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Millinery Specials For Saturday

The hats this season probably more than in previous season show the skill of the millinery trimmers and designers. They are made in our workrooms from the wire foundations up to the last bit of trimming. We have the cleverest milliners, and the most skilled trimmers that we can get, and the productions of our department are recognised as the most correct and stylish types of the latest New York styles.

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ADVERTISE IN THE PLANET

MOST HORRIBLE CRIME DANGEROUS MEN AT THE JAIL

Murder Facts Almost Too Revolting to Describe.

Mill Hand Named Desroche Kills His Wife and Her Daughter, Annie Prisk, With Axe and Knife at Penetang—He Then Traveled Over to Midland Where He Took Situation as Mill Hand.

Midland, April 14.—A small log shanty, situated near the first bridge, on the north side of Penetang, near the Grand Trunk Railway tracks, was the scene of one of the most brutal murders that has ever been committed in Simcoe County. The crime occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock on Wednesday night. The facts of the case are almost too revolting to describe.

About 8 o'clock on the night in question, a Frenchman, by the name of Desroche, who had been working with a farmer across the bay, returned home and found the house locked up. He commenced splitting wood in the yard, and in a few minutes his step-daughter, Annie Prisk, came along and enquired where her mother was. Desroche answered that he did not know. The girl evidently had an idea as to where she was, however, and proceeded to a neighbor's house. On her way she met her mother coming home, and as she entered the house it appeared from the evidence given by the prisoner, Desroche, his wife commenced to use abusive language towards him and he became enraged.

Mid the Bodies. Grabbing an axe he dealt the woman a blow over the head, and struck her again as she lay upon the ground. He then turned his attention to the girl, but upon striking her the axe handle broke. He then unlocked the door and dragged the bodies into the house, where he secured another axe and proceeded to finish his horrible work which he had begun in the yard. He struck them both again to make sure that both were dead; he then stripped them of all clothing, and taking out a large jack-knife, he stabbed them both in the throat.

Having completed the work of killing, he proceeded to hide his victims under the house. He commenced by cleaning up the house by washing all the blood off the floor and concealing the clothes in the cellar. He then left the house and started for Midland.

Matters remained in this shape until early yesterday morning, when James Prisk, a step-son, about 18 years old, who was working at one of the literary stables in the town, returned home for his breakfast. He noticed blood-stains on the kitchen floor and at once went to the neighbors. An investigation took place, but as they could find nothing but a few blood spots, evidently did not think that anything serious had happened. The son got his own breakfast and went back to work.

Shortly after, however, a neighbor who had been called thought he would look round again, and while searching, opened the cellar door, where he discovered the blood-stained clothing. He gave the alarm and the authorities about 9 o'clock.

The search for Desroche revealed the fact that he had taken a situation in one of the mill yards in Midland. He was arrested there yesterday afternoon and taken back to Penetang. At the coroner's investigation in the afternoon he gave the story as above, and after the post-mortem, which took place last night, he was committed to Her Majesty's Jail.

Had Frequent Quarrels. Desroche is a thick-set Frenchman, below the average standard of intelligence, and it is stated that he was given to acting strangely, but he was never known to be violent. Yesterday he admitted having been drinking. The family had frequent quarrels, but the prisoner stated that he had never threatened or had any idea of doing harm. The dead girl is about 14 years of age.

A Cool Criminal. Desroches, tells his story as calmly as another would tell of killing a chicken. He was perfectly composed when he told the details to the coroner's jury. He does not explain the fact that he undressed the bodies, except to say that "he did not know what he was doing." His wife had some reputation as a shrew, and upon her return with her daughter she is believed to have attacked him so viciously that his temper got out of control. There is a story current that the mother had appealed to a constable for protection in behalf of her daughter, upon whom the stepfather had designs, but it is generally discounted.

The people are of the dread of the town, and with them education and morality are at a discount. When the stepson, Joseph Prisk, came to the neighbors and confessed to having quarrelled suspiciously, naturally fell on him, but the arrest of Desroches in Midland speedily lifted the cloud.

