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The Victim of Blenheim's Lonely Swamp.

HE IS F. C. BENWELL OF LONDON, ENG

The Young Man Murdered for His Gold One Week After His Arrival in America from England—John Burchell, alias Somerset, Who Crossed the Ocean with Him, Arrested at Niagara Falls for the Murder—One of the Strangest Crimes on Record—Mr. Pelley's Mysterious Departure for New York and the Alleged Letter from London—An Interesting Chapter of Speculation and Theory—The Prisoner to Be Examined To-day.

A CLUE, an arrest, and the body of the murdered man found in the lonely Blenheim swamp near Princeton over a week ago identified! These are the sensational and dramatic developments since the Saturday issue of The World. At the present writing it looks as if this tragedy would prove one of the most interesting crimes ever perpetrated in Canada. At first sight it resembles somewhat the famous Maxwell-Preller trunk mystery of St. Louis.

Frederick C. Benwell, a young Englishman of good family, lands in New York on Feb. 14 last off the White Star steamship Britannic, in company with J. Burchell and his wife and a young man named William Pelley. They are all well dressed and seem to have considerable money. Benwell belongs to a good family with a military record, it is said, and comes to Canada to purchase a farm in the vicinity of Woodstock, it is thought. Woodstock is noted for magnificent agricultural surroundings.

The party landed at Niagara Falls on Feb. 17, three days after their arrival at New York, and the next day young Benwell leaves his two friends and starts for London or Woodstock to look around for a suitable farm. On Friday night, the 21st, or within 72 hours of his leaving the Falls, his dead body is found by two brothers, J. and G. Elvidge, on the Hersee farm, on the north side of the 2d concession of Blenheim, two miles west of Princeton, in the fertile county of Oxford. The man had been foully murdered and robbed and his lifeless body thrown into the lonely swamp. No one that turned up at the inquest could throw the slightest light on the identity of the dead man. The clothes on the body were those of a well-to-do person and there is no doubt that he had means.

But how much, and did he have it with him when he left the Falls?

The First Clue.

Not the slightest trace of who the dead man was could be obtained until Saturday morning last, although the crime had been printed in every paper in Canada and many of the newspapers in the neighboring Republic. Cuts made from photographs taken after death were also extensively used by the Canadian newspapers. Then the first news of the dead man's identity comes from one of the persons who crossed the ocean with him. This is Burchell, or Somerset, as he has been known by before. Burchell read in The Toronto World on Friday something of the crime, so he says, and at once proceeded to Princeton, in company with his wife, and identified the remains of Benwell. They had been exhumed by order of Coroner McLay. Burchell returned to Niagara Falls Saturday night and yesterday afternoon he was locked up by Chief of Police Young as being implicated in the murder. Very strangely, too, young Pelley starts off from the Falls on Friday last, ostensibly for New York, to look for Benwell, in which city, it is said, he had friends. Pelley did not go to New York, but probably only as far as Buffalo. Yesterday morning he returned to the Falls and after a consultation between Pelley and the police and a magistrate Burchell was taken into custody on the charge of murder.

It is a remarkable fact that although the name of this murdered man was published as early as Monday last, the 24th, Burchell claims not to have seen the account of the finding of the body until Friday morning, the 28th, and until Pelley had left for New York, as he claims, to look after Benwell's friends. Another strange feature is found in the circumstance that Pelley should go to New York for that purpose. The letter which Burchell states he received on Wednesday, 19th inst., may throw some light upon this, as may have related to the mission upon which Pelley was to start. A copy of the letter which Benwell is said to have written from London, Ont., to Burchell, could not be obtained at the Falls yesterday, and it has yet to be shown that such a letter was ever written or ever received.

The World has information from London last night that Benwell's name cannot be found on any of the hotel registers of that city.

These are in brief the chief features of this great and mysterious crime.

BURCHELL'S FUNNY STORY.

He Knew Much About the Dead Man and Was Sure He Had Been Murdered.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., March 1.—When The Toronto World arrived yesterday it was found that two large wooden chests, addressed to "H. Benwell, Clifton, Ont.," were in the bonded compartment of the Canadian Express Company's office here, they having arrived on Feb. 18 in bond through the United States from the port of New York, having come from Europe to New York. Mr. Tuthill, the express agent, said no one had called at the office by that name. Upon making enquiries at the hotels if any such party had registered it was learned that two young Englishmen by the name of J. Burchell and Mr. Pelley, the former a married man and who had his wife with him, had been stopping at Mr. Baldwin's private boarding house for the past two weeks, knew something of who the man found dead at Princeton was, and that Burchell and wife had left here yesterday for Princeton and Mr. Pelley had returned to New York the same day. It was learned at Mr. Baldwin's that Burchell would return this evening and he did so with the 8 o'clock train.

