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MURDERED AS THEY GATHERED ABOUT THE TREE

Seattle Man Slays Three of Family and Himself

Repulsed by Girl, Neuriter Turns Christmas Joy Into Tragedy—Babe with Dolls in Arms Among the Victims.

(Canadian Press)

Seattle, Dec. 26.—Rejection of his advances toward Helen Engel, 16 years old, is believed to have caused Neuriter, 40, a ferryboat proprietor, who entered her home here yesterday and turned Christmas joy into tragedy by killing her two sisters and one of her brothers and then ending his own life. Helen said that Neuriter attempted to shoot her when she repelled him last spring.

Neuriter, according to the coroner, waited near the Eagle home until Helen's father came out of the house, leaving his family around the Christmas tree distributing gifts. Engel said that Neuriter pointed two pistols at him and ordered him into the house. "Get Helen for me," Neuriter is alleged to have shouted.

Anne, 17, sister of Helen, sought to wrest the pistols from Neuriter, who commenced shooting. Helen, at Ernest, her brother, 15 and at Mrs. Engel. Helen and Ernest jumped out of a window and the parents flew through the front door.

As the parents ran they saw their daughter Lily, aged three, standing in a chair with two dolls, just taken from the Christmas tree, hugged to her breast. She later was found dead with a bullet in her forehead.

The body of Hans, a brother, aged 14, and that of Neuriter were found in a bedroom, the latter with a bullet wound in the left temple and the man's with one in the chest.

The coroner's office today tried to learn something of the history of Neuriter. Helen Engel, said that forty years old slayer made love to her last spring, shot at her when she repelled his advances and afterwards wrote letters threatening to kill her and her family.

PROFESSOR J. H. PARKIN

WORLD BE BLOWN UP INTO SALVATION ARMY PARADE

London, Ont., Dec. 26.—Several members of the Salvation Army were injured, one seriously, here on Sunday night when an automobile driven by Henry Williams ran into the Salvationists from behind when they were marching to the Citadel for services. Donald Macdonald is in Victoria Hospital with his legs injured. Williams was held by the police pending an investigation.

JAPANESE WILL CONVERT LINERS TO OIL BURNERS Yokohama, Nov. 25.—(By Mail)—All the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liners operating between Yokohama and the Atlantic seaboard of America are to be converted into oil burners. The company is reported to have contracted with the Standard Oil Company for fuel at a price which will lower the cost of operating.

QUARTER MILLION LOSS IN WINNIPEG FIRE Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Elevens business firms are temporarily out of business, and damage amounting to \$250,000 resulted from fire of unknown origin which gutted the Pullford Block, Pullford street, yesterday.

HALIFAX MAN DIES SUDDENLY IN WEST Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 26.—E. Baldwin, who came here recently from Halifax, collapsed in the street on Sunday and died of heart disease within a few minutes.

LAST OF HUN PRISONERS RELEASED BY FRANCE Paris, Dec. 26.—France has released the last German war prisoners. They were undergoing punishment for offenses against the common law committed during their detention as war prisoners.

PREDICTS DRY JAPAN SOON San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Japan will be dry within a few years, declared David Starr Jordan, chancellor emeritus of Stanford University, who has returned after three months in Japan.

ANADA HAS A DRUG PROBLEM Dr. J. A. Amyot, Deputy Minister of Health, in a speech in Ottawa last week declared that Canada has between 12,000 and 15,000 drug addicts who constitute a serious menace to the Dominion. His department is at work combating the evil.

Jarring Note Sounded By Turks as Peace Conference Resumes

Vigorously Protest Against Armenians Being Heard by Sub-Commission—British Annoyed at the Turks Concerning Mosul—Russians Hold to Position Relative to Straits.

(Canadian Press)

Lausanne, Dec. 26.—A vigorously worded protest against the decision of the Near East conference sub-commission on minorities to permit the Armenian delegates to appear before the sub-commission, and set forth their desires was forwarded to the conference today by the Turkish delegation.

Thus a new discordant note, characterized by the resumption of the peace negotiations after the Christmas recess. The sub-commission on minorities had planned to receive the Armenian and Bulgarian representatives this afternoon—the Armenians to explain their demands for an Armenian national home and the Bulgarians to set the position of the Bulgarian residents of Eastern Thrace, which is passing to Turkish sovereignty.

The British are plainly annoyed over the Turkish answer concerning Mosul. The Turks, insisting vigorously that Mosul belongs to Turkey, allege that the British, without proper authority, occupied that territory after the armistice at Mudros; they say that two districts of Iraq have already elected John Curzon, and that Mosul, whose population is more sympathetic with the Turks than the Arabs, will undoubtedly do likewise if a plebiscite is held.