Burned to Death. Caledonia, April 14.—The seven-year-old daughter of Mr. Simon, a member of the St. Napoléon, was burned to death on the reserve near Burn yesterday. She had been sent to burn down some old grass by her father, who was too busy. Her clothes caught fire.

The question of rent keeps many a man on the move. Heaven sends us misfortune as a moral tonic.

Two Unfortunate Lunatics who should be Cared for by Government Regulation

Bad Practice which went on for Years Under Ross Regime—Dr. Fleming has a Close Call

The attention of the Government should be directed to the fact that there are two men of unsound mind confined in the county jail. At times these unfortunate inmates prove dangerous, and the matter should have immediate attention.

It is, too, a great injustice to the men themselves, who are confined as ordinary prisoners and consequently not receiving the treatment which their case calls for. Both inmates in question have been examined by medical men and pronounced unsafe to be at large.

The two men in question are Percy McIntyre and George A. Wilkins. McIntyre was first committed from Highgate for disorderly conduct and creating a disturbance in that village. He was subsequently released only to be again incarcerated for attempting to break up a children's production at the Opera House. Wilkins was committed from Tilbury, where he caused a wild time one night and was considered dangerous to be at large.

Wilkins threatened to kill his father and mother on the evening of April 10—a threat which he had often made. He also made an attack with a knife upon an officer of the law.

The inadvisability of retaining these two men at the jail was further evidenced yesterday. In company with Governor John Davidson, Dr. Fleming visited the ward in which they were confined for the purpose of further examining Wilkins. While the examination was proceeding McIntyre stealthily approached and with a last rush aimed an ugly blow at Dr. Fleming's head.

Fortunately, Dr. Davidson was on the alert and hurriedly pulled the doctor to the side and he was hurriedly escorted to safety, locking the bars behind them.

For years past this practice of confining lunatics in the county jail has continued, notwithstanding the fact that a time ago it is hoped the new Attorney-General, Mr. Whitney, will take prompt and proper steps to have the abuse stopped.

\$50,000

East Kent's Popular Member will Appeal for Generous Grant to Needed Improvements

We understand that our representative is asking the Government for \$50,000 to be used for further improving Bondi Bay Park and providing proper accommodations for the public. It is to be hoped that he will be successful in receiving a grant of half that amount. Ridgeway correspondent in St. Thomas Journal.

James Bay Railway Bill.

Ottawa, April 14.—The Railway Committee of the House of Commons passed the bill amending the James Bay Railway Act to build its extension from Toronto to Ottawa, and thence to Hawkesbury, thence down the north shore to the Island of Montreal, where the line is to branch so as to enter the city from the northeast and the southwest. A second extension is from the French River to Ottawa and a road from Sudbury to Port Arthur. Construction must be commenced within three years.

Found Drowned in a Wagon.

Calgary, April 14.—Mystery surrounds the death of Daniel Campbell, a rancher whose body was found floating in a slough near Moorehouse Wednesday. The corpse was lying in a wagon box, and the vehicle and the horse were nearby. A post-mortem indicated that death resulted from drowning, but how that could occur and the man be left in the wagon box is a mystery. Campbell was in Calgary during the day. He was 30 years of age and had resided in Alberta many years.

Long Overdue Satchel in N.Y.

New York, April 14.—After nearly five months on a voyage which should have been completed in a week, the little British schooner "Leona" arrived here yesterday from Bottswoodville, N.B. She had been blown nearly halfway across the Atlantic.

Sultan Rejects French Plans.

London, April 14.—The correspondent at Tangier of The Daily Telegraph reports that the Sultan of Morocco has definitely rejected the French reform demands, directing that they must be referred to the signatories of the Madrid convention.

J. H. Magee, of Tilbury, is a Chatham visitor to day.

Happiness is found frequently in the most commonplace occurrences.

