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CONCLUSION OF THE E. O. BROWN TRIAL

VERDICT "INSANE"

Sensational Outcome Of This Remarkable Case -- The Chief Justice Instructs Jury To Find Verdict As To Sanity

Supreme Court met Saturday morning at 10.30.

The first proceeding was the swearing in of a jury to try the prisoner, E. O. Brown, on the charge of forgery.

After calling over many names on the panel, some of whom were objected to by the Crown counsel but more by the prisoner, twelve men were finally chosen.

The names of the jurymen are as follows: Ebenezer Wheatley, City, Foreman.

Archibald A. Matheson, Murray Harbor Road.

Thomas Henderson, Long Creek.

David Coles, Clifton.

Beecher Bryanton, Union Road.

Oliver Bernard, North Rustico.

Vonclure Gay, City.

James Stewart, City.

Harry Foster, Dunstaffnage.

Alexander Compton, Belle River.

John Ferguson, Argyle Shore.

Charles Carter, Winsloe.

Before the jurors had been finally selected the prisoner made the following statement to the Court.

"The preliminary inquiry to try my sanity was entirely against my approval and I never in any way, directly or indirectly consented to it. During that inquiry a certain document in every respect true which I had given to Dr. Johnson as an outline for my defence to the criminal charges against me was brought in evidence by the Crown and afterwards published in The Morning Guardian. Yesterday, after the jury had given their verdict on that issue, before I had pleaded to the indictment, at the request of His Lordship the Chief Justice, Mr. D. C. McLeod, a barrister of the Court, made in the presence and hearing of the jury who are to try the charges against me a statement largely untrue. This statement was not under oath, was made at the bar of the Court but not given in evidence on any issue. After it was made His Lordship the Chief Justice, in the presence and hearing of the jury commented thereon in a manner detrimental to me, the prisoner, and in a way calculated to prejudice my defence. I therefore object to His Lordship to hear the case against me as trial judge and to the evidence of D. C. McLeod, given in such a way."

Nothing was done in this matter just at that time and the jury was completed.

The Chief Justice gave permission to the prisoner to come out of the dock and use one of the barrister's desks in the body of the Court.

The prisoner then took the seat assigned to him. He looked pale, but quite composed. He had with him a large satchel, some bundles of documents, and one or two lawbooks.

The witnesses names were then called, and the indictment read withforgering a mortgage from

to the prisoner. It charged him Warren A. Vessey to Thomas Campbell for the sum of \$750.

Mr. HASZARD then addressed the jury stating to them very plainly the nature of the charge. He elaborated on the seriousness of the crime of forgery and pointed out that this mortgage was a forgery from beginning to end, the names of McDonald Stipendiary Magistrate, and of John A. White, Registrar of Deeds being all forgeries. Mr. Haszard stated how important it was that such crimes should meet with their just punishment.

The following witnesses were called who gave evidence as to the signatures on the mortgage being forgeries:

Thomas Campbell; Fattie Vessey; John A. McDonald; Milton Vessey; Wm. S. White; M. Laverty; A. E. McNeill; Dr. Kelly testified to the fact that Warren J. Vessey was at home ill in bed.

The only one of these witnesses cross-examined by Brown was A. E. McNeill. He said he was accountant Bank of Nova Scotia and testified that Brown had always shown himself anxious to protect his notes at the bank and meet his obligations to the best of his ability.

The prisoner then addressed the jury: He said that he had no doubt the gentlemen of the jury were anxious to know the real facts of the case. There had been a great deal of difficulty between himself and his counsel with regard to the plea of insanity which they had set up. He did not approve of that plea. He then referred to cases similar to his own where charges of forgery had been made. He referred to the statement made by Mr. McLeod and said the latter was against an impossible task.

Under the criminal code he said his defence might go as a case of insanity. He went on to describe at length his alleged persecutions.

"Now, then," said the prisoner, "there is another matter to explain—the testimony of the medical men who visited me in jail. The jury sat here and heard their evidence. Then they rendered a verdict that I was sane. I am grateful to them for it enabled me to come here to explain matters to you when, when I retire, they will make it plain why I feel glad."

At this point Donald McKinnon was put on the witness stand and examined by the prisoner. He testified that he had been in McLeod and Bentley's office at the same time Brown was a student there, and established the fact that the prisoner had received certain payments from them. The witness said he had left the office before the prisoner's time was up.

When the Court met after recess, the prisoner went on the witness stand and proceeded to give a long recital of certain events. In the

prisoner said that what he had done would be excused because the same excuse could be applied. The same principle governed in his case as in the case of the bank teller.

