

HOW DID IT GET HERE?

Much Mystery Surrounds Hon. Adam Beck's Letter.

Aldermen Were Prepared to Leave Council Chamber.

Thought Scheme Was on Foot After Mayor Left.

Much mystery surrounds the letter from Hon. Adam Beck read to the aldermen at the council meeting last night. Not the least mysterious feature of it is how it came to be placed on City Clerk Kent's desk after the office was closed at 5 o'clock.

Some of the aldermen who have had their eyes opened to the jockeying that has been going on, and whose suspicions were aroused by the mysterious way in which Mr. Beck's letter was delivered, came within an ace of walking out of the council chamber shortly after Mayor McLaren left last night.

The letter from Mr. Beck declaring that the Commission has at last taken a final stand and will go no further than permitting the amendment to clause 2 b. granting the city the right to take power from whatever source it sees fit, and considering Hamilton's distance from the Falls, is adjusting the annual cost, has the aldermen guessing. This is a direct right-about from the impression Mr. Beck left with the Mayor.

Mayor McLaren today characterized the statement that the Beach Park scheme was killed because the Government owns the 375 feet from the Freed property to the water's edge, as foolish. In fact, he says, it is a much better reason why the scheme should be proceeded with.

The executive committee of the Canadian Cement and Concrete Association held in Toronto last evening and appointed sub-committees in Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Hamilton and Toronto, to consult with their boards of trade and civic authorities and learn the advantages and facilities they may offer for the next convention, which will be held about March 1.

The Police Commissioners will meet at noon tomorrow.

W. Holton secured a permit to-day for a brick house on Beulah avenue, south of South street, for Robert Weston, to cost \$1,700.

J. H. Smith, Supreme Grand President, and other Grand Lodge officers of the Sons of England are in the city to-day to attend Acorn Lodge's semi-jubilant banquet to-night.

Big Oil Fire.

Beaumont, Texas, Nov. 9.—During rain and electrical storms yesterday lightning played havoc with oil property. Lightning set fire to the Gulf Refining Company's 55,000-barrel tank of naphtha at Port Arthur.

RED WIDOW AGGRESSIVE.

Several Lively Tilts Between Her and Judge.

Cries Out For Pity But Got None From Judge.

Evidence of Experts That Favored Prisoner.

Paris, Nov. 9.—"Have pity on me: I am an unhappy woman who should not be tortured!" This cry came from Mme. Steinhil to-day during the testimony of the jewelers with reference to the changes of jewelry confided to them by the prisoner.

Mme. Steinhil is on trial for the murder of her husband and stepmother. She admitted anew that she had certain jewels, the gifts of her admirers, melted, but maintained that this was done to keep them from the knowledge of her daughter.

From this point Mme. Steinhil assumed an aggressive attitude, which continued during the examination of several witnesses and resulted in a series of lively tilts between her and Judge Debales. When reproached for having concealed so long from the authorities the fact that she possessed imitation duplicates of her jewels, the woman defended her course on the ground that she wished to hide from her friends the real financial conditions of the family.

With the opening yesterday of the second trial of Mrs. Margherite Steinhil, who is accused of murdering her husband, Adolph Steinhil, and her stepmother, Mme. Japy, public interest in the remarkable case is higher than ever.

Mme. Antanimo, wife of one of Steinhil's models, and Dr. Archary, the Steinhil family physician, thought called by the state, testified both in favor of the accused.

Dr. Archary testified that Adolphe Steinhil's death was due to asphyxiation after strangulation, and that Mme. Japy's death resulted from asphyxiation. The doctor offered the opinion that one person alone could not have committed the murders.

Dr. Balthazar, a poison expert, testified that he found no trace of a narcotic in the stomach of either M. Steinhil or Mme. Japy.

The proceedings were resumed she wept bitterly during the testimony of Pierre Buisson, who broke off his engagement to Marthe Steinhil. He declared that his action had nothing to do with the question of a dowry.

Another doctor testified that he did not consider the prisoner's illness after the crimes were discovered was feigned.

On the whole, the evidence advanced favored the accused woman. They made it seem almost certain that no narcotics had been administered. M. Archary, the Steinhil family physician, whom the presiding judge announced as "the doctor and friend of Madame," quickly corrected the statement, remarking that it was merely a friend of the family.

