Tragedy or Comedy in the Collingwood Case?

Did Brown Confess That a Crime Was Premeditated ?-Rose Looked on the Plot to Murder Mrs. Brown as a Huge Joke-A Barrister Tells What He Knows.

Collingwood despatch: One of the strangest stories ever told in a Canadian court was related here to-day by John Rose, an aged insurance dispose of his mother, the prisoner agent, at the preliminary investigation into the charge against W. H. Brown, of conspiracy to murder his mother. The story in brief, was witness suggested poison instead, that Brown, who is a fireman, in the waterworks and electric light station, approached him with a proposal to remove Brown's aged mother and divide \$1,500 insurance on her life between them. Rose immediately decided to assume the part of the amount, \$40, \$30, \$20, and the a detective, save the old lady's life prisoner said he would give \$10. The and make the would-be murderer pay witness said it did not seem possible him \$200 for his trouble. As the cap that a man could plot to kill his sheaf of the unnatural son's discom- own mother, but when the prisoner fiture Rose arranged to take the proposed to pay \$10 he knew he old lady to Toronto, just that her | meant it. He told Brown that son might be persuaded to go to would be just a starter, that he the depot and kiss her good-bye for would need at least \$200. The the last time that he would see her prisoner told him to go to the post- such a demand for oil stoves for in this life. Brown refused to go; office the next day at half-past 11, cooking and heating within the last he put up only \$20 of the \$200, and and he went and got an envelope few days that the manufacturers are \$5 of that Rose spent on old Mrs. with \$10 in it. Another time he gave unable to fill orders that have come Brown, and the whole plan proved him \$10 in an envelope. The witabortive. Rose told the court he ness said all arrangements had been thought he should be commended for | made for the removal of the old wohis share in the affair.

Nettleton. County Crown Attorney all right sure. Rose told of various Cotton, of Barrie, represented the unsuccessful attempts to get more Crown, and Mr. John Bernie, K. C., money out of Brown, and of the old appeared for the prisoner Brown. lady's trip to Toronto, when she Mr. McBrady, of Toronto, was pre- stayed the first night at the Power sent to guard the interests of Rose. House. Rose said he registered as doors.

Mr. Aubrey Bond's Story.

connection with the case. He said not given her enough attention, He that one day last week Chief of Po- had not even taken her for a drive. lice Mailen and the prisoner came He told her he could not take her to him at his office. He and the Chief for a drive here, because she was did not threaten Brown or make him; so heavy no one would lend him a aby promise, but they represented buggy. He denied that he had ever to him that they were his friends, insulted the woman. Brown told and wanted to help him in his trou- him that he and his mother had not, ipto a scheme with Rose to get the his dealings with Mr. Bond and the never had any intenof doing away with her. Brown said Rose told him that the he explained the whole matter and policy would soon run out, and had promised Bond half what he got out asked him why he did not give the old woman a slug. He said the prisoner came again to see him, and nest until he had seen that Rose time he would see her in this mortal factories going we could sell all their was bleeding him. That had been coil." That was the whole scheme of output. when Rose had asked him for the taking her to Toronto. His nephew, "One man came in here this aftersecond \$10. Then he had made up John Rose, was to be the solitary noon and said that he would take his mind that it was a skin game, witness of that farewell. But Brown 54,000 of one kind if we could give and had decided to drop it.

coming to him and getting him to she was taking medicine with a slow typewrite a letter. Rose told him poison in it for rheumatism. Brown, at the time he would be well paid | the witness said, told him that he for it. The witness said some cli- himself could give a slow poison that Railroad Company Jesterday, at the story about Mrs. Brown's in- | seemed that pleased to think his surance and her son's attempt to mother would soon pass from this make away with her. That was mortal coil." As a further practical some days before the prisoner had loke, Rose said, he intended sending come to him. He said he thought Rose was trying a hoax on him or cream of tartar, labelled poison, and was crazy, but the next day a friend, Mr. Joseph Brown, a relation of the prisoner, said Rose had repeated the story to him. They thought that if anything happened the old woman they might be in a serious predicament, and so went and told the story to the Magistrate. Mr. Bond said Rose had not consulted him as his solicitor.

