

LONDON WOMAN MURDERED BY JEALOUS LOVER BRUTAL TRAGEDY IN DETROIT ROOMING HOUSE "KATIE" DEVINE KILLED BY WILLIAM BAKER!

Murderer Left a Note in Book Giving Reasons For the Shooting.

KIPLING'S VAMPIRE FURNISHED IDEA

The Couple Had Been Living Together as Man and Wife—Home of the Girl Is in East London.

"A fool there was, and he made his prayer,
(Even as you and I)
To a rag, and a bone, and a hank of hair,
The fool he called her his lady fair,
But we called her the woman who did not care,
(Even as you and I)"

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Detroit, Dec. 12.—Kipling's famous poem, "The Vampire," furnished the idea for the message left by William Baker, who late yesterday afternoon shot and killed Miss Katherine Devine, 28 years old, known as his wife, then killed himself, in the kitchen of the rooming house at 27 Park Place. Miss Devine is from London, Ont. Jealousy was the motive. In a note book found on the man's body just after he had committed the crime his last message to the world was written. It is as follows:

"THE REASON FOR IT ALL
"See Kipling's epilogue on the rag, bone and hank of hair.
"She could not stand prosperity and threw down those who stood by her during adversity."

Then came several meaningless combinations of letters followed by dots and dashes which may be in telegraph code.

Shot in Kitchen.

The shooting was done at 5 o'clock. The woman was at the sink in the kitchen at the rear on the ground floor. Mrs. Lillian Fralick, a roomer at the place, was sitting in the next room when Baker passed through. He made a chaffing remark as he went on into the kitchen. The woman said she heard no conversation, but in an instant came a shot. She then heard Miss Devine cry, "My God, Willy, see what you have done." A fusillade of shots followed, she said, and she ran to the house next door to call the police.

Motorcycle Policeman Peter Smith and Patrolman John Kane, who was on the beat, arrived and found the couple stretched out on the floor, which was covered with blood from four wounds in the woman's body and one in the man's head.

Two new revolvers were found on the floor near Baker's body. It is believed that he had killed her, and then turned the weapon on himself. One of the 38-calibre revolvers still had two shells left in the cylinder and the other was empty. The man fired eight shots all together. One ball entered the woman's right eye, another struck just below the ear, and a third in the left side of the breast. A fourth wound in the face is believed to have been caused by one of the balls coming out.

Had Been Gang Member.

Baker, who is 30 years old, was employed in the Western Union office of the Western Union. He is well known to the police and around the various downtown resorts. In his early youth he had been a member of a gang of young fellows who gave the police a great deal of trouble. The woman, with whom he is said to have been living, was divorced two weeks ago in this city from Thomas Braasshaw, formerly of London, Ont., who is now in Cleveland. Their baby daughter, which was born last May, is being cared for by friends in the city. The woman's home is in London, Ont., and her stepmother, Mrs. Robert Devine, was notified last night. She also has a brother who is believed to be in New York state. She was married nine years ago in London and had been in Detroit about two years. Several weeks ago she purchased the rooming house where she was killed, and had since been conducting it.

Immates of the place say that Baker had been jealous of the woman for some time, and that they have quarreled frequently. It is said the woman stayed from the place all night twice last week, and this worried Baker.

No Sign of Trouble.
Detectives Fenton and Baker met the man on the street near the house a few minutes before the shooting. He spoke pleasantly to them and seemed to be in his usual spirits. He also purchased a drink for a woman inmate of a place nearby 15 minutes before, but said nothing out of the way to her. Earlier in the day he was discussing the purchase of some holy wraiths with a friend and took Continued on Page Three.



"KATIE" DEVINE,
London Woman Who Was Murdered in Detroit.

GOVT. ACTED TO PROTECT STRIKERS

Case of G. T. R. Men Not Reinstated Thashed Out in Commons.

