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WOMAN MURDERED AND THROWN INTO JERSEY POND

Victim Was Comely and Such of Her Clothing as Found Was of Fine Texture

Crime Evidently Committed on Lonely Spot on Hackensack Meadows—Night Watchman Identifies Body as One Who Passed Him in Company With a Man Late at Night, and an Hour Later He Returned Carrying a Big Bundle.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 26.—A murder combining the elements of mystery and deliberate cruelty, which took its toll of the ordinary, was committed on the Hackensack Meadows in the town of Harrison early today, and the nude body of the victim, a comely woman of perhaps 30 years was nearly submerged in the icy waters of a little pond. Only the feet projected when chance passers-by broke the ice in which the exposed portions were incased and dragged the body ashore this afternoon.

The dead woman was finely featured; her hair and nails gave evidence of a recent and scrupulous toilet and such of her clothing as was subsequently found suggested in texture and style, an owner of refinement, rather than one whose habits might lead her to frequent the vicinity of the crime. The pond in which the body was thrown is made by the overflow from the Passaic River, and is directly across the river from this city. The body had not been identified tonight. Its description does not correspond with that of any woman reported to the police as missing.

Two men who reported a yacht moored near where the body was found, are detained by the police, but the most important clue obtained was furnished tonight by Peter Coogan, a watchman employed by the Marine Engine Company, who recognized the body as that of a woman whom he had seen crossing the meadows in company with a man early today. Later he saw the man alone. He then carried a bundle in his arms. The man was short and stout. Coogan, whose duties keep him in the neighborhood of the murder, told the police:

"While out-duties at 2 o'clock this morning, I saw this woman in company with a man cross the meadows, going in the direction of the pond. They passed so near me that I am able to recognize the woman's features. Some time later, perhaps an hour, the man returned and again passed me, this time going in the direction from which the two had come when I first saw them. This time the man was alone. In his arms he carried a bundle which he had not had before. In build he was short and thick."

Coogan could not give a better description of the man.

Two girls returning to their homes in

QUEBEC HAS A SENSATION

Woman Dead from Poison and Husband Marries Another

MURDER SUSPECTED

Omer Rochette Accused of Killing Wife in Order to Collect Life Insurance and Incidentally to Wed Another—Both Have Fled.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Quebec, Dec. 26.—Without the presence of Omer Rochette, the husband who is suspected of having poisoned his wife to wed another woman, and incidentally procure the insurance made payable to him, the deferred inquest on the body of Marie Plamondon, his wife, was opened this morning at the morgue, and the evidence adduced corroborated the sensational rumour which has been the general topic of conversation in the city during weeks past, and proved conclusively that the deceased woman died from arsenical poisoning.

Dr. Marois, who made the examination in company with Rev. Mr. Flon, professor of chemistry at Laval, testified, Tests revealed the existence of a minute quantity of two grains of arsenic in the stomach, which while further quantities of the deadly drug were found in the intestines. The heart, lungs and other organs of the deceased seemed to be sound, which permitted of no other conclusion but that she died from arsenical poisoning.

Rochette has left the city with the woman he married a few days ago, and his wife's mysterious death, and was last heard from in the vicinity of Winnipeg.

WILL NOT HURRY THE GRAND TRUNK

Railway Commission Gives Them Time to Appeal Two-Cent Order.

NOSSE FAREWELLS

Japanese Consul Departed from Ottawa Thursday Homeward Bound—Has Pleasant Things to Say About Canada, and Hopes to Return.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The railway commission has decided to give the G. T. R. until March 1st to appeal to the supreme court of the privy council in the case of Robertson vs. the G. T. R., that is to say, the enforcement of a two-cent rate and the placing of third class cars on the company's line between Montreal and Toronto. The decision of the commission prepared by Judge Killam and approved by the other commissioners is as follows:

"The order in this case was issued without communication of a draft to the parties. The details were settled by the board. No time was allowed after final depositing of an appeal to the supreme court for the arrangement of steps to be taken in force, although the order directed that tariffs should be prepared and filed. Necessarily some period of time was required in order to prepare for the new service."

"While I do not feel any doubt as to the correctness of my conclusions, the question of law involved and while that conclusion has been unanimously affirmed by the supreme court of Canada, I cannot say that the argument for the railway company was so frivolous or unreasonable that the judicial committee of the privy council will not give leave to appeal."