The following statement was told by him to the representatives of the Associated Press:

"The dead man's name is Fred. C. Benwell of London, Eng., 24 years of age, is well connected, his father being an officer in the British army. Benwell, Pelley and myself and wife sailed in the White Star steamer Britannic from Liverpool on Feb. 5 last, arriving in New York on Feb. 14, Benwell with the intention of locating in Canada and buying a farm.

Benwell Invades Canada.

"After remaining at the Metropolitan Hotel, New York, a few days we came on to the Falls, remaining a day over at Buffalo, stopping at the Stafford Hotel. Upon arrival here Benwell left me at the Grand Trunk depot, Niagara Falls, saying he was going to London, Ont., prospecting, and was to let me know the result. He took with him a large valise, leaving in my charge two trunks. I received by mail last Wednesday week (the 19th) from London, Ont., a ticket to release the two chests, which are in the express office here in bond. I first saw his name in connection with the Princeton murder in The Toronto World yesterday. I went directly to Paris, leaving here at 2.34 p.m., arriving at Paris at 5½, and drove to Princeton. I viewed the body this morning, after it had been exhumed, and recognized it to be that of Fred. C. Benwell who accompanied me from England. I knew that he had from $50 to $100 with him when he left me, also a watch and chain. Taking everything into consideration I feel that he has been foully murdered.

A Man of Temperate Habits.

"He was a man of temperate habits. I knew of him personally six or seven months before we left England, but knew of his family some time before. Mr. Pelley left here yesterday for New York. He has been with me here since Benwell left for London. He went to New York in search of Benwell, who had friends in New York. I could not say how much money Benwell had on arrival in New York. When Pelley returns from New York I will consider what we will do with the remains. It is most likely his friends in New York will be consulted. I have made several trips to this country buying horses and shipping them to England, which I intended to do on this occasion. Relley came with me on the same errand. It was through no inducement from me that Benwell came to this country. I saw Detective Murray at Paris to-day and gave him all the information I knew about the deceased. There seems to be a deep mystery enshrouding the death of poor Benwell in a foreign land and no doubt the detectives will ferret the whole affair out and expose one of the most cool murders that has ever taken place in Ontario for some years, as there is no doubt he has been lured to his death, having fallen into hands that thought he had a quantity of money on his person."

HE IS LOCKED UP.

Young Pelley Suddenly Returns to the Falls—The Plot Thickens.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 2.—Things took quite a lively and interesting turn this beautiful Sabbath morning when Burchell was arrested on suspicion of being connected with the murder. After Burchell returned to his boarding-house last evening Detective Thomas H. Young, chief of the Ontario police at this point, and who has been working on the case the last few days, had a surveillance placed on the house all night and he went to Buffalo last evening to see if he could find any shreds of information as to how Benwell met his death while the party stopped at Buffalo before arriving here. He returned at midnight. All trains from New York were watched closely in order to intercept young Pelley as soon as he arrived, as he was expected here early this morning. When the Erie flyer arrived at 7½ o'clock this morning he stepped off the train and was taken to Magistrate Hill's office, where a private consultation was held between Pelley and the magistrate, after which Burchell was arrested at Baldwin's boarding-house.

The report was spread like wildfire that one of the two young Englishmen who had been frequently seen on our streets had been arrested for the murder of the man found in the Princeton swamp and caused a great deal of excitement. The police officers feel confident they have the right man, and it is understood there is something connected with the visit of the party at Buffalo that will throw some light upon the mystery.

Pelley was seen by the representative of The World, but declined to be interviewed upon the matter and said he had promised the magistrate and detectives that he would not say anything without their permission. It has come to light since the arrest that Burchell was in this town one year ago, accompanied by his wife, the same woman that is with him now and stopped at the Imperial Hotel, registering as "Mr. and Mrs. Somerset." They arrived at midnight and remained a day or two. Upon their return on Feb. 19 last they went to the same hotel. The proprietor recognised them and they renewed their acquaintance, but said on account of his good family connections and he coming on this trip trading in horses took the name of "Burchell" and wished to be called and known by that alias.

Burchell is dark complexion, black mustache, sharp features, front teeth badly decayed, about 5 ft. 9 in., weight about 150 lbs., about 30 years of age, has tired expression around the eyes and is of a joivial disposition. His wife is a slender, rather pleasant-faced blonde and has the appearance of being a highly educated and refined English lady. Pelley is a young man about 22 years old, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, slight built, fair complexion, small light mustache, well educated and refined, talks with a decidedly English accent and is said to be the son of a clergyman in England, although he would not say who he was, and when asked if he knew Burchell any length of time before he left England he said not long but he knew Mrs. Burchell's family well. Both Pelley and Purchell dress decidedly English, being attired in English tweeds, the former wearing a fore-and-aft English tweed cap, the latter a light tweed ulster down to his heels. Mrs. Burchell since the arrest of her husband feels her position keenly, crying bitterly and at times reaching hysterics. Burchell will be brought up Monday morning for a hearing before Police Magistrate Hill.

