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MAGAZINE WRITER WOUNDS FORMER WIFE SERIOUSLY

Arrested in Newspaper Office in Act of Writing Confession.

McConnell Claims His Former Wife was Either Insane or a Fiend—Woman Likely to Recover.

Had Checkered Career as Lecturer and Writer—Produced Treatise on Electricity at One Time.

New York, Dec. 25.—Andrew McConnell, magazine writer and lecturer, was arrested at his home in Orchard Grove, N. J., with a serious bullet wound in the head. The shooting is said to have occurred late Saturday night.

McConnell was operating a typewriter in the Times office tonight when the detective arrested him. The paper in the machine bore these words: "I was forced to shoot the woman, who was my wife. Absolute divorce was obtained last spring. Not a word was said regarding the divorce the night I shot her. She has tried to vilify an innocent woman."

This was as far as had been written on the machine, but beside the typewriter the detective found a slip of paper upon which there was scrawled handwriting, hard to make out, as follows:

"Every person who has helped to build my work has been vilified by a man or a designing fiend. When I made discovery in the electrical basis of life which (three illegible words) years later."

Detective Devoll declared that McConnell added to his alleged confession by declaring that he had shot the woman because "she was always making me believe I was insane. She vilified me to different people and has run my character down in a southern town."

The detective said McConnell had told of hiring an automobile at Avon, N. J., Saturday, and driving to the house of the Grand Park Hotel, Chicago. He appears in biographical records as the author of a volume of poems, a work on organic electricity, and another on Scientific Mind Healing. In 1878 he was proprietor of the Alhambra, a southern magazine published at Atlanta, Ga. He was the founder of a combiners' co-operative union for reducing the expenses of workingmen and also established a lycium system of popular and educational entertainments in a southern town. For many years he made Birmingham, Ala., his home. He came to New York in 1908 and delivered a number of lectures in studios where he had several wealthy women in his classes.

It was said at the Times that McConnell drifted in there, making a confession of the shooting of his wife. He suggested that if he were guilty he should confess and be arrested. He agreed to the plan and was arrested on the confession when the detective was called.

It was learned from Ocean Grove late tonight that Mrs. McConnell's wound was in the neck at the base of the brain, but the bullet emerged after cutting under the skin for two inches, and it is believed she is in no great danger. She was able to talk somewhat and said that she and her husband had been separated for several years and that he had been desirous of obtaining absolute divorce in order to marry again.

MILITARY INJUSTICES RETRIEVED

Col. Hughes Rectifies Some Results of the Partiality of the Laurier Government—Settlement of Dundonald Case.

CHANGES IN CADET APPOINTMENTS.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Col. Hughes is making a number of appointments that at once indicate his resolve to retrieve past injustices, and full disposition to march with the times.

One of the aide issues of the Dundonald dispute, was the injustice with which Lt. Col. Smart, of the 12th Scottish Light Dragoons, was treated. This officer was selected by Lord Dundonald to raise a regiment and when Mr. Fisher took the nomination of officers out of Dundonald's hands, Col. Smart stood by his general, and as a result was dismissed. Col. Hughes has gone into his case and has caused him to be appointed brigadier.

A new cavalry brigade is to be constituted in the Eastern Townships, the present one having six regiments, and so being unduly large. Col. Smart who is a good soldier is to command it.

Another aide issue of the Dundonald row was the unjust manner in which Col. Gregory, of the 2nd Dragoons, St. Catharines, was dismissed for political reasons, despite energetic attempts to save him by Lord Dundonald, who had a high opinion of him as a cavalry officer.

The unfavorable judgment on Gregory was never reversed, and while there is no vacancy for him as brigadier at present, the expectation is that he will get the first vacant cavalry brigade in his district.

Col. Hughes has just sanctioned both of the appointments which indicate the adoption of a vigorous policy with regard to the cadet movement. A change has taken place at headquarters, Captain Borden, who was staff officer for cadets, vacating his appointment and taking the appointment of staff officer for the same purpose at Halifax. He exchanges appointments with Captain Costin, R. C. R., who comes to headquarters from Halifax to look after the cadet movement, and Captain S. H. Hill, of the 8th Royal Rifles, becomes staff officer for cadets in Quebec city. In the west, Lieut. Col. G. Wynn, of the Light Horse, who already has done remarkable work with cadets in Saskatchewan, is appointed to superintend the military work of the 1st and 2nd regiments, comprising Manitoba and part of Saskatchewan.