"If we were asked to postpone for a very long period the operation of the order it might not be proper to do so but the railway company expects to have its application to the judicial committee heard in February and as some time ought to be given to the company to make preparations for dealing with the order I think we might reasonably direct that the order shall not take effect until the first of March next."

Jap Consul Starts for Home.

Mr. Nosse, the Japanese consul-general, left tonight for Japan. Before leaving he said that his relations with the Ottawa authorities were of the most friendly character.

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WANTS GERMANY TO SEEK TRADE TREATY WITH CANADA

Berlin Paper Advocates a Change of Tactics or They May Lose a Great Chance in the Dominion.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Dec. 26.—A special London cable says: The Bosen Courier of Berlin publishes a leading article on trade with Canada, urging a change in tactics on the part of the German government. It regrets that not the slightest reference is made to Canada in prolonging the provisional commercial arrangement with England until the end of 1908, which has just become law.

"If we continue our present policy in respect of our commercial relations with Canada," it remarks, "we run the risk of being left very far behind in the race for trade with this large country, which contains almost inconceivable possibilities of development. The interests of German trade and industry demand most urgently that the German government shall now do something towards renewing German-Canadian commercial relations."

TERRIBLE CHRISTMAS GREETING FOR FAMILY

Woman and Children Arrived Home to Find Husband and Father a Corpse—Remorse for Spree Caused His Suicide.

Johnston, Pa., Dec. 26.—Frank Amos, of Hastings (Pa.), near here, made despondent because he had broken a temperance pledge, shot and killed himself, probably Sunday night, but the fact was not known until late yesterday, when his wife and children, coming home from Clearfield county, for a Christmas celebration, found his corpse.

Maine Man Suicides.

Auburn, Me., Dec. 26.—Arsene Parent, aged 25, was found dead this afternoon by his wife. There was a bullet wound in his temple and in his hand was a .44 calibre revolver. The man had been in poor health for some time. The coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary.

BRUTAL MURDER BY ENGLISHMAN

Aged Brampton, Ont., Man Shot Dead by Immigrant Employee

ATTACKED SON

Desperate Struggle for Mastery Ensued Before Young Curry Was Able to Beat the Murderer Into Submission.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 26.—William Curry, aged about 80 years, one of the most respected citizens of Peel county, was murdered at his residence in Toronto town-ship Christmas night. The tragedy occurred at the home of the murdered man's son, James Curry, ex-reeve of Toronto township, who himself was feiled by the assailant and somewhat seriously injured.

William Curry, the dead man; James Curry, his son, and a hired man, John Terrier, of Newcastle-on-Tyne (Eng.), were sitting in the dining room on the evening of Christmas night. At 9 o'clock the senior Curry retired to his bedroom, which opens off the dining room. A few minutes afterwards Terrier got up stretched himself and said: "Well, I think I'll go to bed, too." Then he walked over to the corner and picked up a double barreled shot gun. Turning suddenly on James Curry, the only other occupant of the room, he aimed the gun at him and said: "You—you laughed at me when we were fixing the pump the other day. It's my turn now."

At that moment Curry, senior, who had been in bed in the adjoining bedroom, hearing the angry words, appeared at the door of his room clad only in his night clothes. "Put down that gun, don't make a fool of yourself," he cried to the hired man. Instantly the man turned on him and fired. The charge struck him in the breast and being close range made a terrible wound. He died almost instantly. Terrier then turned his aim again on the son, who jumped at him and knocked the barrel upwards, the charge going into the ceiling.

A hand to hand fight for life ensued.

Mr. Curry, senior, who was apparently his own conqueror, was hit and striking Curry over the head knocked him down. Curry, however, was able to grasp his antagonist around the legs. He also secured a poker and eventually beat the man into submission.

DIED OF LOCKJAW AS HE PREDICTED

Famous Chicago Expert Arranged His Worldly Affairs Knowing He Was Doomed.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Dr. Joseph F. Piesen, a department superintendent, employed by a Chicago packing firm, died tonight of lockjaw, resulting from a fracture of the nose, which he received while on duty. Dr. Piesen fell down a stairway in the laboratory of the packing plant. The skin over the nose was broken and the wound became infected with tetanus germs.

On Christmas eve, the physician was suddenly stricken with lockjaw. He diagnosed his own case, and with the aid of a pencil and paper directed his family to send him to a hospital. He then sent for a lawyer and made his will. During his illness he was constantly joined with the hospital physicians in their consultations and expressed the opinion several days ago that he could not recover. The immediate cause of death was heart failure, following a convulsion.