Benwell Not Registered at London.

LONDON, March 2.—No trace of Benwell's name can be found on any of the hotel registers here. Government Detective John Murray arrived here last night and then mysteriously disappeared, no one apparently being aware which way he went. No news could be obtained at the Grand House that Benwell had been there at all, nor could it be ascertained that a letter had ever been posted by the dead man in this city to his friend Burchell at Niagara Falls.

The fact that Burchell may possess the checks for Benwell's trunks, which arrived in Niagara Falls in bond, does not prove conclusively that they were sent from this city in a letter. They might have been taken from the man's pockets after he was murdered.

Caldwell and His Money.

WOODSTOCK, March 2.—Further enquiries afford a satisfactory explanation of how Robert Caldwell came by the money which was in his possession on the occasion of his visit to Drumbo and Princeton on Wednesday night or Thursday morning of last week.

It would seem that Caldwell and Baker were out on a drunken frolic the night of Thursday, the 20th, and their visit to certain farmhouses near the Blenheim swamp was more for devilment than otherwise.

THE FIRST NEWS IN TORONTO.

A Telegram to the Attorney-General—The Detective on the Trail.

Late Saturday afternoon this despatch was received at the Attorney-General's office in this city:

PRINCETON, March 1, 1890.

Attorney-General's Office, Toronto.

Send detective to London, Ont., to-night to Grigg House. The man who was murdered at Princeton has been positively identified.

W. J. WATSON, Constable.

Hours before this message was received Government Detective John Murray had started out on the trail, and that astute officer evidently is now working in connection with Chief Young of Niagara Falls. Mr. Murray first went to Brantford, but obtained little or no information there about the dead man, although a name the same as his own had been indited on one the hotel registers in that city. Mr. Murray then went over to Princeton, where he met Burchell, who after identifying the remains, told the detective a story which the officer evidently did not take to very kindly, for Burchell was apprehended within 24 hours afterwards.

Mr. Murray is supposed to have pushed on to London, but it is not known at present what he learned in the Forest City; at all events he seems to have got out of the town very quickly and proceeded eastward. There was a number of telegrams for him in the London hotels last night, but John could not be found. Mr. Murray and Detective Young of course have their particular theories of the crime, and they are energetically working them up, with every success, they think, of running the murderers to earth.

The Motive for the Crime.

There does not seem to be the remotest doubt but that the motive for the murder of Benwell was to obtain his money, and it may turn out that he may have had a large sum, coming as he did to Canada to purchase a farm in the very best part of Ontario. He even said that he intended to visit the fine stock-farm of T. C. Patteson, near Eastwood, and look that outfit over, having heard that a portion of it was in the market if a man with enough money happened along. If this be true it is more than probable that the young man brought out a goodly store of British gold with him.

And one of the strangest things about this strange murder is the fact that the body was discovered in the loneliest part of the whole County of Oxford. If Benwell's Old Country friends knew anything of the murder then how did they know of so lonely and desolate a spot to deposit the body? It would be supposed that no one but a person with a thorough knowledge of the whole neighboring country could select the Blenheim swamp as a hiding place for his ghastly victim.

There is abundant evidence to show that Benwell was not murdered where he was found. He was done for at some other point and his lifeless body driven to the swamp where it was expected it would never be found. Luckily and strangely enough it was discovered within a few hours.

Now, it is well known that Oxford is famous for its horse flesh, and Burchell claims to have dealt in this commodity in Canada for shipment to England. If this is true he may have had knowledge of various parts of Oxford, even the lonely swamp, as he must in all probability have made incursions into that great equine district. But The World reporters could not get any tidings of him as a horse dealer from prominent men in the same business who were interviewed last night. Of course he may never have extended his operations in the vicinity of the Queen City.

Be all this as it may, whether Burchell knows aught of the crime or not, whoever threw his body in that swamp was cognizant of its secluded nature.

Between Life and Death.

Very little is at present known about Benwell's movements between the time he left the Falls and the finding of his body within 72 hours afterwards. That is just what the detectives are working on now and the results of their labors will be looked forward to with much interest. It is said Detective Young of Niagara knows enough of Burchell's movements after Benwell is alleged to have left him to warrant his arrest. It is even alleged that Burchell and Benwell started west into Ontario and that Burchell afterwards returned to the Falls alone and waited over a week before he told who the murdered man really was. Can he prove an alibi?