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The prisoner became so diffuse that at last the Chief Justice had to interpose. He said: Prisoner, all this is a very long, unnecessary detailed account of circumstances not relevant to the case. I want to tell you this—you are charged here with the forging of a mortgage. You have pleaded "not guilty" and are now upon trial. All you are saying is no answer to the charge even if true, and the jury will find you guilty. It is only a waste of time to tell this.

The prisoner said it was necessary to relate all these details in order to establish the fact that he was goaded into such a state he was not responsible for the actions which had brought him to his present condition.

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The prisoner still maintained that he was entitled, under the line of his defence, to relate these details, but promised to

CHILD BURNED IN SAINT JOHN

Rescued by Mother, but Too Late; Clothes Caught Fire in Kitchen.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Jack Ross, child of John Ross, Elliott Row, was seriously burned this morning and will die.

The little fellow, who is only three years of age, now lies at the General Public Hospital.

Mrs. Ross, the child's mother, had gone to the back yard to hang out some clothes when she was alarmed by an outcry from the kitchen.

Hurrying back to the house she was met at the kitchen door by the little boy running to her for aid.

His clothes were a mass of flames, his hair even then had been burned from his head and his whole body burned from the knees to his crown.

When they were related by the prisoner in a remarkably clear manner. He spoke fluently, and as the sentences fell rapidly from his lips it was evident that this defence, in which he was now engaged, and on which he had repeatedly intimated so much depended; on which he rested all his hopes of getting free, was a thing on which he had spent a lot of time.

As he proceeded it was plain that what he was saying was but an elaboration of the statements contained in the document which has already been published under the title of the prisoner's defence.

The Court-room was crowded, and everyone was deeply interested. As the prisoner proceeded, however, with his detailed account it was not difficult to note on nearly every hand the doubt as to whether he was conducting himself in a rational manner and this impression grew as he continued the narrative.

"I will give you an illustration," he said. "A man goes into a bank, and presents a revolver at a bank teller, and demands \$2,000. If the teller is in danger of his life, and the money is lying there is he not justified in giving it to the man? And should he be punished for that?"

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BALTIMORE HAD SERIOUS FIRE

Friday, With Loss of Three Firemen Dead and Sixteen Injured.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26 (Special) Fire on Friday took heavy tolls of members of the fire department of this city, three being dead and sixteen others more or less seriously injured, including George Houston, Chief of the Fire Department, who is in a serious condition.

He has badly lacerated scalp and internal injuries.

The financial damage is estimated at \$400,000.

ENGLISH MEN BUSY IN CHINA

MOY, CHINA, Jan. 25.—There has been organized a Chinese company to open the iron and coal mines in the vicinity of Awtow, 55 miles north west of Tientsin. The capital of the company is \$2,000,000.

The development of the mines, which include the construction of fifty miles of narrow gauge railroad, is in charge of English Engineers.

A NEW ACT BY BOULDEN AND QUINN

Tonight at Fairlyland Boulden and Quinn will begin a second week's engagement with an entirely different act from that presented the past week, introducing new comedy and new instruments including the musical coins, and the musical classes. Mr. Boulden will appear in the "black face" comedy act, and the humorous dialogue between the two will comprise the latest and best jokes. The musical novelties will be as unique and enjoyable as the bell ringing which has proved so popular in this City.

The moving pictures are of more than average excellence, comprising our that represent comedy, drama, tragedy and events abounding in heart interest.

The illustrated song by Mr. Maddison will be a grand feature of a grand performance.

BOSTON COLLEGE GETS \$50,000

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 25.—Fifty thousand dollars was pledged tonight at an enthusiastic mass meeting of the Alumni Association of Boston College at which plans were discussed for placing the institution among the foremost of the Catholic educational institutions of the country.

The college recently purchased thirty acres of land near the Chestnut Hill reservoir in Newton, and on this land it is planned to erect six buildings. With the money pledged at tonight's meeting as a nucleus, it is hoped to raise over a million dollars to carry out the plans. Dr. John F. O'Brien, president of the Alumni Association, was chairman at tonight's meeting. President Thomas J. Gannon of the college, read a letter from Archbishop O'Connell who was unable to be present on account of illness.

HUGHES WILL BE CANDIDATE

ALBANY, January 25.—Governor Hughes to-night published a declaration showing his attitude towards the movement in favor of his nomination for the presidency, in a letter to J. S. Lehman, of New York, acknowledging notification of the resolution of endorsement recently passed by the republican club.