The British delegates said yesterday that they would continue to contend that Mosul belongs to Iraq and would hold it until the Iraq Government decides to cede it to Turkey. The Russians spent Christmas merrily at their hotel. M. Tchitcherin declared that the straits question would never be settled without Russian consent. He gave the impression that the Russian delegation would never sign any agreement implying opening the straits to European warships, because that would be "a knife in the side of Russia."

Tchitcherin accused Britain of trying to injure Russia and seeking to straiten the British and Russian people. The Turks spent Christmas looking listlessly at the hotel Christmas tree, lit with candles and tinsel. Ismet Pasha, declared that he had already made many concessions. All that Turkey wanted, he said, was co-operation of the nations of the west, but these nations must show proper respect for Turkish sovereignty.

Both the French and British delegations are anxious for results, and will undoubtedly attempt to hurry preparations for the actual opening of peace. The Turkish spokesman said last night: "The time for discussion is over; we must hurry towards the end."

Greek Reports Gloomy. Lausanne, Dec. 26.—Former Premier Venizelos of Greece, in a Christmas message to the American Red Cross, expressed the gratitude of the Greek people for U. S. generosity in succoring the millions of refugees who have swarmed into Greece.

M. Venizelos and his colleagues of the Greek delegation to the Near East conference have received pessimistic advice from Athens concerning the economic and financial situation of the country.

London, Dec. 26.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Athens gives Premier Gonatas as authority for a statement that the Greek government has no hopes of according to the Turkish demand for withdrawal of the Greek patriarchy from Constantinople even if the Allies govern accept the Turkish viewpoint as expressed at the Lausanne conference. The Premier asserted that his Government considered the question a national one upon which no Greek ministry could give way.

THE S. A. POTS Montreal, Dec. 26.—According to George Poitras of the Salvation Army, who is spending a short time here at the Venezuelan consulate, British and American interests are having something more than their traditional rivalry in connection with the new Venezuelan oil fields.

He added that the general impression prevailed that these fields would prove even greater than the Mexican oil fields, and that one British concern was already in existence and was producing about 200 tons a day of illuminating oil, gasoline and other petroleum products. Standard Oil was also doing a great deal of development work.

RUNNWAY DASHES INTO GROUP OF HALIFAX KIDDIES GREETING SANTA Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—Minor injuries to several children resulting from falls on the slippery pavements resulted when a runaway horse galloped down upon a crowd of small folk gathered on Saturday night near the corner of Kaye and Gittington streets to receive the gifts of a Santa Claus sent by a local business establishment.

DALHOUSIE PROFESSOR TO TORONTO MEETING Fraser Harris of Dalhousie University has gone to Toronto to attend the annual meeting of the American Physiological Society. He will be the guest of Dr. J. J. R. McLeod, professor of physiology and he will address a meeting of the Academy of Medicine.

PROHIBITION OFFICIAL IS KILLED IN ALLEY STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 26.—Charles Blinn, state prohibition officer, was shot to death in a dark alley in a Polish district of Steubenville last night. Blinn was the leader of a squad of eighteen officers of the enforcement law.

NO WORLD YET. Although no word has been received by the detective department as to the whereabouts of Judson Totten, who has been missing from his home in Celebration street since last Thursday, it is their belief that no harm has befallen him. He is nineteen years of age and said to be quite capable of looking after himself.

"CAN ANY GOOD COME OF A BAD EGG?"



—Dallas News.

DIVINE SARAH RECOVERS

Paris, Dec. 26.—The condition of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt showed further improvement today and her physicians said that they tentatively considered her out of danger. They asserted that if the actress recovers completely she might still appear in the new Gaiety play at the Grand Theatre. The Chinese were taken ill with a fainting spell during a dress rehearsal of the play several days ago and suffered a relapse on Sunday.

IS BURIED IN RESTING PLACE OF THE CHINESE

Portland, Oreg., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Mary Berkeley lies buried in that quiet and serene spot of ancient Lone Fir cemetery which is set apart for the use of the Chinese. She was buried in a quiet grave just before her death last week, and the request of the Chinese people that she be buried in the Chinese cemetery was granted. The Chinese had had a local business establishment which she had inherited from her husband.

Woman Missionary Worker in Portland, Oregon, So Interred at Her Request. Quebec, Dec. 26.—(Canadian Press).—Fire Marshal Eugene Leclerc has issued a special request to meet a mysterious woman who on Tuesday night, two days before the fire that destroyed the Basilica, telephoned to a tobacco store facing the church, asking if the latter were on fire. Mr. Leclerc said that should this woman prefer to remain incognito she might communicate with him and make an appointment. He promises that her name shall be kept secret should she desire it.