Where was Benwell murdered and at what time? He may have been murdered in either Niagara, Hamilton, Woodstock or London and the remains driven to the swamps. It would seem that he had been dead about fifteen hours when found, and this would not be sufficient time to allow a vehicle to come further than about 40 miles at the outside, without perhaps he was shipped part of the way on a train. Another theory advanced is that he had been drugged and while being conveyed to the swamp partly recovered consciousness as two fatal bullets were put into his body.

And still another of the theories in connection with the crime, and one which is not untenable, is that the plot which was carried out to so successful an issue was matured either on the other side of the ocean or on the voyage over in the Britannic. Many things go to show that the crime was not the work of common desperadoes or of strangers; the hand that fired the fatal bullets belonged to an intimate acquaintance of the victim; one who knew him intimately and was thoroughly posted on his movements prior to the tragedy. The removal of all marks on his clothing, even to the undershirt and stockings, would seem to be prima facie evidence that the assassin had been for a time at least the companion of his victim.

Another suspicious circumstance about Burchell is that he was at the Falls a year ago and at that time was known to the proprietor of the Imperial Hotel as Somerset. His reason for changing his name to Burchell go that it would give a horsey odor to his aristocratic cognomen, Somerset, if true, is, to say the least, very strange.

Not Known as a Horse Dealer by the Toronto Guild.

Burchell, or Somerset, claims to have visited Canada frequently to purchase horses for shipment to England. Mr. Walter Grand of the Repository was spoken to last evening concerning the man and states that he does not know and never heard of him. Had he ever visited Toronto to purchase horses Mr. Grand would certainly have known him. Neither did he ever hear of him in any other part of the country. He is also unacquainted with the name of the man Pelley. While not prepared to say that Burchell's story concerning horse buying is a myth, Mr. Grand barely thinks it possible that he could have made very extensive purchases without the fact reaching his ears.

John L. Scott, the well-known horse dealer of George-street, was also seen and states that he never heard of anyone named Burchell in his business. He certainly never bought horses in this district at all events.

The Dead Man's Movements.

Feb. 5—Left Liverpool in the White Star steamship Britannic.
Feb. 14—Arrived at New York.
Feb. 16—Arrived in Buffalo.
Feb. 17—Arrived at Niagara Falls.
Feb. 18—Left Niagara Falls for London, Ont., via the Grand Trunk Railway.
Feb. 19—Burchell alleges that he gets a letter from Benwell, dated at London, Ont.
Feb. 21—Benwell's dead body found in the Blenheim swamp.
Feb. 28—Pelley starts for New York and Burchell for Princeton.
March 1—Body of Benwell identified at Princeton by Burchell.

Benwell Not an Uncommon Name.

Benwell is not an uncommon English name, especially in the south and west of England. There are many Benwells in London, both amongst commercial men and artisans. Some few years ago there was a Captain Benwell, adjutant of what was locally known as the York Militia, the proper designation of which regiment was the 2d West York Light Infantry. York has always been headquarters of the corps, though the great majority of the main hall from Sheffield, where also are a number of familes of good position whose surname is Benwell. The 2d West York Light Infantry, under the recent territorial arrangements, now forms the 3d Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment, and in the present list of officers there is no mention of Captain Benwell. This may or may not be a branch of the London family of which the murdered man was a member.

Recalling the St. Louis Tragedy.

It was on April 14, 1885, that the horribly mutilated body of a man packed in a trunk was discovered in a St. Louis hotel. A fortnight previously a gentleman had registered as "Walter H. Lennox Maxwell, M.D., London, Eng.," and he was assigned to the room in which the trunk and its gory contents were found. The head had been severed from the body, and written on the paper inside the trunk were the words: "So perish all traitors to the great cause."

Maxwell was a girlish-looking young man, a blonde with banged hair. Shortly after he arrived, a gentleman, who had previously ascertained by telegraph that Maxwell was at the hotel, registered as "C. Arthur Preller, London, Eng." He and Maxwell occupied the same room and appeared quite intimate. Maxwell left the hotel and a horrible stench led to the opening of the trunk and the finding of the mutilated body, which had literally been forced into the trunk.

From Maxwell's (alias H. M. Brooks) account he met with Preller in Liverpool, and their intimacy increased on shipboard. Preller suggested they should go together to New Zealand and Maxwell consented. Preller believed that Maxwell was a physician and he allowed the latter to perform an operation on him, whilst under chloroform. This was Maxwell's version of what led to his friend's death and the mutilation which followed. The body was placed in Maxwell's zinc trunk with the initials "W.H.L.M." on it, after which Maxwell fled. The readers of The World know how, after a lapse of over three years, Maxwell was hanged for the murder.

