

FOUGHT POLICE IN CITY STREET

Fanatics Who Invaded Canada Last Summer Kill Kansas City Officers

LEADER SHARP ALSO SHOT

Five Lives Likely to Pay the Price of Extraordinary Fanaticism

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8.—In the shadow of the city hall, a riot, in which religious fanatics and the police participated, resulted this afternoon in the death of one person, the fatal injury of four others and the severe injury of two others.

The dead—A. O. Dalbow, policeman. Fatally injured—Patrick Clark, police lieutenant; John Sharp, street preacher, known as "Adam God"; Michael Mullane, policeman; Lola Pratt, a girl fourteen years of age.

The trouble occurred while the streets were crowded with people. While the fight was in progress the participants traversed an entire block. Probation Officer Holt, of the juvenile court, today went to Fifth and Main streets to investigate a case of alleged abduction. Near that corner he met Sharp, who was exhorting a crowd. With Sharp was a woman named Selzer and five children, ranging in age from 3 to 14 years.

Holt did not like the manner in which the woman attempted to get money contributions from the crowd and decided that she and her male companion were not proper persons to have the custody of young children. The woman announced that she was "Adam God" would conduct service at the poor man's mission tonight, whereupon she and her companions started toward the mission. Officer Holt then inquired as to the identity of the children. The woman replied that the officer "had better attend to his own business." The officer perceived the iniquity, and "Adam God," who wears a long white beard and hair, struck him a heavy blow behind the ear with a razor which he carried in his hand. Holt was not armed, and he then started for the police station for assistance. As Holt moved away the preacher tried to shoot him with cartridges failed to explode. At the police station, Policemen Chas. Dalbow and Harry R. Steger were ordered to arrest Sharp and his followers. Steger and his companion were within fifty yards of the police station when the officers stepped into the street.

The Sharpians, who were armed, served notice on all that they would preach right "under the eyes of the police station, and the police cannot prevent us." The officers did not, however, expect serious trouble and were not prepared for the volley of bullets which met them almost immediately they appeared on the scene.

Dalbow was killed instantly, and a bullet passed through Steger's arm. Other officers, hearing the firing, rushed into the street and a general riot ensued. The officers refrained from shooting for fear of endangering the lives of innocent persons. Leut. Clark, who had come into the middle of the river, was shot in the eye, and Patrolman Mullane was shot in the back as he hurried into the police station for reinforcements.

In the meantime a riot call brought policemen from all directions. Thoroughly aroused, the officers closed in on Sharp and his followers, which they went. When the firing ceased, "Adam God" lay fatally wounded. The woman and the children fled to a houseboat in the middle of the river. Fifty policemen followed them, and found that the woman had barricaded herself in the houseboat. Standing on the boat, she was shot-gun, she shouted to the officers "Come on, you fiends." The boat was only a few feet from the bank of the river and several policemen dashed toward it. The woman dropped her weapon, and seizing two of the children she sprang into a rowboat and began to row into the middle of the river. She was ordered to stop, but only piled the oars more vigorously. The police fired a volley at the rowboat. One shot struck the boat, and the woman fled away the greater part of the children's face.

The woman then surrendered. At the police station she was Mrs. Pratt, wife of one of the companions of "Adam God," and mother of the wounded child, Louis Pratt, who was with the preacher when the first shooting took place, was arrested unharmed.

Invaded Canada

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 8.—John Sharp, styling himself Elijah Second, at the head of a party of religious agitators calling themselves "Holy Rollers" first appeared in Oklahoma City in March, 1905. Sharp, his wife, a young man named Green and his son, who has been Sharp's son, all nude, headed a procession of their followers one cold day in March, 1905, and attempted to parade the town. They were arrested, but were allowed to go free provided they left the city. They went to the country southeast of Oklahoma City and camped until late in the summer following. They became so obnoxious to the farmers that they were arrested a second time. They were let off, with a promise to leave the territory, which they did, going to Colorado. Getting into similar trouble there, they traveled up the Pacific coast, and finally reached Canada last summer. Sharp never appeared violent here, taking his troubles without complaint, assuring that he was the representative of Jesus it was his duty to sacrifice himself.

Kansas City, Dec. 9.—Efforts of the police today to find James Sharp, hailed by his ten fanatic followers as a second Messiah, failed to reveal his movements after yesterday's bloody fight with the police. The only clue so far secured is that shortly after the tragedy he had his hair trimmed and his long beard shaved off. Chief of Police Ahearn has offered a reward for his capture.

No other names have been added to yesterday's list of deaths. Policemen Michael Mullane, the most seriously hurt, rallied slightly today, and the

physicians say he has an even chance for recovery. Sergeant Patrick Clark and A. J. Selo, a bystander, who was shot through the lung, are both slightly improved.

