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THEATRE

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SCENE WHERE LITTLE CHARLIE DAWSON WAS FOUND



This picture shows where Charlie Dawson's remains were discovered on Blossom Avenue by Ray Bissener. The lad was directly under the tree, and it was in this spot the horrible deed was committed. Some distance to the rear in the left is Mr. Tuttle's house.

SORDID STORY TOLD HOW BOY WAS HACKED TO PIECES MONDAY

James Taylor Confesses Crime--Shows No Concern, Scarcely Fear--At Once Removed to Jail Last Night Courier's Complete Story as to How Clever Officers Worked Out Mysterious Case.

The horrible mystery of murder which the police authorities of Brantford and Brant County faced yesterday morning is no longer a mystery. James Taylor, known in police court circles as "Taylor, the Spaniard" has confessed. Taylor has told the authorities that he killed Charlie Dawson. He did it shortly after 9 o'clock Monday night and he did it at the very spot where the body was found. The knife with which Taylor the deed has been found and is now in the possession of the police. In fact, Taylor himself led the police to the spot where he threw the weapon early Tuesday morning. He had been employed at the Waterworks and while teaming there threw the knife away in the grass on the Waterworks property. Coroner Dr. Ashton found it in less than five minutes search, he having directed the police to the very spot where he discarded the death-dealing instrument.

The confession of Taylor winds up inside of 24 hours one of the worst crimes ever committed in County of Brant. Taylor was another Joseph Kennedy. His confession confirmed the suspicions of the police and officers in every detail. The prisoner has not yet come to a sense of realization of what has happened to him. He is a man of very low mentality, a degenerate in every sense of the word. Taylor can explain why he killed Charlie Dawson or why he hacked him to pieces. The arrest of "The Spaniard" was effected last evening and was promptly bulletined on The Brantford News. He was taken into custody by Sergeant John Wallace and High Constable Fred Kerr Colborne street near Clarence street. He made no resistance in any way. In fact he was arrested for a suit of clothes, and he was not given an inkling of what he was wanted for. In the meantime the officers were accumulating the evidence which more than confirmed their suspicions that Taylor was the murderer of the boy. In fact both officers at 9 o'clock last night were sure that they had landed their man. They had closed the dragnet in such a way that Taylor could not escape.

THE FIRST CLUE RECEIVED.

The first clue which the officers received was from the livery stable of Leslie Anguish. Here they learned that Taylor and the boy had been together on Monday night. This clue led to other developments before 6 o'clock last night. By nine o'clock the officers had the case clinched. It will be remembered that the boy when killed had a package of Players Navy Cut cigarettes in his possession. These cigarettes were purchased by Taylor for the boy. Only one cigarette was taken from the package. Taylor purchased the cigarettes at the store on Colborne street of Mayor Hartman. This must have done just prior to going out with the boy. Sergeant Wallace and Constable Kerr also learned at the livery stable that Taylor had secured a rig during the night. This led to his arrest.

These facts ascertained were sufficient to warrant the officers holding the prisoner at any cost. Further developments and they at once decided to proceed to his boarding house. Taylor lived with Charles Stover at 6 Charlotte street. When the officers went there, they were informed that Taylor was not there, but on coming out they saw fight on Colborne street. "Come on Jim," said Sergeant Wallace, "we want you for stealing a suit of clothes."

Taylor immediately denied the charge and made no effort to get away. He had faced many and serious police court charges before with more than usual success and was probably not afraid of this one. When taken to the police station he pretended to go to sleep. The officer on duty had to tie him up and ask him if he wanted supper.

The suspicions of the officers were further confirmed by the first examination of the prisoner. They asked him where he went with the rig he secured from the stable. He replied that he had had a girl out with him. The police asked him where the girl was and what was her name. Taylor could not give the name of the girl, but told the officers to go to a house on Drummond street where they could find her. This house was supposed to have been situated near the Canal. It was found that Taylor had not been out with no girl at the house in question and his story received the first flat contradiction since the investigation was launched.

After Taylor's arrest, the officers went to his boarding house and looked over his clothes. They discovered that the suit which Taylor had worn on Monday night had blood stains upon it. On the longer leg were stains and also on the sleeve and they were unmistakable. The clothes were brought to the station.

The officers had also found out that Taylor when he came back to the stable with the rig Monday night had washed his hands. The stable man noticed that he had blood on them and asked Taylor what he had been doing. Taylor replied that he had a fight. The sponge that he had used in wiping his hands was thrown away and was missed by the stableman afterwards.

With these developments to work on, Sergeant Wallace decided that it was time for the third degree. With Constable Fred Kerr, he also summoned Constable Mounce who knows Taylor well and knows his tendencies. In the meantime Dr. Ashton was summoned and in the final rounding up of the case took an important part. The Coroner took the knife and scraped Taylor's finger nails for signs of blood. He was successful in his quest. The blood he examined on Taylor's clothes was also human blood. The case looked complete in every detail before Taylor confessed at all.

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PLEADED GUILTY

James Taylor, as Announced in Courier Early This Morning, Admits Guilt--In Police Court To-day.

