

SURE DEATH FOR HIM.

Chicago Youth Shoots Himself and Sets His Clothing on Fire. Had Been Accused by His Relatives of Stealing Money.

Cartridges Exploded With Heat, Keeping Off Detectives.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 29.—One of the most spectacular suicides on the record of the Chicago police occurred yesterday, when seventeen-year-old Adolph Werderitsch, enveloped in a mass of flames, from which came a constant fusillade of bullets, perished under the window of the brothers who alleged unjust accusations drove him to seek his own life.

Young Werderitsch saturated his clothes with kerosene before firing a revolver into his breast. The flashing powder ignited the oil, the flames heated a box of cartridges which were in Werderitsch's pocket to the point of explosion and then the bullets began to fly.

The boy had been accused by relatives of stealing a small amount of money from them. Werderitsch insisted he was innocent, and when he was threatened with arrest he walked the streets for two days and nights, morose and fearful. Then he came back to his boarding house, took a position beneath the window of his accuser's relative, soaked his clothes in oil and fired his revolver into his breast.

At last the shot Detectives Nelson and Flynn, of the Hudson avenue police station, ran toward the lodging house at No. 16 Hinsche street. As the detectives were approaching the lad's flame enveloped body a second revolver shot rang out. Another followed. One of the bullets whistled dangerously near Detective Flynn's head. Safe behind a corner of a building the detectives, paused, drawing their own revolvers. Then, peering out toward the middle of the yard, a splutter of sparks leaping from the centre of the fire, which still blazed up above the lad's body, and a sharp explosion occurring simultaneously told them where the supposed revolver shots actually came from.

At last the fire died down and the last report from the overheated cartridges had died away in the night. Flynn and Nelson cautiously went to the lad's blackened body. Seeing that the danger was over, they rapidly tore the clothing and ashes from the body, but Werderitsch was dead. Beside the bullet fired by his own hand at least two other shots had entered his flesh.

FOR ROUND-UP.

Cowboys to Use Automobiles—Prevents Stampede.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 29.—An order for ten automobiles for the Ransom and Welford cattle ranches of Midland and Crane counties was placed yesterday.

The purchase of the automobiles is not for experimental purposes, for tests have been made in the last six months, and it was merely a question of which type of horseless vehicle would be best adapted for the rough uses it will be subjected to in the semi-annual round-up of cattle. A special machine suited to this work will be manufactured.

Colonel Crowley, secretary of the Cattle Raisers' Association, in describing the tests, said: "Cowboys can drive through a bunch of a thousand head of cattle in automobiles without even disturbing a steer. Some of the steers may stop grazing and stare in wonderment at the machine, but you cannot stampede them with an automobile. A man on horseback can stampede a bunch of steers quicker than lightning."

U. S. TARIFF.

Republicans on the Measure—Nothing Settled.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Although the tariff framers, the Republican members of the House Committee on Ways and Means, have been working diligently in an effort to complete the task of preparing a new tariff bill, it is hardly likely that any definite rates of duty will be fixed in the bill until the days immediately preceding the introduction of the bill. It was understood that the majority members of the committee would take up the bill by having the various sub-committees consider the different schedules, but they have been considering the tariff in its entirety. No final decision on any important schedule has been reached.

Bain & Adams' List.

Ripe strawberries, pineapples, mushrooms, limes, rhubarb, rhubarbs, new beets, new potatoes, butter beans, spinach, Boston lettuce, cauliflower, green endive, cucumbers, Spanish onions, peppers, new cabbage, squash, sweet potatoes, celery, parsley, radishes, Neufchatel and square cream cheese, Quebec cream cheese, Educator biscuits, maple syrup, muffins, crumpets, pea-fed bacon, ham, haddie, ciscoes, oysters, kippers, blotters, pigeons, spy apples.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

An Enemy to Chaps.

Parke's Glyceroid will relieve and cure chapped skin. It is not greasy or sticky and is an ideal preparation, being quickly absorbed by the skin. Sold in 15c and 25c bottles. Parke & Parke, druggists.

IN HAMILTON ASYLUM.

Private Moir, the soldier who killed Color-Sergeant Lloyd at the London barracks, and who was adjudged insane by the jury which tried him a few weeks ago, was brought to Hamilton this afternoon, and taken to the asylum, where he is doomed to spend his days in the ward for insane murderers.

COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE UP CHARGE.

Special Meeting to Consider Matter of Boozing ---More Power Questions.

