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SLAIN BY FATHER ON EVE OF WEDDING

Everett Man Murders His Daughter and Then Commits Suicide

Miss Pansy Townsend of Everett, Mass., Was to Have Been Married Within Three Hours of the Time the Terrible Tragedy Occurred—Parent Left Note That He Had Killed Her Rather Than See Her the Bride of the Man She Had Chosen.

Everett, Mass., March 26—Less than three hours before the time set for her wedding today, Pansy E. Townsend was shot and fatally wounded by her father, Joseph P. Townsend, in the sitting room of their home, 15 Woodville street, this city. Townsend then ended his own life by putting a revolver bullet into his head.

The only clue to the cause of the tragedy was a note written by Townsend. It was stated today and read: "At 3.45 I have taken my daughter's life and my own. I do this rather than see her the wife of Francis Perry. He is a scoundrel and I have no respect for him. He has been going abroad to live since after the wedding. Townsend was formerly mate on a vessel sailing from Boston.

MAN MURDERED AND SHIPPED IN TRUNK

Reputed Wife of Victim Arrested—Declares He was a Victim of Poison by Another Man—Woman Has a Bad Record.

Stockton, Cal., March 26—The body of a man which was found in a trunk among the baggage at the Southern Pacific depot here on Saturday night, has been identified as that of Albert H. McVicar, an employee of the Rawhide Mine, at Jamestown, Cal.

The police today arrested at Astoria, Mrs. Emma Ledoux, or Mrs. McVicar, as she called herself here, who is declared to have purchased the trunk in which the body was placed and also the rope with which it was bound. Her husband is now in Amandor county. It is supposed that if she committed the crime a man must have aided her, as McVicar was powerfully built. He had \$800 in cash and it is believed that robbery was the motive for the crime. It is believed that he was "drugged" then crushed into the trunk and suffocated. Mrs. Ledoux declared that carbolic acid was administered by McVicar on Saturday morning by "Joe" Miller, but that she had nothing to do with the case aside from assisting putting the body in the trunk. She gives no reason for the killing.

Dr. Hull, one of the autopsy surgeons, stated today that blows on the head caused a laceration of the inner lining of the skull, caused death, and that there was no evidence of poison.

Married Three Times. San Francisco, March 26—The police say that Mrs. Ledoux is well known in the Tenderloin district of this city. They say that her name is Emma Heald, and her narrow escape in Jackson county. Some years ago she married a man named Barrett, and resided with him for a time in Fresno. The couple separated and soon after the woman was wedded to William Williams, of Jackson. They went to Arizona, where Williams died. It is said the woman collected insurance on his life. She married Ledoux in Jackson and afterward came to this city.

HERBERT BALSAR, A DIGBY COUNTY YOUTH, BLEEDS TO DEATH

Digby, N. S., March 26—(Special)—Herbert Balsar, a young man of 18, died at his home in Acadiaville, near Digby, yesterday. The deceased was about 18 years of age. He had been heavily up to yesterday. Saturday he was taken with a hemorrhage of the stomach at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and although a physician was immediately called and stayed with him all day he died within twelve hours, having bled to death. No further particulars of the death could be learned tonight.

MARITIME EXPRESS SPARK BURNS HOUSE

Halifax, March 26—(Special)—A spark from the Maritime express, as it stood at Wind-up Junction this evening, set fire to a house of which the sole occupant was a woman eighty years old. Station Master Harris, who saw the flames, removed the woman and some of the furniture.

was a native of Baltimore and 56 years old. Miss Townsend was an active worker in local church circles and well known and popular. Miss Townsend's age was 22 years. Medical Examiner Durrell viewed the bodies this afternoon and directed their removal to an undertaking establishment. He expressed the opinion that the girl was shot while asleep and that death was caused by a bullet from the rifle which penetrated her head through the left ear. He will hold an autopsy probably tonight to determine whether or not a drug was administered before the shooting took place.

