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CONFESSION OF SCHMIDT READ IN COURT

Ex-Priest Now on Trial, Declares He Murdered Anna Aumuller because He Loved Her

DETECTIVE TELLS OF THE CONFESSION

New York, Dec. 12.—Hans Schmidt's confession of the murder of Anna Aumuller was read today into the record of his trial, by Police Inspector Faurot, in command of the detective bureau. It was Faurot who arrested Schmidt, and to him the one-time priest told the story.

Leaving his chair, Faurot stepped before the jury box and by dramatic gesture and word re-enacted the scene of the confession. From his seat in the prisoner's box, Schmidt viewed the unusual scene with unchanged expression.

"I slapped Schmidt on the back when I first saw him," said the inspector, and said: "Come now, tell us the whole truth about the thing." Schmidt sank into a chair, buried his face in his hands, and began to cry. Presently he said: "I killed her because I loved her."

"Before we left, Schmidt tried to embrace me," Quinn, but Father Quinn, who was sitting next to him, asked: "Are you a religiously ordained priest?" and Schmidt replied: "I was ordained by St. Elizabeth."

Dr. Leo testified that Schmidt and the Aumuller girl came to his office last April and expressed their intention of being married. "Schmidt told me he was very much interested in the girl," testified the doctor, "and said he was going to give up the murder, he called at my office, exhibited a V-shaped wound on the index finger of his right hand and asked that it be treated. He said he had been hurt in an accident."

NO BOOZE BY PARCEL POST

Postmaster General Pelletier Makes a Statement on the Subject

Department Has Received Many Communications of Protest From Temperance People in the Country

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—In an interview today, the Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster general, stated that after giving the matter considerable thought, he had decided to make a public statement as to the parcel post regulations bearing on the question of the transmission of intoxicating liquors. At first Mr. Pelletier declined to make any statement as to the regulations until the whole scheme was worked out and all the regulations drafted and issued.

However, in view of the numerous communications received at the department daily from those who believe in temperance principles, and in order to avoid giving these people so much trouble in writing the department on the matter, the postmaster general has come to the conclusion that as his mind had been made up from the beginning on this point, he may as well let the public know now that no intoxicating liquors will be allowed to be transmitted by parcels post.

The postmaster general was shown a letter recently published in the press in which the question was put as to why liquor should be prohibited from the parcels post when it was considered permissible and proper for transportation by railways, steamboats, etc.

Mr. Pelletier answered that he could give many reasons, but that he had no intention of discussing the matter at great length. He was satisfied to give reasons for the moment. In the first place, he had recently notified the postal employees, (Continued on page five.)

THE YULETIDE SEASON IN MERRIE ENGLAND

Great Preparations Are Being Made for the Festive Season—Handsome Christmas Gifts are Being Forwarded by the King to Other Reigning Sovereigns—London Shops Making Elaborate Displays—Industrial and Financial Conditions Not Satisfactory This Year

London, Dec. 13.—Once more the merry Yuletide is approaching and all England is preparing for the holiday season with all its traditional glamour and excitement and joyfulness. High and low, from the king at cottager, is to some extent imbued with the Yuletide spirit which seems to permeate the whole atmosphere of Old England. Yet, in spite of the joyful anticipation prevailing throughout the country, even the most casual observer cannot fail to notice a dominant note of soberness and the absence of a great deal of the customary popular enthusiasm in the preparations for the coming feast.

Industrial and financial conditions have not been satisfactory this year. Labor troubles and industrial depression have caused an uncertainty of economic conditions far greater than in many years. The high cost of living, irksome enough in times of prosperity, has become an onerous burden under the existing conditions and all are suffering from its effect. Many thousands of persons in this city alone are out of work and in other cities the conditions are not much better.

But, no matter how hard may be the times, how dear all food stuffs and how slim the fund reserved for Yuletide merriment, the people of England will not forego their observation of the greatest of all holidays. They will celebrate it in a smaller, more economical scale, perhaps, but abandon it, never. The average burglar may find himself too poor this year to afford turkey or roast beef for the Christmas table, but rabbit is good eating shipped from Australia or trapped in England, are plentiful in the market and not beyond the reach of the poor man's purse.

PRESENTS TO ROYALTY

The King's civil list is quite liberal and his private income is comparatively large, but his expenses are tremendous and, less fortunate in that respect than his subjects, his position does not permit him to economize in observing Christmas. It is estimated that the aggregate value of the presents which the King sent to the various European sovereigns and their consorts this year is between \$8000 and \$10,000. For several weeks the leading purveyors to the court have been sending selections of their most artistic wares, jewelry, china, china, bronzes, books, bric-a-brac, etc., to the royal palace, where these things were arranged as an exhibit. Then the King, accompanied by a secretary looked over the display and selected the articles which appealed to him and the sovereigns to whom they should be sent. "With Greeting from George R. and I."

In accordance with time honored custom each of these gifts is packed in a handsome mahogany case, lined with scented cotton wool. Special messengers deliver these gifts to the various sovereigns for whom they are intended. These gifts represent a large variety of objects from pipes and walking sticks to jewelry, from china or bronze vases to golden cigar or cigarette cases. The presents to the consorts, which are invariably sent in the name of both the King and Queen, are always some handsome pieces of jewelry, carefully selected by the King.

