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CONFESSED ON DAY OF MURDER.

Sensational Testimony in the Bonine Trial.

TOLD ALL TO LAWYER GARDINER.

Accused Woman Recited to Him the Facts of Ayres' Death on the Evening of May 15 and Asked His Counsel—Advised Her to Say Nothing and Let the Police Work Out Their Suicide Theory.

George B. Gardiner, Assistant Attorney for the Interior Department, an able lawyer and for eight years a Circuit Court Judge in Kentucky, yesterday went on the witness stand in Criminal Court No. 1 during the trial of Mrs. Bonine for the murder of James Seymour Ayres, and in the course of his testimony made the most remarkable and sensational statement which has been uttered since the proceedings opened.

For more than six months this calm, stately, smooth-faced man kept to himself a confession of guilt made to him by the accused woman. For more than a week he knew who it was that had shot the young census clerk, but he remained dumb.

A worried, nervous woman had confided in him and had asked him for advice. In response, he instructed her to say no word, to make no confession, but to let the police work out their theory of suicide.

His Duty as a Man.

This was the strange story drawn from this witness yesterday by the attorneys for the defense. And in telling his secret the man exhibited no emotion.

It was his bounden duty as a man, he believed, for him to divulge nothing imparted to him in confidence by a woman until such time as that woman might relieve him of his bond of secrecy.

That time came yesterday, when the men who were battling for the woman's life asked him to tell all he had heard so well. And in the telling there came about a great change in the aspect of the case.

The news of the confession came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky to the prosecution. The defense was overthrown. The jury was deeply impressed, and the spectators sat starting in mingled amazement and admiration.

Story of the Confession.

Here is the story of the confession as made by Mrs. Bonine to Mr. Gardiner at 7 o'clock on the night of May 15, within twenty hours after the commission of the crime:

"I have no interest in suicides. On the night of the tragedy I donned my coat, and with hat in hand, was about to leave my room for a walk. There came a rap at the door of my room, and in a few minutes entered this accused woman. She was worried and nervous, and her manner was tense. She started to say something, but as I had my hand upon her arm she ceased, and hesitated, and then told me all.

"I know more about this murder than any other person," she said. "I was in the room at the time of the shooting. It was I who killed Ayres. He came to the door of my room at an early hour this morning. He claimed to have a tramp. He asked me to come to his room and help him, as he was suffering. I threw on a wrapper and went to his room. I rapped on the door. He opened it, standing behind it. I stepped forward, and as I did so saw that he was unloading with an undershirt. He threw his arm around my neck. In the other hand he held a revolver. He attempted to assault me. We struggled. In a struggle which ended he was shot three times. What shall I do? I have come here to tell you and to take your advice."

"The story was straightforward and frankly told. I advised her not to say a word to anyone, not to open her mouth on the subject.

"Let the theory of suicide stand," I said. "Make no confession, but await developments."

Sensation in Court.

A great stillness had settled over the court room. The attorneys for the Government were leaning over tensely straining at every word uttered. On the bench Justice Anderson had settled his arms straight out in front of him, and was absorbed in the witness. Each of the twelve men on the jury was on the edge of his chair in an endeavor to get closer to the speaker. The mass of spectators was hushed. Not even the rustle of a sheet of paper could be heard. And in the center of all this the woman who had made the confession smiled up into the face of the man who had kept her word. He left the stand, bowed solemnly to her, and left the chamber.

Other witnesses there were during the trial, and some during the day, but none caused the impression left by this man. One other fact developed during yesterday's session was in the statement of the nurse, William Schenckler, who held that the body of Ayres was buried and buried from close contact with the flame of a cigarette. Those who gave additional evidence were James Berns, William C. McCabe, Michael Hogan, Arthur E. McGibbin, John L. Downs, and James B. Ford.

Interest in Witness Burns.

James Burns, the last man to see Ayres alive, who was the chain of the dead census clerk, managed to occupy the stand for nearly two hours. He attracted attention to himself by his reply given to a question as to why he had left the census clerk on the day of the tragedy, and had gone to the other end of the city to live.

"Well, I'll tell you," he said, "I was afraid that Ayres had told me enough about her to convict her, and I was not going to take any chances with my life."

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ROBBERY OF LI'S PALACE.

Report Made by Commander of French Forces in China.