STATEMENT BY MR. KING

Company Declared Men Must Prove Innocence of Any Violence During Strike.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The plight of the 270 Grand Trunk conductors and trainmen, who are still out of the company's employ as the result of the strike of last summer, was thrashed out this afternoon by a deputation of trainmen which waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Messrs. Graham and King, and again in the House of Commons a little later, when a full statement of the Government's connection with the strike was presented by the minister of labor, in reply to Mr. Borden's request for information. From the statements made today it appears that the Government has done all that it could up to the present to protect the interests of the men, and to induce the company to finally close up the last chapter of the strike.

The Deputation.
Messrs. Murdoch and Berry, representing the Conductors' and Trainmen's Union, together with some fifteen of the company's men, were taken back. It was further claimed that the Government had done all that it could up to the present to protect the interests of the men, and to induce the company to finally close up the last chapter of the strike.

Local Commission Wants to Have a Set of Prices Approved by H. E. C.
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LOCAL OPTION RESULTS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Carried in Seven Places Out of Twenty-Six Heard From.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Regina, Sask., Dec. 12.—The latest returns leave no doubt about local option having been beaten in Saskatchewan. Out of 26 places heard from the bylaw was carried in seven and defeated in nineteen. The only city to go dry was Moosejaw, while Regina only defeated the measure by 89 votes. In Saskatoon it was defeated by 20. The rural districts gave a stronger temperance vote. Both sides express satisfaction.

PORTER CHARLTON'S CASE

Warrant for His Surrender Given to Italian Ambassador.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The state department has issued to the Italian ambassador the warrant for the surrender of Porter Charlton, charged with the murder of his wife at Lake Como. The case now has passed out of the hands of the state department for the time being at least, and its final adjudication depends upon the result of the habeas corpus proceedings instituted in New Jersey.

LUCKNOW DRUGGIST ON TRIAL TODAY

Prosecuted By Government Over Death Due to Mistake.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Goudrich, Dec. 12.—The trial of Garnet Armstrong, the Lucknow druggist, who sold Miss Margaret Murray, of Detroit, tartar emetic last August for rochele salts, and from which she died, begins today. Miss Murray was visiting her uncle, Daniel Murray in Ashfield, at the time, and notwithstanding the jury at the inquest exonerated Armstrong and brought in a verdict of accidental poisoning, Crown Attorney Seager was instructed by the attorney-general, to prosecute, and Armstrong was taken before a local justice of the peace and sent up for trial. Armstrong has been out on bail, and comes up before Magistrate Doyle this afternoon.

BIG DAMAGES GIVEN TO KNOLLY'S DAUGHTER

London Paper Announced That She Had Elope With Officer.

London, Dec. 12.—A jury in the King's Bench division today awarded Miss Alexandra Louisa Knollys, daughter of Lord Knollys, King George's private secretary, damages in the sum of \$2,500 in the libel suit which she brought against the periodical, "John Bull," for having published a story that she had eloped with an officer, Horatio W. Bottomley, a member of the House of Commons, who controls the paper, and expressed his court sincere regret that the groundless statement had been printed.

MR. BECK'S SANCTION IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITED

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The arrival of Hon. Adam Beck from Toronto is awaited with considerable interest by the water commissioners. When he comes, it is expected that he will bring with him a schedule of rates for commercial lighting, as well as for power in London.

It is quite true that the commissioners have struck the rates on several occasions, but none of them have met with the approval of the hydro-electric commission. In the meantime the latter body have had their engineers at work, and it is expected that when Mr. Beck comes to the city he will bring with him the rates at which the local body may sell power.

So far it has been quite impossible to make contracts for lighting and power, owing to the fact that the rates have not been definitely set. When the final rates are given out, contracts will be signed up. Manager Dark states that he has a bundle of applications in his desk now. In the meantime the London Electric is signing contracts daily, and one of the members of the firm claims that they have many hundreds to date.

WINDSOR'S ASSESSMENT.
Windsor, Ont., Dec. 12.—Less than \$5,000 of the one million increase in Windsor's assessment was struck off by the court of revision in about 30 appeals. The appeal by the Grand Trunk, over which the big fight will be made, is to be taken up at a special sitting of the court next week. It is expected all other appeals will be disposed of today.

FOWL THEFT WAS PROVEN!