The Letter He Wrote.

you were to be in Collingwood first been already published was made by the parties, and here you are objecting to pay a couple of hundred. What do you mean by DDAMA treating me in this manner? For Ulluttil U two straws I would squeal right now, but as things have gone as they have. I will give you the time or look out for me."

John Rose's Statement. John Rose, the insurance agent, who was the Crown's chief witness, was then called. He is a white-haired man of 60, with straggling chin whiskers. Rose told of writing the policy ing the age of deceased. In order to ed to accept all Rose's statements, a certain amount of coal. The comsured in his favor, the prisoner had promised to give her \$200 of her husband's insurance when he got it. Then alleged attempt to do away with Mrs. Brown, and of his saving her from the murderous designs of her

works. He had not seen Brown for years, but he went down that afternoon. The prisoner, when he saw him, said he had backed out of what he had wanted to tell him, but Rose was curious and wanted to know. and after considerable pressure the prisoner said; "You know there is a policy on the old woman's life, and it will run out soon." The witness had told him it had lapsed over a year ago. He had been inquiring about it at the office in Toronto and had been told that he had paid only two years, and given his note for the third year, and had not paid it. Brown had said he had paid three years' premiums and given his note for the fourth. The witness told him if that were so the policy did not expire till December 2nd. I said "What do you want to do about it ?" continued the witness. He said: "Can't we get her out of

the road before that?" I said: "I don't know what you mean; you don't mean to kill her?" and he said "Yes, I mean to kill her; she has \$1,500 on her life. I'll pocket \$1,000 and you'll pocket \$500."

I thought that by saving her life it would be worth a considerable amount of money, and I made up my mind I would get \$200 out of Brown. I made sure he was in earnest. The witness went on and told how, when he asked Brown how he proposed to said it would cost only a dollar to drive her to the Nottawasaga River, get her to go out on a log to look at the fish, and push her in. The and said it would have to be purchased in Detroit.

Brown Pays the Money.

Then, to see if Brown was in earnest, he said he would want \$50 for expenses. Brown said he hadn't it, and the witness gradually lowered man by a third party in Toronto, The hearing was before Magistrate and told him the thing was going on man and wife, because that was the only way he could get a good room for her, it being Exhibition time. Mr. Aubrey Eond, a young barrister, When she came back he went to see was called, and told the story of his her, and she complained that he had

> of Brown. His idea of a Joke.

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nie, Mr. Bond told the story of Rose | the old woman returned he told him cannot get the castings." Brown a quarter of an ounce of enjoy the sport of watching Brown try to poison his mother with it. A druggist at Thornbury had told him nothing looked more like arsenic.

Mrs. Brown on the Stand.

Mrs. Brown, whose life, it was alleged, had been in jeopardy, was examined, and gave evidence of a failing memory. She said her son had promised nothing for the insurance of her life, and afterwards that he had The letter he wrote for Rose, promised her \$200 of the insurance which purported to come from a on her deceased husband's life. She Toronto doctor, was addressed to alleged that Rose had insulted her Rose, and signed with initials by when he called at her home. Her ac-Mr. Bond. It was as follows: "As count of the Toronto trip was as has

of week. I want to remind you That concluded the evidence for the shat what you promised to send Crown, and Mr. Bernie asked for the The position taken by the officers has not come yet, and to make a discharge of his prisoner, on the of the company with its employees long story short, if it don't come ground that there could not be a con- has the support of the full board of by Saturday or Monday at the spiracy of one. Mr. Cotter wanted to directors. The strike now on at the latest, I will place the matter in amend the indictment, but the Magis- mines of the company is not found- the Chief Landing Waiter's Office the hands of a lawyer; so, then, trate would not permit it. He re- ed upon any differences as to wages yesterday, when the schooner Suflook out for yourself, for I mean served Judgment till this morning, or conditions of employment, but is fell came into port with 450 tons

you have asked. So now it is up to trate Nettleton this morning dis- pay or discharge them. This the you to make good in this matter missed the case against W. H. Brown, company declined to do and this charged with conspiracy to murder strike is the result. his mother.