Tutti Frutti for a Cold.

HE WAS A SLICK 'UN.

A Bank Robber Shot Dead by an Officer in a Kansas Town.

MERIDEN, Kan., March 2.—"I'm a slick un!" Telegraph Operator Taylor heard these words addressed to him by a stranger last night while he was receiving a message at the railway station. He paid no attention to the remark until he completed the message, which read as follows:

"To the Sheriff: Hicks & Cephart's bank at Valley Falls robbed this evening of $3000. Robber unknown. Description as follows: Blonde hair and mustache, light blue eyes, five feet eleven, medium weight."

The operator looked up and nearly lost his breath when he saw standing before him the man described in the despatch. He did not reveal the fact of the recognition, but merely agreed with the stranger that he was a "slick 'un." The stranger asked where he could put up for the night. The operater directed him to a hotel where the "slick un" took a room, requesting to be called in the morning in time for the train. Police officers were notified by the operator of the stranger's arrival. They went to the hall and the stranger was called out of his room and arrested. He attempted to get out his weapons but the officers were too quick and he was shot dead. The coroner's jury returned a verdict exonerating the officers. The outlaw was searched and the stolen money recovered.

Manufacturers, by warehousing their surplus stock with Mitchell, Miller & Co., receive negotiable warehouse receipts.

Hopkins Committed for Extradition.

OTTAWA, March 1.—It was learned at the Department of Justice to-day that Oscar Hopkins, one of the recent escaped convicts from Kingston Penitentiary, has been committed for extradition at Albany, N.Y. All that is necessary is for the Washington authorities to issue papers for extradition and the prisoner will be brought back to Canada.

See the fine display of umbrellas with gold and silver handles for $2.50 at East's, 336 Yonge-street. 136

Very Important.

Early in March, if the weather keeps mild, the firm of W. & D. Dineen will pack away all their furs. Up to that time bargains will be given in seal mantles, short seal jackets, seal capes, seal muffs, fur-lined circulars and short fur wraps, beaver capes and muffs, storm collars, long boas, gents' fur coats, robes, fur gloves, fur caps of every quality, from the cheap astrachan up to the most valuable sea otter. The stock is still large, new goods being added daily from their work rooms. This firm is one of the largest importers of hats in this city. Their new stock will be opened up in a few days. The store is on corner King and Yonge-streets.

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Elegant new buffet sleeping cars leave Union Station daily, except Sunday, for New York without change by the popular West Shore Route; leave at 4.55 p.m., arrive New York 10.10 a.m. Lunches are served on these cars and every comfort and convenience known to modern travel, making a trip to New York a pleasant journey, as all tedious transfers and other annoyances of lunch counters are dispensed with. ed

BROWNING NOT A HEBREW.

THE POET A DESCENDANT OF AN ANGLO-SAXON CHIEF.

Activity of the Peace Society—Serpa Pinto Bribed by a Diplomatic Appointment to Remain Away from Lisbon—The Loss of the Steamer Quetta with 200 Souls—Cable Gossip.

[Dunlap's Cable News Agency.]

LONDON, March 1.—The Peace Society has lately been developing great activity and intends to open branches in America and Mexico It has submitted the disarming question to the Emperor of Germany and has succeeded in obtaining adhesion from the leaders of the Socialist party, the moderate politicians and many of the influential leaders of the court.

The British steamer Quetta, from Brisbane to London, struck on a rock not marked on the chart near Somerset in the Torres Straits and sank immediately. Two hundred of the passengers and crew were drowned and 100, ncluding the captain, were saved.

The Portuguese Government has offered to Serpa Pinto a diplomatic post, it is believed at Washington, on conditions that he refrains from going to Lisbon, where his presence is believed to be fraught with danger not only to the ministry but possibly even to the dynasty itself.

A serious scene occurred to-day between the Emperor and Prince Bismarck. The latter protested against unofficial influences, especially alluding to Privy Councillor Hinzpeter, the Emperor's tutor. The Iron Chancellor presented as his ultimatum: "Your Majesty must choose between Councillor Hinzpeter and Chancellor Bismarck."

Louis E. Michel, the Communist, has just sold the libretto of a comic opera called "Vie Dans La Lune" for 2000 francs. The story hinges on the supposition that all the female inhabitants of the moon are dead of "la grippe" except two old hags and in consequence our satellite is threatened with utter depopulation till suddenly an air ship freighted with beautiful damsels arrives in triumph and everything is serene again. The dialog and lyrics are said to be clever and witty.

Balfour's Rent Collector.

A comic feature of the St. Pancras election yesterday was the appearance of a huge machine shaped like a battering ram of the middle ages and drawn slowly through the streets of the electoral district on a long wagon and labeled "Balfour's Rent Collector."