Sent Carriage for Bride Elect. Shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Perry sent a carriage to the Townsend home to take Mr. and Miss Townsend to the People's Temple, where the marriage ceremony was to have been performed. With the carriage came a large number of flowers for Miss Townsend. Word of the tragedy was at once sent to Mr. Perry at his hotel in Boston and he hurried to his home. He was, he said, utterly at a loss to account for the action of Mr. Townsend. He had been engaged to Miss Townsend for about six months and had received the explicit consent of her father to the match.

The theory expected by neighbors of the T. woman, who knew the well, is that Mr. Townsend had become mentally unbalanced as the result of using drugs. He has not been well for the past year and has, it is said, sought relief in drugs. The revolver with which Mr. Townsend killed himself or shooting his daughter was found on a rocking chair as though thrown from him with a last effort.

MONTREAL COUNCIL A UNIT AGAINST SUNDAY LAW

Pass Strong Resolution Calling on Government Not to Pass Bill—Means Card Playing and Drinking Instead of Sports, Says Mover.

Montreal, March 26—(Special)—The Sunday observance bill, now before parliament, is opposed by a resolution unanimously passed by the Montreal city council this afternoon. The resolution was introduced by Alderman Mercier and seconded by Ald. Sadler. It reads as follows:

"That the city council of Montreal, although contending with favor the adoption of a law designed to ensure the observance of Sunday, think it only right to represent to the government and to the parliament of Canada that they would consider, as contrary to the public interest, any provision whose effect would prevent our population from relaxation or even from obtaining transportation; That the city clerk be requested to communicate to the government of Canada such a law and to request the government not to favor any legislation whose effect would be to prevent on Sunday running of street cars and trams, excursions by boat or by railway, opening public parks, provided that no spirituous liquors be sold therein, and who effect generally would tend to deprive the citizens of Montreal the means of health and moral recreation."

In the course of his remarks Ald. Mercier said the bill prohibited so many things that if it were adopted the people of Montreal could not get to St. Helen's Island on Sunday, or to the Mountain, or trips out of town. It was, in fact, an attempt to curtail the liberty of citizens. As proposed, the playing of baseball and lacrosse were prohibited it was to be replaced by card-playing and drinking on the part of the young people.

"NO MASTER HAND" IN STANDARD OIL, SAYS ARCHBOLD

New York, March 26—John D. Archbold, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, was the principal witness today in the Standard Oil inquiry being conducted by Attorney-General Hadley, of Missouri, before U. S. Commissioner Sargent in this city. In response to Mr. Hadley's direct question "Who is the active head of the Standard Oil Company?" Mr. Archbold replied that there was "no master hand" in the Standard Oil, that it consisted of "an aggregation of individuals." Mr. Archbold also volunteered the statement that John D. Rockefeller had no desire to evade any questions, that Mr. Rockefeller knew nothing about the matter in the present suit but that if Mr. Hadley wished to go to Lakewood and question him he would find Mr. Rockefeller willing to answer any question. Mr. Hadley interrupted this statement with the remark: "There is only one way to examine witnesses here."

Troops of the Pretender in Morocco



The unfortunate Sultan of Morocco is menaced on all sides. Not only have the powers been fighting at Algiers for a share of his territory, but he has also had to face the terrors of the pretender, who has collected the wildest tribesmen in the country to his standard. These tribesmen managed to engulf in arms. It was reported last week that the pretender had scored a victory against the Sultan's troops.

WILL "PACIFY" THE FILIPINOS

Governor Curry Decides to Finish Job After Narrow Escape from Capture IN THE WOODS 36 HOURS

Official Report Says Americans Lost Sixteen, Killed, Wounded and Missing; Also Some Guns—Buried Thirty of the Enemy—Friendly Natives Anxious to Exterminate the Puljanos.

Washington, March 26—The official account of the fight with the Puljanos on the island of Samar was received at the war department today from Governor-General Taft, as follows: "Saturday morning, March 24, Governor Curry had arranged to receive the surrender of the remaining Puljanos and leaders at Maguena, Island of Samar. The leaders and 100 Puljanos with fourteen guns presented themselves. Immediately before the surrender was to occur the Puljanos' leader signalled and all made a bold rush. Judge Lobiger and the district school inspector escaped by one direction and Curry in another, taking to the brush. Other Americans are safe. The constabulary lost sixteen killed, wounded and missing and some guns were lost. Thirty Puljanos were buried. Puljanos were pursued by Curry for about thirty-six hours but was found in a road camp. He withdrew applying for leave of absence. Reports natives in the province actively assisting him. Each found zealous to exterminate Puljanos."