"I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon me," said the governor, "by fellow members of the republic club, in the passage of the resolution to which you refer, and it will give me pleasure to accept the invitation. It is my desire that the sentiment of the party shall have the freest expression, and that such action shall be taken as will be for its best interests. I do not seek office nor shall I attempt to influence the selection or vote of any delegate."

shorten his testimony.

The climax came by the Chief Justice instructing the jury to retire to their room and bring in a verdict as to the prisoner's sanity. The jury retired and in about an hour's time brought a verdict of "Insane."

The prisoner will now be kept custody till the July term of the Supreme Court.

THE JAPANESE AND IMMIGRATION

HAVE A POLICY.

Will Prevent Emigration of Laborers To The United States and Canada Except Under Given Conditions, Satisfactory To Both.

TOKIO, Jan. 25.—(Special)—The Japanese Government has issued stringent instructions to all governors and other officials concerning the regulation of future emigration along lines of a future definite policy.

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No laborers are permitted to emigrate to Mexico.

Evidence of the determination of the Japanese Government is shown by an official order issued to the emigration companies today wherein all emigration to the Hawaiian Islands is absolutely prohibited except in the case of relatives of Japanese already residing there.

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ENGLAND IS TO INCREASE NAVY

Announcement of Great Britain's Program in Answer to Germany's Projects Confidently Anticipated by the Public Two Ships to One

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Herald's naval correspondent writes as follows: The question which is agitating all parties in England at the present time, or which certainly is causing more speculation than any other, concerns the answer which England is to make to Germany's new naval programme. Everywhere the forthcoming naval estimates are discussed, and it is confidently expected that an early announcement on the subject will be made as soon as parliament reassembles.

The speech of Sir Edward Grey, secretary of State for foreign affairs, at Alnwick on Wednesday last, seems to make it clear that the government is quite prepared to fulfil its promise. In this connection he said, in speaking of naval programmes of other nations:

"If they are carried out in their entirety it will undoubtedly become necessary for us, not only in the interests of the empire, but for the preservation of our independence, and for our own safety at home, to make further increases in our own navy."

As it would be futile to assume that Germany will not actually and speedily build the vessels projected in the new law, this is as good as a declaration that this country in its turn will largely increase its naval expenditure.

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Such an audience was found to call out a performers' best work. All the vocalists are too well known to need specialising. The audience re-demanded them all.

The reader of the occasion was Miss Lutie Nicholson. Her rendition of "The Two Courts" left nothing to be desired. Her encore Bairnies cuddle doon was a splendid dramatic effort.

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In his few remarks he gave the audience ample matter for thought. Burns' message was "Manhood, Liberty Brotherhood, Great statesmen come on the stage, great warriors, great literatures, great poets, to get the message entrusted to them by God—pass off—but the message remains to germinate, to bear fruit. In this case of Humanitarianism, of Patriotism of Piety."

The popular city vocalists Parker Hooper, Miss Ethel Stewart, Miss Hazel Bremner, and Austin Trainor received hearty applause for admirable work. All were in fine voice and sang with splendid effect. Miss Lena B. Murray, the possessor of a rich contralto voice, sang expressively and sweetly, winning much commendation while Miss Edith Macdonald of Cardigan, worthily upheld the honors of the eastern vocalists. Ralph Maddison sang splendidly and his song took the audience at once and fully sustained the reputation he has made for himself as a popular singer, though coming last on a very long program.

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THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK

program at Wonderland means magnificent new films, shown on this circuit for the first time—pictures containing more than an ordinary amount of interest, spectacular effects and a generous sprinkling of capital amusement. And Wonderland has some other novelties in the entertainment line yet forthcoming; ideas which are so genuinely unique that the store of surprises seems inexhaustible. For this evening the pictures will be—

"Flirting On The Sands" shows how the summer girl enjoys herself, and gives a hearty good laugh at the same time.

Hex River, Cape Town takes one on an enjoyable journey through this now historic part of the world, and is certainly as full of realism as it

is interesting.

"Mephisto in Prison" is a wonderful transformation, while the Magical Press is the representation in illustrated form of all the different newspaper titles of the old country. It is uncommon, and simply wonderful in every scene. Many people will sympathize with the hero of the "Brazil Storm" film, and his troubles over the telephone, as all have troubles of their own. Mr. Harney is booked for his usual illustrated song number, and the program is certainly good all through. On Tuesday evening Miss Viola Wentworth, song and dance soubrette, begins a week's engagement at Wonderland, and as she comes with the highest testimonials from houses which are strictly first-class, there is another week of pleasure on at Wonderland.

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"Pork	613.10
May Corn	59 1/2
"Wheat	67 1/2
Pork	

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