

ORANGEVILLE WELLS CASE.

Charge Against Douglass Withdrawn by the Crown.

Statements by Crown Attorney and Counsel for the Defendant.

Coroner Declared Proceedings to be a Farce.

Orangeville despatch: The liberation on suspended sentence of Jackson, the laundryman, has been followed by the withdrawal of the charge against...

Police Magistrate Pattullo took his seat shortly after 2 o'clock. Counsel present were Crown Attorney McKay and Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, who appeared on behalf of the defendant.

After the information, which charged the defendant with having supplied with intent a noxious drug or other thing to Elizabeth Wells, had been read over, Douglass was asked what he had to say. Mr. Johnston said that, with all deference to His Worship and to the Crown, he refused on behalf of the defendant to plead or elect...

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THREE NEW OFFICIALS.

A SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE NEW FRUIT FARM.

An Additional Inspector of Apiaries—Crown Lands Agent Appointed at Parry Sound to Fill Vacancy Caused by Death.

A Toronto despatch: Several appointments were made at a meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday afternoon. They included that of Mr. H. S. Peart, B. S. A., lecturer in horticulture at the Agricultural College, as superintendent of the new experimental farm near Jordan Harbor, in the County of Welland. Plans are now in preparation for the buildings required for the carrying on of the experimental work at the farm.

Mr. J. L. Byer, of Mount Joy, has been appointed inspector of apiaries for the district east of Toronto as far as Belleville and north, including Peterboro and Victoria Counties.

Mr. Frank R. Donohue, of Parry Sound, has been appointed Crown Lands agent there to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. Ellis.

YOUTHFUL INVENTOR.

Six Flying Machines Invented by Boy of Fifteen.

New York, June 3.—The Herald has received the following despatch from Kansas City, Mo.: Lawrence J. Lesh, a fifteen-year-old mechanical genius, who has invented six flying machines, three of which have borne his weight, has gone to Chicago with his aeroplanes, which he will display at an exhibition of the Aero Club of that city.

The contrivance Lawrence Lesh will exhibit in Chicago is a motorless aeroplane. It is a gliding machine, built on the principle of a soaring bird. It weighs thirty-five pounds, is twenty feet long and eleven feet wide.

Young Lesh has written several articles for scientific papers, including "Flight of Birds" and "Flying Machine of Tomorrow."

HER CARGO AFIRE.

British Steamer Reaches Bermuda in Perilous Condition.

Hamilton, Bermuda, June 3.—The British steamer Boniface, from Galveston for Liverpool, arrived here this morning with a cargo of cotton on fire. The Boniface carried nine passengers, eight of whom are women. The flames were discovered May 26, when the vessel was 700 miles from Bermuda. The hatches were battened down, and the Boniface was headed for the islands. When she arrived here her cargo was burning furiously, and her decks were crumbling in.

MURDERER GOES TO TRIAL.

Lawrence Gowland's Confession Read in Court Before He is Committed.

Killarney, Man., June 3.—Lawrence Gowland, the self-confessed murderer of Georgina Brown, received his preliminary hearing before Police Magistrate Thomas Shannon this afternoon. His confession, full of brutal and disgusting details, was read in court, and acknowledged by the prisoner, after which he was committed for trial.

The Magistrate—It simply means that his answers shall not incriminate himself.

Mr. Johnston—The Crown has invariably protected such a witness. The Crown, technically speaking can try this man to-day and put him in the box, and if he had not taken objection to the evidence given at the inquest they could use it against him. But the principle goes further. The Crown having used him, it has now practically become a rule of law that the Crown cannot prosecute him.

The Crown Attorney thought that the Crown having obtained the story and collateral facts in evidence, the practice had been to protect the giver of that evidence, but the Canada evidence act might affect that question in the future—that was if the Attorney-General should make any direction with regard to it.

Charge Was Dismissed.

The Magistrate thought the "act ground urged by the Crown Attorney was the stronger one. It seemed to him that the precedent which had been referred to had been abrogated by the Canada evidence act. If it was not, then the act was of no value.

The Crown Attorney did not think that it should be regarded as abrogated until new orders were issued.

