

A LETTER TO OUR READERS.

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McAULEY MURDER
Preliminary Examination of Collins --- Prisoner Nervous During the Inquiry.

Howell Cape, N. B., Sept. 11.—Good progress was made in the prosecution with the evidence in the preliminary examination of Thomas F. Collins today, charged with the murder of Mary Ann McAuley at New Ireland on or about August 19 last. Nearly all the witnesses examined told stories showing the movements of the accused about the time of the murder. A feature of the testimony of witnesses was the frequency with which the prisoner passed Father McAuley's place after he had first been seen on the road with the two valises.

According to witnesses he hovered around in the vicinity of the priest's place for some time the Monday morning he left, all the while carrying the two grip and making inquiries about the priest's lost horse.

The prosecution is gradually tracing Collins' every movement in Albert and getting in evidence of all the varied statements he appears to have made to different parties concerning his actions.

Collins follows the stories of the witnesses very closely. He is constantly prompting his counsel and today showed even more marked than yesterday, the great strain upon him.

This afternoon, while listening to the evidence of James Doyle, who discovered Miss McAuley's dead body, and Dr. S. C. Murray, who testified as to the wounds he found upon an examination of the body, the prisoner spent an uneasy hour. He was constantly on the move and mopped the beads of perspiration from his brow. Collins has not, however, lost the cheerfulness which made his general demeanor and when a lull in the proceedings he chatted and laughed over ordinary events of general interest.

Public interest in the examination still keeps up, the court room being crowded again at today's session.

Dr. Bruce Harbill gave important testimony for the prosecution. On Monday, August 21, he drove his brother out towards Albert and on his way back he met a stranger who turned out to be the accused in court. He met him about a mile from Father McAuley's house on the road leading to Albert. Accused carried two valises, a small one and a large one, and a pair of horse reins. Accused asked him if he saw anything of Father McAuley.

Witness answered in the negative but said he saw his horse standing in front of his door as he came past. Collins asked him if he would give him a ride back as far as Duffy's. He did so and landed him a little past Father McAuley's house on the road going to Elgin. After leaving him accused went with Tilman Bannister, whom they met on the road.

Tilman Bannister, of Elgin parish, said he saw the prisoner on August 20. He was going to Albert and met him driving with Bruce Harbill. After passing Collins left Harbill and came after him, carrying his two valises. When he caught up he asked witness if he had seen Father McAuley's horse and wagon on the road.

This was about thirty rods from the priest's house towards Elgin. Accused said he had harnessed the horse to go to Albert for goods Father McAuley ordered Friday. He left the horse standing and Mary Ann called him in to get breakfast and while he was eating the horse had gone away and he could not tell where he went. He asked Bannister to take him to Albert, saying he would go to Albert and probably find the horse upon the road. If he did not he would hire a horse from McAuley to come home.

When told he could have a ride he returned to Harbill's wagon and got the two valises and a pair of reins. In conversation with witness as they passed Father McAuley's house the accused said the priest had gone to the Fredericton Road to attend service Sunday. They came eventually to Kent road, leading to Elgin, and witness suggested the horse might have gone that way. Accused got out, took his valises and reins and started towards Elgin. The accused appeared a little excited and witness thought after it was curious that a man looking for a stray horse should be carrying two valises.

Thomas Melin told of finding Father McAuley's horse, partly harnessed, on the side of the main road Tuesday morning, Aug. 22nd, between 6 and 7 o'clock. He led the horse to the barn and found the house open, but apparently no person around.

Aylesworth Milton, Covehead, testified to driving Collins to Elgin from Alex. Bannister's, Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock. He paid \$2 for the drive. He had two valises. Accused told him his name was Comors. When he asked to hire a horse from Milton he said Father McAuley's horse took him, back on the road, and he wanted to go to Elgin to meet Father McAuley. Accused told him he had lived on P. E. Island, in Halifax and Stewieville. When they reached Elgin accused asked to be landed at the railway station, but later the witness saw him going to Garland's Hotel. He said Father McAuley had not arrived.

William Berry, a farmer near Elgin, said the prisoner got his supper at his place on August 20th, last. He was walking, carrying a valise and came along about half past six, and asked for tea. He ate very little and paid twenty cents for the meal. Accused told him in conversation he was a stranger and a sailor. He said he was on England and had left a schooner at Mary's Point, and wanted to get back to

THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL
BY BARONESS ORCZY.

(Continued.)

Yes! she often wished to wound him, to make him feel that she too held him in contempt, that she too had forgotten that once she had loved him. Thought seemed unable to soar beyond the tying of a cravat or the new cut of a coat. Bahl! And yet! . . . vague memories, that were sweet and ardent and attuned to this calm summer's evening, came wafted back to her memory, on the invisible wings of the light sea-breeze: the time when first she worshipped her, her secret so devoted—a very slave—and there was a certain latent intensity in that love which had fascinated her.

Then suddenly that love, that devotion which throughout his courtship she had looked upon as the alaric fidelity of a dog, seemed to vanish completely. Twenty-four hours after the simple little ceremony at old St. Roch, she had told him the story of how, inadvertently, she had spoken of certain matters connected with the Marquis de St. Cyr before some men—her friends—who had used this information against the unfortunate Marquis, and sent him and his family to the guillotine.

She hated the Marquis. Years ago, Armand, her dead brother, had loved Angèle de St. Cyr, but St. Cyr was a plebeian, and the Marquis full of the pride and arrogant prejudices of his caste.

