

HIDEOUS TALE OF MURDER.

Rev. Mr. Carmichael Tells of the Slaying of Browning.

Awful Deed of a Man With Disturbed Mind.

Writes a Letter Before Suicide Giving Full Details.

Carthage, Ill., Jan. 11.—Rev. John H. Carmichael, pastor of three Methodist churches in and near Adair, Mich., confessed slayer of Gideon Browning, a neighbor, whom he slew with a hatchet and created last Tuesday night in Rattle Run Church, committed suicide to-day in the toilet room of Miss Miranda Hughes' boarding-house by cutting his throat with a pocket knife.

The preacher left a letter to the Sheriff of Port Huron, giving details of the murder of Browning and the dismembering and incineration of his body, and attributed the act to self-defence and moral cowardice, because of the hypnotic influence that Browning, an illiterate carpenter, held over him.

While the confession of the clergyman is rather long and on some points minute, it leaves many questions regarding the tragedy unsolved, admitting that the statements of the minister are true. Some parts of the letter tend to cause the impression that the confession is really the production of an unsound mind.

ACTED STRANGELY.

On Friday evening, when the Burlington train pulled into Carthage a man six feet tall, with reddish brown hair and shaved face, alighted and sought a room at Miss Hughes' boarding-house. He gave the name of John Eider, and said that he was a cabinetmaker and thought of opening a shop in Carthage. He talked and ate little, and he led Miss Hughes to think that he was a Catholic and was fasting. He acted rather strangely, but she thought little about it at the time.

This morning he packed all his belongings in his valise, and leaving his room in order went to the toilet room and nothing more was seen or heard of him until 9 o'clock.

DIED FROM OLD LOSS OF BLOOD.

Then Miss Hughes went out to feed her chickens. She heard a moaning in the toilet room. Looking in the door she saw the man on the floor with his throat cut. She summoned help and the man was carried into the house. There the doctors found that he had cut a small slit in his throat, but the knife had not touched the jugular vein. Had it not been that he had lain so long in the cold and lost so much blood the doctors could have restored him to consciousness; but as the thermometer stood almost at zero he had become so thoroughly chilled that he never aroused from his stupor, and died at 12:40 o'clock.

The suicide left a letter addressed to his wife in Adair, Mich., but it has not been opened.

THE PASTOR'S CONFESSION.

Following is the text of Rev. Mr. Carmichael's confession:

"Carthage, Ill., Jan. 9, 1909. To Mr. Wagonsteel, Port Huron, Mich.: Honored Sir,—I write this letter to explain some things in connection with the Columbus church tragedy. I am guilty only because I am a coward. The man had such a hypnotic influence over me that I felt that something must be done. I felt

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BIG TAX BILLS.

Heavy Assessment of Some of New York's Wealthy Ones.

New York, Jan. 12.—The heaviest assessments on this year's annual personal property tax list for New York city, which was made public yesterday, were that of Mrs. Russell Sage and that of Andrew Carnegie, whose personal holdings were valued at \$5,000,000 each. John D. Rockefeller's real and personal property was assessed at \$2,500,000, while the holdings of Wm. K. Vanderbilt and the Countess Szechenyi, formerly Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, were listed at \$1,000,000 each.

A WIFE'S RIGHTS.

Mrs. Chetwynd Succeeds in Having Hers Restored by the Court.

London, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Geo. Guy Chetwynd, who is a daughter of the late Charles Secor, of New York city, was granted a decree in the divorce court to-day against her husband for the restoration of her conjugal rights. The petition was not defended. Mrs. Chetwynd's husband is the son and heir of Sir Geo. Chetwynd.

Don't Cut Off the Bars.

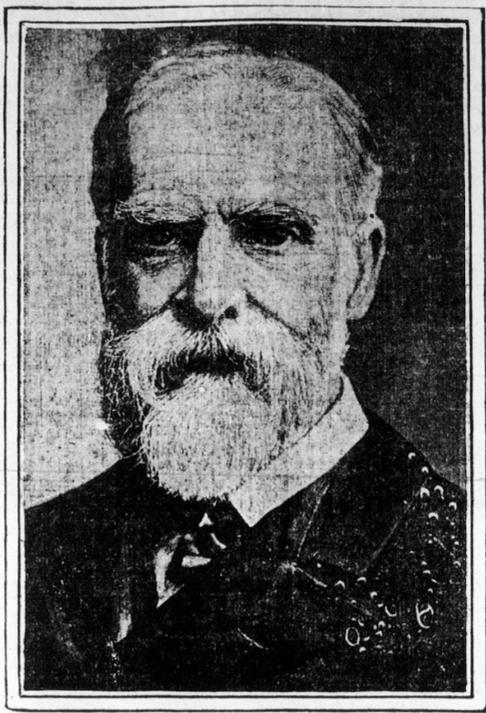
We don't cut off the bars of castle soap sold by us at 20c, but give you the original 2 1/2 lb. bars just as they come to us from the manufacturer. This is the original "shell" brand castle soap. We have it also in cakes at 25c and 50c per dozen. Parke & Parke, druggists.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

Genuine Health Pipes.