carefully considered the case and re- has been cut down to about 25 per viewed the evidence, I cannot see cent. of its usual total. Two of our my way clear to send the defendant mines remain in operation and so do for trial on the statement of Rose. our Ensley furnaces and steel plant. It would have been different if they Coal for them is supplied by constrike in Wales, on the 1st of Janon the prisoner's mother and of the had both been on trial, but as it is victs. The convicts work under a uary. William C. Atwater, the agent glass of water. insurance on Brown's stepfather, of it is my opinion that Brown has been system by which they are graded acwhich the prisoner got only a por- the weak tool for Rose, and under cording to their physical condition, the circumstances I am not inclin- those in each grade having to mine

The Shan-Hai Kwan-New Chwang er can mine above that amount he the witness got into the story of the section of the North China Railroad Personally receives pay for. is now entirely in the hands of the Chinese.

# Striker Was Loitering Near Scene of Dynamiting.

Tamaqua, Pa., Oct. 11.-Jas, Burnham, a striker, was shot and instantly killed by a soldier on guard duty at Brownsville, near here, early this morning. The place is the scene of several dynamiting outrages, and Burnham is said to have been loitering in the vicinity of a non-unionist's house, which was partly destroyed by an explosion last week. The soldier called upon Burnham to halt, and this order is said to have been disregarded. Thereupon the sentry fired, and Burnham fell dead in his tracks with a bullet through his heart.

What Mitchell Counts on.

Mr. Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, holds that the suppression of violence and intimidation in the neighborhood of the mines will make little or no difference; that there are few qualified miners, union or non-union, who wish to go to work. In this opinion they are in flat opposition to the operators. If it were not for the State law requiring every miner to hold a license showing that he had served two years' apprenticeship and passed an examination, there would be no question of the operators' ability to resume work under protection. As things stand there is a question. Meanwhile the public can only wait and hope for a speedy settlement of some kind that will let coal come to empty bins.

Great Rush for Oil Stoves. New York, Oct. 11.-There has been to them.

" A representative of John Wanamaker came here to-day from Philadelphia," said Mr. Goldstein, "and offered to purchase for spot cash all of the oil stoves we have on hand and all we can turn out for the next four months. We did not accept the



ADJT. GEN. STEWART. Acting in Coal Strike Field.

offer, because we must look after those of our old patrons whose orders As to the motive for the Toronto came in first. Last year we sold was alone that time. He told the trip, Rose said it would "put the cap aout 100,000 oil stoves. This year witness that when Rose made the sheaf on the huge joke to have Brown we have orders for twice that numproposition to him he had gone in go to the station and bid his mother ber already, and are unable to fill on the scheme and had been in ear- good-bye and kiss her for the last orders for any more. If we had fifty

did not turn up, though he had prom- them to him in four months. We In cross-examination by Mr. Ber- ised to. When Rose saw Brown after couldn't accept the order because we

Another Violated Contract. Following a meeting of the direct-

ents came in when the letter was all the doctors in the country could which the Board declared the usual finished and Rose went out, and not find out. "I could hardly help quarterly dividend upon the preferred stock, President D. H. Bacon made a statement regarding the strike that has been declared on its properties, involving all but the convict miners in its soft coal mines in Alabama.

This strike affords another illustration of the readiness of Mitchell's organization, the United Mine Workers, to break an agreement if it considers it expedient to do so. Recently a number of the union soft coal miners in Alabama refused to continue paying the dollar a week assessment levied on the soft coal miners for the support of the anthracite strikers. The other Alabama miners decided to strike against the men who refused to pay the assessment. Among these strkers were the employees of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Ra'lroad Company. Mr. Bacon, discussing the situation, said :

Ordered to Collect Strike Pay. as if I were worth it. I got \$1,000 for \$1,600, with two sureties for miners' union, and should be of short week a fleet of coal-carriers left duration. Some of the members of here for different points on the the miners' union are willing to pay south shore to moad coal for local \$1 a week for the support of the merchants. The officers of the striking anthracite men and some Suffeli reported that nine vessels VALE JOKE ON MRS. NATION. are not. The demand was made upon are loading coal at Erie for this the officers of the company that it harbor, and due to arrive in a should collect the strike assessment few days. The schooner Reuben A Collingwood despatch: Magis- from those who were unwilling to Dowd is expected in the morning.