At the general hospital, Louis Pratt, first disciple of Sharp, and father of the girl who was killed, is lying on his cot with his right leg amputated at the knee and a bullet in his brain. He persists that he is divinely guided and upheld, and is bitter in his denunciation of the police. Regarding his religious faith he has little to say. Mrs. Pratt and her four surviving children are detained at police headquarters. Mrs. Sharp is in jail. None of the exhibits are on record, except speaking of the death of Lulu Pratt, but calmly assert that it was God's will. The police say the two women and the two oldest girls, Mary and Lena, will be charged with murder. Five residents of a mission in the north end, frequented by Sharp's followers, are being held for examination.

Victims of Electrocuting

New York, Dec. 7.—Officials of the state department of prisons are interested in the report from Trenton, N. J., that efforts are to be made by county and prison physicians to revive the victim of the next electrocution at the state prison there, for the purpose of proving the expediency of the theory that has been expounded that electrocution only stuns the victims, who are later killed by the surgeon's knife during the autopsy.

Saskatchewan Bye-Election

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—Bye-elections were held in Humboldt and Scotch堡 in Saskatchewan today. The resignation of Dr. Neely and J. H. McNutt, who were elected to the Dominion parliament, Hon. J. A. Calder and Hon. R. Motherhead, who were defeated in the provincial elections last September, were the Liberal candidates. Returns up to midnight indicate that both Calder and Motherhead will be elected by large majorities. Full returns will not be available for a few days.

HOMESEEKERS FLOCK TO SUNNY ALBERTA

Entries for Homesteads and Sales of Land Show Large Increase

Calgary, Dec. 7.—The movement of homeseekers from the United States to Southern Alberta during the months of the past two months, these sales being an astonishing increase over the same months of 1907. The entries for homesteads at the Calgary office alone show an increase of 305 over 1907, and the sales of land by the C. P. R. in their irrigation block, east of Calgary, have run near the million dollar mark during the past two months, these sales being made in small areas to actual settlers. Indications point to a marked movement of homeseekers during the winter months, the winter climate of Southern Alberta, and there is little doubt that the movement of people to this part of western Canada during the winter is going to assume very large proportions and tax the railway lines to handle.

ITS AFFAIRS TANGLED

Ex-Secretary Shaw Speaks of Position of Fidelity Funding Company, of New York

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Former secretary of the United States treasury, L. M. Shaw, who is president of the First Mortgage Guaranty and Trust company of this city, admitted today that the Fidelity Funding company, of New York, owes him \$60,000.

Said Mr. Shaw: "My loans are fully covered by bonds, which are as good as the bond of any government on earth, and margined with additional notes at nearly 100 per cent. I think the company is solvent and very likely all the banks and insurance companies."

Some of the papers have spoken of the St. Mary's academy, of the Benedictine sisters, the Sisters of Visitation and other Catholic societies and institutions as creditors. Unfortunately, these societies are debtors. The banks, insurance companies and private individuals are the creditors.

An effort was made a year ago to increase the capital of the company to something over two millions, and some subscriptions were made (I was one of the subscribers), on condition that the tariff reform bill should be passed. This ought to have been done, as the proposition was all right, if properly handled. A manager of the Catholic church told me that he had known Mr. Kieran for years, and had never known a more upright gentleman. In my judgment, there is but one thing for the church to do. Just as soon as the several bishops whose dioceses are involved come to realize the situation, they should undoubtedly get together, and proportion to the loss between them, and pledge its payment. They will then have no difficulty in getting the necessary financial aid."

Beer Must Have Hops

London, Dec. 8.—A bill prohibiting the use of hop substitutes in the manufacture of beer was introduced in the House of Commons today by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, David Lloyd-George. This bill, which the government intend to pass, would prohibit the use of hop substitutes. It prohibits the importation of hops except in bags properly marked.

Little Dorothy, at the age of six was very thoughtful regarding the loss of her clothes and the many admonitions she had received, about neatly arranging her clothes on a night before retiring, were daily forgotten.

One night, just as she was ready for bed, her mother came in and finding the little garments in a heap on the floor, as usual, said, "Dorothy, you may say your prayers and then never you have to punish you for not minding her about your clothes." Having said this, she stepped into the bedroom and partially closed the door.

In a few moments she heard Dorothy, who was a firm believer in the power of prayer, repeat "Now I lay me," and after the "Amen" she heard this appeal, "And, dear Lord, if you would please, help a little kid, now's your chance."

George Halbert of Brantford who was burned by a benzine torch exploding. Local option is said to be the next great campaign of Governor Hughes of New York.

OIL MONOPOLY IS PROFITABLE

Enormous Earnings of Standard Subsidiary Companies in the West

HAD BUT SMALL CAPITAL

Mr. Archibold and Mr. Tilford Speak of Putting Rivals Out of Way

New York, Dec. 7.—Some profits of the Standard Oil company's business in various parts of the country became part of the court record in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard company today, when John D. Archibold resumed the stand for a brief examination, and Henry Tilford, president of the Standard Oil company, of California, testified at some length as a witness for the defence.