NEW ZEALAND HAS A SEVERE QUAKE Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 26.—A severe earthquake shook the city here yesterday afternoon. It is feared that considerable damage has been done in the country districts. Great fissures opened at the beach at Waiuku, while at some places the buildings swayed in alarming fashion.

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. B. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—Pressure is low over British Columbia, the lower St. Lawrence Valley and the southwest states, all high over the Pacific States, Northern Ontario and the south Atlantic coast. The weather has been comparatively mild in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

Snow or Rain. Maritime forecasts.—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly cloudy today and on Wednesday, some light local snow or rain. Gulf and North Shore.—Cloudy and comparatively mild with some local snow flurry.

New England.—Cloudy tonight and tomorrow; probably rain or snow and colder Wednesday; moderate to fresh shifting winds. Toronto, Dec. 26.—Temperatures:—Lowest 40, highest 42.

Stations 8 a.m. yesterday night: Prince Rupert 40, Victoria 44, 44, 42, Kamloops 44, 44, 42, Calgary 42, 42, 42, Edmonton 16, 22, 14, Prince Rupert 10, 10, 6, Winnipeg 18, 18, 14, St. John's 28, 28, 28, Toronto 38, 41, 38, Kingston 40, 42, 38, Ottawa 28, 28, 22, Montreal 36, 26, 24, Quebec 28, 22, 20, St. John, N.B. 32, 26, 24, Halifax 28, 22, 20, St. John's, Nfld. 44, 18, 18, Detroit 34, 34, 24, New York 20, 40, 46, 36.

Lord Carnarvon, discoverer of the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamen, who ruled Egypt 1800 years before Christ. It is the most important discovery ever made in Egypt, and has resulted in the unearthing of treasures worth forty million dollars.

UNEARHS EGYPTIAN KING Driver Says He was Held Up and Robbed of \$130. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—Two gunmen robbed motor driver Allen Wentwell, Limited, of \$130 on Saturday night as he was returning after making deliveries near the outskirts of the city. Allen told the police that he had made several C. O. D. deliveries, and when near Kempt road the robbers seized him and took his money.

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ROYALTY AT SANDRINGHAM FOR CHRISTMAS Prince George in Hospital; Princess Mary at Home The Duke of Connaught in France—Rain and Sleet on Christmas Eve in England—Signs of Better Times Make for Cheer of People.

(Canadian Press) London, Dec. 26.—Rain and sleet fell in most parts of England on Christmas Eve, replacing the snow and frosty weather which the country had experienced for some days. With unemployment still looming largely over the land, this Christmas season in England is hardly a time for hilarious merry-making. Nevertheless there are signs at last that the clouds of industrial depression are breaking and this gives everyone cause to thank God and take courage.

The King and Queen, as is their custom, are spending the season at York cottage, Sandringham, accompanied by their sons, with the exception of Prince George, who is still in the hospital following an operation for appendicitis. At Sandringham House, Queen Alexandra has as guests Queen Olga of Greece, the Dowager Empress of Russia with the King of Norway also in the vicinity. For many years it was the practice among a certain class of writers for the "popular" press to report the Christmas season spent by the royal family in their Norfolk retreat as being something like a glorified gathering at Dingley Dell.

On Christmas Day all the members of the royal family staying at Sandringham were in the country and were respectfully saluted by the tenantry, hardly any visitors from a distance being present. On weeks days, the King, accompanied by one or more of his sons, the Prince of Wales, however, prefers hunting with the West Norfolk hounds. Queen Mary takes long walks, frequently joining the King's shooting party for lunch. For the first time in her life Princess Mary, for a very long time, has not spent Christmas with her parents, but is remaining at Harewood House.

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As Hiram Sees It

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "how'd you like the dinner Hanner give us yesterday?" "If you love me, Hiram," said the reporter, "change the subject. Talk of storms and what you've been doing lately—anything, please, but food." "You don't mean to say Hanner's cookin' didn't agree with you?" sharply demanded Hiram.

"The doctor says," replied the reporter, "that the fault is entirely mine. I would no more criticize Mrs. Hornbeam's culinary skill than I would cut off my right hand. But please don't talk about it until some time next week."

"You was talkin' about the doctor," said Hiram—"did you her to see a doctor?" "I thought so," said the reporter. "In fact I sent for him—but he informed me I should have consulted an oculist. I will do so this afternoon."

"What kind of joke is this you're tryin' to put over on me?" demanded Hiram. "I didn't see nothin' wrong with your eyesight yesterday. I guess you've seen everything 'till you was on the table."