PARIS, Nov. 26.—The report of General Vayron, commander of the French forces in China, regarding the part taken by missionaries in the plundering of Prince Li's palace has been published.

According to the report, the plundering was done thoroughly with the aid of soldiers and sailors who were paid checks of 2,000 francs each on the French religious establishments.

It is learned that General Vayron's confidential report was divulged by M. Olivier, the naval attaché to the Ministry of Marine.

The publication has aroused great scandal, and furnishes the first serious means yet available for attacking M. Waldeck-Rousseau's ministry.

DUTCH ENEMIES BLAMED.

Denial That Prince Henry and Queen Wilhelmina Are Estranged.

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—The "Lokalanzeiger" declares that the reports of estrangement between Wilhelm and his wife are circulated by Dutch enemies of the marriage.

It says that Prince Henry is financially quite independent of his queen, and that recently he bought an estate in Mecklenburg-Schwerin for half a million of marks, out of his private income.

MR. BALFOUR IMPROVING.

Encouraging Report Concerning House of Commons Leader.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, the Government leader in the House of Commons, who was yesterday reported as dangerously ill with chills and fever, is better today.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND LOST.

RINGS AND CASH ALSO MISSING.

Mrs. Shiveley's Valuables Disappear With Her Carse From Her Residence White Walking on the Street.

On the street somewhere in the vicinity of the Ebbitt House yesterday was lost a United States Government registered bond for \$10,000. Last night at Headquarters there appeared a stylishly attired woman to report the disappearance of this bond, together with two diamond rings and some money, all contained in a leather pocketbook. The ponderous police machine was put in motion, the following order being sent out:

"Look out for a Government registered bond for \$10,000; for two diamond rings, and some cash, lost about 11 o'clock today on F Street, in front of the Ebbitt House."

The Police Notified.

On being waited upon at Headquarters, the woman said her name was Mrs. Emma J. Shiveley. She gave her address as the Drexel Hotel, First and B Streets northwest. She stated that she had the missing bond in her possession when she walked out of the hotel yesterday morning. She visited one or two stores, but did little shopping. Afterward she called at one of the Government departments.

About 11 o'clock she walked along in front of the Ebbitt House. Some fifteen minutes before she had looked into her purse and she saw the bond and rings and some cash lying on F Street, and she stopped a moment to pick it up. As she intended to take a car, she put her hand into her bag while talking and then discovered that her purse was gone.

Her Name on the Bond.

Mrs. Shiveley notified the Treasury Department of the loss of the bond, on which her name appears. The rings are also of considerable value.

At the Drexel last night a search of the register for a month back failed to show the name of Mrs. Shiveley. The clerk had retired, and only a negro porter could be seen. He said he remembered some message bearing the name of Shiveley some weeks back. He knew nothing, however, of Mrs. Shiveley, or her present address.

CAUCUS OF THE HOUSE.

Republicans to Be Brought Into Line With Party Policy.

The caucus of the Republicans of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Congress will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The dominant party in the House usually holds its caucus on the night of the Saturday preceding the opening of Congress, and the departure from this custom on this occasion has created the impression that trouble was expected, and that in order that the caucus might have plenty of time for its deliberation it was so set in the afternoon and continue its session at night.

According to the programme, Representative Babcock, of the Ways and Means Committee, who has made several statements to the effect that he proposed to negotiate at this session the question of a reduction of the tariff on "trust-made goods," is to be disciplined by the leaders, and such members as may be disposed to complete their work in a brief while, and do not expect to be given to understand that no such defection will be tolerated. This rearranged programme, however, is entirely fanciful. The Republican party in the House will be brought into line with the policy of the President, if not improper, for the party to caucus on this matter before hearing what he has to say. It is his privilege and duty to send to Congress such recommendations as he may wish to present at the opening of the session, and as it is pretty generally known that the President's message will treat of the tariff and reciprocity at considerable length, it is thought by the most influential Republicans in the House that it would be very injudicious to take action on these subjects or to formally discuss them before giving his message due consideration.

Speaker Henderson expects the caucus to complete its work in a brief while, and does not believe that a night session will be held. He does not think the tariff will be discussed. There is no opposition to the rejection of the elective officers of the House, so that it will take but a brief time to settle that question.

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BROUGHT BACK FROM LONDON.

Prisoners Travel Over Sea to Face Trial Here.