The controversy which has excited so much interest since the death of Robert Browning, viz., whether he was descended from Jewish ancestors, has been settled in the negative. Dr. Frederick T. Furneva, the president of the new Shakespeare Society and founder of the Browning and Shelley Societies, has been making researches into the poet's ancestry and says that he is directly descended from an Anglo-Saxon chieftain named Brun. The family for centuries consisted of yeomen and Robert Browning's grandfather was an innkeeper.

American ladies in Paris have been forced to give up walking in the streets owing to the continual arrest of respectable women by officious policemen. Lately a leading actress, a waitress and the wife of an English clergyman were arrested and dragged through the streets to the police office.

Now that Victor Morier is out of immediate danger it has been allowed to transpire that his shooting was not the result of an accident but was done with suicidal intent. It appears that Victor was infatuated with an English married lady of high birth related to a member of the embassy who is spending her first winter in St. Petersburg. His hopeless passion preying on his mind made him despondent. Colonel Herbert, a military attache, entered his room at the moment that Victor was about to blow out his brains and tried to wrench the revolver from his hand. The pistol, however, went off and the ball entered Morier's side.

M. Constan's Resignation.

There was a violent scene in the Cabinet Council at Paris to-day at the conclusion of which M. Constans, Minister of the Interior, resigned his portfolio. Later M. Constans was interviewed and said: "I have resigned because I disagreed with the President of the Council on the acceptance of the German Emperor's invitation to the Berlin labor conference. I am a Frenchman and I hope a thorough patriot. I could not become a party to the acceptance of Germany's proffer, which I regard as adding insult to injury." Three other members of the Cabinet are expected to follow his example. M. Constans has received a despatch from General Boulanger, his greatest enemy, saying: "Thanks, Constans. You have done France great service."

The Duke of Bedford has built a private cremation furnace on his own grounds for the purpose of cremating the dead of his own family and will shortly erect a temple for the preservation of the memorial urns to contain the ashes of the dead at Woburn Abbey.

As the inward bound train for Palermo was crossing a wild, desolate tract of country the carriages were suddenly invaded by a troop of most ferocious looking bandits who held up the passengers and robbed them of $3400 in money and all their valuables. The fact that the robbery was committed while the train was at full speed and also that no stoppage was made afterwards aroused the suspicions of the victims, who discovered that the terrible bandits were neither more nor less than the train hands. Plucking up courage at this the passengers arrested the train men and recovered their money and jewelry, while consigning the masqueraders to jail in Palermo.

Earl Spencer Talks.

LONDON, March 1.—Earl Spencer, speaking at Wolverton to-day, reproved The Times for its gullibility in swallowing so readily Pigott's forged letters, which were in fact the backbone of all its charges. He said that whenever during the last 15 years enquiry into the doings or sayings of anybody connected with Dublin Castle had elicited any communication from Pigott, what he said had always been found to be unreliable. He related many incidents of Pigott's attempts to obtain money for pretended information while he himself was Lord-Lieutenant. He said: "If the Gladstonians are now worthy of blame for their alliance with the Parnell party the Tories were also worthy of blame for the alliance of 1885 and 1886 and for the present offers of local government to Ireland." He believed that posterity would regard Mr. Parnell as one of the greatest reformers of the generation.

Young Lincoln Much Better.

LONDON, March 1.—Young Lincoln is speedily recovering from the shock and other effects of the last operation. All the serious phases of the case are greatly mitigated today.

A Glorious Time at Kilkenny.

DUBLIN, March 1.—Father Kinsella and 15 others, imprisoned for their actions at Clongery, have been released. Kilkenny had a glorious time over it.

Ship Carpenters on Strike.

LONDON, March 1.—The carpenters employed in nine shipyards on the Thames have struck for an advance of 6d. per day.

M. Constans' Place Filled.

PARIS, March 1.—M. Bourgeois has accepted the portfolio of Minister of the Interior in place of M. Constans, resigned.

He Desires to Lead.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Mr. Smalley cables to The Tribune from London: Lord Randolph Churchill has marched over into the temperance camp, bag and baggage. Sir Wilfred Lawson and Mr. Caine hail him as something more than a recruit or an ally; they accept his as a leader. He has prepared a bill of which both these eminent experts say that no better temperance bill was ever presented in the House of Commons. It confers upon local authorities a direct veto upon licenses, and contains not a single word about compensation. "If," says Mr. Caine, "I could see that bill a law to-morrow, I would not ask for a single word to be altered." But Lord Randolph's attitude on this and other social questions has brought down on his head some of the heaviest Tory thunder. He is once more reminded in an article that has every mark of inspiration how far he has wandered from the true fold, how the confidence of the party and the public is shaken, and how remote are his chances of returning to office by the path he is now pursuing. Lord Randolph minds all this as little as ever. He is bent on eight-hour legislation and other social legislation, beside temperance, and is convinced that social questions are uppermost; as probably they are. He expects once more to take the lead of his party, whether in or out of office, he cares little. What he cares for is to lead.