The Magistrate—What has a man got to offer for his protection? What is he being buffeted about in the Police Court here for nearly a year now and I want to be in a position to give an order. I think he should have pleaded not guilty and insisted on an open trial. It is going to leave this man in a bad position in the future. The British law assumes every person charged to be innocent until guilt is proven, but I am afraid in this case your fellow-citizens may not be so generous, and that this offence may prejudice you in after life. I shall dismiss the information, but I think it would have been far better for the defendant and for the community if the case had been disposed of and a clean sheet made."

Dr. J. Henry, the Coroner, rising in court, protested against the decision. "Cannot you call some witnesses?" he asked. "This thing is a perfect farce. I can give evidence."

Magistrate Wanted a Clean Sheet.

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PRINCE FUSHIMI, Who is now on his way to visit Canada.

SAN FRANCISCO'S LABOR MARKET.

Thousands of Men on Strike and Other Thousands Out of Work.

San Francisco, June 3.—Labor Commissioner W. V. Stafford has submitted this report to Governor Gillette:

"The San Francisco Musicians' Union has a membership of nine hundred. At this time but fifty are working regularly. The majority of the members in the union are taking turn about for this employment."

"Of about 6,000 clerks and salesmen in retail stores, 2,000 are out of employment, and those that are working get two days off weekly, some with and some without pay."

"There are 12,000 iron workers, 2,000 carmen, 500 telephone girls and 1,500 laundry workers out on strike."

"Ten thousand men of the building trades are out of work through strikes, lack of material and lack of money."

"Three hundred laundry wagon drivers are out of employment, as a result of the laundry workers' strike."

"Up to a month ago architects took draftsman who could not speak English and were glad to get them. Now there are four or five applicants in every office daily, and no work to be had."

"The restaurant business is cut in half and help diminishing proportionately."

"Four thousand laborers in street railway work are laid off. They walk the streets in droves, looking for work, and congest the employment offices."

Social Democrats who attended the recent congress in London.

In a Decoration Day address at Indianapolis yesterday President Roosevelt declared that there must be no swerving from the position taken regarding railway regulation.

General Botha, responding to a welcome to him to Pretoria, said the Imperial Conference had been like being at school to him. It had been a privilege to meet the leaders of the Imperial Government and Opposition, and to hear the silver-tongued Laurier and Deakin. All contributed to his education.

At Kingston, Eng., yesterday one of a flock of sheep passing through the town seeking its reflection in a shop window, made a dash for it and jumped clean through the plate-glass into the shop. It was followed by the rest of the flock, about twenty in all.

At Claresholm, Alta., a rancher named Newbery Warner made a desperate attempt to murder a neighbor, Alfred D. Meacham. He shot at him three times, after a quarrel, but fortunately without effect. He has been arrested, and is now in jail at Macleod.

J. R. Wilmot, who says he is President of a gas engine and gas plant of New York, was taken to Chicago yesterday in custody of officers, who arrested him in Montreal, charged with passing a bogus cheque for \$5,500 while in Chicago a few weeks ago.

LYNX JUMPED INTO BOAT.

Gatineau Point Man Captures Fine Specimen of Lynx.

Ottawa, June 3.—Joseph Osborne, of Gatineau Point, just across the river from Ottawa, captured a large grey lynx "near his home last night under peculiar circumstances. Osborne was gathering some waste wood in the river and was rowing near the shore when he was startled to see a lynx leap from the bushes along the river bank into his boat. Osborne rowed along with the lynx on board to a point farther up the bank, where the lynx leaped into a pile of wood, and was caught with the assistance of two or three men. It is said to be the only lynx ever captured alive in this district, and is a splendid full-grown specimen."

HILL'S CASE DISMISSED.

Executors Say They Do Not Know Charles Gow's Whereabouts.

A Peterboro despatch: At the non-jury sittings of the high court here today, Chancellor Boyd presiding, an interesting case came up, arising out of the killing of young Tommy Hill, in the Dummer Township tragedy of August, 1905.

Gow was passing the Hill homestead at night when he fired three rifle shots, one of which killed young Hill.

Gow was convicted of manslaughter and got three months in jail. Later Hill, father of the dead boy, entered action against Gow for damages for

the death of his son. The high court, in April, 1906, awarded him \$653.52 damages and costs. On the same day a writ of execution was issued against the chattels of Charles Gow and placed in the sheriff's hands for execution.

In the suit to-day by Hill against Charles Gow and C. J. Darling and W. J. Moore, executors of the will of John F. Gow, Hill contended that Charles Gow had conveyed his property immediately after judgment to his father for fraudulent purposes thus preventing him from collecting the claim.

