

THE BOWMAN MURDER CASE

MONTREAL POLICE THINK THEY HAVE THE SLAYER

Henry Bowman Is Thought To Have Been Done To Death In A House and Body Carried to Lane.

A Montreal despatch says: Charged with the murder of Harry Bowman, a soldier, on January 16th last, Almazar Chaput, 36 years of age, living at 208a Sanguinet street, was arrested by Inspector Robert.

Two women, Berthe Joinette, 26 years of age, and Yvonne Gagne, 22 years of age, living at 208a Sanguinet street, are held by the police as witnesses.

According to the police report on January 16th last the body of a soldier who was identified by papers in his pockets as Harry Bowman, of Kingston, Ont., was found in a lane off Visitation street below Sherbrooke street. The body was clad only in underwear. The other of the garments were found in a bundle beside the body.

At first it was thought that the man had died from hemorrhage as the police reported that there were no marks of violence on the body. An autopsy performed later by Dr. Derome at the morgue established that the man had died from wounds on the head. The coroner had the inquest postponed for a week to allow the police to make further search but nothing new was discovered.

When the inquest was held, the jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of murder by unknown persons. From that moment on the police never tired in their efforts to locate the murderer. The circumstances of the affair as far as the police have been able to learn are that young Bowman, who was on his way home from Halifax, where he had been at work with the relief parties, met Chaput in some manner and went to a house with him in Visitation street on the night of January 16th. After some time it is alleged that a fight took place and that Bowman was either kicked to death or struck with some

implement until he died. Then, according to the police, the body was taken into a nearby lane and left there in the hopes that it would be thought the man had died from natural causes.

The day after the body was found, William Earl, brother-in-law of the victim, told the coroner he was sure that Bowman had met death with foul play, and this, with the evidence brought out by the autopsy, resulted in the coroner and the police working on the case until the proof became conclusive enough for the jury to return a verdict of murder at the inquest.

The work on the case was left in the hands of the police after the inquest, and the case seemed to have been dropped. Yesterday, however, Inspector Robert, Captain Langovin and Lieut. Lemieux, after an investigation, arrested Chaput. Later in the night the two women, who are alleged to have been eye-witnesses of the affair, were arrested and brought to headquarters. The women said that they lived in the same house as Chaput, and Berthe Joinette is alleged to be his wife. There are still one or two more witnesses in the case whom the police hope to get.

Evidence at Hearing. Questioned by Crown Prosecutor Walsh, Berthe Joinette declared that she had kept a house of ill-repute on Visitation street at the time of the murder and that the dead man had been brought there in a state of intoxication by a carter. He had asked for a room and had been given one, afterwards falling asleep. Soon after, Delsol, who is a carter, brought in another man, who later on went with Yvonne Gagne to a hotel. Before she started out with him the witness told her to telephone Chaput to come over, as she (the witness) did not want to be alone.

Delsol, she declared, then went to get Chaput. When they arrived, she told Chaput that there was a drunken man in the house, and asked him to "get him out." "Then what happened?" asked Crown Prosecutor Walsh. "He pushed him, but he would not get up, so he took him by the shoulders," she said. "He would not move, so he hit him twice on the

jaw with his fist. His face was cut and he bled a lot."

She then told of trying to dress the man, and of being unable to do so. Delsol had been sitting in the corner while the blows were being given. Then, according to her story, the couple took the man between them and placed him, partly dressed, in an adjoining lane, where the dead body was found the next morning. She had known of the inquest, she said, but had not bothered to lay any information, nor had she communicated with the police.

Yvonne Gagne corroborated her evidence as to Bowman's presence in the house and his condition, although she had not seen the blows struck. She returned from the hotel alone the next morning, where she saw that the floor in the bed room was covered with blood. "I wiped it up," she added.

Chaput was in the house and had a split finger, although there were no marks of blood on his person. He told both women, she declared, not to mention a word of what had happened, saying that he had killed a man and that the body had been placed in the lane.

Chaput, after being put on his guard by Crown Prosecutor Walsh, made a declaration before Judge Lanctot in chambers, in which he admitted that he had placed Bowman in the lane after slapping his face. Bowman, he said, was very drunk at the time. He stated that a carter had aided him in this, but he did not give his name. Preliminary investigation was fixed for June 17th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Held in General Hospital. Kingston, June 14.—(To the Editor): Allow me to correct the assertion in your paper of the 13th inst. that the first united Parliament of Canada was opened in a small house on Queen street. It was opened in the General Hospital building. The assembly was on the second floor on the east side of the building. It was a brilliant scene when the handsome and youthful looking Governor-General, Lord Sydenham, entered and took his place on the throne, where he addressed the assembly. I was present, having a seat on the floor of the house. Parliament was held in that building until the seat of government was removed from Kingston.

