

A YOUNG LIFE CRUELLY TAKEN

Henry Smith Falls a Victim to a Murderer's Hand at Saanichton.

The Body Found This Morning in a Small Cabin, Badly Mutilated by an Axe.

William Hammond, Formerly a Sailor in the Navy, Suspected of Committing the Crime.

Many quartz locations are being made in the vicinity of Ashcroft and in the... The body of Henry Edmond Smith, son of Henry Smith, who keeps a grocery store at the corner of the Government and John streets, was found this morning in a cabin at Saanichton, the unfortunate man having evidently been murdered. An axe was apparently the instrument used, and the young man's head was almost severed from the body. A suspicion of having committed the deed rested upon one William Hammond, an ex-member of the navy, with whom Smith was living at the time of his death. It appears that the ranch upon which the cabin stands was formerly the property of Hammond, but passed into the possession of Mr. Smith, Sr., Hammond being allowed to reside there. Young Smith has gone to Saanichton on a periodical hunting and wood cutting trip, and last left here on October 20th, the day following his 25th birthday. Hammond is missing. The provincial police have the matter in hand, and are endeavoring to find some trace of the suspected man. Henry Smith, father of the boy, when he burst upon the little cabin door this morning, found the body tightly wedged under the door, which in the excitement he had not had time to open. The murderer had hidden his crime, it had been there for some time. Although there were no witnesses of the awful deed, the interior of the cabin as it stands almost whispers "murder." The little cluster of bed clothes which lie in a heap on the floor show plainly that the murderer just before he swung the axe which sent the young man's head flying, was standing in the cabin, and that he was holding the victim's head in his hands, and that he was cutting the victim's throat with a hand saw. The murderer was standing in the cabin, and that he was holding the victim's head in his hands, and that he was cutting the victim's throat with a hand saw.

There are but very few vacant houses in the city just now, and this building goes to show that Kamloops is not standing still. Alex. Duteau, alias Nelson, was arrested on Saturday evening, on a charge of breaking into dwelling houses. He was committed for trial and was brought to Kamloops last night. A meeting of the inland board of trade was held in the council chambers on Tuesday evening. It was decided to endorse the petition now being circulated for the building of a bridge over the Thompson river at the ferry. F. J. Deane stated that he had been working up here to obtain information for the government and that there was every prospect of the bridge being built. The Cariboo and Bulkley rivers are of considerable length. As the navigability of the North Thompson river is a matter of great importance to the mining and farming interests of the locality, it was decided that the attention of the minister of the interior should be called to the fact and asked to cause the necessary work to be commenced forthwith with a view to the construction of a bridge over the Thompson river at the ferry. F. J. Deane stated that he had been working up here to obtain information for the government and that there was every prospect of the bridge being built.

GREENWOOD. Greenwood, Nov. 2.—The business men of Greenwood received a pleasant surprise as they came from their homes this morning. Up to Tuesday morning the district banking business for the city and district was carried on by the Bealey investment & trust company. The morning the Bank of British Columbia had a hastily prepared sign stretched across the front of the building, which was a warning to the public that this financial institution was ready and willing to do business in Greenwood. Around the corner of Greenwood was a new building, a restaurant, building was also decorated with a sign. It told the astonished residents that the Bank of British Columbia was also doing a banking business in the city.

J. A. CLEARHUE RETURNS. He Has Faith in the Stikine Country—He Tells of the Men Who Abuse It. J. A. Clearhue, who arrived from Glenora by the steamer Danube last evening, in an interview said that the future outlook for Glenora was very promising. Asked regarding the men who had returned from Glenora and abused the country, he stated that to his personal knowledge there had been no such prospecting in Glenora, but that the Stikine river to Glenora had been simply gone into camp and spent the night sleeping and eating. Clearhue mentioned particularly a party of eight who had been grub-staked by eastern capitalists and made camp near the town early in May, after which they simply did nothing and turned up the food they had and spent the night money for liquor, after which they returned to their backers without having done a particle of prospecting. He reported the country as a failure, and the Stikine river route as the longest in their denunciations of this wonderfully rich country.