There are between 3,000 and 4,-The Magistrate said: "Having 000 miners affected, and our output Rumor That They Will Go on Strike of Yale seniors induced Mrs. Nation , pany pays the State for that amount and all that the convict min-

Contract Flung to the Winds. President Bacon stated that by Threshing outfits from Dakota, striking the miners had broken a terminate on Jan. 1st, and they Mrs. Nation as the central figure is over eight million. The lambing

reference to collections to be made | go out." by the company from the miners for any purpose except the expenses of the miners' representatives. Yet the union wanted the company to compel its men to pay strike assessments by deducting them weekly from wages, and paying them

over to the union. The company did agree to make such deduction where the miners in writing authorized it, and even furnished the union with blank orders for the men's signatures. Some of the miners refused to sign and the union practically said, "Make them pay or we'll strike,"

TORONTO'S MOVE.

A Good Deal of Feul is Now in Sight There.

Toronto, Oct. 11 .- The committee appointed by the City Council to visit Ald. Foster's bush land at Zephyr returned home last night and reported that they were successful in con tracting for 1,000 cords of mixed hardwood delivered on the tracks at Toronto for \$3.75 a cord. In addition they have made arrangements in



BRIG. GEN. SCHAIL. Acting in Coal Strike Field.

the neighborhood for various sup-

plies of fuel. cords of dry hardwood now on the progress in opening up the mines.

run of mine, he required, delivered in that their families will be cared for Toronto for \$3.23 per ton. The committee authorized Ald

Sheppard to buy 2,000 tons, to be delivered at the waterworks yard. in Toronto.

To Get Legal Powers.

ton prepare a by-law providing for being made by President Roosevelt the payment of the \$50,000, or such | to end the strike in the interest of part as may be required for " the entire country and they have ing the fuel. It was also decided to only words of praise for him. Howwait on the Ontario Government ever, they feel that after sacrificing and Mr. Whitney to ask their sup- everything for the last five months, port to the necessary legislation in- it is unfair for anyone to ask them demnifying the Council if its action to return to work without a single be found illegal. The Premier will re- concession, especially when the minceive the deputation at noon to-day, ers see victory almost at hand." and the Mayor was authorized to wire invitations to the Mayors of Ottawa, Hamilton, London and some , AMI

other places to try and be present. Mr. J. S. Leckie, a lumber camp worker, and his wife offer free to



MAJ. GEN. CHAS. MILLER. Head of Pennsylvania's National Guard

the city 1.500 cords of beech and maple now growing on land near going to do?"" Peninsular Lake, Muskoka. The city would, of course, have to cut and transport the wood, but, with able confession, The justice recomall these added, the wood could be laid down in Toronto for about \$5 ! per cord. .

Arriving by Vessel.

The first arrival of soft coal by

WELSH MINERS NEXT?

on Jan. 1.

cloud in the horizon is a possible glass of water. The students clus- pointing. Violent north winds nulof a number of mines of the Poca- flash and in the darkness the stu- rains. The stock, which is starving, hontas region, who has just re- dents produced cigarettes and ar- is being transferred in thousands turned from Wales, declared to-day ranged themselves in a variety of to Gippsland. Many beasts are so that all the British mine owners ludicrous positions, portraying dif- emaciated that they cannot stand with whom he had spoken on the ferent stages of intoxication. subject were unanimously of the Meanwhile Mrs. Nation, suspecting dying in the cars daily. Only a opinion that 100,000 men would go no wrong, had her eyes glued on miracle can save the wheat crop. out on that day. "The agreement the lens of the camera, which was The losses in New South Wales are under which the miners are getting manipulated by a student pho- equality severe. The estimated de-

until June 30th, next year. There strike as inevitable, and are prewas nothing in this contract about paring for it even now. The Welch the strike in the anthracite coal union sent £1,000 to President Mitfields in Pennsylvania, which had chell in August, just as bread upon already begun when the contract the waters, which they expect will was executed. There was also no return to them when they decide to

> MORE MEN AT WORK, Lehigh Company Sends Out a Train of Coal.

