

Black Watch

The Cheating Tobacco of Quality.

DOMESTIC TRAGEDY IN ONTARIO TOWN

James F. Creighton, of Owen Sound, Kills Wife and Two Stepdaughters

Owen Sound, Ont., May 28.—Early this morning James F. Creighton killed his wife and two stepdaughters. The murder was not discovered until after six o'clock this evening, when Creighton called through a window of his home that he had killed his wife and stepchildren and shot himself.

The sight within the house was horrifying. His wife lay dead in the front room with her throat cut, a shoe face about her neck. She was also shot and stabbed. The two girls had been shot and stabbed in another room. They were all in their night dresses, and Creighton stated that he had committed the crime in another room. The morning, but had not turned the revolver of himself until 6 in the evening. He is shot through the eye, and may not recover.

The murderer is well connected, and his father was for many years Indian agent at Cape Croker. He was addicted to drinking bouts, when he became violent, but it is not known whether he had been drinking when he committed the deed. He had written a rational letter to a brother, telling him what he had done, and saying that he was in an awful state and liable to go insane.

HAIR HURTS GRAPE CROP

Serious Damage Caused By Storm in Fruit District of New York State

Rochester, N. Y., May 28.—According to a special despatch from Bath, wind and hail caused serious damage to grapes and other fruit in the Lake Keuka belt this afternoon. The storm made a path four or five miles wide and about 35 miles long, practically destroying the fruit in that strip. In many cases trees were uprooted and buildings demolished.

Elmira, C. P., May 28.—A violent wind and hail storm swept through the heart of the grape country in the Finger Lakes region this afternoon. The storm was several miles wide, and literally stripped the orchards and vineyards of their fruit. Many trees were blown down. No loss of life has been reported.

SHUTDOWN OF MINES MAY BE PROLONGED

Michel Union Determined to Secure Reinstatement of Discharged Men

Michel, May 28.—After the temporary settlement of the difficulties between the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company and its employees at Michel, the miners have again refused to go to work upon the strength of a letter addressed to President James Douglas of the Michel Union and associates, while at Fernie last Thursday, by General Manager Hurd of the coal company, stating in part:

"When the mines resume work I am ready to take the question of any dispute up, as before stated, at any hour or place which may be agreeable to you and your district officials."

No mention being made that only part of the men would be re-employed the local union decided to go to work, trusting the trouble would be settled amicably. When the men reported for work on Saturday morning, twelve men, including Douglas, Whitcomb, Carter and Davey, the men who were tried last week for a breach of the Lemieux act, all leaders of the union, were refused work, and asked to report at the superintendent's office, where they were handed their time. No definite explanation was given the men, but it is generally believed that these men were refused work as a punishment to the union.

At a meeting of the union Sunday night it was decided that inasmuch as the company had allegedly broken its own agreement that they would settle if the men would resume work, no mention being made that these men would be laid off, that the miners would not return to work until the twelve men had been reinstated.

The entire union force, about eight hundred strong, presented themselves at the close of the meeting before Superintendent Derbyshire. Informing him that they would not work until he had received instructions from Fernie. The men are determined, and have decided to fight to the last ditch. Everything is quiet and peaceable, no rioting being apparent as has been stated in despatches from the outside.

General Manager Hurd states that the men dismissed were not taken back, and the indications do not seem to be that a prolonged struggle is to follow upon the heels of a statement which everybody hoped would be satisfactory.

CLAIMS OF CHINESE FOR RIOT DAMAGES

Commissioner King Rejects Items for Purchase of Firearms

Vancouver, May 28.—In examining the twenty-five thousand dollars of claims of Chinese for actual and consequential damages in September riots late today Commissioner King announced that the government would not pay for guns or ammunition purchased by the Chinese for their protection. "Not unless you can show me that the police were wholly unable to give that protection," said the commissioner.

The announcement followed the discovery of an item of eighteen dollars for a gun in merchant Soon Kee's total claim of five hundred dollars. He had purchased it during the riots.

