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SEVEN WITNESSES HEARD IN DOWNIE'S CASE TODAY

Some of the Evidence Brought Out This Morning Was of Importance—Secretary Reid Among Those Examined—Other Witnesses Told of the Finding of Downie

Seven witnesses were examined at today's resumption of the preliminary examination of W. Herbert Downie, and at 1:40 p. m. the hearing was adjourned until Monday morning when it is expected the hearing of Simms' Company employees will be exhausted, the police will testify, including Chief Clark, Detective Killen, Sgt. Campbell and Policemen Cavanagh and Oliver. It is expected that the evidence of the chief will provide a sensational climax to the examination, as it is believed an alleged verbal confession will be exposed.

At the conclusion of the session today over fifteen of Downie's friends shook hands with him, including the president and secretary-treasurer of the firm. Thomas Rogers, an employee in the Simms finishing room, was first sworn. He was in the building last Friday, and in the finishing room until after he had eaten his lunch. The room is in the rear of the shipping room. The witness ate his lunch in the room and went into the shipping room, where he met John Woods. He was there from 12:20 to 12:45 p. m. Woods and Downie were in the room at 12:20. Downie spoke of some unmarked lumber and then went to the office again. Woods was there all the time. The witness was positive that nobody else was in the room. About 1 o'clock he first learned of the trouble, and went to the office. Downie was lying on the floor in the enclosure. McEachern and Sheppard and several others, including Anderson, were around Downie. The police were not there.

The witness looked at him and gave him water. Anderson telephoned for the police. The witness remained until the police reached the office. He heard the chief of police tell Downie to arise and saw Peters and somebody else help Downie into a chair, and Downie asked to send for a physician, for he would be all right. He was at the time on the floor. Downie was assisted up by two employees, but fell back. Anderson was outside of the enclosure when the witness saw him. The witness did not hear Downie answer the chief of police. About 20 minutes elapsed from the arrival at the office of the witness until Downie was helped into his seat.

Walter Peters was the second witness examined. He is an employee of T. S. Simms Co. in the shipping room. He left the room at 12 for lunch and returned at 1:10. As he came to the door he was accosted by Anderson who said: "There's been a robbery here. Downie has been choked and he is gone." The witness found Downie on the floor surrounded by a number of employees. Somebody was bringing out a glass of water from the lavatory. The witness put his hand under Downie's arm and supported him for a moment, giving him a sip of water from the glass.

Witness talked to him but Downie never replied, but when somebody offered to summon a doctor, Downie said he would be all right in a few minutes. The witness could not remember who wanted to telephone for the physician. Shortly afterward the police came.

The chief entered the enclosure and spoke twice of getting Downie off the floor so the witness asked Downie to arise and asked by another he was placed in his chair. Downie had one leg on the desk and was trying to put the other leg on the desk. Downie's head was wobbling and witness placed it on his shoulder.

Witness took a portion of cardboard and fanned the accused. Downie said nothing in the chair until spoken to by Detective Killen who asked him how he was feeling. He replied "not too bad." Killen asked him if he was well enough to enter a solicitor and he replied "No." He answered to the affirmative. He and Killen went into a sample room. Downie walked to the room rather unsteadily and both conversed together. Downie was sitting in an easy chair and the detective was taking notes as Downie was speaking.

The witness offered to accompany Downie to Leinster Hall, but both Harry Reid, the secretary and Downie said it was unnecessary. When witness asked him how he was Downie replied: "Not too bad, but my throat." At the same time feeling his throat with his hand. The witness did not hear Downie say anything of the robbery.

Mary Cunningham was next sworn. She has been employed for two years with the company. She was at work on Friday morning only. She registered as leaving at 12:45. She came off the same floor as the office and after punching her number 108, she went over to the rail to receive her pay at the ticket which was the usual place. She saw nobody at the office and thought Downie was at lunch and went to the door. There was no response when she rapped lightly at the wicket opening. She stood and put her gloves on but saw nobody. She did not hear working in the afternoon as she had an appointment with a dentist. She received her pay on Saturday.