Charles Gow's father, John Gow, died July 21, 1906. The morning after the funeral the son suddenly left the country, and relatives declared to-day that he had not been heard of since. The executors of the will maintained that they had no knowledge of facts that would tend to throw doubt on the validity of the conveyance.

The case was dismissed with costs.

BOYS' REMARKABLE GRIT.

Sight of Seeing Arm Amputated Well Worth the Pain.

Vienna, June 3.—A 14-year-old boy of the name of Tueck, astonished the prominent surgeon, Baron Von Eiselsberg, by the remarkable grit he displayed in undergoing an operation. Tueck's arm had to be amputated. He refused anaesthetics because he wanted to watch the operation. He resisted all the persuasions of the surgeon, who finally yielded. The boy did not wince and made no sound throughout, but watched the surgeon's work attentively. He said afterwards the sight was so interesting it was well worth the pain. Baron Von Eiselsberg recognized his pluck by giving him a watch.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE ILL.

Stricken With Paralysis in London, But is Improving.

Toronto despatch: The news that Hon. Edward Blake, formerly Premier of Ontario, and now member for South Longford in the British House of Commons, had been seized in London with a sudden illness, will occasion widespread regret in Canada. Information reached Toronto on Wednesday that the hon. gentleman had been the victim of a paralytic stroke, and a message of inquiry was at once despatched to London by Mr. W. H. Blake, K. C. Fortunately the latest intelligence is reassuring, a reply having been received yesterday to the effect that Mr. Blake's condition had undergone a satisfactory improvement. Mr. Blake is 74 years of age.

A cablegram received by Professor Wrong, son-in-law of Mr. Blake, yesterday morning announced that the patient's condition was satisfactory.

POTATOES GO SOARING.

They Supplant Wheat in Interest in Winnipeg Market.

Winnipeg, June 3.—Wheat is no longer king here. While all eyes have been turned upon it, the potato market has been very active, and almost as erratic and excited. For more than a week past deliveries have been small owing, no doubt, to the rush of spring work, which is usually over by this date. While receipts have been receding the demand has been increasing, and prices have gone up like sky-rockets. Local deliveries have brought 85 cents to 95 cents on the track, for even quite small quantities.

Several cars have been brought in from Minnesota, and these cost \$1.05 on the track, and are sold in a jobbing way at \$1.15 to \$1.25. Dealers state that they think the top of the market has probably been reached.

MERGER PROVED A SUCCESS.

Satisfactory Report of Dominion Textile Co.—Dividend Declared.

Montreal, June 3.—The marked success that has attended the merger of the majority of the largest Canadian cotton companies was shown by the very satisfactory report submitted by the Dominion Textile Company at its annual meeting held today. The report showed the sales for the year to have been \$8,507,012.81, being an increase of \$376,008.85 in value over the previous year.

In view of the showing made for the past two years, and the bright outlook for the present year, the directors have declared a dividend of one and a quarter per cent. on the common stock of the company, payable on July 2, to shareholders of record on June 15.

CHINESE FAMINE.

A THOUSAND BABIES GET MILK FROM U. S. HELPERS.

Shanghai, June 3.—The famine which has prevailed for many weeks, causing hundreds of deaths and great suffering has been broken. The crops are still thin, but the hot weather of the past month has been favorable to a good yield.

American gifts have supplied milk regularly to 1,000 babies at the Hsu Choo Fu Temple, while 200 more have nourishment occasionally. The children are left with their parents or relatives as the Chinese dread foreign orphanages.

What is left of the gift will be turned over to the red cross society to relieve individual cases of need to grapple with the next crisis.

WAS ALMOST SUFFOCATED.

Toronto Man Has a Narrow Escape in a Hotel at Brockville.

Brockville, Ont., despatch: A Toronto man named Hurst, who has been making his headquarters at the Grand Central Hotel for the past few weeks, had a narrow escape from being asphyxiated this morning. A guest passing along a hallway upstairs detected a strong smell of gas, which was traced to the room occupied by Hurst, and the door being forced open, he was found lying on the bed in an unconscious condition. A guest passing by at the time, in fact, he was almost extinct. At the hospital he recovered, but is still suffering. The gas jet in his room was found wide open.

FOUR KILLED; THIRTEEN HURT.

