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DALLWIG SLATED TO DRIVE PATROL

Successor to be Named to Lynch Who Will be Patrolman.

Patrick Lynch, driver of the auto-patrol, is to be relieved of that duty and placed on the street as a patrolman. After a discussion of two mishaps which beset the car while Driver Lynch was at the wheel, the three members of the Police Board present at the meeting last evening concluded that another driver had better be appointed. It was left with President Hill of the board and Superintendent Birmingham to arrange for the assignment of another driver. President Hill said last evening the choice would be one of three. Patrolman Dallwig's chances are the best of the three. Commissioner James J. Hurley was absent. President Hill said he had consulted with the city attorney about the legality of taking Driver Lynch from the patrol and putting him on the street as a regular patrolman. The answer from the city attorney was that it was within the power of the commissioners to do so. James F. Kelly of 142 Hanover street, foreman for the Vincent Bros. Co. was elected a special patrolman last evening but was not sworn in. It was learned what the usual questions were put to him that he was not a voter. Mr. Kelly has lived here for 22 years. President Hill will look further into the law and if Mr. Kelly is eligible President Hill will swear him in without waiting for another meeting. If he cannot be sworn in, his election will be void. Mr. Kelly gave as a reason for not being made a voter that he had been too sick to do so.

H. W. Chandler, of 277 Maple street, who has charge of the shipping and stock department at the Bridgeport Motor Co. was made a special patrolman. Edward J. Kelly, the plumber whose application to be appointed a special patrolman was laid on the table was present. Upon request of Mayor Dudley who was present, Mr. Kelly's application was left on the table for a future meeting. A sliding curtain will be placed on the rear of the auto-patrol to protect the patrolmen from the dust which rushes into the car on a windy dusty day. Commissioner Kershaw proposed that the plan be adopted. Another attempt was made to have an extra man at police headquarters so that the driver of the auto-patrol would not have to leave on a call. Nothing was done about it however because of the lack of men. The commissioners have been trying to get this extra man at headquarters for four years.

PREFER CHARGES AGAINST POLICE

DAUGHTER OF CORPORATION LAWYER MILHOLLAND ARRESTED WHILE AIDING GIRL STRIKERS.

(Special from United Press.) New York, Dec. 15.—Miss Ines Milholland, daughter of the well known corporation lawyer, John E. Milholland, stated today that she will prefer charges against the police who last night arrested her for following him while he was taking strike pickets interested in the shirtwaist strike, to the station. Inasmuch as she was discharged and told by Magistrate Harris that if she desired he would issue a warrant for the policeman for failure to arrest all striking girls, even if they are "peacefully picketing." With other influential friends of the striking shirtwaist workers she is willing to finance an appeal to the higher courts to have the rights of the pickets defended. The shirtwaist strikers are encouraged because prominent society-women are fighting their battles. The Colony Club, through Mrs. Philip Lydig, Miss Anne Morgan, Miss Elizabeth Marbury, Miss Elsie DeWolfe, and Mrs. Borden Harriman have contributed \$1,300 for the strike fund with promise of more and other society leaders have promised support.

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IN FIRST STORY SINCE KILLING, BISSONNETTE PLEADS SELF DEFENCE

Secured Permit for Weapon, He Swears, the Day After Brother-in-Law Threatened His Life -- Accused is Pony Little Man, Apparently Incapable of Injuring Anyone.

The evidence produced to the jury yesterday afternoon in the trial of Napoleon Bissonnette for his life tended to show that the accused acted in his own defense when he drew the pistol on Rome P. Demery. His intention, Bissonnette says, was to make him let up choking him, to scare him off, and not to shoot him. The shot went off without his taking aim, or intending it should be fired. The defense succeeded in getting testimony before the jury which intended to show that Bissonnette lived in fear of his brother-in-law, Demery, for the latter had often made threats on his life. Bissonnette says his daughters and his brother-in-law were continually nagging him about the size of his family, and that he was not able to support it.

There was a big stir in the court room when the attorney for the defense called out the name "Napoleon Bissonnette". All necks were craned a little to look at the prisoner. He is a little fellow, and by looking at him one would hardly believe he was capable of committing a wrong. He took the stand without showing any emotion, telling his story with a falter. There was a slight hush in his voice, due probably to a cold. Bissonnette was born in Montreal, Canada, 48 years ago. He will be 33 years married in January. His first child was born Dec. 3 of the year of his marriage. He left Canada four years after his marriage, going to Pullman, Ill. In Canada three children were born, one of whom has died. From Pullman he went to South Milwaukee, Wis. Two more children were born in the Wisconsin town. Then he moved to Manchester, Va., where one more child was born. He came to Bridgeport about 13 years ago, after his marriage. He and one of his sons, who are now 14 and 16 years old, remained here for nine years, going back to Canada. He returned to this city about two and one-half years ago. When he was in Canada about one and one-half months he sent for his wife and children to come and live with him. He furnished the furniture in this city and furnished another home in Canada. He lived in Canada ten months, his wife having left him with all her children and returned to this city. He followed in three months. When he came to this city three of the children were working. He went to work the next day at the Singer Co.'s plant and earned \$14.86 per week. "I never laid off a day in my life," he said. "I gave all my money to my wife, but she would not give me a cent. For the last two years I turned over every cent I earned to her. "When she says 'leave your wife' I asked Attorney Chamberlain. "I never left her. I was put out of the house," replied Bissonnette. "When she says 'leave your wife' I asked Attorney Chamberlain. "One day in August, 1908, I received a letter from prosecuting attorney Alexander DeLaney telling me to see him at police headquarters on the following Saturday morning. He ordered me to come and live with him. I was then arrested for non-support. He had been giving my wife \$11 per week every week, but the factory shut down in the summer for three weeks. During that shut down I could not give her a cent. During those three weeks I did not eat a meal at my own house. I had to borrow money from my friends to eat meals. I never took any money from the children. "Why did your daughter, Albertina, leave the house?" asked Attorney Chamberlain. "Because she was so sassy to me. One day she said to her mother in my