Another employee named Minnie Covey was the only one she saw in the vicinity. She was at the factory door leading to Union street.

Minnie Covey, an employee, was sworn. She is in the machinery department of the factory, on the same floor as the office. She met Miss Cunningham on the steps of the factory door. The witness went through to the office and saw nobody. She registered at 12:45, according to the register. The witness did not notice of the vault door was open or closed.

Peter Carroll was next sworn. He has been an employee of the bank department for twenty years or thereabouts. Scragg and he left at 12 o'clock to go to lunch. His number is 38. Both started back to the factory together and met Leonard Brown on Union street, near Waterloo street, and Anderson at Brown's drug store. Scragg and he had eaten at the Boston restaurant and the Ottawa luncheon room. They punched their numbers and went to the smoking room upstairs. The witness did not go into the enclosure. He works in the second floor.

HON. MR. FISHER THINKS THAT THE \$50,000 GRANT SHOULD COME TO ST. JOHN

Delegation Home From Ottawa Today Sanguine of Results

A. O. Skinner Contradicts Statement in St. John Globe that Delegation Was Disgruntled at Dr. Pugsley's Attitude—Minister is Doing All He Can, but Will Not Use His Position to Coerce North Shore Members—Mr. Le Blanc of Kent Will Support St. John's Claim

A. O. Skinner, president of the St. John Exhibition Association, C. B. Allan and Mayor Bullock returned home today from Ottawa, where they have been putting forward St. John's claims for the dominion exhibition grant of \$50,000 for 1910.

President Skinner appeared very hopeful over the result of their mission and he says St. John's chances of securing the grant are not by any means as meagre as they seemed to be. "I feel sure," he said, "that our chances have improved as a result of our work in Ottawa and if Hon. Mr. Fisher will send an impartial representative to report on the relative claims of the town of Chatham and the city of St. John, I am convinced the grant would come here."

Mr. Skinner said the north shore members could not answer the arguments put forward in favor of St. John, but they are insistent that Chatham should have the grant.

Mr. Skinner said he wanted to correct a statement made by the Globe that the delegation was disgruntled at the attitude of Dr. Pugsley. Dr. Pugsley's position was that while he was strongly of the opinion that St. John was the proper place for the holding of the dominion fair, he did not think he should use his position as minister to coerce the other members from this province.

Hon. Mr. Fisher told the delegation that personally he thought St. John should get the grant. He was well acquainted with affairs here while he did not know anything about Chatham.

The mayor expressed the opinion that all Chatham wanted was to get the money and in addition to the \$50,000 they were asking for \$30,000 to improve their railway facilities, so that they wanted \$80,000 in all.

The delegates said that the report of their movements as dealt with in despatches from Ottawa, was correct and the only thing they could add was that the matter was not settled yet and they were hopeful that St. John would win out.

Mr. LeBlanc for St. John.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—(Special)—O. J. LeBlanc, M. P. for Kent Co., has returned to his parliamentary duties after an absence of a few days. It is understood he disclaims having promised any support for Chatham having the exhibition grant and will support St. John.

MIX-UP IN HOCKEY CIRCLES IN P. E. I.

The Victorias, Disqualified This Year, Refuse to Give Up the Trophy They Won Last Year—Case May Be Arbitrated

Charlottetown, Feb. 26.—(Special)—The deciding game for the Island league hockey trophy was played last night between the Abbeys of Charlottetown and the Crystals of Summerside. Although the former won by 4 to 3, the latter in the pre-game won by 7 to 4, and as the majority of goals was to count, the Summerside boys got the trophy. As a result of a tie in the series about two weeks ago, it was decided to play home and home games. The Victorias were ruled out of the league, and were not allowed to compete. The trophy was from last year, and declined to give it up. There is quite a mix-up in the situation, as the league referee is bound by the decision of the M. P. A. A. president. An effort is being made to submit the question to arbitrators.

