

Kaslo will recommend that the provincial government be requested to acquire a tract of no less than 100,000 acres of pine lands of East Kootenay to be held as a public park. Most of these lands are now held under railroad grants or under other reserves.

The establishment of an experimental apple orchard in the Rocky Mountain country by the Dominion government is another of the Kaslo board's recommendations. The federal government maintains the experimental farm at Agassiz and the desire is to inaugurate tests in apple growing in the higher altitude of the mountain country.

Kaslo's fourth resolution is that the executive be instructed to call a convention to be attended by two delegates from each legally constituted board of trade in the province to be held at Kamloops on a date to be fixed by the executive of the associated boards.

A British Bluebook Issued Setting Forth Details.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Venezuelan bluebook, issued this afternoon, shows that after a conversation between Foreign Minister Lansdowne and the German ambassador, Count Wolff-Metternich, on July 25 last the former said: "We should be quite ready to confer with the German government with the view of joint action."

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—Chancellor von Buelow sent to the reichstag today a memorandum of the settlement of the Venezuelan disputes. He summarized the terms of the protocol and concluded that diplomatic relations with Venezuela would be resumed at once.

APPROVES MONROE DOCTRINE.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Ernest von Wildenbrueche, Emperor William's favorite contemporary poet, and sometimes for that reason called the court poet, has written an article on "Germany and the Monroe Doctrine," in which he says it is clearly in a line with Germany's interest and policy to join with the United States in maintaining the doctrine, and expresses the hope that the United States will extend her authority over all Latin America.

GROWING RATHER OLD.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—Russian newspapers claim that a man in a hospital at Tomsk is 200 years old. They say this statement is supported by documents. The man has been a widow for 123 years. He had a son who died in 1824, aged 90 years. He remembers seeing Peter the Great. He is bedridden, but mentally sound.

NEGROES TO BE HANGED.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 17.—Four negroes convicted of murder will be hanged in Mississippi tomorrow. Alexander Smith will be executed at Poplarville, Thomas Swain at Raleigh, Emanuel Walker at Indiole and Joseph Campbell at Yazoo City. Governor Longino has finally refused to interfere in any of the four cases.

HOCKEY IS ALL OVER THE POWERS

NELSON WON'T PLAY HERE UNDER ANY CONSIDERATION.

A SHABBY OFFER FOR VICS TO VISIT QUEEN CITY.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Nelson won't play hockey any more in Rossland this season. This was the answer returned to the management of the Victoria team as a reply to the overtures for a game on Friday. The Pletcher Creek men have gone home, and this probably puts an end to hockey for this season.

Yesterday afternoon a telephone message was received from Nelson to the effect that Rossland's proposition for a game on Friday had been turned down. The Vics offered \$50 per cent of the gross gate receipts or \$100 in cash for a match here, but Nelson's reply was that their men couldn't get away. A counter proposition was that the Vics should go to Nelson for a game. An offer of \$50 to cover expenses was made, and later it was proposed that Nelson should pay the travelling and hotel bills for nine Rossland players. Both offers were out of the question, and will not be entertained.

Manager Murphy then took his \$500 roll and hastened to Nelson to clinch the offer. By telephone yesterday it was learned that Nelson had again made qualifications that are practically certain to put an end to the negotiations. Nelson is willing to meet Sandon for a thousand a side, but the game must take place at Nelson or Sandon. The difficulty about that is that at neither place can any substantial amount of gate money be raised, and the players would be simply out of it. Nelson seems to have an aversion to playing in Rossland which is not borne out by their treatment here, nor by the following statement published in the Nelson News:

"President Joe Carter says that the Nelson team was splendidly received and treated like princes in Rossland. 'We have only a good word to say of our trip,' said Mr. Carter to a reporter of the Daily News last night. 'It was an amateur contest throughout. We got fair treatment on the ice and the people generally entertained us generously. They are all a little sore over their defeat but they took it in a true sportsmanlike way and cheered our victorious team nearly as well as they would have their own boys, had they the luck to win. There was nothing of the professional element here that day. We were for good sport and the cup and we got both.'"