But these gifts to the crowned heads of Europe are by no means all the gifts the king has to provide for. In accordance with custom the king annually makes Christmas presents to all members of the royal family, to the leading members of his household, to many of the officials and servants in his palaces and to the servants and employees on his estates.

The shops of every description throughout the city are making elaborate displays of the usual Christmas goods. In appreciation of the existing unsettled conditions the displays are composed of a cheaper class of goods, but as gaudy as ever. At Covent Garden Market a whole forest of small fir trees is awaiting purchasers, while at Ludgate Hill the itinerant vendors of mechanical and other toys and novelties are plying their trade much to the joy of the crowds of children which surround them.

At all public institutions the preparations for the holiday season are well in hand. Evergreens, holly and mistletoe are extensively used for decorative purposes and ample supplies of holiday delicacies are laid in to be ready for the Yuletide feast which is to bring joy and happiness to the unfortunates in the various charitable institutions, hospitals orphan asylums, reformatory schools and prisons. Charitable men and women throughout the country have already made provisions to remember the deserving poor and particularly the children of the poor.

EXCITEMENT IN CHICAGO

Lady Superintendent of Schools has been Forced to Quit Office

Lieut. Governor O'Hara Advises School Children to go on Strike as a Protest

Chicago, Dec. 12.—No single incident of the politics of recent years, in this city, has caused such excitement as the retirement of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young as superintendent of schools, according to political leaders, and the subject, it is said, is bound to assume importance in the aldermanic elections next spring.

Barrett O'Hara, lieutenant governor of Illinois, has suggested a strike of school children as a protest against the action of the school board, and club women say that the mass meeting called for tomorrow night will have a large attendance.

Mrs. Young was engaged far into the night and again today receiving callers, who came singly and in delegations, to voice their indignation. She has accepted a position as educational editor of The Chicago Tribune and said that under the law, her successor, John D. Shoop, had been legally elected and she saw no way to compel her own reinstatement.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, one of the foremost educators in America, was forced out as superintendent of the Chicago public schools in a stormy meeting of the board of education last night.

She failed of election in a secret ballot taken by the board to elect a superintendent and then with suppressed emotion, refused to permit her name to be considered for a second ballot. Subsequently John D. Shoop, assistant superintendent, was chosen to succeed Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Young's withdrawal was followed by a meeting of the board of education (Continued on page five.)

STOCK MARKET CONTINUES VERY WEAK

The Passing of the Dividend on the New Haven Road Has Had a Depressing Effect

CANADIAN PACIFIC IS ACTING BADLY

New York, Dec. 13.—The renewal of weakness in yesterday's stock market was traceable to the very liquidation in New Haven following the passing of the dividend on that stock. The fulfillment of the worst prophecies on this property has naturally created some distrust concerning the status of other roads which have had difficulty in earning a margin over current dividend requirements, and has also given bear operators fresh courage to renew operations for the fall. It is for the best interests of both stock holders and general market that directors of the New Haven have seen fit to take such drastic measures at the present time. The passing of the dividend removes at least one important factor of uncertainty.

(Quotations by J. C. Mackintosh & Co, bankers and brokers, Queen Street.)

	Open	Close
Copper	69 1/2	69 1/2
Smelters	60 1/2	60 1/2
Brooklyn	86	86 1/2
C.P.R.	222 1/2	222 1/2
Great Northern	124	123 1/2
Northern Pacific	106 1/2	107 1/2
Pennsylvania	107	106 1/2
Reading	162 1/2	162 1/2
Union Pacific	150 1/2	150 1/2
U.S. Steel	55 1/2	55 1/2
Total sales to noon, 186,400.		

Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding American naval forces in Mexican waters, stops fighting at Tampico on threat of opposing fire. 12 industrials declined 0.67. 20 active rails declined 0.88.

WOULD BUY A DIAMOND RING FOR SECRETARY OF BOARD OF WORKS

Member of the Hibbard Company, Valley Railway Contractors Has Matter in Hand—Contractors Closely Connected With Department Have Been Asked to Contribute—A Chance for Premier Flemming to Assert Himself

The following letter written on the printed stationery of the Hibbard Company, the somewhat mysterious firm of contractors selected by the Flemming government to build the section of the Valley Railway between Fredericton and Woodstock, is being circulated among contracting firms in this province:

Fredericton, N.B., December 3rd, 1913

Dear Sir—

In consultation with several contractors who are more or less closely connected with the public works of this province, I have expressed my appreciation of the courtesy and help given our company by the secretary of public works, Mr. Harry M. Blair, and have found a ready echo of similar sentiments from all to whom I have spoken.

It has occurred to me that it would be very nice for the firms who come in contact more or less closely with Mr. Blair in his position as secretary of this department, to in some way show our appreciation of him.

At this particular season of the year, when everyone is giving expression of their good feelings with some gift, I have thought it would be a good time to present Mr. Blair with some token of esteem and have felt that you would be in hearty accord with the matter probably and would like to contribute towards the expression of good will.