Another western military appointment is that of H. W. Laird, a well-known business man of Regina, to raise a company of the army service corps.

PRISONERS HAVE MERRY CHRISTMAS

Seventy-seven Murderers and Six Hundred Other Prisoners Eat Christmas Dinner in Cook County Jail.

MRS. VERMILYA SEEMS TO BE QUITE CHEERFUL.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Seventy-seven murderers, with six hundred other prisoners, partook of Christmas dinner in the Cook County Jail today. In many respects the holiday was the most unusual in the tragedy laden history of the institution. Ewald Shihlinski, one of the four murderers sentenced to death February 16 next, delivered a terse ten-minute lecture to a group of prisoners.

He said: "We had too much whisky in my mind when I shot my wife and child. I wish I could bring him back."

Thomas Jennings, a negro sentenced to hang for the murder of Clarence Hillier, in the suburb of Washington Heights, has turned proselyter, and has had fifteen negro prisoners praying on their knees. He also led a song service with the enthusiasm of a revivalist.

Mrs. Louise Vermilya, charged with several poisonings, said she had spent a cheerful Christmas in the jail. She had fifteen negro prisoners praying on their knees. He also led a song service with the enthusiasm of a revivalist.

Sixteen hundred prisoners ate an elaborate dinner at the Bridewell, a similar menu was served 150 boys imprisoned at the John Worthy School.

POWERS ARE RECALLED TO REPUBLIC

Reported that Russians Have Slaughtered Five Hundred Men, Women and Children Without Provocation.

MANY OFFICIALS AND POLICE KILLED.

London, Dec. 25.—A massacre has been going on in Reht since Saturday according to official Persian telegrams received in London today. These state that on Sunday five hundred Persians were killed by the Russians, many of them being women and children. The people, it is said, have been exhorted not to fight, and not to give the slightest provocation, but the massacre still continues.

Reht is the capital of the province of Ghilan, and has 40,000 inhabitants. The government house has been bombarded and many government officials and police have been killed. Private houses have been demolished. According to other dispatches, the Russians killed four named Mohammedans in the Armenian quarter of Tabriz, during the fighting in that city.

"The people of Persia," says the despatch, "are stupefied at the attitude of Russia, especially as these outrages have followed immediately upon acceptance by Persia of the second Russian ultimatum, and when Persia has shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations."

CHRISTMAS DAY IN NEW YORK CITY

Mild Weather, and Lack of Snow Characterize the Holiday—Charitable Organizations Busy.

Salvation Army do Good Work—Seven Thousand Partake of Sullivan's Bounty—Red Stocking Committee.

New York, Dec. 25.—There was no snow to make it a white Christmas in New York this year, but there was a bright and clear sky, which made the day more like the Canadian Thanksgiving than Christmas. If there were dark places which the bright charity did, and with more thoroughness, it is said, than ever before, thousands of souls, some dropped to the chimneys and pots which the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America assist at the street corners every year, provided dinners for thousands.

There was no indiscriminate distribution, however, for all those to whom things were given, were persons sought out in a special Christmas campaign. The Salvation Army incidentally celebrated the birthday anniversary of Commander Eva Booth, who presided to-day at the distribution of thousands of toys from giant Christmas trees erected in the large drill sheds of the Ninth Regiment armory.

It was estimated that 7,000 men shared in the annual feast which was prepared in the large drill sheds to the voters of the Third Tammany district and after being stuffed with a good dinner each man was given a package of tobacco, a pipe and a toker which will provide him with a pair of shoes and woolen stockings.

Mission also gave breakfast to over 1,000 hungry men and baskets to 110 needy families.