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ACADIA COLLEGE WON THE DEBATE

Defeated U. N. B. Students by a Narrow Margin Monday Evening HAD UNPOPULAR SIDE

Victors Defended Political Union With the United States and Presented Their Case Very Ably—Frederick Boom Company Changes Managers—Other News of the Capital.

Frederick, March 26—(Special)—Acadia College won a victory from the University of New Brunswick in the intercollegiate debate at the Opera House this evening. Good speeches were made on both sides and the audience, which numbered about 500 persons, listened with the closest interest. J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., presided very acceptably and the judges were Justices Gregory, Landry and Dr. George U. Hay. The subject of debate was "Resolved that the political union of Canada and the United States would be more beneficial to Canada than her present relations with Great Britain." Acadia, which had the affirmative side, was represented by A. B. Balcom, Fred Porter and J. M. Shortcliffe and U. N. B. by H. P. Dale, Malcolm Orchard and Percy Hayward. The chairman, in opening the proceedings, announced that each speaker would be allowed fifteen minutes and captain of the respective teams would have an extra ten minutes in which to close the debate. He explained that the judges arriving at a decision would allow two-thirds for argument and one-third for presentation and that the merits of the subject were not to be considered. Porter, who is a Fredericton boy, opened the debate for Acadia and was followed by Hayward, then came Shortcliffe, Orchard, Balcom and Dale in the order named. Dale spoke twenty-five minutes and Balcom closed the debate. Acadia's strong case. Acadia's representatives had marshalled their facts skilfully and although they had the unpopular side of the question certainly made out a very strong case. Their line of argument was that laws of nature favored the political union of Canada and the United States. The two people were of one kin and but for the tyranny of George III would today have been living under one government. The removal of the boundary line, and with it the tariff wall, it was held, would result in the great industrial advancement of Canada and the consumer would be benefited by cheaper goods. This was really the strong feature of their argument and undoubtedly carried great weight with the judges. It was also claimed that Acadia that there had been an unequal distribution of population in the North American continent during the last fifty years to the great disadvantage of Canada and this would be remedied by political union. They also argued that political union of the two countries would make for the peace of the world. The U. N. B. representatives in reply contended that political union with the United States would bring to Canada the defects of American system of government and of administering justice, as well as a banking system inferior to our own. Political corruption, the negro problem, the

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GOVERNMENT HAD 'FIFTY MAJORITY'

Resolution by Mr. Monk in Regard to Fenian Raid Veterans Voted Down

Hon. Mr. Hyman Says Surveys are to be Made in Washedemoak Lake to Show Where Dredging is Required—Dr. Daniel Wants to Know About I. C. R. Pension Bill—Other Matters.

Ottawa, March 26—(Special)—Three bills of some importance were introduced when the house met today. One was from Mr. Oliver, the minister of the interior, for the purpose of establishing forestry reserves in the Northwest. The other was from Colonel Tisdale, regarding the St. Clair-Erie canal and the third from Mr. Sinclair, of Guyeboro. Taking the last one first, which provides for loading ships with lumber between the main and shillie docks during the winter months, it will require imperial legislation before the bill can become law. The bill of Colonel Tisdale is to keep alive the ship canal scheme, which has been before parliament for many years, without any progress being made. In respect to Mr. Oliver's bill, the minister explained that there are forestry reserves in the Northwest now. The system has been to withdraw from settlement such lands as are required for forest reserves. It is also necessary to get the withdrawal of land privately owned. These areas might also be used for game reserves. On the orders of the day Mr. Foster made a somewhat humorous speech in putting a question to the government as to whether the Yukon council had made a contract with one Hatfield to go to the Klondike next summer to bring rain. C. M. Hatfield is a rain maker from the United States. Queries About Rain-maker. Mr. Foster, reading from a newspaper, said that a contract with Hatfield was for \$10,000. The big mining companies were to pay half and the Yukon council the other half. No rain, no pay. Hatfield's expenses were to be defrayed, rain or no rain. Mr. W. F. Laurier said that he read it in the newspaper, but did not attach much importance to it. The government had no information on the matter. Mr. Borden wanted to know if the subject now before the waterways commission was under negotiations between imperial authorities and the United States. Mr. Hyman—"The waterways commission has presented an interim report which is now in the hands of the prime minister. I do not know of any negotiations between the imperial authorities and the United States." Mr. W. F. Laurier—"I do not know of any such negotiations. There are none. I see no reason to think, however, in regard to the fisheries question in waters contiguous to the United States. Mr. Hyman informed Mr. Ganong that tenders had been called for the building of a breakwater at North Head (N.B.), and Sir Frederick Boden told Mr. Foster that the price paid for the farm on which the rifle range had been built at Sussex (N.B.), was \$1,850. Sir Frederick said, in answer to another question, that