Tamaqua, Pa., Oct. 11 .- The Second Regiment, State National Guard, arrived here this morning from Philadelphia and encamped. The Sixth Regiment, from Chester and vicinity, will arrive this afternoon. No threats are made against the guardsmen, and little trouble is expected. In general the feeling is one of apathy. Business is at a standstill, and white a majority of the citizens would like to see the miners win, they want the struggle ended.

Reports from this region indicate that the operators made a slight gain in their working force to-day. The two troiley cars which convey the men to the different collieries were well filled, while many walked to work. Despite this, there was no destrikers who had congregated on the streets of Lansford and Summit Hill watched the men with indifference.

More coal Mined. .

It is claimed that more coal was dumped from the No. 4 mine of the Lengh Coal & Navigation Company yesterday than at any time since the ness to deal with any disorder. strike began. A train of coal was shipped from the Potts colliery, near Ashland, during the night. The train contained about 400 tons, and reprefor a similar period of time since the beginning of the strike.

of certificated miners at work, but negotiations thus far have been unthey will not say whether they have availing because the Transvaal does started to cut coal.

An Operator's View.

A mine operator says: If Governor! tion of their products. Miller, instead of mobilizing the reasonable but excessive in a counown responsibility ordered about 20 companies will be able to make good fitted.

to \$1.75 per cord on cars, which soldiers, and the next day, after the ital of the colony., would enable the committee to lay neighborhood has been quieted down, the wood down in Toronto at from the troops are sent away, and the \$2.85 to \$3 per cord. It was decided willing workman is again at the of the loss, the duties on wines to authorize Ald. Sheppard to pur- mercy of the lawless element. Men and spirits are increased. The existwill not risk going to work to-day ing duty on dynamite is left unal-The Alderman next announced that when they are not sure that they tered, owing to questions bearing on he had an offer of all the soft coal, will have protection to-morrow or the conditions of its manufacture, in their absence."

A Union View.

An officer of the union now in the The same gentleman offered Ald. city, who does not care to be quoted Sheppard 100 cords of good dry mixed in the absence of President Mitchell wood for \$5 per cord, free on cars for fear that it would be construed as being official, said to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "The anthracite mineworkers of

It was decided to have Mr. Fuller- Pennsylvania appreciate the efforts

Two Innocent Men Punished for Another's Crime.

guilty of the crime for which you suspended, but it is expected they were sentenced twenty years ago," will be repealed. exclaimed a stranger to Tromas Hanley, of Pringle Hill, this afternoon. The two gazed at each other for some time. "It's a long time you took to tell about it," said Hanley. Quicker Growth Shown in the Ex-"My name is E. W. Tonery, of Scranton," said the stranger. "My

conscience has been worrying me for to confess before. Will you forgive me? You can do anything you like with me. I cught to be strung up in hell, I know. Now, what are you

They went to the justice's office to prepare an affidavit of the remarkmended them to District Attorney Benjamin Jones and to that official Tonery told his story.

a man named Rosencrantz. They de- verse direction. clared their innocence, but circum- For five hours daily electricity was now in Butte, Mont,

Photographed With Students While ferent proportions. They Played Drunk.

New Haven, Oct. 13 .- A joke which the Yale students played on Mrs. Carrie Nation during her sojourn at Yale has just come to light. A party to sit with them for her photograph. After much persuas on she consent-New York, Oct. 11 .- Another dark ed to hold aloft im her right hand a

The lights were turned low for a

General Strike in Sympathy With London.

## TROOPS WILL KEEP ORDER.

Transvaal Tariff as Provisionally Arranged Frees Machinery, Building Material and Metals-May Ultimately Join the Customs Union.