JAPANESE EDITOR INDICTED BY JURY

Honolulu, Feb. 27.—Y. Soga, editor of the Nippo Jiji, which for several weeks has waged a virulent campaign for a strike of Japanese plantation laborers for higher wages, and went so far as to advocate that the Japanese leave the Hawaiian Islands if their demands were not granted, has been indicted by a grand jury as a dangerous and disorderly person, because of his inflammatory articles appearing in his paper. Soga's papers recently endorsed the sentiments of a Hilo publication that the Japanese in the islands ought to ask the government of Japan to send warships to Hawaii to back up the demands of the plantation laborers for higher wages. Soga's bail was fixed at \$250.

LONG SERVICE MEDALS FOR EMPLOYEES OF I.C.R.

An interesting ceremony will take place next Wednesday morning in the office of L. R. Ross, terminal agent of the I. C. R., when a number of employees of the government road will be decorated with imperial service medals in recognition of their long service on the "people's railway." Those who will be honored are: George Colford, brakeman; D. Driscoll, porter; P. Driscoll, porter; Alexander Frazer, blacksmith; Isaac Belding Humphrey, formerly station master at Apohaqui; John Henry Macze; John Smith; James Milne; conductor; John McNulty, porter; Daniel McDonald, porter; Edwin L. Perkins, storekeeper; Thomas W. Prince, engineer; Andrew Rennie, conductor; Robert Marshall Scott, locomotive inspector; and Edmund Perry Shaw, checker.

BUTTERINE PLANT BURNED

Chicago, Feb. 27.—The butterine plant and storage house of Swift & Company, in the stock yards, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. Other buildings in the yards were threatened before the fire could be controlled.

Lady Aberdeen intends to come to Canada in June with a party of sixty ladies, who will represent nearly every country in Europe. The party will spend three days in Montreal, and will attend the congress of the International Council of Women at Toronto, Ottawa will also entertain the ladies for a day or two.

SERBIA MUST NOT HARBOR IDEA OF EXPANSION

She Will Be Absolutely Without Support if She Decides to War With Austria-Hungary Over Balkan Dispute.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The situation between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, is viewed much more favorably at the Foreign offices this morning. Inasmuch as Russia has agreed to participate in a joint note to Belgrade, it is believed that Serbia will see that she is completely isolated and without any prospect of foreign assistance should she go to war. It was said at the foreign office that the collective note to Belgrade, the wording of which is still under consideration, will be mild in form for the purpose of appealing to the Serbian sentiment, but it will leave no doubt that Serbia must relinquish the idea of territorial expansion. It is assumed here that Serbia will accept this advice, particularly as Austria-Hungary has declared her willingness to make concessions to compensate for the abolition of the claim for a portion of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

TAFT GOES TO THE CAPITOL

New York, Feb. 27.—Returning to Washington to await his inauguration as president of the United States on March 4, President-elect Taft left New York today, accompanied by Mrs. Taft.

A SLIGHT FIRE

An alarm from box 42 summoned the fire department out this morning shortly after 10 o'clock for a slight blaze in a shed in the rear of Robert James' house on Duke street, between Wentworth and Hill. The line of hose stretched by No. 1 company, and the chemical engine, were sufficient to subdue the flames. In responding to the alarm, No. 2 hose wagon upset at the corner of Sydney and Duke streets, breaking the windshield and bending the reel.

POLICE COURT

Thomas Gallagher, Roy Ross, Thomas Miller, and Albert Ramsay have been reported by officer Rankin for disorderly conduct and profanity in a moving picture theatre on Friday, but the chief of police refused to proceed claiming that the managers of the moving picture theatres should not permit juveniles on their premises so the manager of the hall must prefer information against the boys personally.

Robert Dixon was fined \$8 or two months in the police court this morning for intoxication. Dixon advised the police clerk that it would not be necessary for him to write his commitment papers, thus economizing on the city's ink, as he had been refused admission to the hospital and was eager to enter the jail but would refuse all advances to join the hard labor squad.