He that wins against his conscience sins with a witness.

TO BIND COLONIAL TIE

British Liberals' First Act Will Be to Make Friends.

Lord Rosebery Voices a Regret for the Past Unsympathetic Relations of the Liberals to the Colonies, But Hopes for Better Things—Chamberlain and Balfour to Meet to End Party Civil War.

London, April 14.—(C. A. P.)—Presiding at the annual banquet of the Liberal League in the Hotel Cecil, Lord Rosebery said he believed and hoped the Liberal Government when it came into power would make it its very first business to be animated throughout by that spirit which is necessary to bring the Liberal Party once more into close and intimate relations with every part of the Empire. It would be useless to ignore the fact that the Liberal party in past years, not altogether owing to its own faults, had got out of sympathy in its relations with the Colonies. (Cries of "No, no.") Considering that all the Colonies were essentially Liberal in their sympathies, and that the Liberal Government was a subject for melancholy consideration and for ardent hope that the tie which should exist between Liberals and the Colonies was not so close as it ought to be.

He hoped the new Government in season and out of season would not flag in its efforts at establishing the connection between Liberal party at home and their fellow subjects in the Colonies.

Speaking on the same occasion Right Hon. Henry Asquith urged Liberals to keep their powder dry for the free trade battle. They were fighting for the commercial prosperity of the country, and more important still its unity.

To End the Civil War. London, April 14.—(C. A. P.)—A great effort is being made to lessen the breach existing between the Chamberlaines and Balfourites. At a private meeting held Wednesday in the House of Commons, some 150 followers were presided over by Mr. Chamberlain.

In an official statement which has been issued, it is said that a statement presenting the views of the tariff reformers was unanimously adopted, and a deputation appointed to convey the statement to the Prime Minister, which deputation Mr. Chamberlain will personally conduct.

Members are somewhat reticent as to what actually took place at the meeting. It is possible that taxation of imports for revenue purposes, both as a means of effective retaliation and of granting a Colonial preference will be indicated.

This is on the lines of Mr. Balfour's now almost famous half sheet of note-paper, but until the deputation is received nothing will be known for a certainty. Consequently, the result is looked forward to with much interest.

The feeling among the Unionists is that it will go far to end the civil war.

Australia's Protest. London, April 14.—(C. A. P.)—A Parliamentary paper just issued contains a communication from the Governor-General of Australia to the Colonial Secretary, dated November 7, 1904, complaining of the hardship caused by the non-recognition in Great Britain of the legality of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and asking that a measure should be passed to remedy the matter.

Mr. Lytton's reply was that the suggestion would receive the most careful consideration. They've Learned the Lesson. London, April 14.—(C. A. P.)—The first of the children's courts, as they exist in Canada and other Colonies, was opened at Birmingham yesterday.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PLAN.

How She Obtains Measure of Justice From Belligerents. London, April 14.—In the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Reay (Liberal) asked if President Roosevelt's invitation to the powers to send representatives to a peace conference would be accepted, and whether the question of contraband of war would be brought before the conference.

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, replying, said the invitation had been accepted without hesitation. The Government had placed itself in President Roosevelt's hands with a reservation merely as to the subjects which might be submitted to the conference. All the other powers had similarly accepted.

He added that the position of the powers was most unsatisfactory in regard to many questions of international law. The only method a neutral power could adopt when at variance with one of two belligerents, short of resorting to means which he would rather not contemplate was to follow the example of Great Britain, press the views as strongly as possible and make frequent protests.

Among other subjects which it was most desirable to discuss was the danger from floating mines, the new and terrible development of modern warfare. In fact, it was very desirable that a general agreement should be reached among the powers on all the points raised.

TARTARS AND ARMENIANS.

Ugly Feeling is Developing and Latter Have Been Attacked.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Despatches received here from Tiflis say that the peasant agitation is spreading quickly and widely through the Caucasus, and that the disturbances are forcing all peasants to participate in the pillaging and destruction of schools and public buildings by threats of bodily injury.