Holiday Excursionists Meet With Fatal Accident.

Eight of Them Lost Both Their Legs.

Elyria, Ohio, June 3.—Four persons were killed and thirteen injured in a rear-end collision on the Cleveland & Southwestern traction road here early last evening. The front car was filled with holiday excursionists, nearly all of whom received more or less serious injuries. Within a few minutes ambulances and doctors were summoned and the wounded taken to the Elyria hospital, where two of the injured subsequently died. Eight of the remaining thirteen had both legs cut off, one lost one leg, and still another had both legs broken. The dead: E. O'Donnell, Elyria, crockery merchant; H. M. Billings, Elyria, Grand Army veteran; W. C. Allen, Elyria, claim agent for the Lake Shore Railroad; Wm. Sale, son of Rev. J. P. Sale.

Miss Suppes, daughter of Max Suppes, manager of the steel plant here, had both legs cut off. Motorman Fraundt, who was in charge of the car which caused the wreck, was arrested to-night on a warrant sworn out by Prosecutor Stevens, charging him with manslaughter.

A QUEER FISH.

MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE OF BOISE THREATENED.

Boise, June 3.—Following the arrest and detention of a man named Carl H. Duncan on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, Mayor Haines to-day got an anonymous letter. Each word was carefully printed out. It read: "The man you have arrested is an honest workman. We ask that you release him at once. We also insist that you dismiss Chief of Police Francis. If not, we will find a way to get both you and the chief."

Duncan appears to be a socialistic lunatic. When arrested he had on the most wonderful set of false whiskers and eyebrows that the eye of man has ever gazed upon. They were excessively luxuriant. Moreover, they did not match his hair or his complexion. It was scarcely remarkable that such an outfit attracted the attention of the police.

The man had with him a bag containing a variety of things that interested the copper. They included a Colt automatic revolver, knife with a blade eight inches long, a pair of brass knuckles and a dozen skeleton keys.

Duncan also had a card showing that he was a member of Spokane Union of the Industrial Workers of the World, together with letters from Wade R. Parks.

WANTED DAMAGES IN FULL.

Miss Fallis Refused Offer in Breach of Promise Case.

Toronto despatch: Miss Lizzie Fallis, who was awarded \$1,000 against Police- man George H. Wilson for breach of promise, and instituted an action to set aside the settlement by Wilson of \$2,500 in favor of his wife, Alice Emily Caton. The case was tried before Mr. Justice Mathew in the Non-Jury Assize Court yesterday.

It appears that Wilson conveyed his equity in a 50-acre farm in concession to Vaughan township, and settled, besides, \$1,000 upon his wife. Miss Fallis claims that the settlement was made for the purpose of defeating her claim.

Mrs. Wilson was the only witness for the defence, and she stated that she would not have married Wilson had he not effected the settlement. She had heard that he had been in some difficulty, and would not leave her home until she settled the matter, but she refused.

"The arrangement was of the most business character," said Mr. Godfrey. "They had both got beyond the romantic stage, and love does not seem to have been a large factor in the matter."

Miss Fallis had been offered \$900 by Wilson to settle the matter, but she refused.

His Lordship remarked that he could not understand why such an offer was not accepted.

Mr. B. N. Davis, counsel for plaintiff, said he had advised acceptance, but plaintiff refused to act on his advice. Judgment was reserved.

SENSATION SPRUNG.

Bishop's Confraternity Something of a Surprise.

Quebec, June 3.—Something of a sensation was caused in the Anglican Synod by the admission of Principal Gibbons of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, in answer to an inquiry that a chapter of the confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament existed amongst the students in divinity, of which the chaplain is Rev. F. G. Scott, the poet and rector of St. Matthew's Church, Quebec. All the professors, one after the other, declared they had nothing to do with the confraternity.

HEREDITARY SUICIDE.

Has Been in Scyre Family for Three Generations.

Binghamton, N. Y., June 3.—John Scyre, aged 63 years, to-day committed suicide in his home by shooting himself through the mouth, going into the same pantry to commit the deed in which his father and grandfather both killed themselves by cutting their throats, many years ago. Mr. Scyre lived in Washington Hall, six miles west of this city, the oldest home in Broome county, in which his ancestors for several generations have lived.

Mr. Scyre suffered from a sunstroke several years ago, to which is ascribed his act.

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