

WIFE MURDER IN QUEENS COUNTY

Mrs. Robert Keirstead Slain and
Husband is Under Arrest—
Killed With Stick

A shocking tragedy occurred at Salmon Creek, seven miles from Codr's, Queens County, on Saturday night. Doctor Kennedy of Codr's, who was summoned to the home of Robert Keirstead, to render him medical aid, was shocked to find upon his arrival at the home, Mrs. Keirstead lying dead in a pool of blood on the kitchen floor and her five children sitting about in the kitchen. The eldest child, a girl of eighteen, it is reported, said that her father struck her mother on the head with a large stick. The woman's head was battered. The youngest child is only nine months old.

Mr. Keirstead had left his home and gone to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Boyd, at Amundale, about two miles distant, where he confessed, it is reported, committing the terrible crime. Keirstead, it is said, has been suffering mentally for some years and by many people his condition of mind is held responsible for his act. He is at present under arrest. An inquest into the death will be held at the scene of the tragedy. It is said that Keirstead had been ill and had been drinking lately.

Mrs. Keirstead was a daughter of Gabriel Warden of Salmon Creek, who resides about a mile down the road from the house in which the crime was committed. He was in St. John at the time of the tragedy, but has since been notified. She was considered a hard working woman and was respected by the neighbors and the people of Queens County in general. The murdered woman was about forty years of age, her husband is about forty-five. They were married in Queens County.

FINE BILL IS NEW ONE AT OPERA HOUSE

Picture Serial and an Excellent
List of Vaudeville Numbers

Despite the fact that Saturday night was an unusually busy one for the majority of citizens, it did not seem to lessen interest in the performance presented in the Opera House. Long before the curtain rose the building was filled to capacity and from the beginning of the motion picture serial until the programme was concluded, all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Following an interesting episode of the popular motion picture "The Gray Ghost," Nestor and Vincent appeared in a juggling and conjuring act. Some of their feats were exceptionally good and they were given a liberal amount of applause. They interspersed considerable comedy in their act and as a result won favor with all.

Ivanoff and Varvara gave a pleasing act, which consisted of songs and a cleverly executed piano solo. The former is a good singer and his tenor voice was heard to advantage in a number of well chosen songs. The latter showed marked ability as a pianist and his solo with his left hand was particularly good.

Captain Power, a ventriloquist, made a hit. He has a real good act and one which was enjoyed by all present. He could, however, eliminate some of his jokes, and not detract any interest from his performance. The scenic effects were exceptionally good and evoked well merited applause.

Louis London, with his smiles, songs and jokes, was a favorite. He was asked to respond to several encores and came back with something more catchy every time.

An aerial act by Verce and Verce was unique and won a good share of plaudits. Both are good acrobats in addition to being clever actors and their performance was one of the best of the programme. The audience in their haste to get out after the first performance again caused inconvenience. Before the last act was concluded many of those present made a rush for the door, while the performers were still singing, and as a result those who wanted to see the show to the finish were forced to rise and make room for them.

ANOTHER LARGE ELEVATOR IN WINNIPEG BURNED

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Entailing a loss estimated at \$250,000, the large ten-story elevator of the Northern Elevator Company in St. Boniface, containing 50,000 bushels of grain, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night.

This is the second loss entailed by the company through fire during the present year, the first being that of the large elevator which was situated in Salter street, on March 10, with a loss of \$200,000.

GALLANT CONDUCT OF A STRETCHER BEARER.

The Military Cross was awarded to E. Michael James O'Rourke, Can. Inf., for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during prolonged operations.

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He showed throughout an absolute disregard for his own safety, going wherever there were wounded to succor, and his magnificent courage and devotion in continuing his rescue work, in spite of exhaustion and the incessant heavy enemy fire of every description, inspired all ranks, and undoubtedly saved many lives.

APPEAL IN SISTER MARY BASIL CASE

Kingsport, Ont., Dec. 23.—Grounds of appeal given by T. J. Rigney, solicitor for the defendants in the case of Sister Mary Basil vs. Archbishop Spratt and others, pronounced the judgment pronounced by Justice Britton on December 8, are:—That there was no evidence to connect defendants, M. J. Spratt, the Roman Catholic episcopal corporation of the diocese of Kingston, and Dr. Daniel Phelan, with the case, as alleged in plaintiff's statement of claims that there was no evidence to connect the Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence with acts as alleged by the plaintiff, and that the defendant, Mary Francis Regis, had no authority to act on behalf of the defendants, the Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence, in authorizing said acts, and that plaintiff's action against the above named defendants should be dismissed with costs; that the damages awarded were excessive and unwarranted by the evidence.

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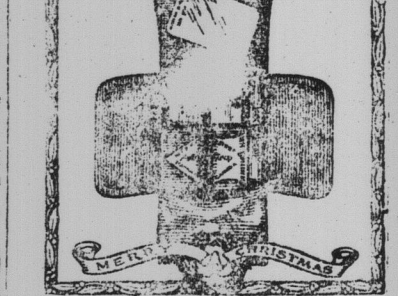
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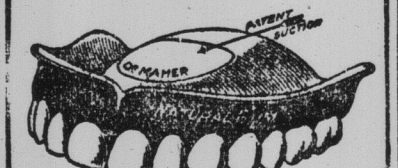
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The statement adds:—"Even the convoy system with its progressive extension works in increasing measure in our favor, for it means, especially in consequence of inevitable keeping of shipping in ports and consequent delays, such big losses in the utilizable cargo space that it requires a very considerable total of sinkings to equal such losses of available shipping by the action on convoys of ship destruction."

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