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SAYS HE WAS SHOT AND THEN ROBBED

Frenchman From St. Paul de Metis is in General Hospital Suffering From Gun Shot Wounds.

Monday a man named Hermine Joli was brought to the General Hospital in charge of Dr. Charlebois of Broseau, suffering from gun shot wounds in the back of his neck and his shoulder.

From the story that he tells to the physicians in attendance it appears that he went shooting on Thursday morning with another man named Berthel, who recently came to this country from France.

Constantly Hayter, of the R.N.W.M.P. at Saddle Lake, is now in search of the man who is accused of the shooting.

INSANE CLERGYMAN IS RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Rev. Valentine Strauss, Roma Amuck and is Killed by Members of His Own Congregation—Forgives His Slayers With His Dying Breath.

Hermann, Mo., June 21.—Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Bubbled with bullets and bullets from the guns of a dozen members of his congregation, Rev. Valentine Strauss, returned to sanctuary a few minutes before his death and with his last words prayed for the kneeling and bereaved men who killed him.

Yesterday he started from his home at Slepica, 14 miles southwest of here, for Fredericksburg, three miles from here with intent to kill.

At the blacksmith shop of Rex Knieche, where the tragedy occurred, she was but a few hundred feet in front of her husband.

She shouted a warning to the men in the shop as Strauss fired at her. He missed. Then he turned his rifle on Knieche. Knieche and a dozen armed men who were in the forge with him, ran forward toward the minister who was again preparing to fire.

Six double-barrel shot guns fired their contents into his body and an equal number of rifles blazed out bullets into the mad clergyman's body.

He said a few words to his wife and then turned his eyes to the bareheaded men kneeling about him with their smoking guns by their sides.

He looked at the weapons, then at the men and crossed his hands over his breast with words of forgiveness on his lips.

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MACPHERSON IN VANCOUVER.

The Statement is Present Member will Run Again.

Vancouver, B.C., June 23.—The latest political report from the Liberal camp is that R. G. MacPherson intends to run to succeed himself in Vancouver, and in that event W. W. McInnes will not be in the field.

On the Conservative side, the story is that Tupper's followers expect Leader Borden will straighten up the affairs in the party camp here and request Sir Hilbert Tupper to run.

The Atlantic Exclusion League has determined to ask Charles Nelson, K.C., former attorney general to be the special Anti-Asiatic candidate at the Federal elections.

DRY WEATHER IS NOW ESSENTIAL

For Crops of West—Crop Conditions in Most of Alberta Have Been Favorable Past Week.

Western Associated Press.

Winnipeg, June 22.—While speaking generally conditions for the growing crops have been very favorable during the past week in Alberta, many districts in Saskatchewan and Manitoba suffered from too heavy precipitation.

Local thunderstorms during the week were reported from the early part of the week were encountered in much of the spring wheat country, occasionally being accompanied by hail, which, however, was practically no damage, as the crop is not yet far enough advanced, while in Western Alberta, heavy rains were reported from many points.

Regina district suffered most severely from this cause, nearly three inches falling in the two days, while over two inches fell at Edmonton on Thursday.

Heavy rains are also reported from the Humboldt, Pipestone, Mountrail and Morden districts, several reports saying that the crop on low lying land is standing in water.

Cool Weather Propitious.

Fortunately the weather continues cool and with the onset of the wet spell in sight not much material damage is likely unless the weather suddenly turns very hot, which would certainly prove damaging by baking the rain-soaked surface of the ground and desiccating the young and tender plants.

Cool dry weather is almost essential this week. Conditions have, of course, been wonderfully favorable for rapid growth, though that is not what is required at the present stage.

Farmer are inclined to be optimistic of spring wheat twenty inches high as something phenomenal for the third week in June, but luxuriant growth of that kind means a long and difficult harvest with the crop running more to straw than good hard wheat.

It is noticeable that many districts labelled in years gone by as being a "dry country," are complaining of too much wet, particularly in the marginal fields tall wheat areas south of Calgary and around Macleod and Lethbridge.

The Soo line, which was formerly classed as a dry country, has had plenty of rain this season and record crops are being raised from Eastern to Moose Jaw.

Hay Crops a Big One.

Although alfalfa and grass crops are not much marketable value, indications are that ranchers and farmers throughout the west are able to put up all the hay they want in good time before harvesting begins.

After the disastrous experience throughout most of the ranching country was so seriously depleted, the winter started putting up winter feed on a considerable scale, and this year they are setting out a large number of imported young stock.

SUFFRAGETTES TO CONTINUE.

Their Fighting Spirit is Only Whetted by Opposition.

London, June 22.—"We intend to go from great to greater," declared Mrs. Parkhurst, the noted militant suffragette, when asked what steps were likely to follow yesterday's unexpected suffragette demonstration in Hyde park.

"The small body of men who made trouble about my platform in the park could not have been a source of pride to their fellow males," she said.