With head bowed, and in a voice hardly audible across the court room, James Taylor this morning pleaded guilty to the charge that on the 8th day of September, 1913, in the Township of Brantford, he did unlawfully murder Charles Dawson.

A crowd which packed the court room to the doors, greeted the prisoner when he was brought in by a policeman and placed in the dock, and for some moments all eyes were turned in his direction. Taylor sat alone in the dock, with his head bowed, refusing to gaze at the throng which had come to look upon the man connected with the heinous

crime for volunteers among the lawyers present and none having volunteered, the case was proceeded with, with Taylor unrepresented.

"James Taylor, the charge against you is that you did on the 8th day of September, in the Township of Brantford, unlawfully murder Charles Dawson," said Magistrate Livingston. "How do you plead, guilty or not guilty?"

There was a pause, and Taylor, who, if his appearances count for anything, could have dropped to sleep on the spot, answered "guilty," in a voice which could hardly be heard at the magistrate's desk. Then he yawned.

The plea was noted, and as a hush fell over the crowd, Magistrate Livingston announced that there was a second charge against the prisoner. "The charge is that you did unlawfully commit robbery upon Charles Dawson," said the Court.

At this point in the proceedings, Mr. Thos. Woodruff, who was present in court, volunteered to act for Taylor on this charge, and he entered a plea of not guilty, and expressed a willingness to waive examination and be tried by a jury.

This ended the proceedings for the present, and Magistrate Livingston announced that the prisoner would be committed to trial on both charges at the next court of the

A Clever Officer



Sergeant Wallace and his associate, County Constable Kerr were responsible for excellent work.

time of Monday night, and previous to and during the hearing, he sat quietly in the prisoner's box, gazing out the window or at the floor. Taylor was dressed in an old shirt, a coat and pair of overalls, while his hair was much ruffled, showing that he had made practically no preparations before coming to court.

The late session of last night to which the accused was subjected appeared to be having its effect this morning, and he yawned quite frequently while he sat waiting for the hearing to proceed.

A delay was caused at the opening, owing to the fact that the confessed murderer was not represented by counsel. He expressed a desire to be represented when asked by Magistrate Livingston, and stated that Mr. Anguish, the livery stable owner, or whom he formerly worked, had promised to get him a lawyer. His own personal desire was that Mr. W. S. Brewster should be called, and the police immediately telephoned to Mr. Brewster's office. That gentleman was unable to appear, however, and after Magistrate Livingston had asked

The Little Boy



competent jurisdiction to be held in November.

Taylor showed little concern at the announcement, and when a constable beckoned, he yawned and went below.

Among the many visitors to the court, was the father of the murdered child, Mr. Thos. Dawson, and a brother, The father sat near the lawyer's table, eagerly watching the proceedings, while tears came to the eyes of the brother as Taylor was arraigned. They left the court as soon as the case was disposed of.

"Life Sentence Limit" Says James Taylor

"I hope that those fellows will go easy with me," was a statement made to his spiritual adviser, Ensign Trickey, of the Salvation Army, by James Taylor, in his cell at the local police station to-day. Taylor sent for Ensign Trickey as soon as the court proceedings were over and the head of the Brantford Salvation Army corps went immediately to see the accused. He will continue to visit him while in the jail. Taylor, having expressed the hope that he would come often. To Ensign Trickey, Taylor is said to have stated that the crime was committed while under the influence of liquor. He says that he does not remember distinctly just what did happen on the night that the murder was committed, but states that he and the boy were alone.

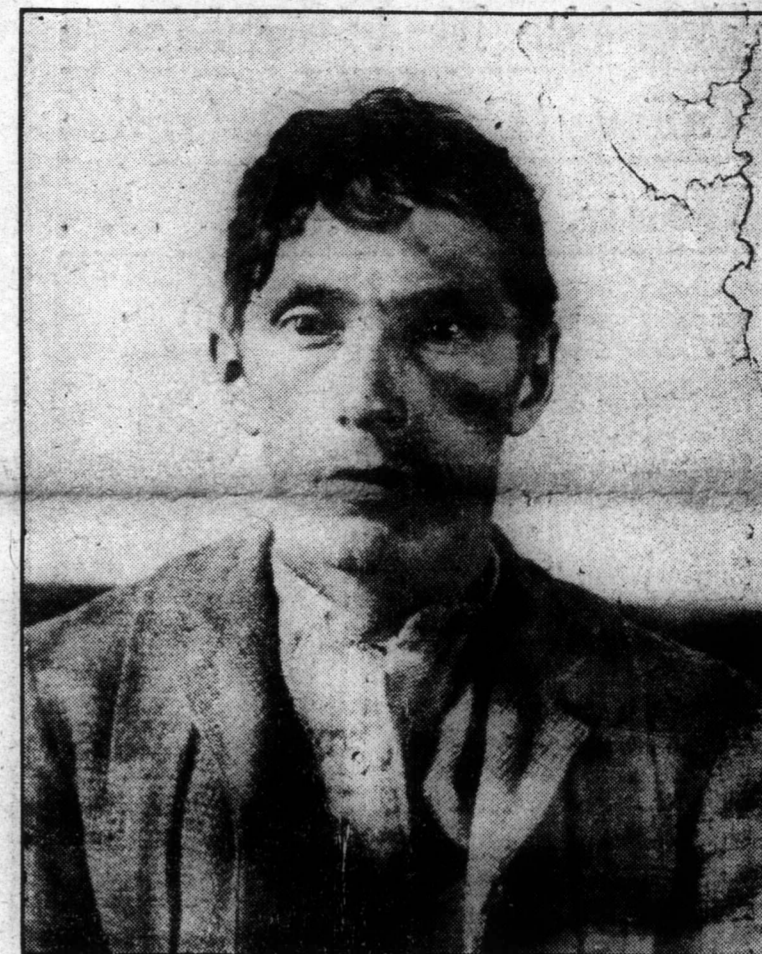
The prisoner was asked if he realized the seriousness of the offence, but he did not answer. He side-tracked the question to talk of other things. On another occasion he expressed the opinion that a life sentence would be the limit.