GOLD IN SOUTH AFRICA. The increase in the gold yield of the Rand district is phenomenal. September past nine months, 3,081,997 ounces were produced, an increase of 1,252,662 ounces. The increase for the nine months ending September 30, 1898, is 2,252,662 ounces. The increase for the nine months ending September 30, 1898, is 2,252,662 ounces.

THE MURDERER IDENTIFIED. Later the murderer of Henry Smith has been found, but he is not of the rank of earthly justice. Men who knew him have identified the remains found in the woods near Esquimaux a week ago to be his. He had died from heart failure, the coroner's jury said while wandering about the woods. He had probably been through the woods. He had probably been through the woods. He had probably been through the woods.

A PAINFUL IMPRESSION. Paris, Nov. 5.—Newspapers here, commenting today upon the government's intention of the French government to cause the Marchand mission to evacuate Fashoda, say they must wait for a declaration from the minister of foreign affairs before pronouncing an opinion upon the subject, but point out that this subject has caused a painful impression throughout the country.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AS LOYDON SEES IT

Much Damage Done to the Capitol and Many Valuable Papers Destroyed.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The United States supreme court, located near the center of the capitol, is wrecked, the valuable law library connected with it is seriously damaged, and many of the records filed away in the vaults beneath that portion of the capitol have been destroyed. This is the result of an explosion of gas which occurred in the sub-basement of the capitol building, which was the cause of the explosion.

FROM THE CAPITAL. Imposing Programme for the Reception to the Earl of Minto and Departure of Lord Aberdeen. Ottawa, Nov. 7.—An official denial was given to the story that Hon. Joseph Chamberlain had made any representation to the Dominion government regarding the island of Anticosti. Sir Richard Cartwright leaves Kingston tomorrow for Washington, and Sir Louis Davies starts from here Saturday morning. The official programme of the reception to the Earl of Minto and the departure of Lord Aberdeen was issued. The Earl of Minto will be received on board the Scotian upon arrival by the premier and the other ministers, and conducted to the mayor, where he will be received by the mayor and corporation and other gentlemen representing the city of Quebec. A guard of honor and a band of one of the regiments of the Quebec militia will accompany the Earl of Minto to the station. After the reception of the Earl of Minto by the mayor he will be conducted in his carriage to the Hotel Hudson, escorted by Major-General Hutton and staff, and a captain's escort from the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars. He will be received by a guard of honor and conducted to the council chamber, where the installation will take place. Lord Aberdeen will be received by the mayor and corporation and other gentlemen representing the city of Quebec. A guard of honor and a band of one of the regiments of the Quebec militia will accompany the Earl of Minto to the station. After the reception of the Earl of Minto by the mayor he will be conducted in his carriage to the Hotel Hudson, escorted by Major-General Hutton and staff, and a captain's escort from the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars. He will be received by a guard of honor and conducted to the council chamber, where the installation will take place.

THE ATLANTIC MAILES. A Little Friction Between the Allies and the Government. Montreal, Nov. 7.—A difficulty has arisen between the Allies and the government in regard to the winter service over the Bay of departure from Liverpool. The steamship company, the White Star Line, has made up for White Star vessels, leaving Wednesday, and Cunard's vessels, leaving Saturday. The White Star Line has made up for White Star vessels, leaving Wednesday, and Cunard's vessels, leaving Saturday.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER. Vancouver, Nov. 7.—The man with the anger who operated here successfully at Port Haney. It is just learned that Carter & Company, a firm which has been entered by a panel being cut out. Several hundred dollars worth of goods were taken, also all the cash in the place. A large number of Vancouver lots were offered by auction this morning, but not once was the matter sold. The price offered was not reached.

BIG BLAZE AT SACRAMENTO. Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 7.—A fire which broke out in the extensive railroad shops of the Southern Pacific railway today caused much loss. It started in the car and machine shop in the centre of a group of buildings and, fanned by a stiff wind, destroyed the structure and its machinery in less than half an hour. It next attacked the big saw and planing mill and the cabinet shop, filled with seasoned lumber of all kinds, and in a few minutes the whole interior was raging furiously. The fire is thought to have started from crossed electric light wires in the carsheds.

