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THACKERS ASSAILANT. MRS. DAVID IS DEAD.

Canadian Artilleryman at Halifax Hanged And Her Husband is arraigned on the Charge of Murder.

IN THE POLICE COURT HE ADMITS HIS CRIME.

Inquest on Victim's Body Opens at Woodstock This Evening.

Halifax, July 11.—Two Royal Canadian artillerymen have been arrested suspected of having committed the assault on Major Thacker. They are Englishmen. Masks were found in their kit, which it is thought they used to disguise themselves in making the attack. One of the prisoners was heard to remark that he would knock off the Major's head when he got the chance.

Halifax, July 11.—(Special)—Driven to desperation by the thought of the heavy penalty he would suffer, Private Lovitt, of the R. C. A., hung himself this morning.

Lovitt was arrested last night for assaulting Major Thacker of the R. C. A., and was lodged in the guard room at McNabb's Island.

At 6.30 this morning when the sentry entered the guard room, Lovitt was discovered suspended from the ceiling.

The assault was made on the Major Tuesday night while he was asleep in his tent.

He was struck on the head with a heavy tent peg, and received a severe wound.

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT.

Five of Them Have Been Rounded up and Will be Tried at Lindsay, Ont.

Montreal, Que., July 11.—(Special)—New developments in the Traders' Bank bill counterfeiting case are announced by the police here today.

Eveleigh, the man under arrest here, appeared before Judge Choquette privately and admitted guilt in one case in this city.

A. Lindsay

At Lindsay Bake has made a statement to the authorities admitting sending out Loggie, Wynne, Eveleigh and Boyeau.

Barke, however, asserts that he received bills from a man whose name he does not know.

Eveleigh will be taken from here to Lindsay where all five now under arrest will be tried.

VALUABLE GIFTS.

Toronto University Recipient of Reminders of the Long Past.

Toronto, July 11.—(Special)—In a letter written by C. T. Currelley, the best survived, and is in a remarkable state of preservation.

The museum also obtains from the same source, a large cedar box, exquisitely painted, belonging to the eighteenth dynasty, the period of Hebrew bondage, and exhibiting scenes in the worship of Egyptian gods.

CHARGE UNFOUNDED.

Former Rothesay Rector not Guilty of Poisoning His Wife.

London, Eng., July 11.—(Special)—The coroner's jury in the case of Mrs. (Rev.) Walter Swinburne Hancock this morning, returned a verdict that death was due to natural causes.

Prior to the verdict the belief was expressed that she was poisoned by her husband who hoped to obtain her property.

St. John, July 11.—Rev. Walter Swinburne Hancock is well known here. Seventeen or eighteen years ago he was rector of the Anglican church at Rothesay.

Hancock was called there from Halifax, where he had been filling a position as curate.

He was at Rothesay some time, and gradually people grew suspicious that he was not as good as he should be.

Rumors regarding his moral character circulated, and while there were no charges, he finally found it advisable to resign, and went to the United States.

When at Rothesay, Hancock contracted a matrimonial engagement with a young lady well and favorably known in the village, but fortunately for her, it was ultimately broken off. From St. John he went to Chicago, where he became assistant rector of St. James Episcopal church, one of the leading churches of that denomination.

He was inhibited by the late Bishop McLaren, upon charges preferred by Rev. Jas. S. Stone, still rector of St. James' church.

The charges against him were that he consorted with women of ill repute. It is said his career while in

Rothesay was investigated and evidence was found to support the complaint.

SUDDEN DEATH.

St. John Young Man Played Ball Last Evening and Died This Morning.

St. John, N. B., July 11.—(Special)—The death occurred this morning of John Killen, longshoreman, at his home on Britain street.

Killen was a bright young man, 18 years of age. Death came suddenly. He had been playing ball in Lower Cove last night and came home complaining of a severe pain in his head. He was unable to go to work this morning and Dr. E. Berryman was summoned. The young man was, however, beyond medical aid and passed away shortly after the doctor's arrival.

Dr. Berryman attributed death to heart failure. Decayed was a nephew of Detective Killen and is survived by his parents and one brother.

FAMILIES HOMELESS.

Quite an Extensive Fire in West End of Montreal.

Montreal, July 11.—(Special)—Seven families are homeless as the result of a fire in St. Henri ward, western section of the city.

The fire brigade was engaged fighting fire for three hours.

The contents of the houses, which were occupied by working people, were almost entirely destroyed, and there is very little insurance.

Woodstock, July 11.—Mrs. Tom David, who was shot by her Syrian husband at McAdam Junction on Monday, died in the Woodstock hospital at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday Father McMurray administered the rites of the church, and Solicitor General Jones took the woman's dying declaration in the afternoon at one o'clock. Coroner Hay summoned a jury last night and after giving the necessary permit for burial, adjourned the proceedings until witnesses could be summoned. A post-mortem was held last night. The Solicitor General will represent the Crown at the inquest. The preliminary examination of David will have to be held at Fredericton, on the charge of murder, and it is likely that J. H. Barry, K. C., will appear for the Crown, as Hon. Mr. Jones has to go next week to the North Shore to act in the case against Seely.

VICTIMS MOTHER COMING.

Jury Empanelled to hold inquest on Body of Murdered Woman.

