



NEWS IN BRIEF

James and William Smith were sentenced at Barrie to four months and one year respectively, with hard labor, by Sir William Mulock yesterday.

Peter Derrison, a half-breed from Penetang, who was found guilty at the Barrie Assizes of a most atrocious assault, was sentenced to ten years in Kingston Penitentiary.

The Dominion Government will erect an armory at Kenora next spring, a site having been furnished by the town. This will then be made the headquarters for four companies of militia.

It is persistently reported in London that Lord Pentland will succeed Earl Grey as Governor-General of Canada; that Mr. Herbert Gladstone will go to South Africa, and Lord Crewe to India.

In the death of aged John S. Kennedy, multi-millionaire, Sunday, of whooping cough, Wall street lost its "man with the cash." It is said there has not been a time in years when he could not command from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 "spot" cash.

After making a vigorous campaign for supervisor of Plattskill Township, John J. Hail, 80 years old, Democrat, died at Kingston, N. Y., of heart failure suddenly after the close of the polls on Monday night.

Pilot Labranche was censured at Montreal by Captain L. A. Demers, acting wreck commissioner, in the case of the grounding of the C. P. R. steamship Montezuma at Cape la Roche, on her last inbound voyage.

Emily Poole, the five-year-old daughter of W. J. Poole, 756 Waterloo street, London, lies at her home in a precarious condition, as the result of falling down stairs. The child is suffering from concussion of the brain.

Four Chicago men, who dragged Harry Tietelbaum, a non-union baker wagon driver, from his wagon and beat him to death during a strike last spring, have been convicted and sentenced to twenty-five years each in prison.

A review of the troops was held at Tokio Wednesday in honor of the Emperor's birthday. Field Marshal Lord Kitchener accompanied his Majesty to the saluting point. The spectacle was a magnificent one, 30,000 troops taking part in the manoeuvres.

The sailing schooner Thomas F. Bayard reached Clayouet, West Vancouver Island, yesterday. The 1900 catch of the Victoria fleet totals but 3,550 skins, the Bayard being the top liner with 927. All will be rushed through for the big-December London sales.

The body of Lewis C. Connors, a commercial traveller, was found stretched out on the bed in his room at 19 St. Joseph street, Toronto, yesterday afternoon, death having apparently been due to heart failure. Connors had been dead for many hours when the body was found.

The elderly carpenter killed by a fall from a Beaconsfield avenue house, Toronto, on Monday was Henry Kippen. For some reason he had adopted the name of Stewart, that being his mother's maiden name. Rev. A. H. Kippen, a Presbyterian minister of Stratford, is a brother.

Meeting in St. John, N. B., the W. C. T. U. Executive yesterday decided to send

to the Canadian Press Association a protest against the publicity given to details of murder and divorce cases and other sensational matters. Mrs. A. Gordon Wright was elected delegate to the world's convention in Glasgow next June.

With the regular fall meeting of the Carnegie hero fund commission at Pittsburgh came the rewarding of 49 persons throughout the States and one in Canada for acts of bravery and illustrious conduct during the past three months. The Canadian award was to Bertha Rattebury, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

"I do not care if I stay in here for 50 years, as long as they do not send me to the gallows," remarked James Robinson, of Warren, sentenced to 28 years, as he was taken to the prison at Kingston yesterday. He will work on the stone pile. While in jail at Sudbury he signed the petition asking for clemency in his wife's case.

Norman Hubert, aged 22, of Toronto, Canada, drank a quantity of carbolic acid in the cellar of the Allegheny Carnegie Library building, Pittsburgh, about 9 o'clock last night. He died at the Allegheny General Hospital at 10.15 in his brother's arms. Hubert had been out of work for several weeks. Clippings detailing eight methods of suicide were found on him.

A pet cat probably caused the asphyxiation of itself and two aged spinsters at Whitesome, L. I. Miss Katherine and Miss Margaret Torrell. The sisters had bread for baking in a gas stove. They were found seated at the kitchen table, and no match was found near the stove. It is believed, therefore, that the cat turned on the gas by rubbing against the oven fixtures.

Clergymen invaded shops, factories, and theatres in New York yesterday, as a part of a mission plan, which the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions has been carrying on in St. Louis, Chicago, Newark, Buffalo and Rochester. Factory packing cases and chorus girls' baggage were used as pulpits for the preachers, who sought by short sermons to "take the heathenism out of business and soften its hard lines."

Henry Farman, the English aviator, on Wednesday at Mourmelon, France, won the Michelin Cup, beating all aeroplane records for duration and distance. He covered a little over 232 kilometres (144 miles) in four hours six minutes and 23 seconds. The previous best record was made by Farman at Bethany aviation field, Reims, in August last, when he won the Grand Prix de la Champagne.