In Brooklyn a red stocking committee which started in three years ago to see that every child not made merry by some charitable organization, received a well filled Christmas stocking, practically realized its ideal to-day by the distribution of 5,000 red stockings, estimated to be worth about \$375 a piece. The commission undertook the card index work about the head which stretched him out of all the needy children and districts.

Chase said that Davis fought desperately and shrieked for mercy, but his cries were quickly silenced by a blow on the head which stretched him unconscious. He was then dragged away to his death.

No noise or outcry were heard by the near neighbors, except the shots, and no attention was paid to these, as they were thought to have been fired by Christmas merry-makers.

ANOTHER NEGRO IS LYING

Young Man in Lockup Charged With Murder is Removed by Unknown Persons and Shot to Death.

AVENGERS PROBABLY FEW IN NUMBER.

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—King Davis, a negro aged 23 years, who last Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schaub (white) of Fairfield, Annapolis county, was taken from the lockup at Brooklyn this morning and shot to death by a small party of unknown men.

Davis, who was also known by the name of Johnson, was dragged to a spot about 200 yards from the station and shot through the lungs. His body was not discovered until several hours later by a passerby who notified the police. No all-night guard is kept at the station and the police had no knowledge of the affair until the finding of the body was reported. Chief Irwin at once started an investigation. Up to this evening he said he had no clue to the perpetrators of the deed.

The avenging band, thought to have not exceeded eight or ten in number, formed quietly. They effected an entrance into the lockup without attracting the attention of those living nearby, and went to Davis' cell, where they found the negro asleep. Hubert Chase, another negro, who was held in the station as a witness in the Schaub case, was not molested. Chase said that Davis fought desperately and shrieked for mercy, but his cries were quickly silenced by a blow on the head which stretched him unconscious. He was then dragged away to his death.

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Salvation Army do Good Work—Seven Thousand Partake of Sullivan's Bounty—Red Stocking Committee.

Revolutionists Not Prepared to Give In.

Tokio, Dec. 25.—A conference of members of the Japanese cabinet at which many of the elder statesmen, including Prince Katsura, the premier, were invited to assist, was held here Sunday. The strictest secrecy has been maintained regarding the discussions at the conference, but it is generally believed that the latest developments of the situation in China were taken into serious consideration.

It is understood that the conference reached the conclusion that the adoption of a republican form of government by China was apparently inevitable. Information from a reliable source has reached here that the revolutionaries in China continue to insist firmly on a republic and that the peace negotiations now proceeding in Shanghai will end in rupture, unless the imperial authorities in Peking should yield to their demands in that respect.

Most of the powers are apparently reconciled to the inevitable tendency of the prevailing situation. Neither Japan nor Great Britain has any intention whatever of intervening in any way in China, much less of imposing any form of government on that country.

The general feeling here is that the only alternative for the present situation is for the representatives of the imperial government in Peking to yield.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN BARN—HEART TROUBLE THE PROBABLE CAUSE

Special to The Standard.

St. John's, N. B., Dec. 25.—Saturday afternoon George Monroe, a Scotchman, resident in this county about three years, and about 45 years of age, was found dead in Clement Ryan's barn here. Monroe was a heavy drinker. He had been employed as a laborer with Arthur Robb, of Holmes Lake, where no liquor is obtainable.

Three or four weeks ago he came to Newcastle with a large sum of money and got on a spree. One of his friends took him out to Ryan's lumber camp to get him sobered off. By permission of the proprietor, Monroe had stayed there until Saturday, helping the cook for his board and lodging, safe from temptation to drink.

It appears that as soon as he struck town Saturday about noon, he got drunk again and wandered off, and where the workmen paid little attention to him until he was found at twelve o'clock this morning. Heart trouble aggravated by liquor is supposed to be the cause of death. An inquiry was held before Coroner Demond's lay out, but it was not decided to hold an inquest. Monroe was well known to his relatives in this county. The funeral today was very largely attended.

Thomas Artop with Baird and Peters delivery wagon, narrowly escaped drowning yesterday crossing the river to Nelson. The team and load were saved with difficulty. The ice is not safe anywhere yet.

WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ROOSEVELT OUT OF OFFICE FEET FIRST

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—"If Roosevelt will never get him out again except feet first," was the statement of Col. Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier, in commenting on the Republican situation throughout the country.