Charles Lancaster Will Appear in a Week For Sentence. in Local Court

ROBBED A LOCAL COOP

Old Charge Will Be Resurrected Also—Told Pitiful, But Fake, Tale in Court.

Charles Lancaster, who has appeared in city and county courts with unflinching regularity during the past few years, will likely be stowed away from the troubles of the world for a while by Judge Macbeth one week from today. He was found guilty this morning of breaking into and entering a fowl house with the intention of stealing \$20 worth of chickens from Alfred G. Taylor, of the Base Line, Westminster Township, about two weeks ago, and was remanded until Tuesday next for sentence. His trial took place on Saturday last.

Another Case.
This morning Crown Attorney McKillop moved that the sentence of the court be also imposed in another case in which Lancaster was allowed out on suspended sentence. Some months ago he was convicted of stealing a number of tools from the same man from whom he purloined the chickens. Taylor at the time put up bail for him for a couple of months, finally asking that Lancaster be allowed to go on suspended sentence, as he appeared to be reformed.

The judge granted this request, but this morning stated that he saw no reason why the case should not be recalled when sentence is passed in the case now before the court. Lancaster relieved himself of a pitiful tale. He declared that he was working steadily near Cambridge, Mich., in the lumber woods until he heard of the tragic death of his wife, who committed suicide by jumping into the bay at Hamilton. This was too great a blow for him to stand, he said, so he returned to London, and proceeded to drown his sorrows with much regularity. The police say he neglected his wife and drove her to the desperate deed.

A LACK OF WATER SCARES QUEEN CITY

Toronto Has Only One Day's Supply Owing to Choking of Intake.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Dec. 12.—Toronto citizens were plunged into consternation this morning by the announcement that the intake pipe had been choked. The supply of water suddenly divided to the vanishing point. Now the city is depending upon the reservoir, which only contains a day's supply. The five-foot pipe, which the day, through which the city was supplied previous to the building of the tunnel, has also gone dry. This is now used to supply the high pressure for fire service, and the system can operate only in case of emergency by using bay water.

TWO MEN FOUND POLICE NEVER SLEEP

Skipped Off Some Time Ago, But Were Brought to Justice.

Samuel Downey and Joseph McDonald found out yesterday that the law never sleeps. The two men appeared in court some months ago in connection with a raid the police conducted on a house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Haines on Carling street. They were fined \$5 each and given a week to go and get it. Instead they left town.

Apparently under the belief that the police had forgotten all about the matter, the men came back, and yesterday P. C. Probyn spotted them working on the hydro-electric gang on Dundas street. He arrested them.

It was only a short time before the foreman came over and paid their fines. He said the company were short of men and he couldn't spare them.

OXFORD VICTORIOUS.

London, Dec. 12.—Oxford University defeated Cambridge University by a score of 23 to 18 in the annual Rugby football match played at Queen's Club today.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Milder.
Toronto, Dec. 12—5 a.m.
Today—Westerly to southerly winds; fair and cold today.
Wednesday—Southwesterly winds; fair and milder.

TEMPERATURES.
Max. Min. Weather.
Victoria 46 42 Cloudy
Calgary 46 42 Fair
Winnipeg 46 42 Fair
Port Arthur 46 42 Fair
Parry Sound 46 42 Fair
Toronto 46 42 Fair
Ottawa 46 42 Fair
Montreal 46 42 Fair
Quebec 46 42 Fair
Father Point 46 42 Fair
Minus (—) means below zero.

Milder conditions have set in over the Western Provinces, and will spread eastward. The weather throughout Canada has been generally fair, but some snow flurries have occurred in Ontario, and there has been a light snowfall in Cape Breton.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.
A widespread high centered over the continent. Cold conditions prevailed yesterday from Manitoba to the Atlantic Provinces, while in Alberta and Saskatchewan temperatures were higher and in the former province exceeded the freezing point.

