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CORONER'S JURY FINDS JOHN BATEMAN GUILTY OF KILLING HIS WIFE

Evidence Showed Prisoner Tried to Secure Property and Had Threatened Her With Death—Wom. Neighbors Saw Hatchet on Floor and Were Menaced By Bateman—Prisoner Wouldn't Answer Queries.

(By a Staff Reporter.)
OSHAWA, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—John Bateman, aged 77 years, will be tried for the cold-blooded murder of his wife, whom he married eight years ago thru a newspaper advertisement.
After an inquest conducted all day by Coroner Hoif in Temperance Hall, at Cedarvale, a little village just outside the borders of the town, the jury at 11 o'clock tonight returned a verdict to the effect that Sarah Allerton Bateman had died on Sept. 5 as the result of injuries inflicted by her husband.

A dozen witnesses related details in connection with the crime and stories on oath went to show that domestic infidelity had existed in the Bateman household and that for years they had squabbled over money matters. Bateman had endeavored repeatedly to induce his wife to turn over her property, worth about \$2500, to him, but she had steadfastly refused.
The murdered woman was fond of cats, and Bateman's affections didn't run in this direction, with consequent quarrels, and Bateman, altho he does not lead the hot temper, one that was difficult to curb.

Separated Two Years Ago.
Two years ago the aged prisoner signed an agreement of separation, the stipulation being that if he ever returned to his wife's home he would be considered a trespasser and subject to arrest, but the old man returned within a year. As a climax to this drama, a week ago, just as the villagers were stirring from their homes, a cry was raised that the Bateman home was afire, investigation bringing to light that Mrs. Bateman had been struck several times on the head with an ax and her skull broken in several places. She was found dying on the floor of her bedroom in her night apparel by neighbors. Coal oil had been soaked in the mattress, which was in flames. The husband was accused of the murder, but he merely placed his hands in his pockets and sauntered down the road. He displayed no concern whatever in attending to witnesses, even during the moments after the discovery of his wife's remains.

When the inquest was under way, with direct accusations against him being made by witnesses, he sat with his chin on his chest and evinced little or no interest. Even when the skull of the woman was placed on the table before him with the gaping holes no longer winced.
On one occasion when a witness declared that he tried to get his wife's money he hissed, "You lie, you lie."
Colonel Farewell of Whitby, crown prosecutor, called the accused man to the stand in the afternoon, but on the advice of his counsel, G. D. Conant of Oshawa, Bateman would give no replies to questions touching on the crime or anything else.
According to the criminal code, said Mr. Conant, it was unnecessary to give testimony which might incriminate himself. Colonel Farewell disagreed with this. Mr. Conant declined to allow Bateman to testify anyway, even if a contempt of court charge were the result. Despite this, Colonel Farewell

Fair Play to G. T. P. Employees

GUELPH, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The following letter was received by Acting Secretary Simpson today and read to the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress:

Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of Sept. 10, in reference to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and its treatment of employees. It is, and will be, the aim of the government to secure, as far as possible, fair treatment for the employees of public service companies in receipt of government aid, and we are still hopeful that the difficulties heretofore existing in the Grand Trunk Pacific will be satisfactorily adjusted.

Very truly yours,
Frank Cochrane.

JOHNSON'S WIFE TWICE TRIED SUICIDE

Often Said She Was Tired of Living, Says Champion Pugilist at Inquest—He Also Tried to Commit Suicide on Two Occasions, But Was Prevented.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—(Can. Press.)—Mrs. Etta Duryea Johnson, the white wife of Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist, died a suicide, after wrecking her health in caring for her husband, who was a victim of nervous prostration and had been afflicted with suicidal mania for a year on account of injuries and exertion during his fight with Jeffries. This was the testimony of Johnson at the inquest here today over the body of Mrs. Johnson, who shot herself in her apartment over the champion's saloon.
Johnson said that the nature and extent of his sufferings after the championship fight had been kept secret by his wife and himself.
"I am still suffering from the effects of that fight to some extent," he said. Johnson gave his testimony in tears. He declared that his wife's efforts to keep him from committing suicide were what broke down her own health. He said:
"I believe that I incurred brain fever or some similar derangement from the exertions of the Jeffries fight and the heat that prevailed at the time. I was not myself for a year, but the secret was closely kept between me and Mrs. Johnson. She saved me twice when I tried to choke myself to death. She seized me and struggled with me and prevented the act. She had an awful time taking care of me for over a year. I am telling this now only in justice to my wife. It never has been told before."