London, Oct. 13 .- A despatch to a monstration of any kind. The few news agency from Geneva, Switzerland, this morning, accounces that be Workman's No times! (emmi.t.e has decreed a general strike throughout Switzerland, in sympathy with the strike of the street car employces here. Troops are held in readi-

Transvant Duties. Pretoria, Oct. 11 .- An extraordinary issue of the Gazette says. The sents two days' work. This is the amended tariffs are only provislargest shipment from this colliery ional, the Government desiring ultimately to enter the customs union The operators of Greenwood col- on a basis which will not sacrifice liery claim to have a large number | vital interests of the Transvaal. The not feel justified in increasing the duties on certain foodstuffs to the extent which the coast colonies consider necessary for the protec-

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Stone's order "that all men who! It the meantime the conditions in desire to work for their families shall | the Transvaal preclude further dehave ample military protection," is lay it adjusting the unjustifiably literally carried out by Major-Gen. high outles, and the duties ordinarily Ald. Sheppard said he had on his troops at certain points, then the try which practically has to be re-

cars at Craigville Station at \$6.50 "If the troops are kept in all com- ished on machinery, building mater-The duties therefore are abolper cord, so that the wood will cost munities where violence and intimi- lals, metals and agricultural im-\$8 per cord in Toronto. The commit- dation is practised," he said, "there plements. The large sacrifice of tee decided to purchase the wood. An- will be no trouble. The difficulty revenue involved is considered preother offer which the Alderman had now is that a man goes to work ferable to increasing taxation, the was for 1,000 cords of slabs at \$1.60 one day under the protection of the cost of renewing the industrial cap-

As it is imperative, howand importation into the Transvaal being under discussion; but the duty will be separately dealt with as soon as possible. The duty of six cents each on poles, two cents a pound on sulphuric acid, six cents a pound on lead, and 12 cents a pound on copper, were all cancelled. All iron will be admitted free, and the cost of building will be greatly reduced by the removal of the duties

on cement and timber. The alteration of the duty on cigars and cigarettes from \$3.75 per hundred cigars, without distinction of size, to \$1.50 a pound, and on cigarettes from \$3.75 per thousand cigarettes to \$1 a pound, is con-

sidered equitable The special duties on jams and confectionery of \$10 per hundred pounds will be reduced to three cents per pound; the special duty of \$2.50 on oats, \$1.25 on oat hay and the special duty on coal will be abolished.

Anomalous duties will be amended. Many of the changes to be made have been agitated for years, especially with regard to matches, which were specially taxed \$1 per gross for the benefit of the company owning the concession. This tax will be now reduced to 50 cents per gross.

No mention is made of the special duties which were suspended in 1897 AFIER TWENTY LONG YEARS, owing to the agitation here, but which the government reserved the Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 13 .- "I am right to re-impose. They remain

## ELECTRICITY AIDS PLANTS.

periments by Dr. Lemstrom.

London, Oct. 13.-Dr. Lemstrom, of years. I did not have the courage Helsginfors University, has been experimenting on the effect of an electrical discharge on the growth of plants. Four seeds of barley, wheat, and rye were sown in pots, the soll being connected electrically with the ground. Above the pots were suspended an insulated network of wire with a number of points of a Holz machine, so connected that in some Hanley and Luke Burke were con- of the pots the electric current passed victed in 1882 on circumstantial evi- from the metal work to the earth, dence of the shooting and robbing of while in others it passed in the re-

business, and expect to be treated The prisoner Brown was granted bail due entirely to differences within the of soft coal from Eric. Pa. Last Hanley served five years and was weeks the height of the plants afstances were against them. Judge C. caused to pass through the soil, pardoned. Burke served seven. He is fected by the electric current was found to be 40 per cent. greater than those to which no current had been

Experiments with other plants show the same results, but in dif-

CROPS IN JEOPARDY.

Stock Starving by Thousands in Austraila.

Melbourge, Oct. 13 .- The Saptember rains in Victoria were disapsibly have been derived from the son. Brown, he said, sent for him about the end of August, stating he wanted to see him at the water.

Threshing outlits from baketa, stating he completely manned, are coming to contract which their association have already made known their intention of a bacchanakan scene. The state of the farmers in southerm and which was to remain in force terms. The operators consider the plotures.

> ONTARIO ARCHIVES **TORONTO**