Dr. Piesen indicated by signs to physicians at his bedside in the Chicago Baptist Hospital, that he realized that the attack of lockjaw from which he was suffering would prove fatal and urged them to end his life with a drug.

The surgeons about him, mused as they were to the sufferings of others, heeded the dumb appeal of the man of science, probably more skilled in the effects of the disease which had seized him, than any other man in the country, and then turned away for fear that they might grant his wish. Before the verdict of the dying man on his own life they were silenced for there could have been no higher authority than his opinion.

When he found that the law, written and unwritten, would not permit his fellows to end his sufferings, Dr. Piesen resigned himself to the care of the nurses. He heard his physicians say that if he lived another day there was hope for him. He shook his head.

On Christmas eve, while arranging a Christmas tree for his children in his home, Dr. Piesen was stricken with acute lockjaw.

WALTHAM AUTOIST FINED AND JAILED FOR KILLING MAN

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—George H. Wetherbee, of Waltham, an automobile dealer, of Boston, who pleaded guilty of manslaughter in causing the death of Warren Batchelder, of Cambridge, on May 5th last, by hitting him with his automobile, was sentenced in the superior court at Cambridge today to pay a fine of \$1,000 and spend three months in the house of correction.

SEIZED SUSSEX LIQUOR DUMPED INTO THE RIVER

Clergymen, Constables, and Large Crowd in "Funeral" Procession

Man Who Owned It Forfeited \$1,800 Bail and Was Sentenced to Thirty Days in Jail in His Absence—Great Applause Greeted Magistrate's Decision Confiscating the Ardent—Similar Cases to Be Tried.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 26.—A large number of people visited the police court room this morning to hear argument on Section 10 Act cases, which have caused much interest of late. Only two cases were disposed of today. The first was a standing case against the proprietor of the Royal Hotel, which was dismissed.

Court then adjourned to Medley Memorial Hall where the seized liquors were stored. The case against Sylvester Madden, who was held on bail amounting to \$1,800, was next disposed of. Madden did not appear and his bail was forfeited. It is the intention of the authorities to proceed against the bondsmen. The evidence in the Madden case was heard, a number of witnesses examined and it was proved to the satisfaction of the court that a large quantity of the liquor taken was the property of Madden and was kept for the purpose of sale. There was no defence.

A. A. Wilson, K. C. of St. John, appeared in the interest of the temperance people. Magistrate Hornbrook was not long in rendering judgment. He found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to thirty days without the option of a fine, and gave an order for the destruction of the liquor belonging to Madden. The Magistrate was applauded after his decision.

Court was then adjourned and the remaining cases will come up on Tuesday next.

Late in the afternoon preparations were made for the destruction of the liquor. When it was learned that it was to be destroyed, a large crowd gathered to witness it. A procession was formed headed by Rev. Frank Beard and Rev. Dr. Rogers, next came Inspector Casack and his body guard, then "the trimmings" followed by about 200 citizens. They proceeded along the left bank of the Kennebecosis River to what is known as the town dumping ground, here some twenty-six cases, four kegs and six barrels were destroyed. The bottles were broken by means of a sledge hammer and the contents were dumped in with axes. It was an amusing sight.

Rumor has it that some of the bottles by mistake slipped into the water and are now on their return to St. John, and that a telephone message was whispered along the line to Apohaqui, Norton, Bloomfield and Hampton to have their ahed nets in readiness as there was something in the stream.

On the return from the destruction of the liquor L. A. MacAdam raised some disturbance on the street and was charged with using abusive and threatening language against Inspector Casack. He was immediately placed under arrest and taken before Magistrate Hornbrook who remanded him until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

CONSTABLE, NOT ON THE BILL, APPEARED ON BOSTON STAGE

Carlos Albani, the Famous Tenor, Arrested for Breach of Contract, Sang Under Guard.

Boston, Dec. 26.—A considerable element of comedy was mingled with the grand opera at the production of Il Trovatore by the San Carlo Grand Opera Company at the Majestic Theatre tonight, caused by the presence of a Boston constable upon the stage, keeping personal guard over the body, spirit and voice of the tenor, Carlos Albani, in the interests of Oscar Hammerstein, of the Manhattan Opera Company, of New York.

Early in the day a sheriff served papers on the tenor in a civil process in behalf of Hammerstein, who seeks to recover \$1,000 paid to the singer as advance salary when he came to America to sing for Mr. Hammerstein. Through the efforts of Manager Henry Russell, of the San Carlo Company, a prominent Bostonian went bonds for Mr. Albani in the sum of \$25,000 for his appearance when the case should go to trial.