Mayor McLaren is to have an opportunity to make good his statement made at the inaugural meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, when he declared that there was too much "boozing" among the policemen. This morning Magistrate Jells, Chairman of the Board, called a special meeting of the board for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock "to determine the best course to be taken to effectually deal with the offence of tipping by members of the force."

The Magistrate said that it would look as if the Commissioners were not particular whether the men drank or not, if the statements were permitted to pass unnoticed. The men, he says, consider the statement as a reflection on the whole force, and after consulting with Judge Snider, he decided to take the matter up. "If what is said is true," said His Worship, "it is the duty of the Commissioners to stop it."

A party of civil engineers attending the annual convention of the Canadian society in Toronto, arrived here this morning on a special train over the Grand Trunk and spent the morning inspecting the Canadian Westinghouse Company's works and the International Harvester plant. A number went on to Port Colborne and Welland. The local party was entertained at luncheon by the Westinghouse company. City Engineer Barrow was present last night at the annual banquet of the society held in Toronto.

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GROWING CHURCH.

Rev. A. MacWilliams' Calgary Church Prosperous.

This week's Presbyterian contains a brief review of the work during the past year of Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Alberta, of which Rev. Mr. MacWilliams, formerly of St. Andrew's Church, of this city, is pastor. The report says: Eighty new members were received during the year, making the present membership 227. Total receipts \$3,949, and of this \$493 was contributed by the Ladies' Aid and \$364 by the Sunday School; \$393 were given to missionary and benevolent purposes. The Sunday school has a membership of 279, an increase of nearly 100. Mr. MacWilliams' Hamilton friends will be glad to learn of his success out West.

JOHN MORLEY

At New York On His Way to Visit Earl Grey.

New York, Jan. 29.—Earl Morley, who is on his way to Canada to visit Earl Grey, the Governor-General of the Dominion, was a passenger on the steamer Mauretania, which arrived to-day from Liverpool and Queenstown.

The Mauretania, which was on her first trip since the thorough overhaul she was subjected to on the other side, had a number of other well-known people on board, including Lord Ashburton, Brigadier-General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson, General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, J. Bruce Ismay, Chairman of the White Star Line, and Count De Polignac.

MORE SHAKES.

Refugees in Distress—Sufferers in Vatican Hospital.

Catania, Jan. 29.—Slight earthquakes continue to be recorded daily at Messina, but they do no damage.

Edmund Billings, representative of the Massachusetts Relief Committee, having found that the population between Messina and Taormina was in dire distress, has been devoting his energies recently to their relief.

Rome, Jan. 29.—A number of survivors of the earthquake suffering from wounds were received at the Vatican hospital to-day. They were brought from Messina and Reggio by the Spanish steamer Catalonia, sent out by the Spanish government.

Hundreds of People

Have bought freely of the big values offered in men's suits and overcoats the last few days. Just as good awaits you; 24 overcoats \$18, \$15 overcoats and suits \$9.98, \$12 and \$8 Persian lamb collars \$5.50 and \$8.98, 40 boys' and girls' knitted togues 29c, worth 50c. Fralick & C., 17 and 15 James street north.

Saturday Tobacco Bargains

Cut T. & B. and Old Chum 9c. British Navy 7c. Bobs chewing and Empire smoking 8c. T. & B. bright plug 10c. King's Navy 7c. 3 plugs of Black Watch 25c., at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

MURDER AT POUGHKEEPSIE.

Brother-in-law of Murdered Man Arrested for Deed. Women's Skull Fractured by the Same Villain.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Theodore Adams, employed in the railroad roundhouse at Hopewell Junction, was arrested to-day, and charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, John Kliff, of that place, after Mrs. Kliff had accused Adams of robbing her. Kliff was the proprietor of a lunch room in Hopewell Junction, and was killed last Sunday morning, it was believed, by two men who had entered the restaurant ostensibly to purchase a bag of tobacco.

As Kliff turned his back upon the men he was struck with a heavy bolt, and his skull was fractured. He died a few hours later. The men then entered Mrs. Kliff's sleeping room in the rear of the restaurant, fractured her skull with a blow, and took about \$700 from under her pillow.

Mrs. Kliff had since been unconscious in the Vassar Hospital, and Adams had been under police surveillance. To-day Adams was taken before Mrs. Kliff, whereupon she declared that she saw him in the sleeping room after the assault, and that he took the money from under her pillow. Adams denied it, but Mrs. Kliff then described the clothing which she said Adams wore at that time.