London, Nov. 9.—Edward William Bedford, the Canadian who was arrested here last month, charged on his own confession, with the murder of Ethel Kinrade, at Hamilton, Ont., has now admitted that there was no truth in his former statement. This was the opinion of the police, the detectives on the case having informed the Magistrate that it was known the prisoner had given a wrong name, and that his statement otherwise was incorrect.

On being brought up in the Bow street Police Court to-day, however, he was again remanded in order to allow the police to make more complete inquiries.

"Everybody's Column" is open to everybody who may want to use it on Saturdays only.

KING EDWARD'S BIRTHDAY, GOD SAVE THE KING!



HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY KING EDWARD.

London, Nov. 9.—King Edward to-day celebrated his 68th birthday at Sandringham Palace, surrounded by most of the members of his family, and a few intimate friends. Telegrams of congratulation were received by His Majesty from all parts of the world. His health is considerably improved.

From early morning the tenantry of Sandringham were feasted by the King and Queen Alexandra, who made a point of personally looking after the wants of their guests.

Simultaneously with the King's birthday celebration Sir John Knill, the new Lord Mayor of London, was inaugurated for a term of office.

The Horticultural Society is doing a good educational work, but we miss those fruit and flower shows.

I must have a talk with some of the Big Push about this Liberal convention in Toronto next summer. I am tired of fighting losing battles.

The demand for the Times these days is so great I will have to tell the pressman to run off a few thousands more.

Moral: Don't walk on the track.

I notice that the Gore Park fence is in no hurry to come down. Is there a nigger in the fence?

Boys with air guns under the mountain are making themselves a nuisance to those on the top.

Time flies. Only six weeks to Christmas.

Madame Steinhil seems to be the French female Thaw.

King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of all the British dominions beyond the seas, Emperor of India.

Born in Buckingham palace, London, Nov. 9, 1841.

Second child and eldest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Consort Albert.

At his birth he was created Prince of Wales.

As heir apparent to the throne he succeeded to the title of Duke of Cornwall and its rich emoluments.

As heir to the crown of Scotland he became great steward of Scotland, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, Baron of Renfrew, and Lord of the Isles.

In 1849 he made a tour of the United States and Canada, visiting Hamilton.

In 1862 he made a trip to the Orient. Began public life in January, 1863, as a member of the House of Lords.

He was married, March 10, 1863, to Princess Alexandra, eldest daughter of King Christian of Denmark.

They have had six children.

In 1872 he narrowly escaped death as a result of a typhoid fever attack.

He made an extended tour through the Indian Empire in 1875-76.

He succeeded Queen Victoria, Jan. 22, 1901; crowned Aug. 9, 1902.

The civil list of the king was fixed in 1901 at \$2,284,200 a year.

He is the most travelled monarch of Europe.

TAFT'S GOOD WISHES.

Washington, Nov. 9.—This being the 68th birthday of King Edward, President Taft to-day sent him the following congratulatory telegram:

"I warmly congratulate your majesty on your happy completion of another year and wish for you all health and happiness in long years to come."

Grace Van Studdiford Gets a Divorce From Husband.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 8.—Grace Van Studdiford, comic opera star, was granted a divorce to-day from Charles Van Studdiford, member of an old St. Louis family.

Mrs. Van Studdiford alleged non-support and desertion.

The career of the Van Studdifords has not been financially monotonous by any means. When Chas. Van Studdiford

Swept by Typhoon

Manila, Nov. 9.—Panany, an island of the Visayas group, Philippines, was crossed by a typhoon last Sunday. The storm was especially severe in Capiz Province, where many homes were destroyed.

RAZORS AT THIS DANCE.

Colored Man Frightfully Cut Up In the Row.

Fred Paterson Taken to Hospital; Charles Smith to Cells.

Latter Claims It Was a Case of Self Defence.

Covered with blood from head to foot, Fred Paterson, colored, was led into No. 3 Police Station about 12.30 last night by Sam Casey, also colored. Paterson was put into the ambulance and hustled off to the hospital, where it was learned he had been carved up with a razor by another colored man named Charles Smith.

Detective Sayers was in No. 3 station when the wounded man was taken in, and to him, Casey said: "Go to Ben Workman's, Charlie Smith has carved Paterson up with a razor." The detective got Constables Duffy, Piggott and Reynolds and they, in company with Detective Sayers, hustled down to Workman's house, 15 Wood Market. On arrival there the place looked as if there had been a long and bloody fight, for the floor was covered with blood.