In thinking the matter over, a Diamond Ring has appealed to me as a very acceptable and suitable gift, and if the different contractors all contribute towards it we might very easily procure a very nice article.

I have taken it on myself to address the different contracting firms in regard to this and would be very glad to hear from you, at your earliest convenience, as to giving an expression of your feelings in the matter and if you are so inclined, enclosing any contribution which you may feel like giving.

I have thought that the day before Christmas would be the most suitable time for presentation and a number of contractors have signified their intention of contributing and also being in Fredericton on the day of presentation.

Trusting that I may hear from you regarding this matter, at your very earliest convenience, I remain,

Yours very truly,

N. P. McLEOD.

(Sgd.)

Mr. Blair may or may not be aware of the movement on foot among contractors to present him with a diamond ring, but we can tell him that it would be in exceedingly bad taste for him, or in fact, for any official of the government, to accept such a gift. Moreover, The Mail will be astonished if Premier Flemming, as the head of the government, does not at once put his foot down on such a proceeding. If Mr. Blair is in need of a diamond ring, he had better buy and pay for it himself.

The gentleman whose name is signed to the above letter is a young man for whom The Mail has every

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COUNTRY PRODUCE IN BRISK DEMAND

It is Said That Supply of Beef in York Will Soon be Exhausted

While beef was fairly plentiful in the market this morning a shortage is reported in the country and it is predicted that in another month the supply will be totally exhausted. American buyers have been ransacking the country from end to end and have picked up about everything that was offered for sale. They seem to want the animals and are not particular as to age and quality.

These was a good supply of pork this morning and it was quickly disposed of at 11 cents per pound by the carcasses. Mutton sold at 6 and 8 cents and lamb at 12 cents.

Chickens and fowls were fairly plentiful and in good demand. Chickens brought as high \$1.25 a pair and fowls \$1. A few geese sold at \$1.75. Potatoes sold at \$1.25 and turnips at 50 cents. Butter brought 35 cents and eggs 40 cents.

The activity in the potato trade,

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, Dec. 13.—Standard oil stock admitted to quotation on N. Y. Curb.

Lord Cowdray's firm admits that Cost a R ca congress refuses to ratify oil contracts negotiated with Pearson.

Dun's review says sentiment in financial circles have improved of late and better business particularly in industry.

Insurance Co's during their business in N. Y. state own \$5,000,000 shares in New Haven.

Bradstreet reports 371 failures in the United States this week against 356 last week.

and and the influx of American buyers has put the farmers in an optimistic mood and some of them have been quietly at work figuring up what they lost by the defeat of reciprocity two years ago. Tory politicians, when they go into the country barnstorming in the near future, are going to run up against a change of sentiment on this question, which will surprise them very much.

WATCH, FIVE-SPOT AND DREAM PROVED BAD COMBINATION

Enoch Groves, Colored, Landed in Police Court as Result—Charge of Stealing Watch and Supplemental Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretences Made—Colored Residents in Interesting Case

A gold watch worth ten dollars, a five-dollar bill and a dream became badly mixed up in a Smythe street residence last night and as a result Enoch Groves, colored, and hailing from the United States, appeared in the police court this morning on the charge of stealing the watch, with a supplemental charge of obtaining money under false pretences. All parties concerned in the case are colored.

Walter McIntyre, the owner of the watch and the five-dollar bill and complainant in the case, was a witness this morning. Edward McIntyre also was on the stand for the prosecution, together with Mrs. Margaret Addison, at whose house the trouble took place, and her daughter, Laura Addison. The accused also went on the stand. Groves does not belong here but has been around for some time. He said he had worked at Ryan's brickyard and also for Hibbard Company laying steel. He appeared in court wearing an old frock coat and proved a very smooth talker.

McINTYRE'S STORY.

Walter McIntyre, whose evidence was supported by other witnesses, said that he and Groves had slept last night at Mrs. Addison's on a bed made of two sofas. He had two watches when he went to sleep. When he woke he looked to see what time it was and had only one. He asked Groves, who had retired to rest later than he had, where the watch was. Groves knew nothing about the

missing time-piece and then McIntyre went for the police. Two policemen came and searched the house and all in it but no trace of the watch was found.

ENOCH BEGINS TO DREAM.

With the departure of the police, Enoch came forward with the helpful suggestion that if somebody would put up five dollars he might be able to dream where the missing ticker was. McIntyre produced a five-dollar bill, which, under Groves' direction, he placed in a tumbler where it might have the proper influence on the dreamer, and Enoch got down to business. He did his dreaming in a chair at a table but after two or three minutes' hard effort found that he could not dream very well. He staggered around the house to show that he was really in a trance and attempting to get a vision of the much-wanted watch, but there was nothing doing. Enoch took another try and then found what was the trouble. The others were watching him too closely. He then carefully explained that their gaze was spoiling all his attempts to go into a proper trance. They could not expect him to dream where that watch was if they persisted in watching him and following him around the house as he walked in his sleep. Mrs. Addison could not follow his argument and told him to stop his fooling and produce the watch.

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