"Rougher brings no modern society could produce. They trampled fair play in the dirt and innocent women fought with them for their lives. I shall never forget that mob rushing on us like wild beasts. But this brutality, no less than general silence and respect will help our cause. Responsible men must see something is possible only with justice to women. Our future plans depend upon the attitude of those in power."

BALLAST WASHED AWAY.

During Storm and Passenger Train is Ditched—Engineer Killed.

Toronto, June 23.—During the storm last night ballast was washed out from the G.T.R. track near Midway, causing a wreck of the passenger train leaving Toronto at 4:15 for Owen Sound.

The engine and several coaches were derailed. Engineer Albert C. Palmer, aged 35, being killed. Fireman Keeler was seriously injured and Baggettman, Handy had his legs and arms broken. There were one hundred and twenty passengers on the train, but none was seriously injured.

FIFTEEN FIRES LAID AT HIS DOOR

C. B. Bratton, Life Insurance Agent, Believed to be Victoria Fire-Bug—His Dramatic Arrest.

Victoria, June 21.—C. B. Bratton, local agent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., was arrested yesterday afternoon, as he was coming from the basement of the board of trade building from which flames were bursting. His actions have been suspicious and he has been shadowed for some time before his arrest.

The capture has created an intense feeling of relief in Victoria, where numerous stores have employed special watchmen owing to the firebug epidemic which has beset the city during the past two days.

Bratton is local manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company and was regarded as a smart agent. Two years ago he came here from Salt Lake city and prior to that time he was employed as secret service detective in the famous Steunberger assassination case. He is said to have been drinking heavily during the past week and those who know him state his peculiar eccentricities.

The methods employed here in the Bratton case are being studied by the firebug hunters in other parts of the province.

It is thought this peculiarity became an obsession which would account for the incendiarism with which he is charged.

THE INSURANCE LOSSES TOTAL OVER A MILLION

Adjusters Complete Their Work in Three Rivers Conflagration—The Fire Loss—Between Two and Three Millions—Business District Injured Low.

Three Rivers, Que., June 22.—More than one million dollars in property will have to be paid out by insurance companies to property owners of the ravaged city of Three Rivers as a result of yesterday's widespread conflagration. All today three expert adjusters are busy figuring out the losses, and this evening they announced that the total loss to the insurance companies as a result of the fire amounted to \$1,066,750.

Tonight the adjusters are returning to Montreal with their sheets of figures in their pockets. With as jovial faces as possible they are returning to the city who saw them off that they would return in about a week bringing bags full of money with them.

It was expected that the total amount of the insurance companies' liabilities would be large but few anticipated that it would be the million mark. All the insurance representatives now state that the result will be a heavy blow to the companies, but they do not expect any of the million dollars, in the present condition of business, seriously out into their profits, and it will also interfere with the general reduction of rates which had been contemplated.

Now that the insurance figures are issued the basis for figuring the total loss due to the conflagration has been formed and it bears out the original calculation that it was between two and three million dollars, for seldom has the property of a whole community been insured at such low figures as was the case in the Three-Rivers business district.

SPAIN IS HAPPY.

Queen Gave Birth To Son at Royal Castle of Lagranja.

Madrid, Spain 23.—The Queen of Spain to-night gave birth to a son in the royal castle of Lagranja. This is the second child born to Queen Victoria the I. Prince Asturias, having been born on May 10th last year.

Three weeks ago the Queen, in accordance with the ancient Spanish custom, visited the church of the Virgin of Luján, where the new baby was born.

The royal family later went to Lagranja, where the new baby was born.

King's University Confers Degrees.

Halifax, June 22.—King's university at its closing conferred the degree of D.C.L. on Rev. Dean Farthing of Kingston, Ont., and on Chief Justice Townsend, of Nova Scotia. Rev. Dean Crawford, of Halifax, was given the degree of D. D.

LAND BILL BEFORE HOUSE

Bulletin Special.

Ottawa, Ont., June 23.—The second reading of the Dominion Land Bill was moved by Hon. Frank Oliver in the House of Commons this morning. The first clause throws every odd section open for homesteads. Pre-emption bills are possible in the area from Moose Jaw to Calgary from the boundary to the 54th parallel. The township revenue from these is considered sufficient to provide for the Hudson Bay railway.

TO SEE GREATEST CRUISER AFLOAT

Prince of Wales Will be Conveyed to Canada by the Indomitable—The Mystery Ship.

London, June 22.—The great and formidable warship, Britain's new armored cruiser Indomitable, will convey the Prince of Wales and his suite to Canada for the approaching celebration of the Quebec Tercentenary. So local Canadians and perhaps their neighbors to the west will have the opportunity of seeing the newest floating power that Great Britain owns to preserve the world's peace.