Adams was then placed under arrest on a charge of murder. The police say the bolt with which Kliff was killed apparently came from the roundhouse.

New York Tragedy

New York, Jan. 29.—Conrad O. Danielson, Porto Rican manager for the United States Express Co., was found with a bullet wound in his head in his apartments in the Hotel Carlton early to-day, and was believed to be dying in the Roosevelt Hospital a few hours later. His wife, Eleanor, who is known on the stage as Annie Yates Palmer, declared that her husband attempted to kill her and then shot himself. She told the police that they had been quarrelling.

CHEAP FISH.

Open Winter Reduces Prices for Chicago Dealers.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—An open winter and an unusually well stocked market in the fish trade is given as the grounds for a big reduction in the price of fish by Chicago wholesalers, according to an announcement made by one of the largest fish firms yesterday.

"White fish and trout ought to be cheaper to the consumer at present than at any time in the last ten years," the announcement says. "The wholesale dealers have slaughtered prices to the retailers and consumers are entitled to the benefit."

NO TURKEY.

May be Taken Off Chicago Restaurants' Bill of Fare.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—A movement is on foot among the leading restaurants of Chicago to wipe turkey off their menus on account of the high price now being asked for the meat, and it is a possibility that an effort will be made to have the restaurants in all of the leading cities take the matter up.

Inquiry among the produce dealers along Water street brings out the fact offered for sale. The dealers admit there is a corner, but will not confess to having been caught on short deliveries.

GOT OLD JOB.

St. Catharines Wants Belt Line and Line to Station.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, Jan. 29.—W. B. Russ was yesterday afternoon reappointed superintendent of the Queenston and Grimsby stone road by the Lincoln County Council at a salary of \$650. Reeve Davis, of Beamsville, was the only member who voted against his re-appointment.

Major Campbell and Albert Merritt were in Toronto yesterday conferring with the Canadian Northern people regarding a belt line around the city. The railway management will go over the ground in the near future.

WALLACE NESBITT

Read a Paper Before Bar Association at Buffalo.

Buffalo, Jan. 29.—Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., of Toronto, to-day addressed the members of the New York State Bar Association at the annual meeting now in session here. Mr. Nesbitt was given a cordial reception and his paper on the subject of "The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council" was given close attention.

WHAT IS LIFE?

"Why was the human race ever brought into existence?" The Times, the other night, raised the question in an editorial reference to Mr. Sedgewick's sermon on "What is Life?" The question will be discussed on Sunday night in Central Presbyterian Church. All interested in the great problems of existence are invited.

Col. the Hon. John S. Hendrie and Mr. R. K. Hope attended the funeral of the late Mr. H. C. Hammond in Toronto, yesterday.

THINK THEY HAVE BOGUS CHEQUE MAN

Detectives Arrested William Wilson, Aged 20, At Home of His Bride-to-Be.

Detectives Campbell and Sayers made what is believed to be a good pick-up at 11.30 this morning, when they arrested William Wilson, 20 years old, living on John street south. The charges against Wilson will be many, but four complaints are already in, and they are for passing bogus cheques in the last week, which a great many business houses in the city have been stung on.

Wilson was arrested in a house in the rear of 50 Hughson street north, in the midst of the family living there. He was, it is said, engaged to be married to Mrs. Annie Howard, a widow, and it was at her mother's place he was arrested. Mrs. Howard was wearing the ring Wilson is alleged to have obtained from M. W. Attwood & Son, jewelers, by means of a bogus cheque. When arrested Wilson denied the charges emphatically. The cheque he tried to pass on Frank E. Walker & Co., was found in the house of his future mother-in-law.

Detectives Bleakley and Coulter managed to get a line on Wilson while out on a hunt yesterday. They turned their information over to headquarters and a warrant was issued this morning. The four detectives were out hunting for Wilson this morning, but Campbell and Sayers sighted their quarry, and ran him down by Sherlock Holmes methods. An interesting story is told in connection with the catch, and the detectives (Continued on Page 8.)

Wire Broke

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 29.—A negro answering the description of one who attempted to criminally assault Mrs. Jessie Holland near here Wednesday night was captured by angry neighbors last night and strung up to a tree with a telephone wire. The wire broke, and a second attempt was being made to hang the negro when a sheriff's posse scattered the crowd.

OUT OF JAIL.

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CHEAPER TO PAY HIS RENT

Crown Point Man Fined \$48 For Removing Goods. Pool Rooms Full of Boys Who Play by Stealing.