The Ludlow street quartette, Prof. Titus, S. Herbert Mayes, Steve Matthews, A. W. Baird, Mrs. Dunfield, A. E. McInley, Lawrence MacLaren, Rev. L. A. McLean, Hoyt Brothers and Smith, Hugh Campbell, and many others are expected to take part in the great dime concert in the Every Day Club next Tuesday evening.

CANADIAN RINK WON

A Rink of Canadian Curlers Won in International Bonsel in Switzerland Today

Villars Sur Ollon, Switzerland, Feb. 27.—The Canadian rink, captained by James McDermid, today won the international curling bonsel here. Fourteen rinks participated. The second prize was won by the Huddersfield rink.

CHAMPLAIN MONUMENT

While in Ottawa Mayor Bullock called upon Hamilton McCarthy, the sculptor, who secured the contract for the erection of a monument to Champlain in this city. There had been a deadlock between the committee and the sculptor for some time regarding the payment of monies, and the mayor arranged with Mr. McCarthy to submit a proposition to the committee, which it is thought will be satisfactory. A meeting of the committee will probably be held the first of the week.

The mayor viewed the statue of Champlain, which has been completed and is now placed in the entry of the House of Commons, where it is very highly spoken of. The mayor said the statue was a very fine one, and would look very imposing when erected here.

SAY DAWSON WAS INSANE

London, Feb. 27.—The coroner's jury today reported in the case of John Tempest Dawson, of Montreal, Canada, giving it as their opinion that he murdered his wife and shot himself while insane. The tragedy occurred on last Wednesday, while the couple were in the National Portrait Gallery. Dawson was a wealthy retired business man, and he, with his wife, had lived for the past ten years in Brighton. The evidence showed him to have been under the impression that he was being persecuted.

FREDERICTON WANTS THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Fredericton, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Members of the Board of Trade are determined that the railway down the valley of the St. John from Woodstock to this city shall become a reality, even if they have to build it themselves. At a meeting last evening it was decided to apply to the legislature for a charter pursuant to the project are being circulated in the river parishes and are being largely signed.

The firemen were called out this morning for a blaze at the county court house, caused by an overheated furnace pipe. Fortunately the fire was discovered by the janitor and the damage was not serious. This is the third time within a month that the building has caught fire.

The Frank Smith property on Waterloo Row was sold at auction under foreclosures here this morning, and was purchased by C. W. Whitley for \$3,000.

Mrs. Charles Fulton died last night at her home at Little River, from diabetes. She was fifty-three years of age and is survived by a husband. Only recently Mr. and Mrs. Moore returned from a trip to Portland, Oregon, where they spent some months.

FOUND HER SON BY A MOVING PICTURE

Lafayette, Ark., Feb. 27.—While attending a moving picture show yesterday afternoon where scenes from a Florida ostrich farm was being presented, Mrs. Hannah Mendelssohn recognized her son in the pictures. She had not heard from him for sixteen years. She telegraphed him and today received a reply saying he was at the ostrich farm and was employed as its manager.

AT CITY HALL

The monthly meeting of the common council will be held on Monday afternoon when considerable routine business will be disposed of. It is probable that special meetings of the various boards will be held within the next week or two to take up the estimates which, according to law must be passed by the council before the first of April.

The reorganization committee of the council will meet probably next week to hear the report of Engineer Murdoch regarding his investigation of civic administration in the various cities recently visited by him.

VESSELS IN COLLISION

Rosario, Feb. 27.—The British steamer Folgate, from Antwerp, and the Norwegian bark Ebenezer, from Pasaoula, were in collision today. Damage, if any, is not yet ascertained.

TWO HUNDRED ARRESTS FOLLOW LISBON RIOTS

Serious Fighting Followed Demonstrations Made This Week—Assassinated King Carlos Burlesqued by Mobs—Interfered and General Riots Ensued in Which Many Were Injured

Lisbon, Friday, Feb. 26.—Via The Front—The Carnival celebrations held in this week resulted in serious rioting and a number of encounters with the police during which numerous people were more or less injured, and about 200 arrests were made.