White's Alsboro pipes are the cleanest and healthiest pipes to smoke. They absorb the nicotine and the tobacco remains dry. Alsboro pipes are sold for 10 cents at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.



MR. JAMES BRYCE, British Ambassador to the United States, who has arranged a treaty with the United States regarding Niagara Falls and other matters.

EARTHQUAKE ON PACIFIC COAST

Shocks in State of Washington--Buildings Damaged--Break in Alaska Cable.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 12.—It is reported that immediately after yesterday's earthquake shock smoke was seen rising from Mount Baker, an extinct or dormant volcano. At Blain several buildings were slightly damaged by the tremor.

Reports from the San Juan Islands state that yesterday's earthquake shock was more severe there. At Point Stanley, Lopez, East Sound, Olga and other places buildings were damaged to a considerable extent. No casualties are reported.

SHOCK WAS SEVERE.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 12.—An earthquake shock caused considerable damage at 3:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon, lasting from 10 to 15 seconds. The tremor took the form of a vibratory convulsion, swaying buildings and breaking many windows and fragile roofs.

ONLY A TREMOR.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 12.—A tremor of earthquake was felt in Tacoma at 3:40 yesterday afternoon.

WOMAN IN IT?

Trying to Find a Motive For the Carmichael Crime.

Carthage, Ill., Jan. 12.—When the authorities have satisfied themselves as to the circumstances attending the murder of Gideon Browning by Rev. John H. Carmichael, at Rattle Run, Mich., it is expected that an enquiry will turn to a possible motive for the actual crime. Despatches from Michigan reveal an unwillingness on the part of the officials to accept the theory of Carmichael's insanity, as evolved from his strange confession. "I shall always believe," said Prosecutor Brown, of Adair, Mich., "that there was a deep motive behind the crime."

Similarly Under Sheriff Pettit, of Port Huron, asserts his belief that Carmichael's last letter was not intended for a deathbed confession, but was written with the idea that he would be taken back to stand trial. Sheriff Wegeneil, the Michigan officer, who is here to-day taking the lead in the investigation, is convinced that there was a woman in the case.

Mr. Chetwynd is at present on a shooting expedition in Egypt. Mrs. Chetwynd's lawyer said that Mr. Chetwynd deserted his wife and child a year ago, and rented an apartment for his exclusive use. In response to his wife's appeals he wrote: "I intend living my own life in the future; you can take what steps you like."

CROWN POINT.

Citizen's League and Y.M.C.A. Have Been Organized.

Crown Point Citizens' League held a meeting last night at which Rev. Mr. McWhirter, the Baptist minister, presided. There was a good attendance and much interest was taken in getting the league on a good footing. Mr. J. H. Plunkett was elected president. Mr. Thomas Lealand is secretary.

It is the intention of the League to act in conjunction with the Township Council in an endeavor to secure a system of street lighting and to look after fire protection, water service, and so on. The League will also have charge of the Young Men's Christian Association which has been organized among the young men and boys, and which will be known as Crown Point Y. M. C. A.

An effort will be made to secure the fire hall for the meeting of the League and the Y. M. C. A.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

But where does Ald. Wright come in? I can't say that I have any special kick coming over the chairmanships. Now let us have a good, strong, hustling influential Industrial Committee. We must make up for lost time.

Now I don't mind the Citizens' League suggesting the number of licenses it thinks should be lopped off. But I hope it won't butt in like John Milne's Tory Executive and attempt to run things.

Ald. Peregrine has now the chance of his life to knock the head off the over-draft.

They tell me that it was Ald. Charley Gardner's smile that placed him in the chair at the Markets Committee. See him smile.

The Coal Oil Inlet has again become a public issue. Get out your handkerchiefs.

As to an annual fair or exhibition in Hamilton, Mr. Mayor, what is your opinion?

Now if you young fellows want to get married before Lent, you better get busy.

The best thing that could happen to Toronto would be for it to get sent down for the winter. It could get out when the warm weather comes back.

It wouldn't be a bad idea were a deputation of tonic soil faists to interview the School Board. It is pretty well understood now that a mistake was made when it threw the "tonic" out of the schools.

