

VANCOUVER'S MURDER.

Ashford Committed by the Coroner's Jury—The Evidence Taken in the Case.

Prisoner Said to Have High English Connections—He Professes Entire Ignorance.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—At 2:30 to-day Ashford, the murderer of his wife and child, when grey, wild-eyed and crippled by close confinement and nervous prostration, was brought before the coroner at the city buildings. A jury was empaneled and the investigation commenced immediately.

Whether assumed or real, the prisoner acted like a man completely out of his mind, groaning, shivering and peering around in a suspicious way, his eyes incessantly shifting and rolling in an uncanny fashion.

Little Mildred Ashford, the only eye-witness of the tragedy, was next examined, her evidence given in a timid voice, being confirmatory of the account given by the coroner as her deposition at the hospital, when it was feared she would die.

Witness knew of no quarrel between his father and father.

George Moore, expressman, spoke of Ashford saying to him the day before the murder that he was independent of the Canadian Pacific railroad and that he had good news that hereafter he was going to receive \$10 a day from England forever.

Sergeant Hayward having given evidence as to Ashford's arrest, the prisoner was asked if he had anything to say.

The jury after deliberating for ten minutes returned a verdict of "willful murder."

Mr. Moore appeared for the Crown, Magistrate Jordan took the bench as the coroner of the inquest and asked prisoner, after reading the charge of murder to him, if he had anything to say.

The prisoner was then taken to Westminster to await his trial before Magistrate Jordan, next Friday.

Ashford, it is said, claims to belong to the nobility of England and people enquired at the education and refinement of the man who has been engaged for five years working a freight truck on the Canadian Pacific railroad.

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BOSSBACH REPUDED.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—A great sensation has been created in all classes of society in the Dominion by the utterances of Rev. Father Bossbach, who preached a sermon at the request of the Roman Catholic church, abruptly declared that if St. John could now speak he would say that the only true religion was found in the bosom of the holy mother church, and that all others were shams and frauds.

Of the incident L'Electeur says: "It is our duty to declare the preacher who so brutally insulted his Protestant hearers by belittling the Protestant religion is a fraud in a religious sense."

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The employees of the general post office in London, as well as the large sub-post-offices in the metropolis, are rejoicing over the fact that a reform which John Haras, the labor leader, demanded at the hands of Postmaster Mr. Morley just before his departure for this country has been the custom of higher and lower officials.

SEVERELY SCOURGED. NORWICH, Minn., Dec. 27.—The little town of Vesley, thirteen miles east of here, is sorely afflicted.

ROME, Dec. 29.—The supporters of the late King of Naples, the late King of Naples, have issued a manifesto declaring Count de Caserta his successor.

SURPRISED AND INDIGNANT. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Daily News correspondent in Berlin says that the Emperor was surprised and indignant when he learned that his offer to increase Prince Hohenzollern's salary had become known.

TORONTO TOPICS. TORONTO, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The Empire makes the following statement regarding an interview with Hon. Mr. Laurier on the political situation.

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SAFELY ARRIVED. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The bark Sea King, another of the overdue vessels, coal-laden, arrived this afternoon, twenty-four days from Nanaimo.

ROCKVILLE, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Mallory, one of the oldest residents of the Rockville district, is dead.

CABLE NEWS.

France Completing Arrangements for War With Madagascar—Lord Randolph Churchill.

The Marquis of Lorne to Be a Judge in the "Statist's" Competition.

VICTORIA, Dec. 27.—Francis II, the last King of the two Sicilies and Naples, whose death at Arco has been already announced, was a son of Ferdinand II, and sought to rule the people in the despotie style of his father.

BUDA PESTH, Dec. 28.—The Emperor has accepted the resignation of the Wokro ministry. Premier Dr. Wokro has informed his party that he had not the full confidence of the crown.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The body of Mrs. William Astor will be shipped to New York to-morrow by the Aurania.

GENOA, Dec. 28.—The appeal court here confirmed to-day the sentence of Captain Romani, a French officer who was a month ago condemned for spying to fourteen months imprisonment and a fine of 1,200 francs.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The French government is constructing with all possible rapidity twelve gunboats and sixteen barges, which will be sent in sections to Madagascar for the use of the French expedition.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Marquis of Lorne has consented to act as judge in the Statist's prize competition for schemes of Imperial customs union.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—An order has been issued prohibiting socialists from attending the theatres in any considerable numbers during the holidays.

ROME, Dec. 27.—A bomb was exploded near the official residence of the United States ambassador last night.

BURNO ABERS, Dec. 28.—The Government has published a decree that the ports of Santa Fe, Rosario and Calcutta are to be closed with effect from Dec. 28.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The great social scheme of General Booth is something more than an impracticable dream.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Marshal Carrozet is seriously ill with inflammatory gonorrhea.

ROME, Dec. 29.—It is announced that the United States has conceded Italy's request for the admission of Italian sulphur duty free.

VENICE, Dec. 29.—Small Pasha, son of Ibrahim Pasha, grandson of Mehmet Ali, Khedive of Egypt, is dying in Constantinople.

OSLON, Dec. 28.—The Norwegian steamer Fry, 2,000 tons, is off Trondhjem and has taken off her crew.

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NEWFOUNDLAND'S FINANCES. ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 29.—The government proposed to guarantee the notes of the Union and Commercial banks was passed in the assembly last night by a strict party vote after a strong fight.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Departure of Lady Thompson and Friends for Halifax to Attend the Funeral.

List of Successful Candidates at the Civil Service Examinations at Victoria.

From Our Own Correspondent. OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—A proclamation will appear in the Canada Gazette to-morrow regarding the return of the Chinese laborers.

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WASHERTON, Dec. 28.—The State department confirms the Shanghai dispatch stating that the United States has demanded satisfaction from China because of breach of faith in connection with the execution of the Japanese spies.

GLADSTONE'S THANKS. LONDON, Dec. 29.—Mr. Gladstone has expressed, through the newspapers, his thanks for birthday congratulations.

HALIFAX, Dec. 28.—The Liberals carried the bye-election for Richmond yesterday, electing Harrison for the legislature by 206 majority.

MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT for Man and Beast! Langley & Co., Wholesale Agents for British Columbia.

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