

DOUBLE MURDER NEAR SUSSEX

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, of Ward's Creek, Slain in Their Home

Aged Couple Found by Neighbor With Their Heads Battered In—Both Were in Their Nightclothes—Daniel B. Cannon, a Brother of the Murdered Woman, Arrested as a Suspect—Prisoner Had \$1,700 on Him When Searched.

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 18.—A shocking tragedy occurred at Ward's Creek, about eight miles from Sussex, some time between a late hour last evening and an early hour this morning. As a result Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, the former a late resident of St. John, were found dead in their home with their heads battered in and the house in confusion, which left little doubt that the aged couple had been murdered.

Daniel B. Cannon, a nearby neighbor, was arrested this afternoon by Chief of Police Asbell, as a suspect in the tragedy, and is now confined in the police cell, Sussex.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, respected and well-known in the vicinity, were eighty and seventy years of age respectively.

Robert Quigley, who was the first man to view the scene, came to Sussex yesterday afternoon, and was asked by Mr. O'Brien to bring in his mail. As Mr. Quigley did not get home until late last evening he did not go to the O'Brien home but took his mail over this morning about 10 o'clock. He knocked at the door, and getting no response walked in, and was horrified to find the bodies of O'Brien lying in the doorway leading to his bedroom, with the side of his head battered in and a small stick clutched in his hand, which had evidently been used in self defence.

On further investigation he found the body of Mrs. O'Brien lying by the bedside, with her head battered in.

A Gruesome Sight.

The aged couple were in their night clothes, and the walls, ceiling and floor of the bedroom were bespattered with blood. A large pool of blood was found under the kitchen stove where it had flowed from the bedroom door. From all indications it was a double murder of the most brutal kind.

Quigley ran to a nearby neighbor, Joe Dunn, and told him of the tragedy. Benjamin Ross, who was in the vicinity with his team. They immediately drove to Sussex, notified Chief Asbell, who with Sheriff McDonald and Coroner Wallace, drove to the scene of the tragedy arriving there about 9 o'clock this afternoon. After viewing the bodies, house and premises they ordered the bodies to be taken to Sussex where they were laid out in the parlors of Funeral Director Wallace. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

On investigation at the scene by Chief Asbell and Coroner Wallace, a long club, with heavy knobby end, was found near the body of Mrs. O'Brien covered with blood and hair, and it is supposed to be the weapon used by the murderer.

In a bedroom at the rear of the house were found two sticks of charred wood lying on the feather bed, which had evidently been taken from the stove with the intention of setting the house on fire.

When Quigley and Ross were driving to Sussex they passed Cannon, the suspected murderer, who was noted as he had rocks on over his boots and was suspicious of him. When Chief Asbell and party were going to the scene they met Cannon who had then taken the train. The arrest was made there and then.

Daniel B. Cannon is a brother of the murdered woman and is of a somewhat doubtful character, and is noted as a bachelor in the vicinity of the tragedy, and always appeared to have plenty of money. It is rumored that at the beginning of the tragedy he was in the car from the bank. When he was searched at the police station tonight about \$1,700 was found on him, mostly in gold. It is not known whether he is a gambler, or the source of his money, but the relations of the prisoner in the cell tonight would suggest that he is mentally unbalanced.

The Coroner's Inquest.

Sussex, Feb. 20.—The coroner's inquest was held here on Saturday to inquire into the cause of death of the late Mrs. Thomas O'Brien who were found dead in their home on Friday morning with their heads battered in. The undersigned jurymen submitted the following verdict: "That the said Thomas O'Brien and Bridget O'Brien were found dead on the nineteenth day of February, 1916, at their residence in the parish of Sussex, county of Kings, and that the cause of their death was a brutal assault with a club in the hands of some person or persons, and from the evidence given we believe that the said Thomas O'Brien was slain by Daniel V. Cannon, which was obtained for trial for said offence." Signed Arthur Keith (foreman), J. T. Kirk, Abner Cripps, Matt Scott, W. B. McKay, Joseph Coughlin and W. H. Culbert.

At the close of the inquest Daniel V. Cannon was arraigned before Police Magistrate H. W. Perkins and was committed for trial to appear in the police court at Sussex, Friday next, Feb. 25, for preliminary examination. Cannon was taken to Hampton jail Saturday evening by Chief of Police Asbell. The prisoner showed wonderful self-composure and apparently did not mind the ordeal until he was taken aboard the train. Then, apparently, he began to realize his position and showed the first sign of weakness.

Ralph St. J. Green will appear for the crown and G. Hazen Adair will defend the prisoner.

