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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. T. J. Sullivan has been to New York and Scranton, Pa., on a business trip.

—Miss Ethel Greer, of Toronto, is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. A. Greer, 391 Oxford Street.

—At the Foresters' concern in Dresden this evening, Miss Myra Pickard, of this city, will sing.

—Mr. James McCormick, who has been connected for a number of years with Messrs. R. C. Struthers & Co., has accepted a position with the firm of Spital, Sablin & Co.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

After the Cole charge had been heard and judgment reserved, the police court resumed yesterday at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the charge against Frank Watson, breaking into the Dominion oatmeal mills was heard. Magistrate Love also reserved his decision in the case until Friday.

CHURCH CONCERN.

The Epworth League of the Empress Avenue Methodist Church gave a concert last evening. The programme consisted of readings, solos and instrumental music, and was very much enjoyed by a large audience. The choir was taken by the pastor, Rev. T. E. Harrison, and the following took part: Miss Walker, Alma College; Miss Wilson, Miss C. Wilson, Miss McBroom and Mr. Ernest Monie.

FAAREBURG DAY.

Saturday is Faareburg Day—an occasion to be commemorated by all Canadians. There is no reason why it should be left to the military people to do all the celebrating. It is altogether likely that the day will be celebrated by the school children of the city. Friday, of course, will be observed, when flags will be seen in profusion and the afternoon will be given over to patriotic exercises; while on Saturday, of course, will be observed.

DR. DRUMMOND IN LONDON.

Dr. Drummond is already assured of a large audience to hear him on his first appearance in this city at the Collegiate Institute this evening. Crowded houses greeted him on several successive evenings in Toronto, and those who are most anxious to hear him tonight are those who were fortunate enough to have heard him elsewhere. It is interesting to note that Dr. Drummond is only a French-Canadian by adoption, and is really a genuine Irishman from the old sod. The presence, also, of Miss McCoy, soprano soloist of Dundas Center Church, and of Mr. Hewlett, so well known to the citizens of London, is sufficient guarantee that the programme this evening will be one of the best combined musical and literary events of the season. Doors will open at 7:30.

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SOLE AGENT.

The Shooting of Wilson Done in Self-Defense

The Act of Detectives Nickle and Egerton Justified.

Finding of the Jury in the Case of the Dead Burglar.

Revolvers Show That One Shot Was Fired by "Billy"—Several Witnesses Called.

That the shooting of "Shorty Billy," the burglar, by Detectives Nickle and Egerton was justified, was the verdict brought in by the coroner's jury empaneled to inquire into the circumstances of the shooting. The inquiry lasted something over four hours, and at its conclusion the verdict exonerated the detectives was brought in, the jury being out but a few minutes. Six witnesses and the physician who made the post-mortem examination, were sworn. They were James McCormick, in whose house the shooting occurred, Mrs. Richardson, her wife; Detectives Nickle and Egerton, P. C. Down and Ralph, and Dr. Kingsmill.

The testimony of the latter showed that death was caused by the bullet, which entered the burglar's chest, the wound behind the ear not being a fatal one. The evidence, as a whole, proved to be even more in favor of the officers than the stories which had previously been given out concerning the shooting, and went to show that the detectives had not shot before they had reason to do so. On all points the jury was in agreement. The evidence of the witnesses was practically the same. In the course of Mrs. Richardson's evidence it was brought out that, burglar though he was, "Shorty Billy" had his weaknesses, and just a few minutes previous to the shooting he had been drinking some sugar water which he had taken from the house.

His partner, "Texas," was stirring the taffy on the stove when the light began to flicker. "Shorty Billy" was outside cutting the wood with which to keep the fire going to boil it.

The jury were Messrs. John I. Hunt (foreman), J. G. Platt, John Garner, G. W. Kent, John Trebilcock, Harry Struthers, Richard Bland, T. E. McCormick, James A. Mack, and Robert Whitton and A. G. McLeod.

THE MAN OF THE HOUSE.

The first witness called was James McCormick. He lived at 381 Ridout Street and was a brass molder. He had known Wilson since a short time before Christmas. He wouldn't swear just when it was he first knew the deceased. He had made no inquiries regarding Wilson or as to what he was doing at the house.

Wilson had made the working at 6 o'clock.

He was as to board with witness wife. In the evening he had sat and talked with Wilson, though he had never asked him his name. He was told Wilson's name by his (witness) wife. Wilson was always at the house when the witness returned from work at 6 o'clock.

"You didn't suspect he was doing what he shouldn't do?" asked the coroner.

"No, sir. I didn't have any idea of anything of the kind," replied the witness.

The witness said his boarder was in the habit of going out in the evenings to the skating rink, but always returned again before he (witness) went to bed. This would be about 10:30 or 11 o'clock. There was nothing in Wilson's actions to make the witness suspicious.

"You were surprised when he was shot?"

"Yes, sir."

Witness, continuing, said he reached his home a few minutes after the shooting. The body of Wilson was lying on the front room floor. He was dead. To Mr. McKillop the witness stated that Wilson and "Texas" had been at his house a week or more after Christmas. Then they were away for a couple of weeks. Witness did not think they went away again after

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VISIT OF LEAGUES.