Chicago's London Boom.

LONDON, March 2.—Chichago may henceforward consider itself a rising city. The Times says it is and expresses the opinion that in the beauty and solidity of its building the new Chicago may court comparison with any community. What the result of such a comparison would be, this journal does not tell us. Englishmen respect success and Chicago's triumph over New York about the World's Fair has called forth a column of panegyric. New York has become all at once a second-rate city. "That supremacy, social and commercial, which New York has always claimed is challenged, and would seem to have passed to its young rival in the West." Albany is responsible. Most Englishmen took for granted that New York would have the World's Fair, "notwithstanding the strange exhibition of vacillation, vanity and self-seeking at Albany." But people on this side of the Atlantic do not, if you believe, The Times, much mind whether New York or Chicago be finally chosen; no, not though this eulogist of Chicago believes that city to be 36 hours from New York—or perhaps that New York is 36 hours from Chicago.

SEALED WITH THE RING.

Archbishop Cleary's Appointment Received—The New Diocese.

KINGSTON, March 1.—Three documents sealed under "the ring of the Fisherman" have reached here from Rome. One divides the ecclesiastical province of Toronto, separating it from the diocese of Kingston and Peterboro, whose territory is constituted a new province, with Kingston for its metropolis, to which the diocese of Peterboro and the new diocese that shall be created in the eastern part of Keewatin territory are assigned as suffragan sees. The second document appoints Most Rev. James Vincent Cleary Archbishop of the Metropolitan of Kingston.

The third document, which is dated Jan. 21, 1890, canonically erects the new diocese, defining its territory to be the civil counties of Glengarry and Stormont united with Cornwall, having for boundary the River St. Lawrence on the south, the civil province of Quebec on the east, the counties of Prescott and Russell with part of Carleton on the north and the county of Dundas on the west. Alexandria, the chief town in Glengarry, is made the episcopal see, from which the diocese takes its name and the bishop his title.

THE P.E.I. POISONING CASE.

Mrs. Sutherland's Evidence Taken—Not on Good Terms with the Prisoner.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., March 1.—The examination into the poisoning case was resumed this morning at the residence of Mr. Sutherland. Mrs. Sutherland testified that the bottle of whisky in which arsenic was found was brought home by Mr. Sutherland, who opened it, took a glass himself and gave one to his mother.

Regarding Mrs. Weeks she said: "I was on good terms with her at one time and went out visiting and driving with her. Have not spoken to her for a year. She has not been visiting here for a year. I left off the visiting. She at one time used to send me cakes of different kinds, once soup, also ale. The last she sent was chow-chow. I sent it back. That was a year ago. I drank some of the soup, so did Miss Sutherland. Had diarrhoea some time afterwards and Miss Sutherland vomiting."

THE DEAD.

Sir Edward Baines Passes Away at a Ripe Old Age.

LONDON, March 2.—The death is announced of Sir Edward Baines, proprietor of The Leeds Mercury, one of the most influential Liberal organs in the north of England.

[Sir Edward Baines, who received the honor of knighthood in 1880, whilst Mr. Gladstone was Prime Minister, was during his long life an earnest worker and writer on behalf of education and popular progress. Sprung from the humblest ranks he was entitled to speak in the name of working men, for whose benefit he was one of the prominent advocates of mechanics' institutes. It was for these services and a uniform support of Liberal principles and measures that the knighthood was conferred. Sir Edward was a Nonconformist in religion, a staunch supporter of Congregationalism and of the temperance movement. He was born in 1800, was member of Parliament for Leeds from 1859 to 1874. He was the author of a number of works bearing upon the industrial progress and commerce of the nation.]

Mr. Richard Wigmore Dead.

LONDON, Ont., March 1.—To-day there died here one of the best known residents, Mr. Richard Wigmore. He had been for seventeen years chief of police here, up till about a dozen years ago, when he became police court clerk. A short time ago he was taken with a cancer in the neck, and from the effects of this he never recovered. He had many friends throughout Western Ontario who will hear of his death with deep regret. He leaves a widow and several children, two of the latter residing in Toronto.

James E. English is dead at New Haven, Conn. He was a Congressman from 1861 to 1865, Governor from 1867 to 1871, United States Senator from 1873 to 1877. Mr. English was immensely wealthy.

Champion Tennis Players Matched.

