

me to go out the night before. I had asked him to assist me in getting up a subscription. I took part in getting a petition. I believe Chemis is innocent. There is no foundation in the statement that I went out for the purpose of getting evidence against Chemis in this case or for the police. Why should I, when I thought him innocent. I was trying to find evidence to prove his innocence. I did not want to get evidence for the police or against the police. I should have done what I did whether I had seen Colonel Hume or not. I believe Chemis to be innocent. My efforts were for Chemis's family and for the elucidation of any facts to prove his innocence.

*By Mr. Jellicoe.]* I knew that Colonel Hume was making inquiries for the Government in Chemis's business. I told him I was going out the same day. On Tuesday he was at lunch. He said, would I take the trouble to find out anything to clear up the murder, as she would talk more freely to me, being a woman. He suggested I should make a memorandum of it. I saw him in the evening. I think Mr. Richardson asked him to tea. I told him what had taken place at Chemis's. He did not take a note of what I said.

*By the Court.]* Colonel Hume knew I thought Chemis innocent.

*Mary Hawkings*, sworn, saith: I am the widow of the late Thomas Hawkings. I remember the morning of the 31st May, my husband left for town at about 9.40 a.m. He had £7 15s., or £7 17s., when he went out; there were £5 or £6 in notes, one half-sovereign, and the rest in silver. I put it into his purse; it was a gentleman's pocket-book.

*By Mr. Bell.]* That night he was murdered. Constable Carroll and Dr. Cahill came to my house that night. Next morning Healey and Carroll called, then later Inspector Thomson and Detective Campbell. I did not give information to Carroll and Healey about the pocket-book. I did not then know it was lost. I told Inspector Thomson and Campbell after 4 o'clock. I was at the Morgue on Saturday morning. Nobody but I, or anyone I told, knew that my husband had the pocket-book. I do not remember speaking to Carroll and Healey, except about the trap and horse. Do not remember them asking me about the pocket-book, they may have done so. I described the book and about the money in it when I spoke to Detective Campbell and Inspector Thomson.

*By Mr. Jellicoe.]* It was after 4 o'clock—they were not long in my room.

*By Mr. Bell.]* They went from my house towards Chemis's house across the hill.

*John Alfred Koch*, sworn, saith: I am ledger-keeper at the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington. I knew the late Mr. Hawkings. I remember receiving £6 paid into the bank to the account of Thomas Hawkings—five pound notes, and one pound gold—that went to his credit on the 31st May.

*By Mr. Bell.]* I was first served by the police with a subpoena. Inquiries were not to my knowledge made on Saturday about the payment to Hawkings's account. Either Mr. Hawkings must have stated it, or someone who had a right to inquire.

*By Mr. Jellicoe.]* Bank closed at 12 o'clock. I was ledger-keeper that day while the bank was open. There is a staff of about twenty-six in the bank. I think they could all have given the same answer as I would—that is, "Refer to the accountant."

*Mary Hawkings*, recalled, saith: I was not aware he was going to pay the money into the bank. He mustered money always on Friday, and made his purchases, and paid his money into the bank—I mean the balance after making the purchases.

*John Taylor*, sworn, saith: I am in the employ of Thompson and Co. I knew the late Thomas Hawkings. I saw him come into the shop on the 31st May, he purchased some dress material and hosiery; he paid for it by a cheque. He pulled out a few shillings and said he had not enough. The account was £2 8s. 1d. He said when he pulled out a few shillings, "That is all the money I have."

*By Mr. Bell.]* The police did not inquire until a few days afterwards. I did not tell any one in the meantime.

*John Daley*, sworn, saith: I live in Murphy Street. I am a bricklayer. I know Robert Dybell, he resided in Wingfield Street. I saw him on the evening of Saturday, the 13th April last. I went to his house at about 7 o'clock. We went to Robert Gardner's, ironmonger, Lambton Quay. I went into the shop, Dybell purchased some shot, powder, and a wad-cutter, No. 14. He wanted another, No. 13, they had not got one. We then both went to Denton's, Willis Street; Dybell purchased a No. 13 wad-cutter for 1s. 6d. I looked at it. There was a name on it—Ward, I think was the name.

*Walter Edward Rawson*, sworn, saith: I was a clerk in the employ of the late Mr. Bunny. I remember on the 18th of July giving Mrs. Chemis the little box and wad-cutter like those produced. They were found by me in Mr. Bunny's black bag. I opened the bag on Monday, the 15th July. I saw a brown paper parcel. Mrs. Chemis said what she wanted was in a brown paper parcel, so I knew where to find them. I did not open the box, and I do not know what it contained.

*By Mr. Bell.]* I saw the brown paper parcel the day Chemis was convicted. I had not seen those articles before. I had seen the same parcel before some time before the trial. I saw it on the mantel-piece in Mr. Bunny's room. I do not know how it got there. It might have been in his office before, but I did not see it—it might have been in his bag, and put on the mantel-piece afterwards.

*By Mr. Jellicoe.]* It may have been on the mantel-piece some time before without my noticing it. It may have been in the bag before it got on the mantel-piece. I would not like to say whether the articles were in the bag at any time when it was in my possession before they were on the mantel-shelf.

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