scare him by showing him the pistol, but I went off. He threw me on the floor. When he had a hold of me by the neck Tina cried out, 'Don't, uncle, don't kill him.' I spoke to him in French. 'Let go my neck.' He replied, 'Talk in English.' This finished the direct testimony of the accused.

Under cross-examination Attorney Judson asked: "How long did you remain in Canada after your wife and children left you?" "About three months." "Who paid their fares to this city?" "Her brother in this city." "How long have you been back from Canada?" "About two and one-half years now." "How much money did you give your wife each week?" "Eleven dollars." "And out of that \$11 she was obliged to pay the rent, buy the food and buy the clothes not only for the children, but also for you?" "No, she never had to purchase my clothing." "But still there were eleven mouths to feed on only \$11 per week?" "No, there was more than that; there were four of the children working." "Why did you take one of your boys from Demery's store?" "Because he was only paying him fifty cents a week." "Did you not, when Superintendent Chamberlain gave you a permit to carry a revolver, show to him \$10 in bills, which you said you always carried around loosely in your pocket, and that you needed the pistol to protect yourself?" "No, sir, I told him about the threats of my brother-in-law, Rome Demery." "Thomas E. Kearns, Max Frederick, Ferdinand Leiss, August F. Carrol, Herman Ohm, Joseph H. Barkel, Christian Neubauer and Albert Williams testified that they had known the accused for a number of years, and have always found him a peaceful sort of a chap. Most of these members of the Brotherhood of America, of which Bissonnette was a member, and had contributed to the fund to pay for the defense of the accused.

Mrs. Caroline Halpin, a neighbor of the Bissonnettes, was asked to give her testimony on the food stuffs she had found at the home of the Bissonnettes during her visits there. She stated that they had the food the same as any ordinary family. Attorney Chamberlain asked her if she did not see a bowl of cereal on the table beside Mrs. Bissonnette when the latter was unwell. Mrs. Halpin said she did. Attorney Judson objected, as he thought the woman was not qualified to testify on the question if the food offered Mrs. Bissonnette was good for her or not. "Are you a mother?" asked Attorney Chamberlain. "Certainly," replied Mrs. Halpin. "Concede the qualification," replied the State's attorney.

John W. Quady, who keeps the grocery and meat store near the home of the Bissonnettes on Seaview avenue, was also called as a witness. She stated that the Bissonnettes were her best customers and that they always paid cash for their goods. She is the owner of the house in which the Bissonnettes lived. He time of the shooting. The rent was always paid to her regularly. Bissonnette was the last witness called during the afternoon, being on the stand when court adjourned till this morning.

EVICTED STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

(Special from United Press.) Springfield, Mass., Dec. 16.—The strike of the 2,000 Polish operatives of the Ludlow Manufacturing Association which began about two months ago and which was featured by wholesale evictions of the strikers' families from the company's houses, is ended. By an almost unanimous vote the striking operatives, in a mass meeting last night, decided to declare the strike off pending a settlement of the wage difficulty.

This morning another meeting of the strikers is being held at which the details of the return to work will be arranged. The strikers gathered last night to listen to a report on the conference held in the afternoon. This report was made by one of the strike leaders, who were present at the afternoon conference of Central Labor Union officials, under Bernard F. Suplee and Richard P. Barry of the state board. According to the understanding the strikers, as soon as necessary details have been arranged, will return to work in the mills at the wages paid when the strike occurred, and will remain at work at this scale until a settlement of the wage difficulty has been reached, either through arbitration by the state board or by conciliation. The company will arrange to have the strikers return to the houses from which they were evicted during the strike. It is probable that the bulk of those who have been out on strike will be back in the mills by the middle of next week and it is likely that quite a number of them will be back at work by the close of this week. One week will be given by the company in which the strikers may return to work, this being given so that the strikers who have secured work elsewhere may have time to return to Ludlow if they wish. Both Mr. Barry and Mr. Suplee of the state board will remain in the city this morning in order to keep in touch with developments in the situation.

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