Tired of Living.
Testifying as to his wife's suicidal mania, Johnson said: "During the last two years she often told me she was tired of living. She tried twice before to kill herself. Once she attempted to jump out of a window in a London hotel and before that she tried to jump from a train out west. I did everything I could to make her happy and spent money on her lavishly, but most of the time she seemed despondent. Her father died four months ago and since then she seemed more nervous and despondent than ever.
"I employed two maids to watch her after she attempted to end her life for the first time and one of them was constantly with her. Yesterday morning she seemed in especially good spirits. The stories that there was much domestic trouble between my wife and my mother and sister are untrue. They both were very fond of her."

REV. FATHER RUSSELL DEAD

Distinguished Jesuit and Noted Writer Passed Away in Dublin.
DUBLIN, Sept. 12.—(Can. Press.)—Rev. Matthew Russell, a distinguished Jesuit, died today. He was born in 1834. He was a noted writer and had edited from its beginning in 1873 the Irish Monthly, a little Dublin magazine, in which appeared some of the earliest contributions of writers who later gained fame.

FRIGHTENED HIS FAMILY

Alexander Eyer Fired Several Shots From His Revolver.
Alexander Eyer, 87 Geoffrey street, drew a revolver and sent three shots into the ceiling of his home last night at about 10 o'clock. His wife was in the room when he fired the shots; his children were in bed. The man was not responsible for his actions as he was crazed with rage over news from a prolonged spree.

NEW ZEALAND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BILL

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Sept. 12.—(C. A. P.)—The Times correspondent states the new legislative council bill, which was introduced yesterday, merely provides for the reduction of the term of future appointments to council from seven to three years. It is understood that if the council remains obdurate as it did with regard to the former measure, the premier will submit.

G. T. P. HOLDING GOVERNMENT TO CONTRACT

Railway at Conference With Premier Intimates It Will Operate Sections of Transcontinental Only on Condition That Federal Authorities Shoulder Responsibility for Possible Losses.

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Vice-President Smithers and President Chamberlin of the Grand Trunk Pacific were closeted with Premier Borden and members of the cabinet for more than an hour this afternoon. The discussion, it is understood, related to a proposition made to Major Leonard of the Transcontinental Commission in connection with the letting of what is known as district F or McArthur contract section of the road which is now completed.
After the meeting it was stated officially that there was nothing to give out. Further conferences with Messrs. Smithers and Chamberlin, he said, would be held, but just at the present stage nothing could be said.
It is understood that the railway officials have made an offer to the government that the G. T. P. Co. take over any section of the Transcontinental which it was desired to have placed in operation, the government taking the earnings and paying expenses; any profit or loss which might occur as a result of the operation to go to capital account. If the operation showed a profit, capital account would be reduced accordingly, and if it showed a loss, capital account would be increased that amount.
To Get Fifty Year Lease.
The Grand Trunk Pacific officials, it is said, will press this claim, on the ground that it is in accordance with the spirit of the agreement with the Laurier government. The agreement stipulates that on the completion of the line the company shall take a fifty-year lease, or at least until they can get a direct connection with the U. S. R. system and enjoy a thru traffic. Whether the government is prepared to accept the terms of the company is proposing it is difficult to say just now, but it is believed that a fair solution will be reached in a day or two.

ESCAPED FROM BLAZING BALLOON

Aeronaut Descended Safely in Parachute After Being Carried Up 2000 Feet.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 12.—(Can. Press.)—Hundreds of terrified spectators on the county fair grounds today breathlessly watched the desperate fight against death made by Frank Armstrong, an aeronaut, when he was carried 2000 feet into the air by a blazing balloon. Armstrong, whose home is in Celina, Ohio, was preparing to make an ascension and was straightening out his parachute rigging, when the balloon caught fire and he started helplessly to go. Fighting like mad to release his parachute, the aeronaut was carried up in a tangle of ropes.
He succeeded in cutting loose a moment before the flames reached the parachute, and the blazing balloon collapsed. Armstrong made a successful drop, landing inside the race track.

FARMER INJURED

James Hoars of Whitby Fell Into Hole in Yard.
James Moore, 66 years of age, a retired farmer, living near Whitby, Ont., was brought to the General Hospital yesterday in a serious condition. He fell into a hole in his backyard and broke his right arm in three places and fractured his hip. He will recover.

FELL FROM SHED.