ACCOMPANIED BY TWO DETECTIVES.

Men Charged With Larceny of a Pocketbook Arrive—Had Jumped Their Bail—Officers Tell of Their Experiences Abroad.

James Harkes and John Morgan, who fled from this city to England while out under \$1,500 bail on charges of theft, were brought back on the Red Star Line steamer Zeland, arriving in New York yesterday morning.

The prisoners were in charge of Detectives Richard E. Weedon and Robert J. Howlett, of the Police Department. The party arrived at the National Capital last night on the Pennsylvania Road.

Were Under Indictment.

The men are under indictment for the alleged theft of a pocketbook containing a small amount of money from M. G. Lee, of Atlantic City, N. J., while the latter was in the Pennsylvania Railroad depot here last March.

They skipped out while under \$1,500 bail each, and were caught in London in September.

The four men alighted from a Pennsylvania train last night at 6:15 o'clock, and proceeded to Police Headquarters. Detective Sergeant Ned Weedon and Robert J. Howlett met them, and the neck of the party was taken to the station.

Welcome to Detectives.

At Headquarters the roll-call of detectives was going on as the four men awaited. There was some confusion, as every man pressed forward to shake hands with the returned sleuths. Morgan and Harkes said little. Their lawyer, Mr. Silvers, waited for them, and talked with them in low tones.

Each prisoner carried in his hand a satchel. Both men were warmly dressed. Morgan wore a light brown overcoat, a grey suit, and a derby hat. He presented a good appearance. About the neck of Harkes was a white silk handkerchief. He wore an overcoat of dark material.

About 11 o'clock the patrol wagon conveyed these men to the station. Detective Sergeant Weedon went with them.

"Send these men two good supper, with knives and forks and plates," the order of Lieutenant Moore, after the men had given their names. It had been explained by Weedon that Morgan and Harkes were charged with prisoners on their long trip to this city.

Attorney Silvers remained with his clients during the trial. This being over, the men were taken to a cell at the station, having first been supplied with a blanket and a pillow. Such luxuries excited the envy of the other prisoners.

Well Treated on the Trip.

Morgan seemed a genial fellow, tall, stout and of good bearing. He talks well, and says:

"We were well treated on the trip over here. Of course, for some reasons we should have preferred to remain in London. Weedon and Howlett are good men. They gave us everything possible. You may talk with our lawyer if you like about the charges against us."

"Morgan said he was not sick at all. Harkes, likewise, ate well and slept well on the voyage.

London was an enigma to Weedon and Howlett, principally because of the fog. They had never seen anything like it before. It was everywhere, and was thick. It made them walk from place to place, because they could not see a real London picture. Weedon explained the ways of the Londoner thus:

"We got into a hansom cab and paid our fare. The men, it was down in Whitechapel. We had a driver, and he would take us to a stop. It did not move for fifteen minutes. The driver said nothing, except that he could not go on. For a while we waited, and then we got out and walked."

Glad to Get Back.

Howlett said he liked London, but was glad to get back. Of the London police, he said that there were "good men among them."

"Thank," said Howlett, "maybe they are sometimes a bit slow."

TIGERS CUT OUT ITHACA.

Princeton to Meet Cornell on Neutral Ground Hereafter.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Princeton will never play a football game with Cornell at Ithaca again. This information comes from an authentic source, but it does not mean that football relations between these universities will be severed.

According to the informant, Princeton holds Cornell in the highest esteem, and is perfectly willing to play an annual game with the Ithaca on neutral ground, either in New York or Philadelphia, in the future. The four was captured near Wallhalla. The one Powell said he had struck about the mark of the blow.

Mountaineers Aroused.

The other prisoners are Robertson and Sentinella. The Hudsons are sons of a substantial citizen of the county. This is the second woman ever killed in that section and the mountain people are very highly wrought up.

SANE AND MUST STAND TRIAL.

Mrs. Buchanan Charged With Assaulting a Woman.

Mrs. Sarah Buchanan is not insane, according to the report of the police surgeon who examined her yesterday. As a consequence, it is said that she will have to stand trial on a charge of having assaulted Mrs. Mary Weaver.

She remained a prisoner at the House of Detention last night, and will be taken to the Police Court this morning unless her relatives manage to secure a different disposition of the case in the interim.