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Rev. A. K. Birks, the pastor of the Colborne Street Church, extended a welcome to the visitors, and the many kinds words uttered were replied to by Rev. A. G. Harris, of Lambeth, formerly of the Centennial, East London.

Music, recitations and readings made up the programme. It was some portion of the human body. After the programme refreshments were served. The Colborne Street and Lambeth leagues have visited each other for several years past, and the occasions have always been the source of much pleasure to both.

"AROUND THE WORLD."

"Around the World in Eighty Minutes," is the title of a very interesting illustrated lecture given by the Roberts Entertainment Company at Elizabeth Street Christian Church last evening. The views shown were very good and were appreciated by a large audience.

THE SHOOTING OF WILSON

He always called the deceased "Billy," and "Texas" was his pet name. So far as the witness knew neither man had any occupation.

"And you allowed them to stay?"

"Yes, sir. They seemed to be respectable young men, and, of course, I didn't think much about them, as long as they gave me any reason for suspicion."

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"Just as soon as they went in."

"Where were you then?"

"In the room opposite."

"How many shots did you hear?"

"Three."

"Did you go into the room then?"

"No, I ran out the front door. The boy (Wilson) was lying outside, head to the tap. I tried to raise his head, but I saw he was dying."

Eljah took the revolver out of Billy's hands, and threw them away. She was so excited she did not know where the weapons went. She held Wilson's head up between her hands. Then the detectives came out with "Texas" and she cried again, "Oh, Jimmy, poor Billy's dead!"

Two young men happened along, and they assisted her to carry the dying man to the house. He was dead before he was laid down on the bed. This concluded Mrs. Richardson's evidence.

THE TALE OF ELIJAH.

Eljah Maudsley, son of Mrs. Richardson, was the next witness. He was a wood-finisher by trade, but since last September he had not worked. He slept at home, and said Wilson was always at home at night. Wilson had told the witness he was buying grain for a big elevator. He always appeared to have plenty of money.

"Jimmy" (Texas), said he was selling jewelry, but never said for what house. Neither had he ever shown the witness any samples. On the day of the tragedy Eljah was at home, reading. While Mr. Egerton was in the room to search his brother's room, witness talked with Detective Nickle in the parlor. "Billy" came in the room while they were talking. "Jimmy" was there also. "Billy" asked "Jimmy" if he would help him saw some wood, and "Jimmy" answered yes.

Then "Billy" asked the witness to help him. Witness agreed, and went outside. When outside he heard cries, and a voice shouting, "Billy, Billy, Billy!" At the time "Billy" and "Jimmy" were in the sawhouse. The voice crying "Billy" was Jimmy's. "Texas" voice was raised very loud—more of a cry than a shout. Perhaps it was repeated more than three times. The cries were close together.

Witness then ran into the house, to where the scramble was, but didn't get in. He just got to the door of the kitchen. The door was shut but he opened it and looked in. A gun was pointed at his head, and he was ordered out by Detective Egerton. Witness then ran outside again, and Billy opened the door and witness went in.

"What happened then?"

"He looked in."

"How close were you to him?"

"What did 'Billy' do then?"

"I was around the corner of the house, and couldn't see, but I heard shots fired."

"How many?"

"Five or six."

"I am sure there were five."

"Are you sure there were five shots?"

"Yes, perhaps there were but four."

When witness reached the front door Detective Nickle was standing in the hall by the kitchen door, pointing a revolver toward the front door. The gun was pointed at the witness. The detective shouted to him:

"Get out, or I'll shoot you."

THREW THE GUNS AWAY.

Witness turned and went to go around to the back, but saw Billy staggering toward the tap. At the tap, "Billy" did not fall, but lowered himself as if he was trying to get out. Witness hurried to him. "Billy" did not speak to him, however. Witness grabbed the hand in which he held the pistol, and witness was nickel-plated and the other was on the ground about three feet from him. Witness threw the pistols out of "Billy's" reach, and ran for the ambulance. Witness never knew that "Billy" or "Texas" had weapons on their persons. He knew, however, that they both had pistols.

He had seen them in their suit cases. He saw two in Billy's one day, and two in Jimmy's another day. Some were in the house, and some were in the car. He didn't think they were queer characters to own so many pistols.

He saw Mr. McKillop witness said that when he and "Billy" went outside, he heard "Billy" at the shutters. This was before the fight occurred, and was at the time he (witness) was putting on his hat to go out to help cut the wood. When he saw Billy running toward the tap, he had two pistols in his hand. He took the pistols, and he felt he dropped one pistol, keeping the other in his hand. When the witness threw the pistols away, he lost the one until 10 minutes after the shooting. The constable asked him where the pistols were and he showed him. The two revolvers taken possession of by P. C. Down were the ones "Billy" had in his hands.

To the coroner, the witness said he never told anyone that "Billy" shot first.

The coroner—You told me that, and showed me the hole in the glass.

Witness—No, sir. I did not.

"You don't remember telling me that?"

"No, sir. I do not."

The coroner did not press the question and Maudsley was allowed to leave the box.