One day, Armand, the respectful, timid lover, ventured on sending a small poem—enthusiastic, ardent, passionate—to the idol of his dreams. The next night he was waylaid just outside Paris by the valets of the Marquis de St. Cyr, and ignominiously thrashed—thrashed like a dog within an inch of his life—by a dozen of the aristocratically trained and drilled valets of the aristocrat. The incident was one which, in those days, some two years before the great Revolution, was of almost daily occurrence. The valets of the Revolution, while the Marquis de St. Cyr, and his family fought inch by inch for the retention of those privileges, which had placed them socially above their fellow-men. Marguerite, impulsive, thoughtless, not calculating the purpose of her words, still smothered under her lovely smile her brother had suffered at the Marquis' hands, happened to hear—amongst her own coteries—that the St. Cyr were in treasonable correspondence with Austria, hoping to obtain the Emperor's support to quell the growing revolution in their own country.

In those days one denunciation was sufficient; Marguerite's few thoughtless words reached the Marquis de St. Cyr, and within twenty-four hours, he was arrested. His papers were searched; letters from the Austrian Emperor, promising to send troops against the Paris revolution, were found in his desk. He was arraigned for treason against the nation, and sent to the guillotine, while his family, his wife and his sons, shared this awful fate.

Marguerite, horrified at the terrible consequences of her own thoughtlessness, was twenty minutes and then left with its kettle. She thought nothing of this as he often came and was good company. There was no trouble at the falling as he was good friend. Witness was not back until she heard Wednesday Miss McAuley was dead. Miss McAuley told her she had 800 in the bank and said when she had money in the house she kept it under the carpet. Miss McAuley told Mrs. Williamson she was going to Albert Monday morning, returning in the cool of the evening. Collins was going with her. She was going out for stuff for the house.

To Mr. Sherrin, witness said she had heard something about a robbery at New Ireland last summer but knew nothing about it.

James Doyle, who drove Father McAuley home Tuesday night, August 21, when the crime was discovered, gave a description of the horrible discovery and going into the shocking details. When they arrived at Father McAuley's they found the horse in the barn partly harnessed, while the body of Father McAuley lay first sent him to Mrs. Williamson's to look for his housekeeper, then sent him in another direction to Duffy. Not finding her he brought back with him Kate Duffy and Lena Martin to get supper. Witness described finding the doors of the house open, the closet door in the priest's room being broken and also another door being smashed, apparently by an axe. Then he told of his finding the body of Miss McAuley in the woodshed with her throat cut and skull crushed in. A meal sack was thrown over the body, which had been dragged down the steps. Witness had searched everywhere for the axe but could not find it.

Dr. Luther C. Murray, coroner, who held the examination on the body, testified in reference to the inquest and the condition he found the body and house when he visited the place at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. Deceased was found with her throat cut. Either this or the wound on the head, evidently done with an axe, was sufficient to cause death. There were contusions about the head that might be done with a fist or coming from the fall. The body had been dragged from a pool of blood near the woodhouse door down the steps into the yard. He found a pair of blood-stained overalls, which were produced and placed in the custody of Sherrin.

To Mr. Sherrin, Dr. Murray said he didn't think the wound in the throat could be self-inflicted under the circumstances. He first saw the body at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning and thought she had been dead not longer than forty-eight hours.

Dr. Murray's evidence concluded the work of the day and on application of the prosecution the hearing was adjourned until Sept. 27. More witnesses are to be on hand at that date.

Call to Rev. Mr. Dickie
At a meeting of the congregation of St. Stephen's church last night Rev. Gordon Dickie, of St. Stephen (N. B.), was extended a unanimous call to the pastorate of the church, made vacant some months ago by the resignation of Rev. E. A. Wicher. It is believed that Rev. Mr. Dickie will accept.

He is considered to be one of the most brilliant preachers in the lower provinces. He is a young man, being only about 30 years of age. He is a graduate of Pine Hill and took his arts course at Dalhousie University. He studied some time in Germany and on his return to Nova Scotia was assigned by the Nova Scotia Presbytery to a small charge in Colchester county, where his father, Rev. A. B. Dickie, is now stationed.

From there he was called to Rev. Dr. Jack, of St. Matthew's church, Sydney, going from there to his present church, where he succeeded Rev. Mr. Morton, who was appointed professor of church history in Pine Hill.

Rev. Clarence McKinnon, formerly of Halifax but now of Winnipeg; and Rev. Mr. Johnston, now of the garrison city, and Rev. Mr. Dickie were considered three of the finest preachers in the maritime provinces.

Some time ago when the pulpit of St. Andrew's church was vacant Rev. Mr. Dickie supplied there for three months and received all from that congregation but declined, feeling, it is said, that the work would be too arduous.

Montreal, Sept. 11.—The condition of Ex-mayor White, of St. John, who is still a patient at the Royal Victoria Hospital, is reported to be greatly improved. Today he was making preparations to leave the hospital tomorrow and start for St. John in the evening. Mrs. White, who has been staying at the Windsor, will accompany her husband.

Moine, which sailed yesterday hastily from Norfolk, has gone southward to Keywest with the ultimate purpose of proceeding to Havana if developments within the next two days seem to warrant such action. As Keywest the Des Moines will be about eight hours run from Havana, and while waiting there Commander Halsey will be in close communication with the navy department, prepared to immediately call out any request from the department's state.

There is no intention in this movement of the Des Moines of showing any parity with the American government towards one side or the other in the present conflict in Cuba. The ship will be at Havana to serve as an asylum in case of need and be at the disposition of the American charge. She is not a formidable craft, being only of 3,100 tons displacement, and with a main battery of six inch guns, but for the duty intended she will be quite as effective as a battleship.

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U. S. AND CUBAN

Washington, Sept. 11.—The critical situation in Cuba is absorbing the attention of the administration to the exclusion of all other foreign topics as indicated by the activity of the officials in the state, navy and war departments. The president at Oyster Bay, is keeping in close touch with every development of the revolutionary movement.

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