EXAMINATION IS PROPOSED FOR OPERATORS OF ELEVATORS

Factory Inspector Harry Clark has a very important bylaw to bring before the council shortly regarding the handling of elevators. "I propose to ask the council to enact a bylaw by which no boy or man will be allowed to run an elevator," said Mr. Clark, "before he has passed an examination, and is thoroughly competent. How many of the boys and men running elevators in London now know anything like what they should know about them? There have been too many serious accidents here just on account of this sort of thing. Firms will put an inexperienced lad at work to run an elevator, and the boy hasn't the slightest idea of the mechanism he is expected to control. Human life is at stake constantly. In Toronto they have adopted a set of rules, and an examination and before anybody is placed in charge of an elevator he has to pass a thorough examination, and the examiners make sure that he knows all about the mechanism, and how to handle it in case of trouble. It is time we had the same thing here, and I am going to ask the council to make it compulsory here."

ORIGINAL "LITTLE DORRIT" WAS NOT LONDONER'S MOTHER!

Mrs. Mary Ann Cooper, who claims to be the original of Dickens' "Little Dorrit," recently celebrated her 98th birthday at her home in Old Southgate, a village a few miles out of old London. Ex-Alderman Neil Cooper, of this city, was personally acquainted with the old lady, and as a boy frequently visited at her residence, which was a short distance from his own home in the village of New Southgate. Mr. Cooper was very young when he left the place, and he had frequently heard the story of the origin of "Little Dorrit."

His own mother, who was about the same age, and who died last February, in Southgate, was frequently confounded with the lady who a few days ago celebrated her birthday.

Wonderful Old Lady.
A dispatch from London, England, states that despite her advanced age, Mrs. Cooper takes a keen interest in all that goes on around her. Though her memory naturally fails her at times, she has preserved some clear recollections of her early association with Dickens.

Her first memories of the novelist date back to the time when he must have been about five years old. Mary Ann Milton—as she was then—a child of 4, left her home at Sunbury and was taken to live in a small street in Somers Town. She says that the Dickens family, after Charles Dickens' father had been released from the Marshalsea, came to live in the house opposite.

PLUM PUDDINGS FROM OVER HOME

Delicacies From Great Britain to London Friends Are Arriving at the Postoffice.

The last "Parcel Post" mail to reach the United Kingdom before Christmas will close at the London, Canada, postoffice on Thursday, the 15th inst., at 4 p.m.

The last steamer carrying all classes of mail matter, other than parcel post, to reach the United Kingdom before Christmas, will be the Mauretania, sailing from New York on Saturday, 17th inst.

This mail will close at the London, Canada, postoffice on Friday, the 16th inst., at 10 a.m.

Postmaster J. R. MacDonald stated to The Advertiser today that the Christmas rush has commenced, and is getting heavier every day.

Signs of Christmas.
There is a very noticeable increase in both the incoming and outgoing mails," he said. "From next week on we will be swamped with matter."

One of the surest signs of Christmas is the letters and cards from little children to Santa Claus. Several of these have been received lately. One little tot sent in a card a couple of days ago addressed to Santa Claus, in the care of the postmaster. She wanted a doll and a sleigh and lots of oranges and candies, and some toys for her little brothers and sisters. Another lad wrote a Christmas card, asking Santa Claus to see that he got a train and a drum and plenty of toys and candy. A couple of other letters were also received in which there were requests for toys.

Among the incoming mail many plum puddings are to be seen. Some of them are done up in parcels, and others are just tied up in the sacks in which they were made, and have tickets tied on them bearing the address.

CLERKS ARE BUSY.

The clerks in the money order department have had an unusually busy time of it lately, and their troubles will not be ended until after Christmas is over. It is reported that a great deal of money is being sent home this year, and the staff is kept busy making out orders all day.

The clerks who look after the registered letters also have their share of work, as a good deal of money is coming in also, as the majority of it is registered, it means a lot of detail.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Mrs. Patience, Who Killed Her Son Yesterday, Died Today.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Patience, who killed her 8-year-old son here last night by cutting his throat with a razor, succumbed to injuries inflicted on herself, dying at noon today. Mrs. Patience was temporarily insane.

STORM IN FRANCE.
France, Dec. 12.—A violent storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, raged over the harbor today. The French armored cruiser Edgar Quines parted her chains and was driven on the beach. She was floated later by tugs.

GOVERNMENT MAJ. NOW FIFTY-SIX

Both Sides Gained Two Seats in Yesterday's Polling.