The precautions taken by the authorities were successful in preventing any demonstrations early in the month on the first anniversary of the assassinations of King Carlos and the Crown Prince, but the population took advantage of the carnival time to indulge in the manifestations they wanted to hold three weeks ago. The assassinations of February 1, 1908, were repeatedly enacted at various points throughout Lisbon by persons made up to represent the late King Carlos and the Crown Prince, Queen Amelia, Prince Manuel and the Regent, Costa and Buisso, as they were attired on the day of the tragedy, while other groups carrying coffins containing skeletons to represent King Carlos and the Crown Prince gave representations of the funeral procession to an accompaniment of blasphemous songs.

The police were completely taken by surprise, and when they tried to stop the scandalous proceeding, the lower classes sided with the masqueraders and received them with volleys of stones.

Women aided the rioters by throwing missiles from windows.

The police finally had to make free use of their revolvers and swords. They charged right and left and a panic followed.

The situation was such that the police could not control the riot, and troops had to be summoned. The streets finally were cleared by the military, who made arrests by the wholesale.

MOHAWK MAY BE FLOATED TODAY

New York, Feb. 27.—The U. S. revenue cutter Mohawk, which ran aground yesterday on the rocks in Hell Gate while coming in from New London, was still fast on the reef off Ward's Island today. Immediately after the vessel went ashore wireless messages brought to her aid several tug boats which vainly tried throughout the evening and night to float the stranded cutter. Fears that the sharp rocks on which the vessel's bow rested would tear a hole in the hull have been dispelled and it was said that she would be floated at high tide this afternoon.

COLORADO POLICE UNEARTH SWINDLE

Council Bluffs, Colo., Feb. 27.—Post Office Inspector Swenson, after a trip to Little Rock, Ark., last night, told of an alleged swindle perpetrated by an organization of men, the head of which he believed is under arrest in Little Rock, in the person of J. C. Maybray. The organization formerly had headquarters in Council Bluffs, whither it moved from New Orleans.

The post office department believes the swindle is a large one, and has brought considerable more than a half million dollars. More than a hundred persons in various parts of the country were fleeced out of amounts ranging from \$500 to \$25,000 by means of fake races, wrestling matches and other cons. From documents, evidence taken from the trunk of Maybray, it is apparent that a diary was kept at all operations and the inspector has procured the names of more than a hundred supposed victims of the swindlers. These include the names of Thomas Cal. Lewis, a delegate from Alaska to the National Congress, and men of wealth in all parts of the country. Many bankers are included in the list.

A woman's boast of how her husband had won \$30,000 reaching the ears of a wife of the loser is said to have brought out the clues in the case.

MORE MONCTON MEN GO TO DORCHESTER

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 27.—(Special)—W. C. Paver, secretary of the I. C. R. Employees Relief and Insurance Association, has returned from a trip to Dorchester for February. There were four deaths among the members of the association in this period, with total insurance of \$1,000, divided into amounts of \$250 each. The deaths were James Gould, of Moncton; David Cool, New Brunswick; X. Marier, and M. Morrison, St. John, the latter being a retired member. The fees and salaries for the month are: Class A, \$1.10; Class B, 80 cents, and Class C, 65 cents.

Daniel Madden, a restaurant proprietor, and William McMullin, proprietor of the Hotel Windsor, were yesterday taken to Dorchester by the police, being arrested on commitment papers, as the result of a sentence of one month in jail for Scott Act violation.

Noah Higgs, an Englishman, was this morning sentenced to three months in Dorchester jail for vagrancy. Higgs has for the past month been making his home in the local jail and has on several occasions refused to go to work.

THEY KNOW VALUE OF ADVERTISING

London, Feb. 27.—The women suffragists are losing no opportunity to advertise the cause. They gathered in force this morning outside of Holloway jail to welcome three of their number who had just completed one month's imprisonment for trying to interview Premier Asquith. In spite of the fact that snow was falling they formed in procession and marched to Holloway, where a breakfast of welcome was given for the "martyrs." Miss Christabel Pankhurst, in addressing the gathering, complained that while Mrs. Lawrence and other leaders of their organization had been sentenced to two months' imprisonment for the raid on the House of Commons, Mrs. Despard, the leader of a rival society, had got off with one month. The speaker promised another raid on the House of Commons on March 30, when the London women will be joined by delegates from Lancashire.