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WILLARD HOTEL LEASE FILED.

New Structure Rented for \$61,782 Annually.

The New Willard Hotel property has been leased for a term of twenty years at an annual rental of \$61,782, payable in monthly installments of \$5,148.

The property known as the New Willard Hotel is described in the lease placed on record as lots 1, 2, 16, and part of 15, in square 225, and is located on the northwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Fourteenth Street. The lease is made by the Virginia Hotel Company, and the lessee is the Willard Hotel Company.

It is also stipulated in the lease that the lessee shall furnish the hotel at a cost of not less than \$100,000 and keep it insured for at least \$500,000. The lease is dated October 15 last.

The gentlemen composing the Virginia Hotel Company are E. L. Stallings, President; Thomas M. Gable, Treasurer; W. S. Harlan, Secretary; and George E. Hamilton, J. Maury Dove, and H. C. Darr.

Speaking of the matter last night Mr. Darr said the cost of the furniture and fittings of the hotel was \$250,000. The extension of the New Willard to F Street will be made within the coming year, and when completed, the New Willard will lack but seventeen feet of being as long as the Waldorf-Astoria. In point of fact the hotel is not surpassed by any in the city. It is what is known as a daylight hotel. Already the hotel is crowded with business.

ACCUSED BY COURT ROOM SPECTATOR.

Man Charged With Highway Robbery Unexpectedly Confronted by One Who Saw Him Commit the Act.

Ganby was on trial before Justice Barnard, charged with having assaulted and robbed George W. Taylor, near the Sixth Street Depot on the night of September 19 last. The testimony was not very strong, and the defendant made a plea of not guilty.

The testimony of Mr. James, however, put a different light upon the question of guilt of the defendant. He stated that on the night in question he was near the depot when he saw Ganby commit the act.

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Mr. Taylor, it was stated, was under the influence of liquor, and Ganby undertook to pilot him to a boarding house. When but a short distance from the depot, Ganby attacked Mr. Taylor, and he was taken to a hospital.

McCrex's Action Unknown.

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Favorable to Col. Meade.

Rear Admiral Asserson Considers Denby's Contract Executive.

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SEA GIVING UP ITS DEAD.

Three More Bodies Came Ashore From the Wrecked Harges.

TOMES RIVER, N. J., Nov. 25.—Three more bodies from the five wrecked barges on Squam Beach were found today and brought here for burial.

Out of the crew of the five barges two only were saved and five bodies have been recovered.

Four of the five craft have gone to the pier, and the fifth is pounding on the beach.

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TRAINS HALTED BY A BATTLE.

Conflict on the Isthmus Delays Passengers.

IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT REPORTED

Liberals Inflict Heavy Losses—The Pinzon Bombarde Porto Bello and Returns—No Fighting to Be Allowed in Colon.

COLON, Nov. 25.—An important engagement was being going on at Barbacon. Trains, including one in transit with passengers from the steamship Grijalva, which sailed from New York last Tuesday, could not pass the scene of the fight.

The Colombian gunboat General Pinzon bombarded Porto Bello and J. ided part of its force.

Government Losses Heavy.

An armored train arrived here at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Liberals have retreated to Frijoles.

The Government forces are now at Sabernilla. Their losses have been heavy. No fighting will be permitted in Colon. General Lugo, of the Liberal forces, is expected at Barbacon.

TRAFFIC MOVING UNMOLESTED.

Little News From the Isthmus Received by the Government.

Such information as came to the State and Navy Departments yesterday from their official representatives on the Isthmus of Panama was meagre and uninteresting. The only important dispatch was sent by Consul General Guzman, at Panama, who said only that "traffic is moving unimpeded."

A Treaty Obligation.

This question of free transit across the isthmus is the one that concerns the United States more than any other matter, as under its treaty obligations the American Government must prevent interruption of traffic between Panama and Colon.

The action of Captain Perry, of the battleship Iowa, in posting marines and bluejackets from that ship along the line of the trans-isthmian railway is believed to be responsible for the resumption of train service.

Captain Perry, who started from Panama yesterday with the intention of running a train through to the Atlantic side of the isthmus, arrived at Colon, the destination of the ship along the line.

After the close of office hours last evening, Secretary Long received a message from him that the Colombian gunboat Pinzon had returned to Colon. No information concerning her actions since leaving that place yesterday was contained in the message.