So far nobody has complained to me of the road with which John Patterson's cars run through Dundurn Park.

And the Mayor had not a word about the poor old Jolly Cut.

The way they are slicing off heads in France amid the jeers and execrations of the populace remind us of the days of the revolution.

If this city had elected two Government supporters at last Dominion election, we could have struggled along without any Senators.

The License Commissioners should now be able to see that the public won't stand any more funny work. There must be no more talk of "defying" the inspector, or statements that "of course police" is mixed up with the liquor business. Do you hear that, Mr. Callaghan?

I didn't notice John Milne at yesterday's inaugural.

Is 1909 to be a year of drownings? Another newspaper is in operation. I thought there was a law against those fakirs.

Had Joseph Phillips been allowed to wind up the affairs of the York Loan in the way he wanted, I am credibly informed by officials of the company that were to wind it up, that the depositors would have been paid in full long ere now, and there would have been no necessity for Phillips going to the penitentiary. But the threat of injunction and trouble from Hamilton decided the company to throw up the job with the result we all know. I have written this little essay, having heard that an effort is being made to have the man released.

TO COL. LOGIE.

Band of the Regiment Makes a Presentation.

There was a fine turnout of the band of the Ninety-First Highlanders for a social evening in the band room last night. The officers of the regiment had been invited to enjoy the fun, and Lieut. Col. Logie, Major Bruce, Capt. Bell, Capt. McCullough and Lieut. Stephens, and his Worship, Major John I. McLaren, arrived as soon as he could get away from the council meeting.

The early part of the evening was devoted to cards. Just before supper Col. Logie was called upon and Bandmaster Stares read a well worded address while Band Corporal Jos. Gimblett presented him with a lyre, on the frame of which the name of every member of the band was inscribed.

Col. Logie was quite unprepared for such an event, but acknowledged the band's kindness, and the magnificent gift in suitable words.

After supper there was a short (last) list, Bandmaster Stares being toast master. Speeches were made by Col. Logie, Major Bruce, Major McLaren, Lieut. Stephens and others.

MINE HORROR.

Between 50 and 100 Miners Killed by Explosion To-day.

Bluffville, W. Va., Jan. 12.—As the result of another explosion at the Lick branch mine at Switchback, about 20 miles from here, between 50 and 100 miners were killed at 8:30 this morning. The number may be largely increased, as from 280 to 300 miners were at work at the time, and it had not been ascertained shortly before noon how many had survived.

The Weather Man

Says cold weather is coming. Have you a thermometer to tell you how cold it is? If not, Parke & Parke have the greatest assortment of reliable thermometers to be found in the city. You can procure almost any kind of thermometer you want at the right price from Parke & Parke, druggists.

NO PROTESTS.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Montreal, Jan. 12.—A despatch from Newfoundland states that all the election protests will be dropped by mutual consent, and that the Legislature will meet February 4th. The parties will line up in the House at equal strength.

EARLY ACTION ON IMPORTANT ISSUES.

Street Lighting and Street Railway Application to be Dealt With at Once.

The new Board of Works at its meeting on Tuesday night next will discuss two of the most important matters to come before the council this year—street lighting and the Street Railway Company's application for the widening of the devil strip and permission to lay tracks on Westworth street and Sanford avenue to connect with the new cars shed. The street railway matter was practically in shape for the old council to deal with last year, but the aldermen did not care to tackle it at the final meeting, and there was an understanding that it should be dealt with the first thing this year, as the company is anxious to go ahead with the work. The Board of Works department has been working for several days on the plan for the rearrangement of the arc lights, and this is something that will have to be taken up without delay in view of the fact that the old contract expires in six months. There is a feeling among some of the aldermen that the city should make brilliant electrical illuminations on James, King and York streets in the centre of the city, placing lights on each side of the street every half block. They think it would be a good thing to advertise Hamilton as the electrical city, and point out that under the reduced rate it would not cost such a great deal.

The city will control nearly four hundred acres of marsh lands if it succeeds in getting control of all the west end lots as proposed. At present the corporation holds patents for seventy-six acres and the city engineer says there is nearly 500 more acres for which patents have never been granted by the Government. Several adjoining property owners made application years ago but nothing was ever done. Although it was suggested that this marsh land would make good factory sites, Mr. Barrow points out that it is so low it is doubtful if it could ever be used for anything but a big park or playground without an immense expenditure.

The Sewers Committee may meet tonight to advertise for tenders for the piling in connection with the extension of the Ferguson avenue and Catharine street sewers. City Engineer Barrow says that by using concrete instead of iron in part of the work, and with the advantage of having the ice work on, the job can be done now at a saving of about \$4,000.