Twenty-one burial permits were issued by the board of health for the present week, as follows:—From consumption, five; heart failure and pneumonia two; malnutrition, emphysema, edema, hemiplegia, bronchitis, rheumatism, jaundice, hydrocephalus, cancer of liver, arterio sclerosis, tubercular peritonitis and cerebral hemorrhage, one each.

THE FUNERAL OF MAYOR THORNE

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 27.—(Special)—There was a large attendance at the funeral of Margaret Ann Doherty, widow of the late Bernard Doherty, this morning. The only surviving member of the family, Mrs. Belle Holbrook, of Holyoke, Mass., was present. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. F. J. McMurray, in St. Gertrude's church, and the interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. Relatives of the deceased acted as pallbearers.

The funeral of Mayor Thorne will be held this afternoon from the Methodist church, commencing at 2:30, following a private service for the members of the family, which will be held at the late home at 1:30, by Rev. R. G. Fulton. The pallbearers will be members of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders. The floral offerings are most beautiful, including a wreath from the Knights of Pythias, a wreath from the town council, square and compass from the Masons, a wreath from the school trustees, wreath from the employees of the Carleton National, wreath from Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Holyoke, thirty carnations from Mrs. Fulton, roses from Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, roses from Miss Eleanor Collier of St. John, pillow from William Fisher, wreath from Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Sheagren, wreath from Dr. W. H. Irving and Dr. W. H. Irving, wreath from Golden Gates Ajur from Woodstock school trustees.

NEW PREMIER OF NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Feb. 27.—Hon. Sir Edward Morris, the new premier of Newfoundland who has been called upon to form a government, following Sir Robert Bond's resignation has had twenty-three years' experience of parliamentary affairs in Newfoundland, having been elected for St. John's in 1885, and continuing to represent that seat ever since. He has been at different times minister of two governments, that of Sir William Whiteway and of Sir Robert Bond, the leader of the late government he fought in the recent campaign.

Sir Edward was born in St. John's in 1859. He received his education in Bonaventure College and Ottawa, O. C. M., where he graduated at the age of twenty. His Alma Mater has since honored him by conferring on him several honorary degrees. He later read law under Sir James Winter, and was shortly after admitted to practice. In the same year he was elected to the Newfoundland parliament for his native city.

In 1889 he entered the cabinet of Sir William Whiteway and for two years was acting Attorney-General. In 1898 he left his party, then in opposition over the Irish Railway contract and for two years led an Independent Liberal party in parliament. He entered the cabinet of Premier Bond on the defeat of the Winter government, as Attorney-General and minister of justice. Later he resigned his seat in the cabinet to become leader of the People's Party, in opposition to his former colleague.

Sir Edward has represented Newfoundland in conferences on many important matters, notably the French Shore dispute, in 1901, and the confederation conference at Ottawa, in 1893. He was also the representative of his government in England on the occasion of the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. He was knighted in 1904.

Sir Edward Morris married, in 1901, Isabel Langrishe Langlais Fox. He is a brother of Mrs. C. A. Lebel, wife of C. A. Lebel, deputy agent of the marine and fisheries department in Montreal.

A CANADIAN ROBBED OF CASH AND JEWELS

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Two men, for whom the police are searching the city, beat into insensibility about one o'clock this morning, William J. Low, of Saskatoon, Canada, and robbed him of \$225 in cash, a gold watch and a diamond ring. They failed to find in his pockets letters of credit for \$10.00 on the Bank of British North America. Low was found in an unconscious condition off Delaware Avenue by a patrolman. He was hurried to the nearest police station. His injuries are not serious.

The wholesale spring millinery openings at St. John will take place on March 17th and 18th.