Woodstock, N. B., July 11.—(Special)—Many enquiries are being made from cities in the states over the Syrian shooting case.

Last night Coroner W. W. Hay selected the following jury to enquire into the death of Mrs. Tom David.

J. W. Plummer, Isaac Draper, William Lilly, John Cogger, Jr., C. R. Watson, Hugh Daling, John E. Ard.

Solicitor-General Jones was consulted as to the crown witnesses and to-night at eight o'clock in the council room the inquest will commence.

This morning the doctors are holding a post mortem over the remains.

Mrs. David's mother has wired from Lowell, Mass. that she is on the way here, and requests that the body be not interred until after she arrives.

Chief Kelly, visited the hospital yesterday morning to take the statement of the dying woman, but as she would not admit that she was in a dying condition this was not done.

The local Syrians made a mistake in not notifying Chief Kelly that David was carrying a revolver on Saturday and that he threatened to kill his wife on Monday, for if they had done so, he would have been immediately arrested, as the chief was trying to make peace.

The reason given by the Syrians, was that they were afraid of David in the excited state he was in on Monday.

WANTED TO DIE TOO.

How the Prisoner Received the News of His Wife's Death.

The county of York has a murder case on its hands. Mrs. Julia David, the Syrian woman who was shot by her husband, Thomas David, in the railway station at McAdam Junction on Monday, having died from her injuries at the Woodstock hospital yesterday afternoon. She made an ante mortem statement to Solicitor General Jones a short time before breathing her last. The news was received here at 5.30 o'clock, and created quite a lot of talk about the streets.

Jailor Hawthorn broke the news to the prisoner at his cell at the county jail, and he seemed to be very much alarmed at it. He wanted to know first if there was any doubt about it and being assured that there was not he exclaimed with some emotion, "I wish I was dead too."

He wanted to know if they would hang him for the offence, and when told by the jailer that he would have to remain in jail six months for his trial he seemed to be very much disappointed.

He admitted that he had done the shooting, but claimed that it was not a premeditated affair. He started in to tell of his matrimonial troubles, and subjected his late wife to a bitter denunciation. He said that she had deserted him three times, and on each occasion he had taken her back and forgiven her for the wrong done him. When he went to Woodstock after her a few days ago she

consented to return with him to Lowell, but changed her mind after starting out. She purchased her own ticket and refused to tell him where she was going, nor could he find out from the conductor. At McAdam Junction they quarrelled, and she capped the climax by inviting him to go to the lower regions. This, he says, so enraged him that he lost control of his temper and shot her.

The prisoner had about five dollars in his pockets when arrested, but it was taken from him by the officers when they searched him. He is now without money and not in a position to engage counsel to defend him. He is not very much struck on the bread and water diet doled out to prisoners at the jail, and seemed to be disappointed when told that there was nothing better for him. He made application to the jailer to allow him out to work, but was told that this was impossible.

He informed the jailer yesterday that he was of the Roman Catholic faith, and requested that he might be allowed to see a priest. Rev. Father Carney was sent for and held a brief consultation with him at the door of his cell. He told the rev. gentleman of his troubles and received words of advice and sympathy from him.

Jailor Hawthorn is afraid that the prisoner might try to do away with himself, and is keeping a sharp watch on him.

MURDERER ARRAIGNED.

Through Interpreter He Admits His Crime—Remanded till Monday.

There was a large crowd of spectators in attendance when the police court opened at eleven o'clock this morning the murder case against Tom David, the Assyrian, being the source of attraction. The prisoner who looked rather careworn, and seemed to be suffering from loss of sleep, was brought from the county jail by a special policeman, Bruce MacFarlane, at ten o'clock and locked up in a cell in the police station. At eleven he was led into the police court and naturally attracted a lot of attention. He was assigned a seat on the prisoner's bench along side a common drunk.

Mr. J. H. Barry, K. C., was in attendance on behalf of the crown, and Mr. Dominique Stephen, a countryman of the prisoner, was on hand to act as interpreter. Stephen is a very intelligent and respectable looking chap and is a naturalized British subject.

The prisoner was ordered to stand up and on being asked by Col. Marsh if he could talk English replied "not very much." On being questioned through the interpreter he said his name was Tom David and the name of his wife was Katherine.

"Tell him," said Col. Marsh, addressing the interpreter, "that he is charged before me—that he did on Monday, the 8th day of July, instant, murder his wife at McAdam Junction."

The interpreter repeated the words to the accused and surprised the court by stating that the prisoner acknowledged the offence.

Col. Marsh explained that he had not asked the prisoner to make any acknowledgment. He warned him not to talk to anybody, as what he said could be used as evidence against him. He would remand him, he said, until eleven o'clock on Monday morning to await the report of the coroner's inquest.

Mr. Barry to the interpreter—"Tell him he had better employ counsel and not talk so much."

The prisoner replied through the interpreter that he was not able to employ a lawyer.

Mr. Stephen was asked by the court to act as interpreter and he promised to be on hand on Monday morning. He was told that he would be paid for his services.

The prisoner was then handcuffed by Police Sergeant Phillips and taken back to jail.

David cannot be tried until next January when the York Circuit Court will hold its next sitting.

Mr. Gus Tweeddale, who has been ill for some weeks with typhoid fever, is still in a critical condition.

Mr. F. E. Dennison, of Montreal, is stopping at the Queen.