The net outcome of the whole matter is that hockey is practically over for the winter of 1903.

COURT SAT LATE. Special Session of County Court Last Night.

Midnight oil was burned at the court house last night. His Honor Judge Forin's duties call him elsewhere, and it was necessary for him to finish the local docket as rapidly as possible, hence court sat late. Several matters of more than ordinary interest came up in the course of the afternoon and evening.

In M. Burns vs. D. Thomas, the defendant was ordered to pay into court the sum of \$58 within ten days or be committed for contempt. He was also instructed to pay \$45 costs into court in 30 days.

In Ruth Creal vs. Belle Burns, the defendant was ordered to return certain goods belonging to the plaintiff and wrongfully held by the defendant within two days or go to jail for contempt of court.

In Cromer vs. Bryan, a Trial case, the court stated that one or other of the parties to the action was guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury. He held that the onus to establish the case was with the plaintiff, and that as this had not been done the case would be dismissed.

In the case of Charles Weller vs. Bridgeford & Hering the action was dismissed. Defendants set up a contract to do certain work for \$2,500 and the plaintiff put in a bill of \$11 for the work. The court held that a contract did exist, and the action must fail.

KINDLY ACT—

Walter Hooper underwent an operation at the Sisters' hospital yesterday morning for the reduction of the thigh fracture sustained on the Washington street toboggan slide Saturday. The operation was performed by Doctors Coulthard and McKenzie, and was eminently successful. The physicians state that the leg will make a speedy and complete recovery unless the unforeseen occurs. During the afternoon John Climie Drewey, J. Stephen Deschamps and Archibald B. Mackenzie, drove to the hospital and presented young Hooper with a purse containing \$50 as an expression of sympathy for him. The lad's parents are in excellent circumstances and can pay his medical and hospital expenses without inconvenience, so that the testimonial was not in the way of charity at all, but merely a kindly expression of sympathy for the unfortunate victim of an accident occurring at a juncture when everyone was participating in festive events.

THE POWERS

IN CONCERT

A Joint Note to Turkey Makes Demands for Reforms.

Prospects of Serious Outbreak Occurring in Spring.

VIENNA, Feb. 17.—The Neue Freie Presse announces that the Austro-Russian note was submitted to the cabinets of Berlin, Paris, London and Rome, and that it will be presented to the Porte on February 19 unless the powers require a revision of it, in which case its presentation will be delayed until March 1st.

The reform proposals are chiefly of an administrative and financial nature, such as the Porte has hitherto promised but never executed. Another new feature is the appointment of a governor, not necessarily a Christian, who shall have authority to act without referring to the Porte in every contingency. It is believed in diplomatic circles that the Porte will oppose the appointment of such a governor, and it is seriously doubted whether the reforms will satisfy the Macedonians. The good faith of the Bulgarian government in ordering the recent arrests of Macedonians is also questioned, in view of the fact that the most prominent revolutionists managed to escape. A formidable outbreak in the early spring is considered by no means impossible.

The Sobranje today adopted a resolution approving the action of the government in suppressing the Macedonian committees. In the course of the discussion the premier, Dr. Danef, made an impassioned appeal to the house to support the government, saying that it was imperative to the welfare of Bulgaria that the present crisis should be met without delay, and that the people of Macedonia should be kept quiet and the scheme of pacification.

THE TURKISH GENERAL.