COALITION AHEAD ONE

Protestant Candidate Put Up By John Redmond Elected in Tyrone.

GAINS TO DATE.
Coalition 24
Unionists 23

NET GAIN.
Coalition 1
Unionists 2

RECAPITULATION.
Seats in House 670
Seats Held From 536
Seats To Be Polling 134

STANDING OF PARTIES.
Liberals 193
Nationalists 58
Independent Nationalists 36
Labor 96
Total 296

**Unionists 240
Government Majority 56**

London, Dec. 12.—Two gains each in yesterday's elections, the results of which were announced today, leaving the coalition with an advance still of one in the total seats gained. The Liberals captured the Newmarket division of Cambridgeshire and the Nationalists the mid-division of Tyrone, while the Unionists ousted the Liberals from the Torquay division of Devonshire and the Bodmin division of Cornwall. The totals now are, Coalitionists 296, Unionists 240.

The Coalition aggregation is made up thus: Liberals 193, Nationalists 58, Independent-Nationalists 36, Labor members 96.

McGhee, winner in the mid-division of Tyrone for the Nationalists, is a Protestant who was put up by John Redmond to show that the "Unionist" view of religious persecution were groundless. Sir C. D. Rose, who brought the Newmarket division of Cambridgeshire back into the Liberal fold, is a popular racing man with a big following at the racing headquarters. The victories of the Unionists Colborne and Sir Reginald Pole-Carew in the Torquay division of Devonshire and the Bodmin division of Cornwall respectively were anticipated.

Not a Fiasco.
London, Dec. 12.—With considerable prospect of the Government's finishing the elections with a slightly increased majority, the only question is how far the Opposition and the House of Lords are likely to follow. The Conservative press is taking the view that the election has proved a fiasco, as leaving matters where they stood before.

The Government's view on this point is summed up in the opinion expressed today by a prominent Liberal. "Bosh!" he exclaimed. "The elections show a complete vote of confidence in our policy, and it is unprecedented for the Government to obtain such a majority for the third time in succession. When the Conservatives came in in 1906, with a khaki majority of 160, they were as sure as that they went out with, they stayed in office for five years. It seems to me they are now like the man who has lost all and wants to keep on tossing down of quills till he wins." The Canadian Associated Press has high authority for stating that the Government will not waver in their policy as regards the Lords. The first measure they will pass will be the plural voting bill, which will give Conservatives a severe knock in several borough constituencies.

MAYOR BEATTIE BY ACCLAMATION

London's Chief Magistrate Will Likely Be Given Another Year in Coveted Chair.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

Names of Several Gentlemen Who Are Talked Of for the Various Municipal Honors of 1911.

The municipal candidate is showing an unwonted shyness this year. Few of them have made their appearance, and it does not look now as if there will be a large and riotous clamor for positions on any public body.

As a matter of fact there are several offices going begging at this time, and unless some pressure is brought to bear on good men, the fields to face the returning officers on election day will not be large.

It is now quite certain that Mayor Beattie will not be opposed. Not a single name has been mentioned in connection with the chief magistracy of 1911, and it is not at all probable that anyone will oppose him.

Ex-Ald. John Ferguson, the defeated candidate of last year, will not run.

The Council.
For the council there will be a few aspirants. It is quite certain that the following aldermen will run again—Ald. Richter, Eckert, Underwood, Ashplant, Stevenson, Jeffries, Fitzgerald, Rose, Saunders, Pocock, Moran and Tarnock. This comprises the whole council.

Among those who have served before and are out again are—Ex-Ald. Neil Cooper, and Ex-Ald. Chas. G. McLeod. They have definitely announced themselves, and have been doing some work in the canvassing way. Among others announced and merely mentioned are W. A. Wilson, W. H. Ward, Burley Bennett, John D. Jacobs, James Donnelly, H. A. Doyle, Robert McMorris, R. A. Y. Stinchcombe, C. P. Tied, Geo. T. Hiscox, Capt. T. J. Mure. Continued on Page Eleven.



MRS. M. A. COOPER,
Original Dickens' "Little Dorrit."