Dr. Roberts, Medical Health Officer, announced to-day that at the first meeting of the Board of Health he will outline an extensive plan of improvements in the interest of public health.

John F. Kavanagh, who was appointed to the Court of Revision last night, succeeding Col. Moore, was appointed by Mayor McLaren.

The Parks Board will meet to-morrow night.

ONLY EMPTY HOUSE WHEN HE GOT HOME

Furniture, Money and All the Members of the Household Were Gone.

Thomas Freeborn, 204 Ferris street east, had a chilly homecoming yesterday, when he left his work at the Rogers Coal Co. and hid himself home, expecting to be greeted by his wife at the door. Instead of his wife and a cheery fire, he found the house locked, the furniture gone, everything, even to the curtains on the door, vanished; no fire and no place to build one. Mr. Freeborn had a large-sized suspicion as to who was to blame for the disappearance of his goods and chattels, and he reported the matter at the police office. He was advised by the detectives to ask for warrants for the arrest of whoever he thought had taken the stuff. Freeborn waited for the magistrate yesterday morning and yesterday afternoon, but did not manage to catch him. He slept in his cold and bare room last night, and after thinking it over decided to go after the furniture only, and for that purpose he decided to apply to Magistrate Jeffs for a search warrant against a house where he has an idea the stuff is. This morning Mr. Freeborn would not give any explanation of what was wrong, and all he would say was that he wanted his furniture back, and would not prosecute unless it was absolutely necessary to do so to get the furniture. The police say they know nothing more of the matter than the above.

Mr. Freeborn also failed to find quite a large sum of money which had been in the house when he left.

LABOR'S WANTS.

Deputation From Dominion Congress Sees Premier Laurier.

Asks for Many Things on Behalf of Organized Labor.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 12.—A deputation from the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress paid its annual visit to the Prime Minister this afternoon and presented requests for legislation. Alphonse Verreuil, M. P., President; James Simpson, Vice-President; H. M. Draper, Secretary, and J. G. O'Donoghue, Solicitor, comprised the deputation, and presented Sir Wilfrid with the memorial. This expressed the appreciation of the congress for the good work done by the Department of Labor, and urged that the Government should create a portfolio of Labor and appoint a Minister to fill it. It urged that all gears and tackle used in discharging vessels should be inspected by competent Government inspectors; that election lists should be made a public holiday, and the \$200 deposit should no longer be required from a candidate; that provision be made for the enforcement of the fair wage schedule in every Government contract, and that it be made impossible for men to contract themselves out of this fair wage schedule; that there be a penalty for every violation of the fair wage schedule; that a fair wage officer be appointed to reside in the west; that an increase of salaries be given letter carriers; that assisted immigration and immigration bounties be opposed; that nationalities of non-assimilative qualities, including all Asiatics, be excluded from Canada; finally that a commission be appointed to report on the effect of technical education in other countries.

Mr. Pugsley, who assisted in framing the British-U. S. treaty.

WENT BLIND.

Double Misfortune While Preparing for a Wedding.

In connection with the marriage of Mr. William H. Waddell and Miss Margaret S. Murr, in Knox Church yesterday, a mishap kept Mrs. James Waddell, mother of the groom, away from the ceremony, and almost prevented Mr. Waddell from attending. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell live at Catham. On Saturday, when they were preparing to come to this city for the wedding, Mr. Waddell fell off the porch in front of their home and broke his wrist. She was unable to raise herself, and her husband found her in this helpless condition. The excitement attendant upon the preparations and the accident to his wife so upset Mr. Waddell that he was stricken with blindness, and it was several hours before he recovered his sight. He was able to come to the wedding, however.

BOND'S CASE.

B. B. Bond, who has been putting up a valiant fight against being taken back to Nashville, Tennessee, on a charge of false pretenses, was in chambers this morning. His lawyer, Mr. George S. Kerr, K. C., could not appear until 12 o'clock, and his Honor Judge Snider adjourned the matter until 2:30 this afternoon.

FROM FRANCE.

Boneless sardines, Tunny fish, roll mops, caviar, boneless anchovies, flag-gelets, macaroons, French peas, asparagus, mushrooms, spinach, haricots, artichokes, Spanish red peppers, truffles, pearl onions, mustard, stuffed olives, paté-de-frog-gas, game, capers, tabasco sauce, Barle-Duc, gummy jelly, green figs, fruit glace, stuffed prunes, maroons, olive oil, rose leaves, Paprica, etc. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

ENGLISHMAN FOUND SHOT.

Picked Up in Central Park, N. Y., With Wound in Breast.

Declared That He Was Attacked and Shot by a Robber.