THE PHILIPPINES. Paris Paper Hints That Germany May Stand by Spain. Paris, Nov. 7.—The Daily Telegraph, after producing all six articles of the peace protocol, says: "It is to be hoped that the United States will not maintain their position in the Philippines. The question of sovereignty over the Philippine islands is one, however, which interests the United States. It is to be hoped that the United States will not maintain their position in the Philippines. The question of sovereignty over the Philippine islands is one, however, which interests the United States.

ABANDONED AT SEA. Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 7.—The British bark Strathgry, Captain McIntyre, from New York, July 21st, has been abandoned at sea. The British bark Gunter, Captain R. Shaw, which sailed from New York, has been abandoned at sea. The British bark Gunter, Captain R. Shaw, which sailed from New York, has been abandoned at sea.

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ELECTION PETITIONS

Full Text of Mr. Justice Martin's Judgment on the Preliminary Objections.

Manifest Absurdity of Expecting Security Paid Into the Bank of England.

The following is the full text of the written judgment handed down yesterday by Mr. Justice Martin in the election petitions tried before him.

In each of these six cases a summons has been taken out by the petitioners to strike the petition off the files on twenty grounds as set out.

Of these grounds, several were abandoned on the argument, and only the first eight require serious consideration.

Taking the eighth ground first: the objection is that the cash was paid into this court to the registrar, and by him paid over to the provincial treasurer.

It is, as the expression is, "a manifest absurdity" that a petitioner should be required to pay \$2,000 into the Bank of England within three days after presenting an election petition in Victoria.

It is not that the payment into the Bank of England is an absurdity, but the fact that the petitioner has the option of furnishing security by way of recognizance, for a case can result in an acquittal.

For obvious reasons, it might be impossible to secure sureties for the costs of an election petition. But it is plain that the legislature intended to place no such obstacle in the path of the petitioner.

For the court and judges are directed to observe the English rule "so far as may be" and the payment into court here, and subsequently to the provincial treasurer, is a sufficient compliance with the English rule.

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who has been a victim of such fraud or corruption, shall receive speedy redress, not that the whole proceedings shall fall and justice be denied because a part of the mere machinery of the court itself has been provided for.

The argument in support of the objection taken against the rule, proceeded on the assumption that the "prescribed officer" could only be "prescribed" by the determination of the Chief Justice, under said section 23.

I think the rule can be supported on both these grounds. But there is a further very significant and important consideration in this concluding paragraph of both sections 60 and 267, which is as follows:

"An general rules and orders made in pursuance of this section shall be laid before the legislative assembly within three weeks after they are made, and the assembly may then sit, and if the assembly be not then sitting within three weeks after the beginning of the then next session of the assembly, it must be so laid before the legislative assembly in due course, and from that time to this there have been four sittings of the legislature, and none of its rights are more zealously guarded than the questions relating to its members and the return of its members.

It has been taken to question the legality of the rule of the judges. Not only this, but the statute has been revised and enacted since the rule (decision) of the judges was made known to the legislature. To my mind, were anything needed to support the rule, this fact would be conclusive, following the principle laid down in Casgrain vs. Atlantic and W. Ry. Co. (85) app. Cas. 390.

There is much opposition to this proposal, as is shown by communications on the subject in the Sun papers.

By a majority of one hundred and one those property owners who took the trouble to register their votes yesterday upon the proposition to raise \$2,000 for the purpose of obtaining increased fire protection, expressed themselves as favoring the proposition to raise \$2,000.

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The governor, Sir George O'Brien, thus announces this determination in the Fiji press, and the Fiji council: A reduction of expenditures is now shown in the budget owing to the decision to discontinue the annual subsidy of \$15,000 a year which has been paid to the Canadian-Australian line of steamers.

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The general effect is rich and striking, and mounted in a suitable frame it will make very handsome addition to the address of such a society.

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