Mr. Hammerstein claims that Albani is under contract to sing exclusively under his direction. Albani declares Hammerstein told him he could sing where he pleased when he severed his relations with him recently.

Tonight Albani was billed for a second appearance in Boston as "Marrico" in Il Trovatore. Just before the second act was to be put on, Constable L. G. Grossman appeared on the stage behind the scenes and placed Albani under arrest on mesne process to secure the amount of the programme, but insisted that he be allowed to remain on the stage and constantly close to the singer.

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GUEST KILLED IN ROW AT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Dalton, Ga., Dec. 26.—A fatal shooting followed a Christmas dinner near Spring Place last night. One of the guests made a slighting remark about the food which resulted in a fight between Liege Williams, the host, his son and Roscoe Russell. The lamp was overturned and extinguished and then several shots were fired. When another light was procured, John Tanks, an on-looker, was found lying dead upon the floor. No arrests have been made.

AGED BOSTON SHIPBUILDER DEAD

Boston, Dec. 26.—Harrison Loring, who started one of the first plants in the United States for the building of iron steamships, died at his home in South Boston today at the age of 85 years.

NEW BRUNSWICK MILK SAMPLES RANKED HIGH

Inland Revenue Department Finds Percentage 90—Toronto Had the Worst and Four Towns Perfect.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The inland revenue department has issued a bulletin on the inspection of milk from 348 samples collected during July and August. The samples represent all the inspection districts of Canada with the exception of Manitoba.

The average percentage of genuine is 82, which is higher than any previous inspection. Toronto and British Columbia stand out prominently as districts in which the milk supply is of very low quality. The percentage for Toronto is 43; that for British Columbia, 53; Calgary, London, Ottawa and Kingston had the best with 100 per cent; Montreal came next with 97; New Brunswick, 90; Nova Scotia, 83; St. Hyacinthe, 77; St. E. Island, 73; and Quebec. Of the 343 samples 171 were normal, 111, abnormal; 36, skimmed, or partly skimmed; 21, watered and four doubtful.

STEAMER BRUCE MISSED CONNECTION AT SYDNEY

(Special to The Telegraph.)

North Sydney, Dec. 26.—The steamer Bruce was delayed last night by an accident on the Reid-Newfoundland railway. When between Bay of Islands and Port Aux Basques the locomotive broke down and the passengers were compelled to wait for several hours the arrival of a substitute engine from Port Aux Basques. This resulted in the arrival at North Sydney of the steamer Bruce at 4 o'clock this afternoon instead of 7 in the morning.

ON BOARD WAS THE BODY OF MR. LECHANCE, WHO DIED SUDDENLY AT CAPE ANGEVILLE (Nfld.), WHERE HE WAS ENGAGED AS ENGINEER AT THE LIFE SAVING AND LIGHTHOUSE STATIONS. DECEASED WAS A BROTHER OF ARTHUR LECHANCE, M. P. FOR QUEBEC CENTRE. THE LATTER MET THE BODY AND WILL ACCOMPANY IT HOME TOMORROW MORNING.

SWITCHMAN MURDERED BY STRIKE BREAKERS

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 26.—John L. Sullivan, a switchman, employed on the Erie at Susquehanna (Pa.), was murdered today by an unknown strike-breaker. Sullivan was shot in the head. He died on the spot. The man who did the shooting was not recognized, but police have a description of him. On of Police McLellan and a force of men are now searching for him and it is thought he cannot escape. The feeling here is running high against the strike-breakers and if the murderer is caught will be carefully guarded until he can be taken to Montrose and lodged in county jail.

ANOTHER DEAD FROM GLACE BAY EX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—The body of a man who died of an explosion at Glace Bay was taken to the morgue today.

MONCTON GIRL WEDS

GEORGIA MAN

Miss Winnifred W. Williams, of the Railway Town, Married to Thomas R. Crawford Thursday.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 26.—Miss Winnifred W. Williams, daughter of Thomas Williams, late I. C. R. treasurer, was married at 12 o'clock today at the home of the bride, Frank street, to Thomas Renssen Crawford, of Georgia.

The bride was attired in a handsome wedding dress of white voile over silk with lace trimmings. The couple were unattended and the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Brown, pastor of the Reformed Episcopal church in the presence of only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties, after which a recherche luncheon was served. The bride's traveling dress was of grey with hat of pale blue and mink trimmings.