The nomination by the Sultan of Edhem Pasha to the command of the troops employed in quelling the insurrection in Macedonia, says the Marquis de Fontenay, marks the gravity of the situation in that part of the world. For Edhem is the field marshal who led the Turkish troops to victory in the war with Greece, signally defeating the Greek army, and would have captured Athens, had he not been betrayed by the Sultan in deference to the pre-emptory demands of the great powers of Europe, notably Russia. Edhem is a full fledged Turk, who first came to the front in the war with Russia in 1877, where he behaved with such bravery at Plevna, heading the last great sortie, that he was promoted to the rank of general on the death of the sultan, which he was carried dangerously wounded. Fortunately for himself, his activity after that war was mostly restricted to governing remote provinces and suppressing rebellions, so that he remained to a great extent aloof from and unharmed by the intrigues at Constantinople which have brought so many Turkish commanders and dignitaries to grief. He happened to be on the borders of Thessaly when the war between Turkey and Greece broke out, was made commander-in-chief of the forces, and the conflict showed himself, according to the verdict of the principal military authorities in Europe, to be a strategist of the first order. He is an upright, honest and brave Turk of the old school—that is to say, of the school to which Osman Pasha, Ghazi, the hero of Plevna, belonged.

LIGHTNING STRIKES UP.

The cause of death by lightning is the sudden absorption of the electric current. When a thundercloud which is highly charged with positive electricity hangs over any certain place, the earth beneath it becomes abnormally charged with the negative electric current, and a man, animal or other object standing or lying directly beneath the spark of the last mentioned influence. If, while the man, animal or other object is in this condition, a discharge takes place from the cloud above, the restoration of the equilibrium will be sudden and violent, or in language that we can all understand, the negative current from the earth will rush up to join the positive cloud current, and in passing through the object which separates the two currents, if it be an animate thing, will do so with such force as to almost invariably produce instant death. A person is really "struck" by the ground current, and not by the forked fury from above.

POLITICAL MATTERS.

The Election Cases—Settlement of Coal Troubles Wanted.

VICTORIA, Feb. 17.—The arrangements for a saw-off between Prior and Patterson, which were practically concluded some time since, are all off again. Today the government pressed for a date for the Patterson case to be heard to be set at once, but Judge Drake refused. Premier Prior himself is ill and confined to his house. There is a strong feeling here among business men that the minister of mines should personally visit Fernie and Nanaimo and attempt to solve the troubles there, as their continuance will be disastrous to business.

John Robinson, contractor, left last night for Vancouver.

A MANITOBA FORGER

ELEVATOR TICKETS STOLEN AND BANK ADVANCES SECURED.

A RAILWAY ENGINEER PERISHES IN A SEVERE BLIZZARD.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 16.—Within the past two days a serious case of forgery has developed at Brandon. Some time recently a number of grain tickets were stolen from the books of E. O'Reilly at Chater. The name of Mr. O'Reilly's agent at Chater was forged on a certain number of the tickets, and on these L. S. Patterson secured an advance of \$1,500 from the Bank of British North America at Brandon, and ever since the discovery detectives have been working on the case and the parties interested have been keeping it as quiet as possible.

Another elevator company at Forest is known to have had tickets stolen also. The number of tickets in this case was six, and on these the Imperial Bank at Brandon advanced \$1,100. The authorities are now on the trail of Patterson, endeavoring to effect his arrest.

The body of J. F. Vance, travelling engineer of the C. P. R., who perished near Battleford on Friday, reached Saskatoon today and will be taken to Strathcona for burial. Vance had left his team on the morning of Thursday, and in the storm of the afternoon had missed the tent, wandered about all night and was only found by a searching party at sunset on the evening of Friday, alongside the track. He had left his coat in the sleigh, and thus lightly clad endured the worst storm known for years. He had tried to light a fire, but from exhaustion failed and lay down where he was found. He was an experienced man, perfectly at home on the prairie and, but for the blizzard would have been all right.

Henderson's directory for Winnipeg, issued today, places the present population of the city at 63,560.

Count Maurice De Bosdari, who has been charged with forging the name of J. Pierpont Morgan for a large sum, is well known by the older government officials in the government here. The count was a clerk in the public works department in the years of 1885 and 1886.