Col. Watterson expressed the belief that the long looked for change of parties was at hand, but he has not declared his choice for the Democratic nomination.

Col. Watterson declared that in his opinion the Republicans could not elect Roosevelt or Taft, and said the election of the former President, abrogating the third term tradition, would be a step toward absolutism.

TAFT OBJECTS TO USE OF PHOTO IN FAKE PICTURES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Week end tourists who went back to the folks with photographs with a real showing of President Taft in the act of shaking them by the hand or in earnest conversation with them, got a dose of new into the great new cathedral of St. John, the Divine, while Bishop Greer was preaching the first Christmas sermon in the edifice, with international peace and good will as a topic. The dove sailed over the heads of the congregation to alight in the north choir and perched there quietly throughout the service.

With such organized work carried out by numerous societies, Christmas cheer was carried to the prisons, to the hospitals and alms houses. The city provided dinner for some 10,000 who ate in its institutions. The generosity of private citizens, taken collectively, also took care of multitudes.

The churches began with Christmas services to the night workers in the early morning hours, and kept up their carols and masses all day. A dove flew into the great new cathedral of St. John, the Divine, while Bishop Greer was preaching the first Christmas sermon in the edifice, with international peace and good will as a topic. The dove sailed over the heads of the congregation to alight in the north choir and perched there quietly throughout the service.

PRESBYTERIANS OF WOODSTOCK DON'T WANT CHURCH UNION

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, Dec. 25.—The Presbyterians of this town voted on Saturday night to remain separate and were 168. Of these 153 voted nay and 15, all of them being adherents, voted yea. The elders and communicants voted unanimously against the proposal. Several congregations in the vicinity of the town which are now voting will show figures practically similar to the above.

The lack of any reference to prayer in the basis of union, and other serious defects such as the failure to designate the Scriptures as the Word of God, accounts largely for the strong opposition. It is felt here that if the movement is pushed it will mean the formation of another denomination, as the existing churches will hold to their former name, doctrine and government, and will refuse to surrender their property to the united body.

UP-TO-DATE BURGLARY NEW YORK YEGMEN WEAR GLOVES AT WORK

New York, Dec. 25.—Graduates of the New York schools in burglary, operated on a safe in a five and ten cent store, owned by S. S. Kresge, in Harlem today. End got away with \$4,000 in cash. The men entered by way of the skylight, drew electricity from a live wire to operate their drill, and with zinc electrolysis easily blew off the safe door.

A roll of carpet was found which had been used to deaden the noise of the excavation, and besides the carpets were found kid gloves which the burglars had evidently used to avoid detection from finger prints, which have recently led to arrests and indictments of several alleged burglars.

DEAD OF APOPLEXY

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 25.—Arthur F. Griffith of Millford, Ind., a lightning calculator who has bewildered vaudeville audiences throughout the country for a number of years by his mathematical wizardry, was found dead of apoplexy in his bed at a local hotel today.

Griffiths, who was professionally known as "The Marvelous Griffiths," was to have gone to Erie, Pa., to fulfill an engagement today. He was 31 years old. Within recent years his peculiar powers have been given many tests by professors of mathematics and psychology at Harvard, Yale, Chicago, Indiana and Northwestern universities.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT SPENDS QUIET DAY-- GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Christmas was spent quietly in the capital, the weather being actually much colder and more being sloppy and mild. The churches were well attended.

At Rideau Hall, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught spent the season in old English style. Every employe was personally given the best wishes of the day by the Duke who added something substantial to the handshake. The laborers got turkeys and wine, while others had money given to them, and higher officials stickpins with the Connaught monogram surmounted by the crest in precious stones.

His Royal Highness attended twice during the day. Hon. R. L. Borden received many messages of good will by mail and wire. Ample and cordial congratulations were one from Hon. Fisher, Australian Premier.

PEACE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN SEALED AT BANQUET

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The first dinner of the new Russo-Japanese Society, recently formed here, was held last night at the Japanese embassy. Baron Ishiro Motono, Japanese Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and Mr. Kikoyanov, the Russian Premier, exchanged toasts, both referring to the value of Russo-Japanese friendly relations.