Willie Morton fell from a shed at the rear of his home at 713 West Queen street yesterday evening and broke one of his thighs. He was taken to the Sick Children's Hospital.

DULUTH—SUPERIOR EARNINGS.

Duluth Superior Traction gross earnings for the first week of September were \$24,829, an increase of \$1795. Gross earnings since Jan. 1 increased \$14,823.55.

GOVERNMENT CREATES NEW COURSES IN AGRICULTURE EXCLUSIVE TO TEACHERS

Experts Have Hitherto Been Unable to Devote Proper Time and Care to School Classes—New Courses will Give Graduates Necessary Qualifications to Act as Teachers of General Subjects, as Well as Specialists on Science and Agriculture—Students Will Be Helped by Scholarships.

In an effort to raise the standard of agricultural pursuits, the provincial government has effected an important change by providing new combined courses in agriculture and science at Toronto, Queen's and McMaster universities. These will be provided next session and will necessitate two years' study at any one of the three mentioned seats of learning, and two years at the O.A.C., and upon graduation the student obtains the degree of B. Sc. Agr.
Sir James Whitney states that the present system has been successfully operated for the past few years, there is every need for a radical change on account of the pressure of appointments as government representatives; its appointees have not been able to give sufficient time to their classes conducted in continuation schools and collegiate institutes which the importance of the subject necessitates. It is with a view to securing for agriculture its proper share of education that the new courses have been originated, which will qualify the successful graduates to hold positions as regular members of school staffs exclusively.
The statement proceeds:
"Twenty years ago the departments of education and agriculture jointly adopted for the counties a scheme of agricultural education, under which graduates of the Ontario Agricultural College are appointed to assist and direct farmers, and to teach agriculture in the high and continuation schools, and in discharging the former duty, as representatives of the department of agriculture, the appointees have been eminently successful, but they are unable to discharge satisfactorily their duties as teachers in the secondary schools, partly owing to the pressure and importance of their duties as representatives and partly to the difficulties connected with arranging for their classes in the public schools. Experience has accordingly shown the necessity to secure for the subject of agriculture a regular member of the school staff. For some years, however, not all the time of such teacher would be available for the subject of agriculture, and accordingly, at the request of the minister of education, the Universities of Toronto, Queen's and McMaster have established the new degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B.Sc. Agr.) the courses for which cover four years, the first two being taken at the universities, and the last two at the Ontario Agricultural College. These courses provide a good general education, as well as a special knowledge of both science and agriculture. The foregoing courses will be provided next session at the universities and the colleges, and students in attendance at the university who have already completed the two-year course prescribed, may enter the college as soon as it opens in October. After a year's professional training at either of the faculties of education, the holder of the new degree B. Sc. Agr. will be granted a specialist's certificate in both science and agriculture, which will qualify him to teach both science and agriculture in a high or continuation school or a collegiate institute.
Under the new arrangement of the representative will continue to discharge his duties as such and will, in addition, conduct, under the school board concerned, classes for farmers and farmers' sons throughout the country, while the holder of the new specialist's certificate will teach agriculture in the secondary schools, and, if need be, the science and some of the classes of the general program.
Gives a Scholarship.
With a view to furthering the success of the scheme, the government will give, at the end of each of the two years taken at the Ontario Agricultural College, a scholarship of \$100 to each candidate for the degree who passes the final examinations of the year, and is recommended therefor by the president of the college. Moreover, as soon as the new class of specialists is available, the government will continue to grant for the encouragement of students in agriculture in the high and continuation schools and the collegiate institutes, in the form of contributions to their maintenance and additions to their teachers' salaries.
Since the appointment of a director, agricultural teaching in the public schools has made rapid progress. As was shown at the Exhibition last week, school gardens are being provided and classes are being established all over the province. The provision set forth above for the high schools rounds off a complete scheme of public and high school education in agriculture, and the prospects are that in a few years the subject will take an important place in the programs of the provincial schools.
Agricultural Reader.
To further the study of this subject, the department of education announces that it is preparing an agricultural reader for the public and separate of the same general character as the third form history and geography readers, which have proved so successful. The book will not be a textbook, but a conveyer, in an interesting form, information which every farmer should possess, and which will be valuable in connection with the practical work done in the schools.