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FOUR NEW YORK FIREMEN KILLED

Many Also Injured by Falling Walls Caused by Explosions

More Than 300 Employees in Factory When Fire Started—Panic Ensued as They Tried to Escape—Sixty Girls Huddled on Fire Escapes and Jumped to the Life Nets or Were Handed Down by Pyramid of Willing Workers—Loss About \$400,000.

New York, March 26—Four firemen were killed and about a score of firemen and citizens were injured today in a fire, accompanied by a series of explosions, that demolished a six-story factory building on the Bedford and Downing streets in the Greenwich Village district on the lower West Side of the city. That the damage which is estimated at from \$300,000 to \$400,000, was not far greater was declared by Chief Croker to be due to the explosions which shattered the building and crushed the blaze beneath tons of debris at the moment when the flames were completely beyond control and threatening to swamp the entire block. One fireman was taken out of the building alive but died almost immediately. The bodies of his three comrades were recovered after the fire was over, crushed under the wreckage of floors and walls that followed the explosion. The dead are: Captain John Walsh and Firemen George C. Cristman, Thomas L. Hulpin and J. Healey, all of engine company 14. Fireman Jacob Cohen and Lewis E. Call, also of engine 14, were burned and bruised and removed to the hospital. The other persons injured were for the most part employees in the factory, and persons in the adjacent tenements and dwellers passing in the street who were struck by falling bricks or fragments of glass. None of these were seriously hurt.

Girls Out Off from Escape. Three hundred men and women were in the factory during the lunch hour when a slight explosion occurred on one of the upper floors and almost instantly the whole structure was enveloped in flames. Some had time to reach the street by the stairs but the greater number were compelled to take refuge on the fire escapes where they remained huddled together and imploring assistance until the fire engines arrived. Before the fire ladder could be run up, policemen, firemen and volunteers formed a human pyramid against the front wall of the factory and in this way handed down to safety upwards of sixty girls who were clinging to the fire escape on the second floor. Others jumped into the life-saving nets or on piles of bedding hastily gathered and heaped on the sidewalks.

Terrific Explosions. Hardly had the flames enveloped the building when there occurred within a few minutes after the outbreak a terrific explosion, followed in rapid succession by four more, the last of such violence as to shake buildings for blocks around. With the last detonation what remained of the walls fell inward, smothering the flames which a moment before were shooting 200 feet in the air. Within forty minutes after the blaze showed itself, all that remained of the huge building was a glowing heap of shattered floors, walls and beams beneath which were buried the bodies of the four firemen. Just after the second explosion Captain Walsh and the men of his company made a gallant effort to force their way close to the rear of the building in order to get a line on the hottest part of the fire and while so engaged the north wall crashed down on them. Healey, who was not completely buried, was dragged out in a dying condition. Of the whole company every man was either killed or wounded. That Walsh and his two comrades had perished was not known until the fire was called after the fire when they were found to be missing and search was made. Captain Walsh was born in this city in 1861 and had three times received honorable mention for gallantry in the line of duty. He commanded the company sent from this city to the Baltimore fire. This company stopped the big fire in Baltimore. The factory was occupied by the Empire Art Metal Company, the Standard Thread Company and the Metal Stamp Company, which owned the building.