CLOTHES TAKE FIRE FROM ALCOHOL LAMP, WOMAN MAY DIE

New York, Dec. 25.—One hundred women, guests at the Virginia Hotel for women only, were thrown into a panic early today by the plight of Miss Aryle E. Lyons, the superintendent of the hotel, who rushed wildly about the halls with her night clothes burning.

Miss Lyons had risen early, enthusiastic over making a cup of coffee, over a new alcohol lamp, which she had received as a Christmas present. Her night dress caught fire from the flames, which she started to pour more alcohol into the lamp without blowing out the blaze.

She ran out to the hall followed by two women, who were with her in her room, and guests of the hotel were almost as hysterical as she, at the sight of her burning to death. One young man, who was visiting a cousin at the hotel, was the hero, grasping Miss Lyons and throwing her on the floor, and wrapping her up in portieres, he had pulled from their hangings. It is believed, however, that the young woman will die.

SPRING FLOWERS FEATURE OF XMAS IN NEW ENGLAND

Boston, Dec. 25.—With a warm bright sun, very little snow or sleet except in the northern portion, and early spring flowers in warm sheltered nooks, Christmas day in New England showed a considerable departure from the normal.

Skates, hockey sticks and sleds, proved apparently useless gifts in many a household and those youngsters who ventured to try the first acquisitions, fell so at considerable rate in the "thin ice" accidents were one of the sombre features of the day.

In the southern part of the district, impromptu football games, artificial ice in a number of indoor rinks, and some ice skating contributed to what would otherwise have been a rather barren sporting holiday.

The day was a quiet one locally except in the post office and in the express companies' headquarters, where the avalanche of presents made the day one of the busiest in years.

AGED NINETY, MRS. BARTON SPENDS HER BIRTHDAY QUIETLY

Washington, Dec. 25.—Miss Clara Barton, founder and first president of the American National Red Cross Society, was celebrated today with a quiet birthday party.

Although feeble from her illness, she celebrated the day with her relatives and friends, who are spending Christmas with her at her home, "Red Cross," in Glen Echo, Md., a suburb of Washington.

YOUTHFUL SANTA CLAUS TAKES FIRE-- IS BADLY INJURED

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 25.—Playing Santa Claus in flannel attire, and toward eleven o'clock, George H. Sawyer, aged 14 years, went too close to the lighted candles on a Christmas tree in his home in Cliffside, and suffered burns, which are expected to prove fatal. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sawyer, were burned severely in an attempt to beat out the flames and save the life of their boy.

JAPANESE LEADERS CONFER

Tokio, Dec. 25.—Major General Shiba, who was in command of the Japanese troops in Peking at the time of the Boxer uprising, in 1900, left Shimonoseki, the fortified naval city in the southwest of Honshu, Japan, for Tokyo, in response to an official summons received by him from headquarters.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA--PREMIERS SEND XMAS GREETINGS

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The first exchange of Christmas greeting between Premiers of the overseas dominions took place on Saturday between Hon. R. L. Borden and Sir Joseph Ward. The following cable was received from the Premier of New Zealand: "Season's greetings to yourself and colleagues, Ward."

Premier Borden promptly called back "Thanks, and warm congratulations to yourself and colleagues, Borden."

COMMISSION WILL GET BUSY WEDNESDAY

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The commission appointed last week to investigate the civil service will meet in Ottawa next Wednesday, according to present plans as announced by Premier Borden. Mr. Borden is already here, and will be joined by Mr. Ducharme of Montreal, and Hon. A. B. Irvine, of Toronto. Mr. Norton will be the chairman of the commission. The selection of counsel for the commission has not yet been considered, but will be taken up at once.

CHILDREN HONOR MEMORY OF AUTHOR

New York, Dec. 25.—Upon the grave of Clement C. Moore, who wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas," a holy wreath was placed today by a hundred children from the Sunday school of the Church of the Intercession. A brief prayer, and the singing of a Christmas carol and hymn at the grave completed the ceremony.