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At a meeting last night of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society arrangements were made for the annual Christmas cheer, Joseph Ross being appointed to look after the distribution.

Dr. James Anderson presided. A number of other matters were dealt with. J. E. Heslop, J. Connor and J. Hobson were appointed a purchasing committee.

The following committee was appointed to procure badges for the society: Col. E. W. Moore, Dr. Anderson and J. Orr Collihan.

J. Orr Collihan, R. V. Matthews, T. W. Lester and W. F. McGeivern were appointed a committee to arrange for a banquet on St. Patrick's Day.

At Bain & Adams.

Oka cheese, squabs, wild ducks, pig eons, chickens, maple syrup, Malaga grapes, Florida oranges, grape fruit, mince meat, Lyle's syrup, New Orleans molasses, Spanish chestnuts, Farde dates, grape figs, Cressa dates, new table raisins, cooking raisins, Sultanas, currants, peels, ground almonds, almond paste, etc.—Bain & Adams.

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary Society of Central Methodist Church held its annual rally yesterday afternoon in the lecture room with a record attendance, over one hundred ladies being present.

One Barrel of Cider

Can be preserved and clarified for 50 cents. Parke's Cider Preservative is the most effectual article on the market for this purpose.

COLORED SET HAD A GAME.

Terence Scott Will Get His Dose For It To-morrow.

Archie Olney Pleaded Guilty of Theft From Employers.

Martin Griffin Given Time to Get Out of City.

Things looked decidedly shady in the Police Court this morning, for fully two-thirds of those in the court room were colored people.

Terence Scott, 58 York street, a big, repulsive looking man of African descent, was found guilty of keeping a gambling house. He will come up to-morrow for sentence.

Edward Taylor, the complainant, colored, said he knew defendant; had known him for some time. "What does he do?" asked the Crown Attorney. "Nothing, but play cards."

"How long did you stay there?" "Five or six times in the last month."

John Taylor said he had been playing cards for three or four years. "Have you been in Scott's?" "Yes; several times."

"What do you play?" "Poker." "Did anybody get a raze-off?" "Yes, sir; Scott did."

"Do you call him a banker?" "No, he keeps the game." "How does he get the raze-off?" "He gets a nickel (five cents) every game."

"How often does a jack pot happen?" "Each time everybody passes." "How much would Scott make like that?" "Six or seven dollars a night."

Scott on his own behalf said he and Edward Taylor were playing cards yesterday, when they got into an argument, and Taylor flourished a knife, and he (defendant) intimidated having Taylor arrested, but Taylor went to the police first and laid the information that he was keeping a gambling house.

Last night he said he was not playing poker, but a game of seven up, for drinks. "Do you ever play for money?" "No, sir; just for fun and drinks."

In answer to questions if he worked, Scott said: "Yes, sah." "Last week at Grimslay for a farmer?" "What was the name of the farmer?" "Then it was that Scott had a severe attack of mental aberration, for he did not remember that farmer's name, though he tapped his old knowledge box in the hope that the farmer's name would be recalled.

His worship told defendant that the young men had laid a charge of him keeping a gaming house, and "if you didn't go you ought to be able to prove it." Scott said he would like to get out on bail to get witnesses, but the magistrate would not grant that request.

"If he gives us the names we'll get them," said the chief. "There's the landlord," said Scott. "What is his name?" "I don't know; he's a Jew man; I could get him in five minutes."

Archie Olney stole \$34 from Hendrie & Co. He frankly admitted it, though his eyes filled with tears when he did so. He will come up in a few days for sentence. Olney worked as a teamster, and the \$34 he appropriated was money he collected, and instead of turning it in he spent most of it. He told the court he offered to turn it in last Wednesday.

Olney is not a citizen of here; his home is in Toronto, where a wife and (Continued on Page 10.)

FROM A FALL.

Arthur Hurd Died In City Hospital This Morning.

Arthur Alfred, only child of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hurd, 117 Charlton avenue east, passed away at the City Hospital early this morning, from concussion of the brain, the result of a fall from the steps at the portal of the T. H. & R. Railway tunnel at the corner of Hunter and Park streets, some days ago.