This is Statement of Detective of Long Experience. John Lawrence, Crown Point, was fined \$48 at court this morning on a charge of clandestinely removing his household goods while owing \$24 rent. Lawrence pleaded guilty, and Magistrate Jells said too much of that sort of swindling was going on of late. The statute provides for a fine double the amount of rent due. Lawrence took his goods and chattels out of the house last Saturday. He claimed he had been told to vacate at once. The owner added that he had also been told to pay up at once. Failing payment of the fine, Lawrence will spend a month in jail. He is married and has two young children.

"The poolrooms are full of such characters as these, who have to get money to play pool and who get it usually by thieving," said Detective Coulter when two small boys pleaded guilty of stealing some carpenter's tools from a new house in course of construction on Myrtle avenue. The boys elected to be tried by Magistrate Jells, and were told to appear in a week with \$100 security each for their future good behavior. The boys stole a hammer and a plane belonging to M. Cavers on January 14, and sold them for 75c.

James Dextester, a regular visitor from Aldershot, a full-blond Indian, was fined \$3 for being drunk and disorderly at the Terminal Station last night. Officer John Berlinghoff locked him up.

William Patterson, of no particular address, obtained a commitment to the jail for two months yesterday, and walked down to Governor Ogilvie's daily reception to be locked up for the cold weather.

James Brown, 104 Mary street, was fined \$2 for being drunk last night.

CONFERRING.

Foundrymen and Moulders Had Conference Last Night.

Foundrymen and moulders are working away with a view to the settlement of the wage question and other matters pertaining to the trade. They are not saying much about it, however, preferring to keep their business to themselves until an agreement is arrived at. "We are doing just like the printers did early this month," said one of the members of the committee this morning. The foundrymen and a committee of the moulders had a conference yesterday, and while it was satisfactory, no conclusions were reached. The I. M. U. also met last night. Both sides are hopeful that there will be no trouble.

LAKE CHURCH.

Good Old Fashioned Tea Meeting There Last Night.

An old-time tea-meeting was held at Lake Methodist Church last evening, and about 300 people enjoyed it. Rev. Richard Whiting was in the chair. Supper was served at 8 o'clock, and it was a fine spread for which the ladies were responsible. A musical programme was given as follows: Instrumental duet, Miss Hazel Stevenson and Mr. Dennis; chairman's address, Rev. R. Whiting; solo, Miss Cline; recitation, Miss Clara Saboury; solo, Mrs. Frampton; address, Rev. Dr. Williamson; solo, Miss Chalmers; recitation, Rev. L. McDermid; Burlington; instrumental duet, Mrs. Cline and Miss Gertrude Cline; address, Inspector J. H. Smith; solo, Rev. C. E. Cyril Dyson, the pastor; instrumental duet, Miss Stevenson and Mr. Dennis; recitation, Rev. L. McDermid; Mrs. Gertrude Cline; recitation, Miss Saboury; address, Rev. Cyril Dyson. Miss Hazel Stevenson and Mrs. Frampton are stenographers.

BIG STORM.

Telegraph Poles and Wires Down and Washouts

Chicago, July 29.—Telegraph service to points west and north of Chicago was almost completely severed to-day by the worst storm of the season. Scores of telegraph poles and miles of wire in many sections were borne down and rendered useless by the high winds and the heavy snow fall.

The telegraph service of railroads was almost hopelessly crippled. It was reported that many trains had been abandoned in northern Iowa. Washouts were reported numerous in that section.

West of Kansas City all wire service had practically ceased in the early hours of the day.

FOURTH WARD CON.

The first of a series of entertainments to be given by the different wards at the Conservative Club during the winter months, was held last evening for ward 4. The idea is for each ward to furnish the talent for the entertainment, the funds to go to the club. Aid. John Allan furnished the talent last evening and was chairman. He explained the objects of the gathering. A large audience enjoyed a pleasing vocal and instrumental programme. Little Jean Wilson made a hit with her songs, and Gordon Flett's dancing was one of the most pleasing numbers.

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ON TO GOWGANDA

A great authority, speaking recently on the world's silver supply said: "The discovery of Gowganda is going to have a tremendous bearing on the market. It will add to the impression, which has scarcely been more than a suspicion in New York and London, that Canada holds the key to the situation in the world's production of silver."

Among the most valuable properties in the district which have been discovered is notably the Bartlett properties, comprising about 400 acres, divided into 3 groups, all situated on Gowganda Lake.

Further information, Room 600, Bank of Hamilton building, E. B. Bank, representative. Phone 500.