"Besides, you can hardly ask the government to pay for the gun when you have it now," said the commissioner.

"Oh, no," replied the merchant. "The police, they take it, I no get it back." The merchant said similar items would appear in nearly all claims. These items will all be disallowed. In other respects the total claims will likely be approved as presented, as he nearly every instance they are much less than the claimants say they can actually prove, and the Chinese police officers is that the damage in the Chinese quarter was four times as much as in the Japanese quarter. The amount paid to the Japanese by the Dominion government was over seven thousand dollars.

Children on Runaway Truck

Passaic, Pa., May 28.—Seventeen children were injured several of them fatally, last night when a score of boys and girls climbed aboard a truck on a railway branch and started it down a heavy grade. While going at a frightful speed the truck collided with a car which was almost completely demolished.

Struck by a Rock

Kenora, Ont., May 28.—A workman at Pearson's camp, on the Transcontinental, was brought to the hospital here yesterday with his head crushed in. He was sitting in the camp when a rock crashed through the roof. His recovery is doubtful.

ANGLO-FRENCH ENTENTE GROWS

Reception of President Fallieres Pleases People of France

VISITOR HIGHLY POPULAR

Paris Paper Suggests Changing of Entente to Actual Alliance

London, May 28.—At Buckingham palace tonight a great state ball was given in honor of President Fallieres of France. This was the culminating feature of a busy day of entertainment spent by King Edward's guest. Everywhere the French president has gone he has been greeted with the greatest enthusiasm, and early in the evening immense crowds gathered about the various royal residences to witness the processions to the palace and to cheer the President of France. The scene within the walls of Buckingham was one of exceptional brilliancy. The royal guests assembled in the throne room, and the fan-fare of drums heralded their entrance into the ballroom, which was superbly decorated with flowers and lights.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra, accompanied by Mr. Fallieres and the royal entourage, passed down the entire length of the room between the rows of guests. By the king's command, the ladies' gowns were all soft shades of color, most of them being fashioned after the Directoire and Empire periods. All of the embassies were well represented, and many high Indian officials were present. There was a great display of jewels and orders.

President Fallieres paid a round of ceremonial calls upon various members of the English reigning house this afternoon.

In the afternoon, accompanied by King Edward and Queen Alexandra, he paid a state visit to the French-British exhibition in Shepherd's Bush. President Fallieres is proving a highly popular visitor. Huge crowds gathered wherever there is a possibility of seeing him pass, and the cheers which he is greeted are exceptionally lusty.

French Sentiment.—The French press has been very complimentary to the French president's visit to London. The Temps considers the time to be ripe for the substitution of an Anglo-French alliance instead of the present entente, provided that the British army may be re-organized in order to render it capable of energetic action on the continent. Other French papers say that the benefits of the alliance would be one-sided and in favor of England, and consequently in the French press recognizes that the cordial relations between France and Great Britain, as manifested yesterday, are likely, in the event of a crisis, to breed serious interests, but it thinks it dangerous to rely upon moral understandings.

Forces between Germany and Great Britain." The Temps declares, "France chooses Great Britain. We can with slightly live on correct terms with Germany, but the past forbids us going further. As for the future, Germany only wants what we want, and we want what Germany wants. On the other hand, the greatest objection to a British alliance has disappeared with the reconciliation of our ally, Russia, with Great Britain."

HEAVY TOLL TAKEN BY FLOODS IN TEXAS

Many Drownings and Great Destruction of Property Reported

Dallas, Texas, May 28.—Fourteen persons dead, others missing and believed to have suffered a like fate, property valued at millions swept away, thousands of homes and buildings destroyed, and the northern and central sections of the state, the result of a record breaking rise in the Trinity river and other streams following a rainfall, unprecedented in severity.

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SCOTLAND NOW TRIES TO GET HOME RULE

Devolution Bill Passed to First Reading in the House of Commons

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The bill would give Scotland the power to make laws on matters relating exclusively to that country. It would also give Scotland the power to make laws on matters relating exclusively to that country.