CATHERINE FRASER. New Harness Store. H. Swaffield, harness maker, who for the last seven years has been with M. J. Dolan, has gone into business for himself and has opened a store at 76 Brock street. Mr. Swaffield is carrying a choice stock harness, trunks, valises, blankets, etc., automobile tires, also doing all kinds of repair work. There is no doubt his experience will warrant the patronage of those requiring anything in these lines.

If You Knew That You Wanted To Move. But had not decided upon the better place to live, would the "To Let" ads at once become the most interesting reading matter in the paper for you? If you have something to say to the man who has decided to find a better home, this is a good time to say it.

No English Winter Racing. (The British Government has decided, according to a statement printed in the racing calendar, that winter racing will not be permitted owing to the strain it will impose on the railroads in transporting horses, torage and spectators to the various tracks.

Lieut. Vernon Crothers Arrives. A British steamer having on board 647 officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force arrived at a Canadian port Friday. Lieut. Vernon B. Crothers, of Kingston, is among those arriving.

To want-advertise and to answer want ads is "the business way" when you are seeking a new position.

BRANCH OF NAVY LEAGUE

WAS FORMED IN KINGSTON ON FRIDAY EVENING.

The Aims of the Association Were Presented by Miss Boulton of Toronto—Executive Committee Appointed.

The Kingston branch of the Navy League of Canada was formed on Friday evening following a concise account of the thrilling deeds of the Royal Navy and the merchant marine service in the present war by Miss Boulton, Toronto, in the City Council chambers.

Miss Boulton recounted the wonderful story of the self-sacrificing and heroic behavior of the sailors during the forty-one months of war and the dangers involving almost unendurable strain. Suffering untold hardships these silent and unostentatious watch dogs of the deep have followed unwaveringly the path of duty and they have been animated by the highest and noblest spirit of service. Never once has the ruthless and inhuman submarine activities of the enemy deterred the British tar from setting forth, and whether on the great dreadnought or the dirty little cattle ship, the motto, "Carry On," has been the instinctive motive in each man's breast.

It was pointed out that the merchant mariner, flirting with death every time he crosses the seas, receives only a paltry wage of from thirty-five to forty-five dollars a month, and, in case of his destruction on the high seas, his family is granted no pension leaving them with little or no provision. It is to remedy these deplorable conditions that the Navy League has been organized, and the two main objects of the association are to encourage a propaganda of education to enlighten the public on the needs of the navy and marine service and to improve the present conditions by securing an adequate supply of British sailors, by providing training school and clubs and in other ways attempting to raise the standard of environment for these brave men.

Miss Boulton expressed the hope that Kingston as a city of outstanding patriotism would rally to the support of the new league with cordial co-operation and that at least four thousand members would be secured.

Major G. Lothrop Starr and Prof. James C. Cannon, Miss Boulton for her splendid presentation of the sailors' needs, and the latter, in reminiscent mood, recalled his association with the league in years gone by when the definite object was to secure a training school in Kingston.

The following executive committee was appointed, and the warrant signed for the institution of the local branch. Mayor J. M. Hughes, chairman; Mrs. Constantine, secretary; J. L. Whiting, K.C., treasurer; Mrs. John Bell Carruthers, representative of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, which the Navy League of Canada is closely affiliated.

Among those present at the meeting were Mayor Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nickle, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Gen. P. James Cannon, Rev. J. A. F. Whalley, Rev. W. T. G. Brown, Dr. W. G. Anglin, Col. C. N. Perrean, Major Wotherspoon, Major G. L. Starr, Mrs. J. B. Carruthers, Mrs. T. G. Smith, Miss Croighton, Mrs. James Hamilton, Mrs. E. J. B. Pense, Mrs. Hew Dalrymple, Mrs. R. V. Rogers, and Miss H. Fraser.

IN MARINE CIRCLES. Movements of Vessels In and About the Kingston Harbor.

The steamer Kingston arrived from Toronto at 9 a.m. on Friday to undergo repairs at the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company's dry dock. The steamer Toronto, which is now being repaired, will clear on Monday for Toronto and will commence the season next Saturday. Instead of calling at Charlotte, as in former years, the boat will now discharge passengers and freight at Summersville. This is due to some disagreement that has arisen over the erection of a detention shed as required by the American immigration authorities.

The steamer Fairfax passed down, from Lake Erie to Montreal, at 5.30 p.m. on Friday. The steamer Argo, which has been discharging coal at the C.L.C. wharf, cleared on Friday afternoon for Erie. The steamer Jex is in port, with a cargo of coal from Charlotte, C. F.

The steamer City of Dresden arrived from Oswego with coal for Robert Crawford. M.T. Co's bulletin: The steamer India arrived, light, from Montreal, and cleared to load coal at Lake Erie; the tug Laura Grace arrived with the barges Augustus and Kingston with coal from Charlotte; the tug Margolia arrived with the barges Selkirk and Dunmore with coal from Oswego, and cleared with the barge Quebec to load grain at Port Colborne; the tug Thomson arrived with the barge Lapwing with coal from Oswego, and cleared with three coal barges for Montreal; the tug Laura Grace cleared to-day, with one grain and one coal barge, for Montreal.