With the same earnest desire other powers will try, unquestionably, to build a cruiser that in a naval duel can sink the Indomitable. Well-Known this admiralty engineers have kept profoundly secret every important detail of its huge cruiser's construction. So she has come to be known as the "mystery ship." As far as she and her sister ships, the Invincible and the flexible, are concerned, the dove of peace is blind.

This great war vessel is the fastest, longest, largest and most heavily armored cruiser afloat. She displaces 17,300 tons and is 320 feet long. She has all her guns in the main battery. She carries eight huge 12-inch guns, each 45 feet long and capable of firing an 800-pound shell at a range of 18,000 yards. She is armed with 16 smaller guns, eight 6-inch and eight 4-inch.

Her eight big guns are mounted on four turrets and the turrets are so arranged that all eight can be brought to bear on any one target. She has a top speed of 21 knots.

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SASKATCHEWAN SHOWS BIG GAIN

In Increase Under Crop This Year as Compared With Last—Official Estimate.

Regina, June 24.—The official estimates of the Saskatchewan department of agriculture based on returns from correspondents in all parts of the province, indicate the average in wheat this year to be 2,374,688, as compared with an estimated average of 2,047,724 at this time last year, an increase of 326,964, or 16 per cent. The average in barley is 1,170,422 as compared with 801,810 at this time last year. This is an increase of 368,612 or 46 per cent. The average in flax is 101,033 as compared with 79,333 last year, the increase being 21,700, or 27 per cent. The average in oats is 1,461,000 as compared with 1,235,228 at this time last year, the increase being 225,772, or 18 per cent.

The total area under these four principal grains is 3,796,924, as compared with an acreage last year of 3,657,401. The increase in barley is 101,033 per cent. Last year the flax returns showed the grain area harvested to be about 140,000 acres less than the area sown in the spring, indicating a large proportion abandoned. A comparison of the acreage of the flax which was actually covered by threshing operations last fall will therefore be more accurate than the flax returns. The acreage of flax which was actually covered by threshing operations last fall will therefore be more accurate than the flax returns.

The flax returns show a gain of 402,950 acres, or 29 per cent, as compared with final acreage for 1907. On the same basis the total average under the four principal grains shows a gain of 869,550 acres or 30 per cent.

Rosthern Conservatives.

Rosthern, June 23.—The Conservatives of Rosthern organized last night with the following officers: Hon. Pres. M. L. Borden; vice-pres., F. W. G. Haultain; president, J. A. Dawson; secretary, B. J. Friesen; treasurer, Geo. Braden; and an executive of fifteen.

FORECASTING THE DENVER CONVENTION

Democratic Ticket Likely to be W. J. Bryan and Towne—They Would Make Great Stamp Team.

Chicago, June 23.—Former United States Senator Charles A. Towne, of New York, arrived at the annex late last night, having come direct from the Democratic convention at St. Louis. Jennings Bryan at his farm outside of Lincoln. The purpose of this conference is to discuss the political situation for some little time.

As a result of the talk there is pretty good ground to believe that the Democratic ticket nominated at Denver may be Bryan and Towne. Charles Towne started out as a Republican congressman from the Duluth District of Minnesota.

He made a pronounced success of his work in the house and at the same time he was extremely popular in his district, carrying it for the Republican ticket against J. Adam Bede, who was his Democratic opponent.

Towne came from a state which was normally for sound money, but he became deeply infected with the free coinage theories. He was one of the Republicans who bolted the party after the adoption of the gold standard plank at the St. Louis conference in 1896. He joined the silver Republican party then and voted for Bryan of course he lost his seat in the house, his place being filled by the same Adam Bede, who had meanwhile turned Republican on the money issue.

Towne filled a vacancy as senator for a day or two by appointment of the Democratic governor of Minnesota. After that he moved to New York and became a Tammany congressman. He has been affiliated with Bryan in close fashion ever since he left the Republicans in company with Teller, Pettigrew DuBois, and the others.

Set the Pace on Stamp.

Towne makes a rattling good speech, and if he should hitch up with Bryan in the canvass against Tait they would make a terrible team on the stump, which would compel the Republicans to keep all their best speakers busy for the whole campaign.

Depend on the West.

St. Catharines, Ont., June 22.—Roridian Paper Co. at Morrison have closed their sulphite mill for the first time in history, owing to scarcity of orders. Seventy-five men have been laid off. Last week the burning of the Lincoln paper mill threw twenty out of work, and the Wolland Vale Manufacturing Co. and other concerns are running short of orders, thus causing a feeling of general depression here.

The great falling off in orders from the West is considered largely responsible, and the full effect is just now making itself felt on manufacturers and wholesalers in the east, who find themselves with large stocks on hand, and are disinclined to place further goods in the city, that the Western crop is going.

THE RAIN HAS CEASED.

Winnipeg, June 21.—With the exception of the Regina and Carman districts, but little rain has fallen in the prairie west during the past twenty-four hours, and good weather, either with dry winds are giving the excessive precipitation of the latter part of last week a chance to run off without seriously damaging the crops.

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