HON. S. HUGHES OFF TO FRANCE

After Attending Manoeuvres to the King at Aldershot.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—(C. A. P.)—Col. Hughes and Major Robertson have left for Lowndes, France, to attend the grand manoeuvres which began yesterday. They were accompanied by Gen. Wilson, Major Farquhar and Col. McDonogh, British representatives. Col. Hughes returns at the beginning of the week in time for the opening of the grand manoeuvres at Aldershot and district, on which occasion the Canadian minister will be introduced to King George, who will himself be present as head of the army.
The officers will be quartered during the manoeuvres at Cambridge College.

FALSE ALARMS AT THE ISLAND

Capt. Goodwin Was Out Three Times With Fire Tug as Result of Alleged Jokes.

Three false alarms were rung in from Centre Island last night, and as a consequence the fire tug made several unnecessary trips. On one occasion only was there a fire of any kind in the vicinity of the island at all. If the officials get hold of the man or men responsible for the ringing in of the false alarms they will deal with them summarily. Captain Goodwin has been ill of late and was kept out half the night as a result of the alleged jokes.

PROUET SEEKING FEDERAL POST?

Nationalist Member's Claims to Position of Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue Being Pressed.

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Considerable interest and speculation hang around the pending appointment of a deputy minister of inland revenue to succeed W. J. Gerahy, whose resignation of that position goes into effect on Oct. 15.
It is declared that Hon. Bruno Nantel is urging the appointment of a French deputy and that Dr. Prouet, the Nationalist member for L'Islet, is favored for the berth. On the other hand, it is said that the claims of at least two English-speaking officials, who have had wide experience in the department, are being urged by other members of the cabinet and influential party members.

BUY FURS NOW.

Leaving the purchase of a fur garment to the last moment isn't very good policy. At least that is the opinion Mr. William Dineen, president of the Dineen Company, expressed yesterday.
"Of course, we are busy," said Mr. Dineen, "but nothing to what we will experience when the frosty days loom up. You know it seems strange that most people should leave fur buying to the last hour; but they always do and it makes it mighty hard for the furrier. In a rush it is simply impossible to give every order the attention it deserves. Now, today, we are able to give special service to all our customers, and the stock is very large and complete. Certainly the prices are lower than they will be later on if we are to judge by the market reports here."
The Dineen stock embraces every new design, in all the best and most exclusive furs. The showrooms at 140 Yonge street are well worth a visit.

NO FALL SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

Hon. Mr. Foster's Intention to Revisit England Strengthens Impression at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The cabinet held another short session this afternoon, but only routine departmental business was taken up.
The impression that the house will not meet until after the Christmas holidays is heightened by the announcement that Hon. George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, will leave on Sept. 27 for London to attend a meeting of the Imperial trade commission. It is believed that were it the intention to meet parliament in November Mr. Foster would cancel the engagement in England.

ZAPATISTAS EXECUTED

Twenty-two Pay Penalty on Being Captured by Federals.

TOLUCA, Mexico, Sept. 12.—(Can. Press.)—Twenty-two Zapatistas who were captured yesterday in a battle with federal troops near San Mateo, State of Mexico, were executed today under the terms of the proclamation suspending constitutional guarantees. John Gill, a British mining man, was succumbed to a band of Zapatistas and rescued from a band of Zapatistas and brought to Toluca by Lieut. Liebano, who returned today from an expedition into the rebel country, after having killed Gill of 1000 pesos and his clothing. The rebels carried him away.

SCHOOL BOARDS TO JOIN REVOLT

Resentment Against Bilingual Regulations to Take Active Form at Tilbury and Elsewhere.

TILBURY, Sept. 12.—It is believed now that the local separate school board will follow the example of the Ottawa Board in putting up a fight against bilingual regulations of the Whitney government. Expectation also is that numerous French schools in Essex and Kent counties will likewise insist that French as well as English be taught in the schools.
A striking feature of the tenacity of the French for their language is the fact that 185 young men from Essex colleges are now attending Quebec their education in French.

No Action in Cornwall.

CORNWALL, Ont., Sept. 12.—The Cornwall Separate School Board will take no action in connection with the separate school board, Premier Whitney relative to the teaching of French in the separate schools.
Interviewed with a number of prominent French-Canadians here showed their unanimous approval of the action of the Ottawa board.
Will Abide by Law.
WINDSOR, Ont., Sept. 12.—In conversation with your correspondent this afternoon, George Paichard, chairman of the local separate school board, stated that he did not approve of any such action as Ottawa proposed. "When the law exists on the statutes, we will certainly abide by it," said Mr. Paichard, who further states that the local separate school board will take no such action if he can prevent it.

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