The government inquirer, on figures submitted, showed that the Continental Oil company, a Standard subsidiary in the middle west, made profits of 116 per cent on its capitalization of \$1,000,000, and that the Standard company of Indiana on a capitalization of \$1,000,000 earned about \$55,000,000 between 1899 and 1906. Counsel for the company declared that the actual assets of the company were greater than the capitalization, as the company had turned back into the property large sums from earnings.

Through Mr. Tilford, the counsel for the government, sought to bring out that in California and other states the Standard had made contracts with its competitors whereby the Standard Oil obtained all the crude oil supply and thereby enriched the Standard. Mr. G. E. Beulow, a witness, testified that he had little knowledge of these contracts. Referring to the oil trade cutting wars in Colorado and in the far west, Mr. Tilford said that the Standard never cut prices to undersell its competitors, but simply lowered rate to meet the reduction of its rivals.

Mr. Tilford's examination will likely be concluded tomorrow, and either Wm. Rockefeller or Frank S. Moffatt, president of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, will be called to testify. Mr. Archibold, in his evidence, said that the establishment of marketing agencies to compete with the rivals of the Standard naturally forced the small dealers and jobbers actually from the field.

Some correspondence between oil producers and the Pennsylvania geological survey, showing the apparent limitations of crude oil production possibilities in the early days, was introduced by the government. The design of showing the hazards of the business testified to by Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Archibold. The Standard Oil company of Indiana was originally capitalized for \$1,000,000, and had borrowed large sums of money from other companies which showed a record of earnings. Mr. Kellogg asked if the Standard Oil of Indiana had made earnings of over \$55,000,000 between 1899 and 1906 on a \$1,000,000 capitalization. Mr. Archibold said there had been many million dollars invested in the company, which was not actually earned.

TREATY IS OPPOSED BY FRENCH SENATORS

Explanations of Minister Fail to Remove Objections of Commission

Paris, Dec. 8.—Despite the explanations of M. Crippin, the Minister of Commerce, at today's meeting, the tariff commission of the senate maintained its opposition to the proposed provisions of the Franco-Canadian commercial convention. The minister declined to prepare a statement for presentation to the senate, and would fully meet all the points raised by those who are opposed to the convention.

PANIC FOLLOWED BY CRASH OF FERRY

One Killed and Several Injured When Berkeley Struck Bulkhead at Oakland During Fog

During heavy fog on the harbor at San Francisco on Sunday the ferry steamer Oakland and Newark collided, without any damage being sustained, and the Berkeley, crowded with 1,000 commuters from San Francisco, crashed against the bulkhead at Oakland with such force that one passenger was killed, Mrs. Kate Crowley, of Berkeley being crushed and so badly injured internally that she died.

Johnston, slowly took his way through the thick white mist. As the vessel proceeded slowly through the haze the passengers became nervous and began to crowd to the rails on the forward and aft decks.

The fog bell on the end of the Oakland pier proved to be deceptive and the pilot miscalculated the distance. Unable to see the red and blue lights at the end of the slip he thought the slip was some distance away when suddenly the bulkhead loomed up a few feet ahead. Before the pilot could pull the signal telegraph to the engine room the Berkeley crashed into the end of the slip.

The force of the collision was so great that the heavy piling snapped off like pipe stems. Several pieces of the broken off bulkhead fell upon the deck, crushing Mrs. Kate Crowley, an

aged woman of Berkeley, so badly that she died to release her.

When the Berkeley hit the slip there was a wild rush in life preservers and a panic followed in which men, women and children were trampled under the feet. The steamer finally succeeded in getting into the slip and landed the passengers.

Portland Bank Robbed

Portland, Ore., Dec. 7.—The East Side bank was held up today and robbed of \$16,000.

Lake Steamer Aground

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 8.—The steamer John Stanton, of Cleveland, which was aground on Sunday night on Point Ingotons while bound down, is said today to be in no immediate danger, although she is so fast on the ground that it will be a very difficult matter to release her. The crew is not in danger or distress.

A Real Apology

"When the late Joel Chandler Harris was in editor here several weeks ago, I called upon him one day and found him very willing to correct my article about me that had appeared in his columns.

"I talked about newspaper contradictions and public apologies, and 'Uncle Remus' took down a scrapbook and read me an apology that was a real apology indeed.

"It had appeared, he said, in a Transvaal paper. 'I'll never forget it,' he agreed that it was the finest specimen of the public apology and retraction extant. 'It said:

"I retract hereby everything I have said against the innocent Mr. G. E. Beulow, and striking my mouth with my tongue, which do you like so much, I further declare that I know nothing of the matter, and I am sorry for it. I call myself, besides, a genuine liar of the first class.—A. C. du Plessis."