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The hearing of the action to quash the local option by-law came up at the Owen Sound Assizes before Mr. Justice Clute on Tuesday night and the case was dismissed. The action was taken by William Ward. The case proved to be weak, and his Lordship dismissed it without calling on the defence.

With a broken arm, a fractured hip and serious internal injuries, Mrs. Tessie Lambrunde, of Aylmer, was found at the bottom of a thirty-five foot cliff which skirts the Ottawa River near Rockcliffe Park. On being taken to the hospital in the police ambulance she stated she had fallen over the cliff in the dark, while walking along the edge.

Miss Jennie Paddon, 636 Bloor street west, Toronto, has been awarded the prize for Canada for the best essays on "Captain James Cook; his voyages and his discoveries, and their value to the nation, commerce and Christianity," given by the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. The competition was open to the empire, and was confined to children under sixteen years of age.

The Windsor police discovered George Galey, of Northville, Mich., walking out of the Windsor entrance of the new tunnel at an early hour yesterday morning and leading a fine horse. He indignantly denied that he had smuggled the animal, insisting that he had merely "found" it somewhere inside the big tube. He was taken into custody and will be held to await information from the Michigan authorities.

CONFESSES MURDER.

Accidentally Smothered With Sawdust Boy He Was Robbing.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 3.—Local police authorities have been thrown into a quandary by a new confession from Alva Coan, 17 years old, that he murdered little Alexander Hoenig two years ago. The boy first confessed to the murder Monday. That night he retracted when the police accused him of fabricating the story.

To-day, in his room, at the boy's home, he wrote a lengthy description of the crime and addressed it to Juvenile Judge Adams.

He enticed the child, he said, into an alleyway in the rear of a Scoville avenue butcher shop, owned by one Benjamin Cohn. "I asked him if he had money," wrote Coan. "He said 'no.' I started to search him and he screamed. Then I stooped down and picked up a handful of shavings and rubbed them over his face. I let him drop to the floor. I walked around for three-quarters of an hour and came back. I saw him lying there and I got scared. I felt his heart. It was not beating. A cold sweat broke out all over my body. I knew he was dead. I picked him up, threw him in the barrel head first. Then I climbed over fences till I was three doors from there."

The autopsy on the body of the Hoenig child showed that he had been choked to death with sawdust and shavings.

BISHOP SPEAKS.

Discourses on Questions of Marriage and Divorce.

Cannot Marry Divorced Persons Where One is Alive.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 3.—At the opening of the Anglican Synod at Fredericton to-day Bishop Richardson, in his annual charge, spoke strongly on the question of marriage and divorce. He said: "In view of the laxity of thought and practice regarding marital relationship that is so widely prevalent to-day, and especially in the Republic to the south, I once more desire the clergy to exercise the greatest possible care about marriages which they are asked to celebrate. The canon of the Church of England in Canada is absolutely binding in its clear prohibition of any marriage between persons either of whom shall have been divorced from one who is still living at the time. There is no room for doubt and no latitude for practice."

Under no circumstances whatever can a clergyman of the Church in Canada solemnize such a marriage. It is the duty, then, of every clergyman to satisfy himself beyond all reasonable doubt that neither of the parties concerned comes within the prohibition of this canon. In this respect nothing can be taken for granted, but plain questions must be put to both parties to the proposed union. Unless personal assurance is received that neither of the parties have been divorced from one who is living at the time, it is the clergyman's duty to refuse to perform the ceremony. Extenuating circumstances must not be considered."

Continuing, his Lordship said: "From the standpoint of civil law, marriage with a deceased wife's sister is not open to attack. That, however, is not the case from the standpoint of the Church. It is the most unfortunate when the law of the Christian State traverses the Christian Church, but that fact does not, of course, release the men of the Church from the responsibility of obedience to her canons. Under no circumstances does the Church deem it lawful for a man to marry his deceased wife's sister, and under no circumstances is it lawful for a clergyman to solemnize such a marriage."

Old Man Shot.

Welland, Nev. 3.—John McMillan, aged 79 years, while picking apples in his orchard near Port Colborne yesterday afternoon, was struck in the stomach by a bullet from a 32-calibre rifle. The old man, who lives alone, had some difficulty in making his way to the nearest neighbor's. Medical aid was called, and it is thought that he will recover, though the course of the bullet was five inches long.

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HIRED MAN KILLS THREE.

Tried to Murder His Employer's Whole Family.

Awful Tragedy on a Homestead at Quill Lake.

One Shot, One Thrown Into Well and One's Throat Cut.