STEWART MULVEY DEAD

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MR. BORDEN'S MEETINGS

Opening of Campaign in Nova Scotia Fixed for June 23—Premiers to Be Present

Halifax, N. S., May 28.—R. L. Borden, the premier of Nova Scotia, will open his campaign in Halifax about June 23. Hon. Richard McBride, R. P. Roblin, J. P. Whitney and J. D. Hazen have signified their intention of being present and taking part in the meeting.

This meeting will be the first of a series of meetings which will be held in the province of Nova Scotia. It will be followed by a similar one in St. John for the province of New Brunswick. The series will also include meetings in Ontario and Quebec.

Travellers Damage Cables

London, May 28.—The damage done by travellers on the cables of the Transatlantic cable, which has been so severely damaged during the past few days as to interfere seriously with the transmission of messages, has been brought to the attention of Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey by United States Ambassador Hild at the British embassy in London.

Mr. Hild was not acting on instructions from the state department, but took up the matter of his own accord. He said that the cables were being damaged by travellers, and that the state department was not taking any action to prevent it.

Toronto University Lacrosse Team

Baltimore, Md., May 28.—The lacrosse team of the University of Toronto defeated the Mount Washington Athletic club team by a score of 6 to 2.

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Wood Alcohol Victims

Montreal, N. B., May 28.—Oliver Green, an Indian, 45 years old, and Mary Noe, aged 42, a squaw, died yesterday from drinking wood alcohol.

Seminole Floated

New York, May 28.—The Clyde liner Seminole, which went ashore near Long Island beach on Thursday, was floated early today.

Status of Queen Victoria

Hamilton, Ont., May 28.—The Queen Victoria statue, purchased as a result of a popular subscription, instigated by the ladies of Hamilton, was unveiled yesterday in the presence of 15,000 people.

U. S. Troops in Cuba

Washington, May 28.—As a result of several conferences between President Roosevelt and the Secretary of War Taft and General Bell, chief of staff of the army, it has been decided not to withdraw any of the United States troops from Cuba at the present time.

Intercolonial Sheds Burned

Baltimore, Md., May 28.—The I.C.R. freight and coal sheds were burned to the ground, and the fire then spread to the hotel owned by John P. Leggett. The hotel was entirely destroyed. The contents of the freight sheds were burned and the snow plough standing near the sheds was also destroyed.

North Carolina Goes Dry

Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—The returns from many sections of the state indicate victory for prohibition by a large majority than was anticipated by leaders in today's state election on that question. Estimates this afternoon range from thirty to forty thousand votes for prohibition. The election is being conducted quietly, and there has been no trouble at the polls.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR PRAIRIE CROPS

C. P. R. Report on Central Division Shows Conditions Hopeful

Winnipeg, May 28.—The C. P. R. crop report of the central division was handed out today, and it is extremely comprehensive and exact. The report takes in the growth in the various sections to date.

The average height of the wheat at this time throughout this vast area, which stretches from Stonewall to Langdon in Saskatchewan, and includes the many branch lines of the division into both the south and the north, is about 6 1/2 inches.

Clearwater, in Southern Manitoba, reports a growth of ten inches, and the Dominion City comes next with seven inches. The general tidings are that the crops are growing rapidly.

Out seeding is being rapidly completed, and the reports are all good. Some points, report all seeding, including barley, as completed. In fact, conditions throughout the vast area covered by the reports seem to be of a surprisingly uniform character, and the prospects everywhere are considered as unusually bright.

SASKATCHEWAN AFFAIRS

Yesterday Afternoon's Sitting of House Devoted to Consideration of Estimates

Regina, Sask., May 28.—This afternoon's sitting of the house was devoted to the consideration of the estimates for the province. The estimates were presented by the minister of finance, Mr. J. W. Morris, and were received with much interest.

The opposition severely criticized the policy of the government in respect to the enforcement of the game laws,