THE MADIANA WRECK.

Passengers and Crew Had an Uncomfortable Experience.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Quebec line steamer Pretoria, which arrived today from Bermuda, brought eleven passengers and forty-nine members of the crew of the wrecked steamer Madiana.

Edwin Ives, of Montreal, N. J., tells an interesting story of the experiences of the passengers. They were awakened, he said, by the officers, and after reaching deck and donning life preservers returned to their state rooms to secure their belongings. By this time the lights had gone out, the steamer was filling with water, and the dashing of the waves on the vessel's side added to the confusion. The moon came out and provided light by which the passengers could arrange their clothing, but it was soon hidden by clouds and all huddled on the deck waiting for the unknown something to happen. This lasted for two hours, the seas all the time breaking over the stranded steamer and drenching the passengers and crew. The wind was blowing a gale and it was feared that the vessel would slip and be deep water. When day broke, however, it was found that she was firmly settled on the rocks and surrounded by reefs. Before this some one had found a box of rockets, but carelessly dropped a lighted match into the box, setting them all off at once, leaving the shipwrecked people without means of communication with the passing vessels. To add to the excitement the burning rockets set fire to the bridge and there was quite a blaze, which was extinguished by the big sea. Mr. Ives then related the story of the passengers being taken off by the Gladisier, and added:

"While the Madiana was still pounding on the rocks the work of pillage and destruction was begun by the wreckers. These fiends broke into the stores and the property of those on board. Some entered into the steward's store and found some wine. Many of them got drunk."

Rev. C. H. Dalrymple of Oakdale, Mass., said: "There was one brave woman who refused to leave the ship when the women were taken off. She would not go without her husband. The officers had some trouble with the crew. There were some foreigners, who became excited and wanted to get into the boat. This was before they were launched. They climbed into one of the boats and were evidently going to get off as soon as they could. Captain Fraser heard of their actions and went to the boat. 'I will shoot the first man who does not go to his place,' he shouted. His hand reached significantly toward his pocket. The men obeyed, and after that discipline was restored."

COUNTY COURT TODAY.

The List of Matters For Monthly Sitting Commencing This Morning.

County court opens at the provincial building this morning at 10:30 o'clock. His Honor Judge Forin will preside. The list of cases set down for hearing is as follows: Judgment Summons: Ruth Creal vs. Belle Burns, \$117.25; M. Burns vs. D. Thomas, \$43.56; Hunter Bros. vs. Margaret Yates, \$147.90; Alex. Gilchrist vs. J. G. McCallum, \$189.06. Adjudged Cases: Luff et al vs. T. S. Swell, \$129 rent; K. L. Burnet vs. Mary A. Owens, \$70, stands for settlement; A. Scott vs. G. R. and A. Wilcox, \$35.07 on promissory note; J. R. Macaulay vs. Hugh McGuire, \$24.50 for wood.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

F. G. A., Torrington, Conn.—The controlling interest in the Evening Star is owned by G. E. McAulay of Spokane, Wash., who expended a considerable sum of money some three years ago in exploration and development without satisfactory results. Since then the property has been closed down, and there is no indication of a resumption of activity in the near future. The property is well located on the main trend of the north belt ore bodies, and may come to the front at a later date.

M. & C., Kingston, Ont.—So far as we are aware, there has been no change in the situation respecting the Fairview. The projected deal for the disposal of the property to an English syndicate seems to have fallen through, but we are unable to give the exact status of the company's affairs at this juncture.

M. H. R., Munsville, N. Y.—Please write again giving the name of the first company you ask about more distinctly. We are unable to recognize the name in its present form. If you refer to the Primrose mine in the Lardeau district, we are credibly informed that it is being steadily developed with a splendid ore showing. Projected transportation facilities promise to give the Primrose economical shipping rates which will place the property on a producing basis. At present the ore must be packed out on horses and the excessive cost of this method has induced the company to allow its ore to remain in place for the present. The Miner will have regular and comprehensive news service from the mining country, and would be glad to add your name to its subscription list.