The young ladies who served were the Misses Busby, Pitfield, Miriam Chandler and Emma Frie. Miss Miriam Chandler played the wedding march. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford left on the C. P. R. express this afternoon for Savannah (Ga.) before proceeding to their future home in Georgia.

Christmas Services at Chatham.

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Very appropriate Christmas services were held in St. Mary's and St. Paul's churches yesterday. There were large congregations and offerings as well as handsome church decorations and excellent Christmas music.

TWO CANADIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES MAY AMALGAMATE

Victoria of Montreal and Crown of Toronto Dicker for a Merger.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Dec. 26.—There is a probability that two large Canadian life insurance companies are to amalgamate. Negotiations have been in progress for several weeks between the directors of the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company of Montreal, and The Crown Life Insurance Company of Toronto, with that object in view. The only hitch now appears to be the question of the location of the head office. It was pointed out that the joining together of the companies under one board of directors would result in the formation of the third largest assurance company in Canada, with a large capital and a wide field for operations.

It is claimed that such a union would be the best interests of the policy holders as well as the shareholders, and that they should give every encouragement towards the movement.

CHATHAM, ONTARIO, RECTOR DROPS DEAD

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Rev. Robert McCosh, rector of Christ church, Chatham, dropped dead tonight, directly after eating supper. He was fifty-eight years old, and leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters. He was very liberal-minded and was popular with all classes.

NEW ENGLAND COTTON MILLS UNANIMOUS FOR CURTAILMENT

Meeting Thursday Decided to Reduce Output 25 Per Cent. from Now Till March 1—150,000 Employees Affected.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The Arkwright Club, which represents the cotton mill interests of New England, at a meeting here today formally voted to curtail production 25 per cent between now and March 1, in order to relieve conditions in the cloth markets of New York, Chicago, Boston and other large centers.

The curtailment agreement was normally approved by the club to canvass sufficient sentiment to curtail production of the curtailment plan, and that a reduction of production was regarded as a certainty. The mills in New England employ about 185,000 men, women and children, and it is expected that at least 150,000 will be affected by the short time.

The curtailment agreement went into effect today, although numerous mills have been down since Tuesday.

The agreement will affect a large majority of Fall River mills, the York other New Hampshire factories, the York Amoskeag Corporation of Manchester, employing 13,000 hands and most of the other New Hampshire factories, the York Mills, Brunswick, and other Maine mills, those in Lowell, employing 29,000, Lawrence, Holyoke and Chicopee (Mass.), and mills controlled by large Rhode Island interests in that state and eastern Connecticut. The mills in Thorndyke, Bondsville, Palmer, Ware and Warren (Mass.), and Greenville and New Ipswich (N. H.), controlled by Bliss, Babyn & Company, of New York and Boston, adopted a short time policy a month ago, as did the Monadnock mills of Claremont (N. H.). These last several other companies will probably reach the end of their curtailment policy before the factories in the large centres.

More than eighty per cent of the spindles in New England is represented in the agreement. The majority of the mills represented will run four days a week during January and February, closing Thursday nights, thus including Saturday, a short work-day in the shut-down. Mills which have contracts falling for delivery during the winter are after by to reduce their production 25 per cent partially before March 1, and the remainder after that date. The method of reducing is left largely to the discretion of the managers.

According to some of the officers of textile unions, the operatives prefer to work four days a week rather than be continually idle for a period of nearly three weeks.

The curtailment movement originated in New York commission houses, which feared a congestion of goods and falling prices in the spring if the mills continued to operate in full all winter.

AMERICANS TO MOBILIZE BIG TORPEDO FLEET

Newport, R. I., Dec. 26.—The mobilization of the largest fleet of torpedo boats, torpedo boat destroyers and submarine torpedo boats in the history of the American navy will take place in Narragansett Bay in the spring and summer of 1908, according to information gained here today. The fleet will be in command of Commander Charles G. Marsh, who will have under his direction about 90 torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers and the first and second flotillas of submarines.

CANADA TO TAKE PART IN WEST INDIA CONFERENCE

Delegates Will Meet at Barbados January 14, and Will Discuss Closer Trade Relations—Deputy Minister Parmelee and a Halifax Merchant the Representatives.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Representatives of the various West India colonies are to assemble at Barbados on the 14th of January in a conference for the consideration of agricultural and other matters of general concern. The time is deemed favorable for the consideration of closer trade relations between Canada and the West Indies.

Sir Daniel Morris, the imperial commissioner of agriculture for the West Indies,