Police Think it Was a Case of Attempted Suicide.

New York, Jan. 12.—Notwithstanding a bullet wound in his body at a point two inches above the heart, it was said at Roosevelt Hospital early to-day that Robert Osborn Hilliard, the Englishman who was found lying in Central Park last night, his white shirt front stained with blood, would probably recover. Although Hilliard said that he had been attacked and shot by a robber, the police are inclined to think that the case is one of attempted suicide.

After some search, the revolver, which was at first reported missing, was found near the scene of the shooting, with one chamber empty. The weapon was of 38 calibre. It had been discharged at the such close range that it had ignited the wounded man's clothing, which was smouldering when he was found.

As the police examined the letters and newspaper clippings found on Hilliard's person, it was learned that he had been a guest of the Duke of Newcastle at Hot Springs, Ark., and also at New Orleans.

One letter was a notice from the office of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., notifying Hilliard that there was £20 sterling credit at that office received from the London agents of the firm, Coutts & Co. Hilliard, who is reputed to be wealthy, is well known at the Waldorf-Astoria, from which he set out last evening in evening attire apparently in good spirits. He is known to be interested in mining in the west and it is said he has an office in Denver. His age is 40 years, and his appearance is distinguished. During the excitement incident to the finding of the prostrate form the wounded man's name was first given out at Hilliard, but his papers showed Hilliard to be correct.

KNOWN IN DENVER. Denver, Col., Jan. 12.—Robert Osborn Hilliard, who was shot in Central Park, New York, last night, is well known in club circles in this city and Colorado Springs. He is reputed to be wealthy and the possessor of large interests in Wyoming. He was in this city less than a month ago, and made his home at the exclusive Denver Club.

DIES OF WINE DRUNK IN PLAY.

Poison Kills Amateur Performer in Small Delaware Town.

Fellow Actor Misses Death by Merely Sipping Liquid.

Marydale, Del., Jan. 12.—Charles L. Pippin, a young business man, died to-day as the result of drinking poisoned wine while acting in an amateur play on Jan. 1, and a conspiracy to commit murder is suspected by the police.

A rigid investigation will be made, and it is believed there will be sensational developments. Pippin was a social favorite, and was engaged to be married to Miss Maud Hummer, a teacher in the local schools. It is believed the poison was not intended for Pippin, but for one of the other actors.

State's Attorney Elmer Dean was advised to-night by Coroner W. G. Smith of the death and arranged for an inquest to-morrow. Dean declares the case will be pushed to the finish and the guilty given the punishment deserved.

The poisoning occurred during a performance for the benefit of the organ fund of the Methodist church. Pippin, in carrying out his character, was obliged to drink a glass of wine. Howard Griffith, another member of the cast, tasted the wine before Pippin did and finding it burning, merely wet his lips with it.

Pippin, when his turn came, lifted the glass in the air, gave his toast, and swallowed all the liquid at a gulp. The next moment he doubled up, ran off the stage and cried:

"My God, it's burning me up! Give me water, quick!"

Dr. H. Evans, who was taking part in the play, hastily gave Pippin temporary relief and though he still suffered considerably he went back before the footlights and played his part through to the end.

Soon after he reached home Pippin again was seized with excruciating pains in the stomach and sent for a physician, who found him seriously ill. He grew worse from day to day and at last a specialist was called in. The latter said Pippin had drunk an extremely large dose of poison, and that it had been in his system so long there was little hope for recovery. Pippin's death, a short time after, proved the truth of this prediction.

The officials have given no intimation as to the character of the poison, but it is believed to have been of a highly corrosive nature, for even the small sip taken by Griffith was sufficient to warn him against taking more. Druggists of the town will be asked to tell at the inquest of their recent sales of corrosive poison.

NO CHANGES.

Barton Township Council Re-Appoints Its Old Officials.

Barton Council, consisting of Reeve J. Walter Gage, Deputy Reeve Frank Hills and Councilors Gallagher, Lewis and Kymal, met in Barton Township Hall yesterday at 11 a. m. After the members had taken the oath of qualification and of office the Reeve took the chair. A number of accounts were passed and routine business gone on with. There were no changes made in the officials. By-laws were passed re-appointing the officers, road overseer and Board of Health and fixing salaries. The Council granted a short extension of time to the tax collectors to collect the small balance of outstanding taxes. H. F. Barkholder was re-appointed Inspector of San Jose Seals and other diseases of fruit trees. The clerk was instructed to advertise for tenders for printing voters' lists, minutes, etc., for township.

The Council adjourned to meet on Monday, Feb. 8th, 1909, at 1:30 p. m.

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