The situation at the Isthmus, with free transit restored, the danger of a clash between the American forces and the warlike Pinzon's actions has been reduced to a minimum.

It is confidently believed here that the Pinzon's commander will not carry out his threat to bombard the railway. His failure to do so after the lapse of the twenty-four hours of grace given for the removal of non-combatants is attributed to the knowledge that damage by the bombardment to foreign property would probably bring a storm of protest and demands for redress from Washington and some of the European capitals.

McCrex's Action Unknown.

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A cipher dispatch received from him today acknowledged the receipt of Secretary Long's message giving him the withdrawal of the Pinzon from the railway. His part of it was unimpeachable, and the Navy Department found it necessary to ask Mr. McCrex to repeat it.

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MR. MUNSEY BUYS "NEWS."

Acquires Controlling Interest in New York Daily.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Frank A. Munsey, the publisher, bought today the controlling interest in the "New York Daily News" from Mrs. Benjamin A. Wood and Miss Mayfield. This he acquired by the purchase of 150 of the 300 shares of the stock of the company.

What he paid to Mrs. Wood and her sister for their holdings Mr. Munsey refused to say tonight.

"I took possession of the 'News' this afternoon," Mr. Munsey said, "and tomorrow's issue will come out under my management. Just what changes will be made I have not fully thought out yet, but I will, to a great extent, remodel the paper."

BATTLE ABBEY AT AUCTION.

Historic Place in England Sold to Highest Bidder.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Battle Abbey, the historic place near Hastings associated with the landing of William the Conqueror in England in 1066, was sold by auction today for £200,000.

It was the property of the late Duchess of Cleveland, mother of the Earl of Rosebery.

SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE.

Mail Steamer Pando Placed Under Quarantine at London.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The mail steamer Pando, which arrived today from Spanish ports, has been quarantined, owing to the fact that a sailor aboard of her is suspected of having bubonic plague.

DAUGHTER HAS AGED MOTHER ARRESTED.

Charges Her with Assault.

Woman of Four Score Lodged in the House of Detention—A Second Accusation of Insanity Made by a Neighbor.

A case of a decidedly complicated and poetic character will be given a hearing in Police Court this morning, when Sarah Buchanan, an old lady who claims to be more than eighty years of age, will be arraigned before the bar of justice to answer to a charge of assault and battery preferred against her by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Weaver, a dressmaker, of 1518 Q Street northwest.

The old lady was arrested at a late hour Monday afternoon by Policemen Brown, of the Third precinct. He had two warrants, one sworn out by her daughter, Mrs. Weaver, charging the assault, and the second, resting a charge of insanity, preferred against her by Mrs. Grace Stank, a neighbor of the accused, who resides at 1520 Q Street northwest.

Arrested on Warrants.

Much against his will, Patrolman Hart, a veteran of the Police Department, was forced to take the Third precinct police wagon to Mrs. Buchanan's home on Q Street, where the old lady has resided for nearly fifty years. He found her in this house and drove her to the House of Detention. The unfortunate woman made no protest and did not realize, apparently, why she had been taken to the station. She was taken to the House of Detention, where she died at the age of 82.

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Insanity Charge Dismissed.

But although that charge was dismissed, the aged woman was not given her freedom, owing to the existence of the charge of assault and battery. She was turned over to the care of Matron McCloud, who did everything in her power to make the prisoner comfortable.

As news can be learned, Mrs. Buchanan has resided within the confines of the District of Columbia for more than fifty years, coming to this country from Ireland. She had been married on Q Street, from which she was taken to her place of confinement, is said to be her property, she having acquired it after a labor of years.

Living with Mrs. Buchanan in the house are her husband, who is invalid, Mrs. Weaver, her daughter, and Mr. Weaver, the latter's husband. Mrs. Weaver called at the House of Detention last night and wished to take her mother-in-law home with her. Upon being informed that there was a charge pending against her mother, she seemed great surprised. He will, it is said, go to the Police Court this morning with a view to having the case dismissed.

The Daughter's Statement.

Last night a reporter for the Times called at Mrs. Buchanan's home on Q Street, where he met Mrs. Weaver. When asked if it were true that she had preferred charges against her aged mother, Mrs. Weaver replied in the affirmative, saying that her mother had struck her four times, and was subject to such violent attacks that