Troops have been sent to quell the disorders. Among the residents of the cities of the Caucasus a renewal of the ugly feeling between Armenians and Tartars is being manifested and Armenians in several instances have been attacked in revenge for alleged assaults on the natives.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

Continued in the Legislature by Messrs. Carscallen, Pense and Gamney—Cut Out of the Bag.

Toronto, April 14.—A magnificent bouquet of American beauty roses, sent by an unknown admirer of the member for Manitoulin, decorated the desk of that gentleman yesterday. It had been announced that Mr. Gamney would speak on the budget at an evening session, but as about 40 of the members were invited to dine with the Lieutenant-Governor, it was decided that the House would rise at 6 o'clock. The galleries were nearly empty though the contributions of Mr. Carscallen, of Hamilton, and Mr. Pense, of Kingston, were well worth listening to. Mr. Gamney had the floor from 5.55 to 6, and will go on this afternoon, when it is expected a large crowd of visitors will be present.

Drift of the Speakers. Mr. Carscallen was really a clever speech. He indulged in no clap-trap, but made an effective argument from the point of view of the Provincial Treasurer. He scored the old regime in strong but inoffensive language, and showed the need for the reforms outlined in the speech from the Throne.

The Kingston member made a good deal out of the education policy of the Government and urged that a liberal policy towards the great seats of learning be adopted. Incidentally he commended the appointment of Dr. Fyfe as Minister of Education.

Mr. Gamney did not forget his first chance of reminding his political opponents of the great change in the affairs of the two parties, but he hurried past this part of his speech and when the hour of 6 arrived was well into New Ontario affairs.

Cut Out of the Bag. Once during his speech Mr. Gamney let the cat out of the bag when he said he was not in the secrets of the Government and did not expect to be. He will continue this afternoon.

Bills Read a First Time. The following bills were introduced: Mr. Aubin—To incorporate the R. C. Church of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Dargavel—To provide for the division of the Townships of Front and Yonge and Enoch.

Mr. Crawford—Respecting the City of Toronto. To provide for the dehorning of cattle.

Mr. Clancy (Contag Bruce)—To further amend the Pharmacy Act.

Dr. Jessop—Respecting John T. Thompson, W. B. Smith and H. W. Fairlie.

Mr. Auld—Respecting the Windsor Gas Co.

Mr. Craig—To amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Mahaffy—Relating to the Iron-ore, Bancroft and Ottawa Railway.

Factory Inspector Removed. John Argue, of Cart, Carleton County, has been appointed factory inspector in place of O. A. Rocque, removed. The former Minister of Agriculture asked that Mr. Rocque be retained, but the request was not complied with.

Railway Asks Land Grant. The Ontario Government has been memorialized by the Town Council of Bruce Mines to make a grant of land to the Bruce Mines & Algoma Railway for its proposed extension northward through undeveloped territory.

Municipalities Beware. At the private bills committee yesterday, Chairman Carscallen strongly denounced the practice among municipalities of spending money which had not been voted and then coming to the Legislature for an act to consolidate their floating debt and issue debentures. He said they would not be allowed to come here to get these invalid debts fixed up. This pronouncement was provoked by an application by the Town of Meaford, which had spent \$10,000 in buying land for the G. T. R. and extending the streets. Mr. Harcourt supported the bill, which passed.

Debts of Civil Servants.

Toronto, April 14.—An order-in-council was recently passed approving of the following regulations, which have accordingly been put in operation at the Parliament buildings:

"Failure personally to attend to and supervise the duties of his office or position by a public officer or servant shall be sufficient cause for removal from office."

"The incurring of debts by officers or clerks of the civil service, which they are unable to pay, by reason of living beyond their means, or otherwise, shall be a sufficient cause for removal from office, and the giving of orders upon the treasury by such officers or clerks, unless previously authorized so to do by the treasurer in writing, is prohibited."



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