Low priced tea is a delusion for it yields so poorly in the teapot that it is actually an extravagance compared with the genuine Salada Tea, which yields so generously and has such a delicious flavor.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO.

The Conservatives have asked to have over 200 names added to the voters' list for the city.

D. Grimshaw, Kingston, has taken a half interest in A. J. Sexsmith's hay business in Niagara.

A regular army of spies are camping about five miles from the city on the York Road.

Out of work? Hasten the advent of "pay day" once more through utilizing the classified advertising columns.

The cloak of piety occasionally gets on the wrong man's shoulders. If you can convey the same meaning, always use the smaller word.

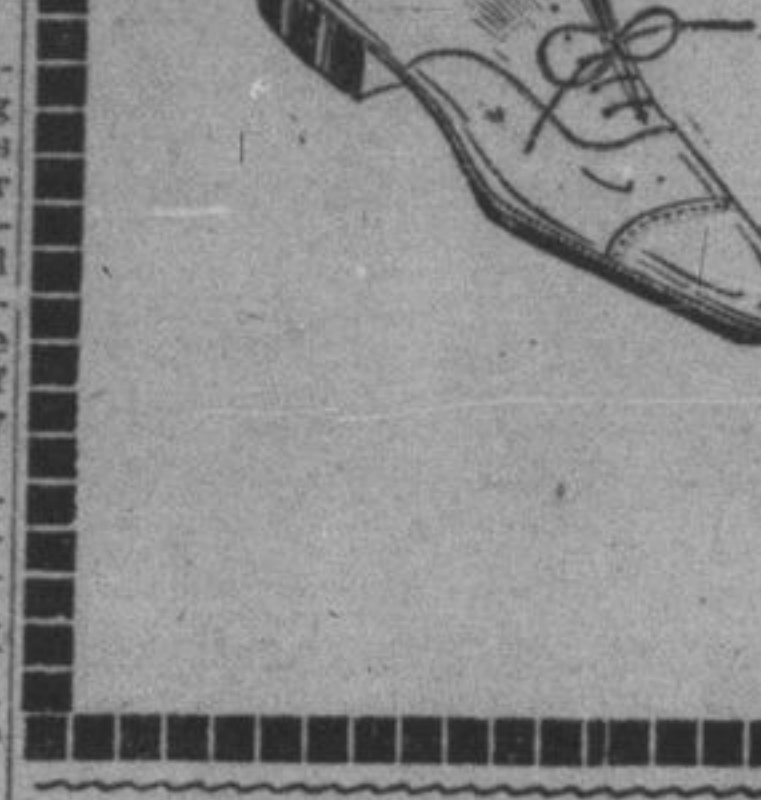
Men's Low Shoes

"The Real Summer Shoe"

Men's low shoes in brown and mahogany calf — leather and neolin soles, \$6.00 and \$7.00. Men's black kid, \$7.

"The Above Three Lines Are Most Popular."

Abernethy's Shoe Store



A Becoming New Straw for You

The men who buy their straws in our store this season do so because they know they go out with the satisfied feeling that they have got exactly what they want in style, quality and price.

Men's straw sailors, \$1.50 up. Men's Soft Straws, 50c up. Men's Panama Hats, \$3.50 up. Ladies' Panama Hats, 50c up. Children's Straw Hats, 50c up. New Silk Caps, 75c up.

CAMPBELL BROS.

Kingston's Largest Hat Dealers.

Advertisement for Abernethy's Shoe Store featuring men's low shoes and leather/neolin soles.

Advertisement for James Reid High-grade Living Room Furniture, featuring a three-piece living room suite.

Advertisement for Everything for the Shaver, including soaps, brushes, and razors.

Advertisement for Prouse's Drug Store, offering prescriptions and specialties.

Advertisement for New Harness Store, offering a choice stock of harnesses and related items.

Advertisement for Record Steer Price, reporting on the Chicago market for steers.

Advertisement for Kinnear & D'Esierre Jewelers, featuring a June 22nd sale.

Advertisement for R. D. Sutherland, offering 7% Gold Debentures.

Advertisement for Wood's Esophago-Tonic, a medicinal product.

Advertisement for Carpenter and Builder W. R. Billenness, offering remodeling services.

Advertisement for Victory Loan Patriotic Investment, offering a safe place for funds.

Advertisement for Str. Britannic, offering Montreal freight services.

Advertisement for Night Sight eyeglasses, featuring an illustration of eyes.

Advertisement for Sargent's Satisfactory Service, offering photo supplies.

Large advertisement for Comfort Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman and a soap box.

Advertisement for Sargents Photo Supplies, offering a variety of photographic equipment.

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