A New Use For Cheese

An English laborer recently went into a restaurant in Liverpool and called for some bread and cheese. "What kind would you like, sir?" enquired the waiter, "Cheshire, Yorkshire, or Gorgonzola?"

"Fancy name, that last," said the laborer, "I'd like a good mottled soap if it is no doubt, when you know how to use it. But I couldn't make it out, so I'll have a bit of soap to wash my children and after I'd done they smelt so strong that I've turned 'em out of the house."

"Oh, yes," she replied, "I saw it there all right, but it's a good mottled soap it is no doubt, when you know how to use it. But I couldn't make it out, so I'll have a bit of soap to wash my children and after I'd done they smelt so strong that I've turned 'em out of the house."

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Retail Prices

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Flour, Beans, Potatoes, etc.

Death Penalty in France

Paris, Dec. 8.—The chamber of deputies today, by a vote of 300 to 15, decided in favor of continuing the death penalty in France.

Two of Crew Drowned

New York, Dec. 8.—The tug Anthracite, of the George M. Morrell Towing company, was sunk by the New York, which was towing the tug, on the New York river today and two of the tug's crew were drowned.

KAISER DEPRESSED BY RECENT EVENTS

Does Not Take Kindly to Limitation of His Freedom of Speech

Potsdam, Dec. 7.—The emperor, who has been lying in seclusion since November 17, today resumed audiences with reference to official business, the finance minister, Baron von Rheinbaben, being among those received.

The emperor is described as being greatly depressed by recent events, and not disposed to talk even to members of his household, as he feels deeply his loss of prestige abroad and among his own people.

The emperor feels grieved that his old ministers, as well as Chancellor von Buelow, should desire to limit his freedom of speech in his after-dinner conversations, even though with foreign guests.

The Empress has been his constant companion and counsellor during the last few weeks.

TRUST COMPANIES MERGE

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REGARD ENLIGHTENED WITH JEALOUSY

Democratic Leaders Disposed to Look Upon It as Slight to Senate

LIKELY TO BE QUESTIONED

German Chancellor Speaks of the Agreement With Strong Approval

Washington, Dec. 7.—Indications are that the Japanese-American entente, designed to protect the territorial integrity of China, will be the subject of a great deal of debate in executive session of the United States senate during the present session.

The fact that such an agreement has been entered into through diplomatic exchanges between Japan and the United States without the formality of submission to the senate is not acceptable to the Democrats from New York, and a result they propose to institute an inquiry to determine the exact form of the understanding between the two countries, with a view of showing in public that the agreement in fact is a treaty.

If a controversy should be raised in the senate over the question of whether the president and secretary of state were usurping the constitutional powers of the senate, it is likely that disposition of the question will be postponed until after the adjournment of the present session. In this event the probability is that Mr. Root will bring the question before the senate, and would be expected to take an active part in the defence of the right of the president to engage in relations with foreign governments along the line of the Japanese-American agreement.

Approved by Germany

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Chancellor von Buelow during the budget debate in the Reichstag today, referring to the Reichstag-Japanese agreement, said: "The new arrangement is thoroughly in harmony with the principles of Germany's policy in the far east, the principles of the open door, economically, the preservation of the status quo territorially, and the integrity and independence of the Chinese empire. We have no occasion to regard the agreement otherwise than sympathetically."

Answering a complaint that Germany was left out of the American-Japanese agreement, the chancellor called attention to the fact that Germany already had a precisely similar arrangement with Japan through an exchange of notes. He explicitly accepted the principles of the Anglo-German agreement of 1903, which guarantees the maintenance of the "open door" and the territorial status quo.

Princess Charlotte Reaches Coronel

New C.P.R. Flyer for Victoria-Vancouver-Seattle Service Calls at Chillan Port

The new C.P.R. steamer Princess Charlotte was reported arriving at Coronel, Chile, on Saturday morning, and yesterday she proceeded on her way to Callao, after coaling. The new C.P.R. flyer is making its first run out from the builder's yards at Gouan-on-the-Clyde. She called at St. Vincent in the afternoon, then Montevideo, arriving at both ports on the scheduled time set for the trip. Coronel was reached slightly in advance of the schedule, and the steamer proceeded to Callao, Peru, from where she will come direct to Victoria.

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of Government street, opposite the post office and the Empress hotel, a site now owned by the Imperial Trust Co. This building will cost over \$1,000,000. The new building offices will be in the present building owned and occupied by the Dominion Trust Co., forming three of the finest office buildings in the west. The personnel of the new board of management will be decided at the first annual meeting of the consolidated companies in January. Meanwhile J. B. Mathers and W. West will continue the management. The object of the new consolidation is to build up the strongest financial institution in the west.

Fixing Prices of Books

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James J. Hill's Views

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