Quill Lake, Sask., Nov. 3.—As reported in last night's Times, one of the most atrocious tragedies in the history of western Canada was perpetrated here, probably on Sunday, when the happy little family of a homesteader named Geo. Thoburn was almost wiped out by a Hungarian farm laborer named John Mesi.

George Thoburn, his wife, and mother-in-law, Mrs. McNeven, were murdered in a most brutal manner. A little boy aged four was also attacked and left for dead, having been rendered unconscious by a blow on the head from a club, while his little sister escaped by hiding in the oven of a stove.

Just what the incentive for the terrible crime was has not as yet been learned, but it is known that Mesi was a sullen and dangerous-tempered young man of 23 years, who had before manifested murderous tendencies. Only a few days ago he chased Thoburn with a pitchfork when his employer disagreed with him.

JOHN MESI ARRESTED.

After committing his gruesome crime Mesi stole the horses and left, in an attempt to make his way to Regina, where his home is. His trail was easily followed, as he had coolly stopped at several houses along the way to obtain meals and feed the horses, and he was arrested early this evening beyond Wynyard, by the police, after a short and swift chase.

The crime was discovered almost by accident yesterday afternoon, when a neighboring homesteader named Dion, who was passing, was attracted by the absence of any signs of life around Thoburn's home, and upon hearing the cattle roaring for want of attention, he went to investigate, and was horrified by the ghastly sights which met his eyes. He entered the house and was at once attracted by the fearful wail of a little child in the cellar, and upon opening the door to go to its relief, was confronted with the corpse of Thoburn on the stairway, down which he had fallen head-first when death overtook him. He had been dead about 48 hours, it is believed, and had been shot through the body at close range with a gun, the whole charge having struck him in the back just below the left shoulder, and passed through the lungs.

TWO CHILDREN ESCAPED.

Proceeding into the cellar and opening the inner door, Mr. Dixon found a little boy there in a dazed condition from a blow on the head which Mesi had dealt him. The little chap informed Mr. Dixon that "John had shot papa," and afterwards struck him just before he went to sleep.

Upstairs Mr. Dixon found a little baby girl hiding in the oven and weeping for her mother, whom she said Mesi had thrown into a hole outside, meaning the well, which is about fifteen feet deep. Horrified by his distressing discovery, Mr. Dixon alarmed the neighbors and word was at once sent to the Mounted Police at Humboldt, while the search was instituted for the bodies of the murdered women and a body of officers also took the trail of the murderer. The alarm reached here, and every person almost promptly went to give assistance in running down the fugitive.

WOMEN'S BODIES FOUND.

To-day searchers found the body of Mrs. Thoburn in the well, where the baby had said it was thrown, while the remains of Mrs. McNeven were found, fully dressed, with her throat cut, in a bluff about a quarter of a mile away. How they came to be there is not yet fully explained, but it is surmised that when Mesi became murderous work she fled from the house and was pursued and killed.

This morning the little boy stated that John (the hired man) had shot papa, and hit him and put him to sleep.

It was a heartrending sight the corner and homesteaders of the district were required to gaze upon, with the little orphans crying for their parents, who were lying dead.

Mr. Thoburn's homestead was on 19, 35, 15 west two. He located here five years ago, when he with his family came from Sarnia, Ont. He was in very comfortable circumstances, and held in the highest esteem in the district. Mrs. A. Thorn, wife of the proprietor of The Windsor Herald, and formerly of Sundridge, Ont., is a sister of Mrs. Thoburn.

MESI'S STATEMENT.

Mesi explained the occurrence as follows: "I wished to go to town on Monday morning to enter for a homestead. Mr. Thoburn objected. I went and got a gun and shot Thoburn twice. Then he ran inside and the women came out and started to run for Mr. J. Morley's, a neighbor. I came on Mrs. McNeven first, hit her with the gun, knocked her down, and cut her throat. He then proceeded to hunt for Mrs. Thoburn, who got into a small bluff to hide. He found her, knocked her down, cut her throat, and sat on her body until life was gone. He returned to the house, dragged Thoburn's body into the house and threw it in the cellar, and left it in the position in which it was found."

He also went and covered Mrs. McNeven with some hay. Coming back to the house, he stayed around nearly all day, feeding the children and preparing for a long trip. In the evening he made supper for the children and put them to bed, but he says the boy would not remain in bed, which will account for his being found in the cellar. He then hitched up Thoburn's horses to a democrat wagon and loaded it with a large assortment of provisions, both for himself and the horses, also taking the gun and dog and a box of ammunition. When captured he did not appear to realize the extent of the crime he had committed, but was thinking very much about his position before he had been captured long. He was taken to Wynyard, and will be brought back here in the morning for the inquest.

Extra police have been sworn in and the murderer will be well looked out until such time as he is taken on the train to Prince Albert.

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