FALL RIVER STEAMER PLYMOUTH BURNED THIS MORNING

Newport, R. I., March 27—Steamer Plymouth, of the Fall River line, caught fire at her dock at 1.30 this morning. Will be a total loss. The fire apparently caught on the upper deck and spread rapidly down through the vessel. At 1.50 a. m. the flames had communicated to the long shed beside which the Plymouth was lying and also to the tall shaft used in hauling out machinery. One of the Fall River line's freight steamers was at the dock and at 2 o'clock efforts were being made to haul her into the harbor. The wind at that time was blowing strong from the south and sending the flames toward the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway repair shop. A general alarm was sounded. The docks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway, which controls the Old Colony Steamboat Company, are situated at the end of Long Wharf at the north end of the city and the entire property covers several acres. The entire property has a valuation of several million dollars. The steamer Plymouth was a vessel of 2,280 tons net burden. She was built at Chester (Pa.) in 1890. She was constructed of steel with interior fittings of wood. Her length was 267 feet, her width 50 feet and her depth of hold 21 feet.

Methodists Likely to Modify Their Church Discipline. Toronto, March 26—(Special)—That the famous footnote in the Methodist church discipline prohibiting dancing, theatre-going, attending horse races, circuses and other so-called questionable amusements would probably be modified considerably at the next Methodist general conference in September is the opinion generally expressed at this morning's meeting of the Methodist Ministerial Association. It is expected also that several of the church services, including the burial service, the baptismal service and the ex-communication service, will be changed by the general conference.

Train Through a Bridge; Six Killed. Casper, Wyo., March 26—Six railroad laborers today were killed and a score were injured, several probably fatally, when a work train on the Wyoming division of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, crossed a bridge over a swollen stream through an undermined bridge near Natrona.

To Take Over Esquimaux. Ottawa, March 26—(Special)—Colonel Rutherford has left for the Pacific coast to take over the Esquimaux garrison from the British authorities.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVADE HALIFAX

Large Delegation from Different Parts of Maritime Provinces Present at Institution of New Council.

Halifax, N. S., March 26—(Special)—Halifax Council, No. 1087, Knights of Columbus, was instituted here tonight with forty charter members. There is a big gathering of knights here from many places and the exemplification of the first constitution was well done by the roll called by District Deputy Dunne and staff, from Ottawa. Since coming from Antigonish the visitors have been royally entertained by the charter members of Halifax Council, street car trips, an outing on the harbor and North West Arm, and general good fellowship going far to make the visitors pass the time pleasantly. The Halifax Hotel was headquarters and here the local men had a large reception room reserved for the knights and did all possible for their comfort. New arrivals came in tonight from New Brunswick, including Sheriff O'Brien, of Northumberland, Wm. P. Harriman and Dr. Deacon, of Newcastle, they were warmly welcomed at the hotel. The degrees were conferred at St. Mary's parish hall. The officers of the new council: F. J. Cragg, grand knight; F. P. Hayden, deputy grand knight; J. C. O'Mullin, chancellor; D. T. Lynch, financial secretary; Gerald B. Terman, treasurer; Thos. W. Murphy, recording secretary; Joseph A. Chisholm, advocate; J. F. Kelly, wardens; Dr. Joseph J. Doyle, lecturer; B. J. Flynn, R. G. Beasley and W. V. Power, trustees.

Reduced Moncton Insurance Rate. Moncton, March 26—(Special)—There's trouble in the police force. The chief of police has used the authority, recently bestowed upon him by the police committee, and suspended Officers Brown and Melanson for infraction of the police rules. A meeting of the committee was held tonight when Officer Melanson's case will be reported to the council. The council recently adopted strict rules regarding the police and Chief Tagley is determined to enforce them. The board of works tonight decided to re-engage Howard Scott, street commissioner, at a salary of \$75 per month. This is an increase of \$15 a month. The St. John insurance underwriters have made a slight reduction of rates on some city property in compliance with the city's request. More reductions in the rate are expected if certain improvements are made. The civic authorities are much pleased over Moncton water and light bonds being quoted at 102 on the English market.