T. C. K., Winnipeg, Man.—The Deer Park mine was owned by the Deer Park Mining company, which spent all its capital in developing the property without satisfactory results. The Deer Park company was then formed, and this concern took a bond on the Hungry Man group on Rover creek. Some \$4000 was expended on this property, after which the bond lapsed. The concern is moribund, and so far as we are aware is out of existence to all intents and purposes.

E. D. S., Belvidere Road, Quebec—Kendall's work on British Columbian mines consists of a series of articles published in the E. C. Review of London, Eng., and afterwards brought out in book form by that journal.

E. H., Newark, N. J.—We are informed that the mine owned by the company you name is being operated steadily and the shipments of excellent ore are being made to the Trail smelter. The mine is credited with being in good shape so far as plant and other facilities are concerned and to have a considerable tonnage of ore in sight, much of which is high grade. The expense entailed in the construction of the tramway was the principal low price for silver, and lead have doubtless combined to prevent profits being divided up to date. We are only acquainted personally with one of the directors, and he is a Rossland man of absolute probity.

C. H. B., Schaghticoke, N. Y.—The total value of the shares which a company is entitled to issue under its articles of incorporation: 2. The shares held by the company to be sold as a means of securing capital for the development of the property and its equipment of the tramway etc.; 3. Shares issued to a party or parties for services rendered in connection with the formation of a company or for purchase or part purchase of a property acquired by the company; 4. Shares issued at a figure lower than the ruling market price or the intrinsic value of the stock; 5. Such shares would certainly be entitled to all profits distributed, in fact they are exactly on the same basis as any shares issued by a company; 6. Probably at five cents if purchased through a Rossland broker; the address of a reliable broker can be obtained from the advertising columns of the Miner. The property is not now on the active working list, largely because heavy snowfall prevents economical work; it is stated that operations on a considerable scale will be undertaken when the snow goes off in the course of a couple of months; 7. The property promises to become one of the biggest propositions in the Rossland camp; information as to the price of shares can be best obtained by corresponding with local brokers. Certificates bearing the endorsements you mention should be perfectly good and incontestable in law. There are exceptions, of course, where shares have become forfeited through non-payment of assessments after legal notice of levies, but you are doubtless aware whether any such disability exists in the case of your holdings.

W. G. W., Wetaskiwin, Alta.—We believe the property you mention will be opened this spring, and that its prospects for profitable operations are excellent. The second property is not being worked at this time. One reason is that its shafthouse was destroyed by fire last summer and has not been replaced yet. A shortage in the company's treasury possibly accounts for its inactivity, but we believe arrangements are being made now to place a large block of treasury stock at a good figure, which will mean a resumption of operations on a larger scale than at any time in the past.

STANDS FOR TRIAL.

The Simpson case came up again at the police court yesterday morning. No evidence was offered for the defence, and Judge Bouthlet stated that on going through the evidence carefully as submitted the previous day he had concluded the evidence adduced by the crown satisfied the defendant upon his trial. Accordingly a commitment was entered. During the afternoon the defendant appeared before His Honor Judge Forin in the county court sittings, pleaded not guilty to the charge of arson and elected for speedy trial. His honor stated that the date of the hearing would be fixed later. Meanwhile the defendant is at liberty, the previous bail bonds being renewed.

AMONG THE GIANT.

The Giant property to be really a fuel situation at the mine has gone ahead most a year since, and profitable development work has been fitted accruing from a party is not in a position to proceed with development. The Giant property is really a fuel situation at the mine has gone ahead most a year since, and profitable development work has been fitted accruing from a party is not in a position to proceed with development. The Giant property is really a fuel situation at the mine has gone ahead most a year since, and profitable development work has been fitted accruing from a party is not in a position to proceed with development.

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