BOSTON, March 2.—Arrangements are about completed for the professional Court tennis championship of the world between champion Pettit and Charles Saunders of England. The meeting is to take place in Dublin for not less than $2500 a side.

Close buyers do not fail to see our $13.50 and $16 bedroom sets. Cash or credit, one price either way. C. F. Adams' Home-Furnishing House, 179 Yonge-street. 136

The Supposed Silcott.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 1.—The Sheriff arrived here to-day with the man arrested at Toledo yesterday supposed to be Silcott. He gives the name of E. E. Thayer and is apparently attempting to conceal his identity. He claims to have been a resident of Washington, D.C., and to have known Silcott.

Art in Dress.

Three coats you should have in your wardrobe, the Prince Albert, the conventional dress coat and the dress sack. Taylor & Co., Art Tailors, 89 Yonge-street. 136

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Call and secure bargains at the clearing sale of furniture, upholstered goods, mixed and woven wire mattrasses. The People's Furniture Warerooms, 161 Yonge-street.

BIRTHS.

HARPER—On Sunday evening, March 2, the wife of Richard Harper, supt. of agencies, Ætna Life, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

SPENCE—At his residence, 613 King-street west, on the 1st of March, William Spence, in his 64th year.

Funeral on Monday, 3rd March, at 2½ p.m. Friends will accept this notice.

THE LATEST BY LIGHTNING

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS AND SPARKS FROM THE CABLE.

Chicago's Board of Trade Declares War on the Bucket Shops—Bears Raid the Berlin Boerse—The Pope's Eightieth Birthday—Greek Legislators Fighting Over the Estimates.

Emin Pasha has arrived at Zanzibar.

Doctor Hereira Obes has been elected President of Uruguay.

The fire in the Cameron mine at Shamokin, Pa., is beyond all control.

Austria and Hungary will send separate delegations to the Berlin conference.

Premier Tirard tendered his resignation, but President Carnot refused to accept it.

A heavy northeast snow storm prevails Sunday night on the Massachusetts coast.

Lord Salisbury has returned to London. He is much stronger than when he went away.

Pope Leo XIII. was 80 years old Sunday and to-day is the 20th anniversary of his coronation.

A despatch from St. Petersburg reports the discovery of a fresh Nihilist conspiracy to commit outrage.

The big smelting organizations of the United States have formed a trust with a capital of $25,000,000.

At Iowa City, Ia., Sunday, fire in Denecke & Gelter's drygoods house destroyed the entire stock, loss $30,000.

At St. Augustine, Fla., the thermometer Saturday night went down to 32. The weather is the coldest this season.

At a meeting of 800 miners at Essen a resolution was adopted opposing the demand for a 50 per cent. advance in wages.

A blinding snow storm reminding New York of the famous blizzard two years ago set in about 9 o'clock Sunday night.

Gill & Forrest's roller mill at Hillsboro, N.D., burned Sunday morning with two cars of wheat on a side track; loss $50,000.

Mr. Chamberlain writes that he believes free education will be conferred by the present Government before Parliament is dissolved.

A despatch from Brisbane says the Quetta had 280 souls on board, of whom 116 were saved, including the captain and several officers.

Severe snow storms and frost are reported in Kingston and in various parts of Europe. Among the regions so visited are Rome and the Riveria.

The delegates to the International American Conference are beginning to talk about final adjournment which will probably take place about April 1.

The first hard freeze of the winter in Georgia occurred Sunday morning. Vegetation was killed. Light snow fell in the forenoon, the first for years.

The bears made a raid on mining, industrial and banking shares on the Berlin boerse last week. Rumors that failures were imminent heightened the prevalent alarm.

The St. Petersburg Grashdanin comments on what it considers the lack of wisdom shown by the powers that have consented to take part in the labor conference at Berlin.

Reports from Northern Texas say hundreds of range cattle have been frozen to death during the present cold spell, and unless the weather speedily moderates the loss will be very severe.

Emperor William was so anxious to learn the results of the elections in Berlin that he asked Mayor Forckenbeck to telegraph directly to the palace immediately on receipt of the returns.

The Chicago Board of Trade directors have decided to abolish on March 31 its system of gathering and disseminating quotations. This is regarded as a blow at the bucket shops.

Although business on the London stock exchange continues dull the prospect of cheaper money improves. The general tone and investment dealings show a slight increase. American railroads continue neglected.

At Stillwater, Minn., August Croth cut his wife's throat with a razor, killing her, and then committed suicide with the razor. The murderer left a note stating his wife had confessed that she was seduced by a policeman in Germany.

The Greek Chamber of Deputies, which has been considering the Budget, was compelled by the obstinate attitude of the Opposition to sit all Saturday night and until 10 o'clock Sunday morning in order to pass the estimates.

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On His Road Back West.

Fred