Taylor was a member of the Salvation Army corps some years ago, it is said.

Plea of Guilty Can Be Accepted by P.M.

Magistrate Livingston was asked to-day if he could accept a plea of guilty in the police court to a murder charge. His Worship replied that he certainly could accept the plea but the prisoner would be able to withdraw the plea in the High Court. "He can withdraw the plea in the High Court but the fact that he pleaded guilty in the inferior court would stand against him," said Mr. Livingston. Taylor pleaded (Continued on Page 6)

THE CONFESSED BOY SLAYER



This is James Taylor from a photo taken this morning at the police court. He is now charged with murder.

SANE OR INSANE?

Dr. Ashton Unable to Express Opinion About Taylor Until Examination is Made.

This morning when Dr. Ashton, medical expert in the murder case, was asked by a Courier reporter for his opinion as to the sanity of Taylor said: "To all appearances the man is sane. It is a question, however, whether the perpetrators of such crimes as this, which are due to degeneracy are sane or not sane. In France acts of perversion are treated as insane acts. Under British law they are not. Each case is judged by itself."

As Dr. Ashton has not as yet examined Taylor with a view to testing his sanity, he could not, therefore, answer the question.

Soon after the arrest Dr Ashton scraped around, and in under the murderer's finger-nails. The particles of dirt secured will be sent to the Government analyst at Toronto to be examined for blood cells. Portions of the man's clothing on which there was blood will also be sent. While discussing this portion of the case, the doctor stated that Taylor's finger nails were exceptionally short, and his hands bore evidence of having been repeatedly washed during the day.

ATROCIOUS CRIMES IN PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

A wave of crime of a particularly atrocious nature is sweeping over Ontario. In the news of a single day are recorded three terrible murders.

At Ottawa the body of Chas. Rubenstein of Brooklyn, N.Y., a bookmaker's clerk, was found under a pile of coke in a vacant building. The man had been murdered and his body brought to the Ottawa house in a trunk.

At Brantford a 12-year-old boy was almost beheaded by a maniac. The body, hacked to pieces after death, was found in a wayside ditch.

In Essex County, near Windsor, the mutilated body of an unknown woman was found in a cornfield.

There is no clue to the perpetrators of the Ottawa and Essex crimes, but the arrest of James Taylor, was followed by a confession of the crime.

Many Relatives Mourn Little Boy's Sad Death

Sad indeed will be the sight, which will, undoubtedly, be witnessed by hundreds of people when the hearse, bearing all that is left of Charlie Dawson, leaves the residence of the parents at Echo Place to-morrow afternoon and moves slowly to Mt. Hope Cemetery, the last resting place. The young lad was loved by hundreds of residents of the city and community.

Owing to there being quite a large family it is requested that the services, which will start at 2.30, be allowed to be of a private nature. Rev. Llewellyn Brown, of the First Baptist Church will officiate.

Besides the family there are a large number of relatives left to mourn the loss of the little lad, so foully done to death. In the immediate circle there are, besides the parents, two brothers and two sisters all at home. The brothers are Tom, aged 14 years and Lloyd, aged 10 years. The sisters are Isabel and Gwendolyn, both of very tender years. The mother of the murdered boy has two sisters and three brothers. The sisters are Miss Isabel Fritch, of Drumbo and at present in the city, having come here on a visit a short time before the boy was murdered, and Mrs. James Williams of Niagara Falls. The brothers are Wallace, of Ionia, Chas. residing at 116 Albion Street this city, and John, residing in the central part of the city. Mrs. Dawson's father also resides in Ionia. The father of the murdered boy has five brothers; Joli, living at 108 Waterloo Street, this city, and Henry, living at 100 Marlborough Street, this city. Thomas, of Cleveland, Ohio, George, of Saginaw, Mich., and Spurgeon, of Wauverton, Ont., and two sisters, Mrs. Frank McNaughton of Woodam, Ont., and Mrs. Cameron Findlay, of Lindsay, Ont. Mr. Dawson's father arrived in the city this morning to attend the funeral.