"Exactly," said the reporter, "that was the whole trouble. That explains the ocellus. The doctor says my eyes are so much bigger than my stomach that I must have them attended to before I go out to the Settlement again."

"I wouldn't worry about that," said Hiram. "You can't get too much of Hanner's cookin'—by Hen!"

SIX DEATHS DUE TO BAD LIQUOR Public Drinking in New York on Christmas Declared Practically Nil. New York, Dec. 26.—While police records show that yesterday was the "driest Christmas" in New York's history, six deaths were attributed by police to bootlegging liquor—five men and one woman.

Police say the threat of prohibition authorities to make the city as dry over the holiday as the eighteenth amendment contemplated for the whole year had its effect so far as public drinking was concerned.

Bellevue Hospital reported only twelve persons suffering from alcoholism treated yesterday. That is the lowest number for Christmas day in the history of the institution.

Minor raids were made by prohibition agents, liquor being confiscated in several of the places visited. Shelby, O., Dec. 26.—Two men were held last night for the coroner's jury on the charge of murder in connection with the death of Ralph Longley, thirty-two, after he drank moonshine whiskey at a Christmas party. Two other men who partook of the liquor were blinded and a score made ill.

OVERSEAS PRESS GETS PLACE IN COMMONS GALLERY London, Dec. 26.—(Canadian Press).—Admission to the press gallery of the House of Commons is to be accorded to representatives of the press from overseas dominions. Certain representatives have for some time been admitted to the members' lobby and the press writing rooms.

ARRESTS FEW IN HALIFAX Halifax, Dec. 26.—Only two arrests because of drunkenness were made by the local police from Saturday until Sunday night. Police veterans say it was a common sight on Christmas Eve of other years to see the cells filled. They say there was little bootleggers' rum in evidence over the holiday and while they thought there was a good supply of liquor in the city it came from other sources and was used with moderation.

Amherst Fire. Amherst, N. S., Dec. 26.—Fire on Saturday evening destroyed the large barn and stable of A. Archibald in Havelock street.

RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS. Atlantic City, Dec. 26.—The life of Charles Lloyd, twenty years old, of Linwood, a suburb of this city, was saved when a relative volunteered for a blood transfusion, and the operation stopped a nose-bleed that for three days baffled all efforts of physicians at the City Hospital.

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HIRAM DONKIN TO LEAVE HIS N. S. POST Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—The retirement of Hiram Donkin, deputy Minister of Mines in Nova Scotia since 1904, is announced for January 1. He will be succeeded by Thomas J. Brown, late general manager of the Nova Scotia Company's plant at Sydney Mines.

John MacDonald, secretary-treasurer of the Kingston Board of Education for the last thirty-three years, has just resigned his post. He was formerly editor of the Kingston News, its general manager, and is known to thousands of Kingstonians and Queen's graduates throughout Canada.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL OVER BODY OF THE MAN SHE KILLED Mrs. Jones, Divorcee, Finally Notified the Police Louisville Woman Declares She Shot O. L. Black, an Auto Salesman, in Trouble Which Arose Over Possible Rebuilding of Her Home.

(Canadian Press) Louisville, Ky., Dec. 26.—A woman's story of a quarrel, a shot and her flight from dusk to dawn over the body of the man she killed was being checked up by police department investigators here today.

"I killed my friend," Mrs. Olive L. Jones, thirty-two years of age, pretty divorcee, announced when she entered police headquarters just after daylight on Monday. She was disheveled and hysterical. The men on duty dismissed her statement.

"Oh, he's dead. I shot him; you'll find him out there on the floor. I left him covered with his own overcoat. I know he's dead. He has not moved for hours," she declared. This was the first intimation officials had that O. L. Black, sales manager for a Louisville auto company, had been shot to death late on Sunday afternoon in Mrs. Jones' apartment.

Mrs. Jones said she fired in self-defense. Black, according to her account of the tragedy, became angry when he learned her daughter, Clara, seventeen, was with her and that her divorced husband, C. H. Jones of Cincinnati, was to visit her. Black, she declared, Mrs. Jones declared, that a reconciliation between the divorced ones would be effected through the visits of the father with Clara.

When Black, who, she declared, "broke up my home, and caused me to get a divorce," came to her apartment on a nearby table, she seized the weapon first and fired. Black fell. How long he lay she did not say. She covered her face with her coat and a quilt. Later she placed a screen of chairs before the body.

All night long she kept the death watch. Never was she able to summon courage to call the police. However, she declared, she went to the telephone, and three times turned away. She was charged with murder.

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