The coroner's inquest was begun Saturday morning by Coroner Wallace.

Robert Quigley told of finding the bodies at the O'Brien home also of notifying his neighbors and the police at Sussex.

Daniel B. Cannon was brought in for examination from his cell at the adjoining room. The guard said that he passed a restless and sleepless night, and at times became violent, smashing anything that he could get his hands on. When he was brought into the court room he appeared light hearted. After taking the oath he looked about the room and seemed a little nervous. He was then gathered, but outside of this he seemed self-composed and answered the questions put to him quite freely.

As Cannon's defense is being prepared in the interest of relatives of the deceased, and after Coroner Wallace had asked a

order and was noted for his charitable disposition. He was the founder of the Cambridge street hospital in Boston and was its president for several years. In politics he was a Conservative.

The funeral will take place from his late home tomorrow morning with interment in Weymouth. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Taylor, rector of that parish. As far as can be learned he leaves no relatives but a large number of people will mourn the loss of a friend who frequently gave largely for the comfort of others.

Mrs. Isabel Johnston.

The death of Mrs. Isabel Johnston, widow of John Johnston, occurred suddenly in Montreal, Thursday, before she was expected to return to St. John. Mrs. Johnston was a native of St. John and her husband was a prominent member of the St. John Curling Club. He was also an enthusiastic golfer. He had been a member of the St. John Curling Club for many years.

Mrs. Julia A. Belmont.

An old resident of Scotch Town, Quebec, Mrs. Julia A. Belmont, widow of George Belmont, died at her residence in Montreal, Wednesday, Feb. 17. She was born in St. John, N. B., and was a member of the St. John Curling Club.

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Thomas F. Flanagan.

Richibucto, N. B., Feb. 17.—The death of Thos. F. Flanagan occurred at his home here on the 10th inst., after an illness extending over several years. He was born in Scotland and emigrated to this country with his mother, four sisters and two brothers. The sisters are Mrs. M. Willbrod, of St. Catherine's College, St. John, N. B., Mrs. J. M. Dyer, of the convent, Fredericton (N. B.), Agnes, of Moncton, and Joanna at home. The brothers are John of Montreal and Wilbrod at home. The funeral was held on Saturday morning, Feb. 19, at 10 o'clock, at St. John's Baptist church, where the last prayers were said and interment made in the Roman Catholic cemetery at the North-West.

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KELIE'S REPORT OF CANADIAN ACTIVITIES SAYS NOTHING OF RECENT HUN OFFENSIVE

Ottawa, Feb. 18, via Canadian Press.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes has received the following official communication from the Canadian general headquarters:

Canadian General Headquarters in France, Feb. 18, London.—During the week of Feb. 9-16 the German forces attacked at various points along the French and British fronts. On the Canadian front there was a marked increase in the enemy's aerial activities. Enemy planes persistently endeavored to reconnoitre our positions, and our airmen were constantly engaged in driving back the hostile planes. A few bombs were dropped close to our works and trenches, but no damage was caused.

On Feb. 12, a German Albatross biplane was brought down in the British lines on our left by fire of the anti-aircraft guns.

Our patrols and scouts everywhere found signs of increasing alertness in the German lines. The enemy's sentries were more vigilant than usual, and his patrols were more numerous, although they were not so bold as of late. Our German wire. Throughout the period a bright moon added considerably to the difficulties of night reconnoissances.

On the morning of Feb. 12, one of our battalions had a test gas alarm. The enemy manned his parapets at once, as was expected and a rapid fire by machine guns and rifles was immediately opened by our troops. The enemy's reply was very weak.

Our artillery have maintained their superior weight of fire throughout the period.

Numerous enemy working parties have been dispersed. On Feb. 10 the 6th Cavalry, Brigade equipped with a German trench mortar, as a result of a second round from our field guns a heavy explosion occurred near the enemy's emplacement, and the trench mortar was silenced.

Some accurate shooting has also been done by our trench mortar batteries and rifle groups and rifles. Our machine gun brigade continues to hamper the enemy's efforts to improve his defences.

On Feb. 10 Field Marshal Lord Kitchener inspected our 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade.

On the night of Feb. 10-11 scouts of our 15th Battalion of western cavalry examined an old German post, a party of German graves were found in it, and proceeding up the sap our scouts threw nine bombs into the German trench. The mortar replied with four bombs but without effect.

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The marriage of Miss Hazel Leonard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Leonard, of the Range, Queens county, to Bruce Newton Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, of Youngs Cove, was solemnized on Feb. 6 at Coles by the Rev. Calvin Currie. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy drove to their future home at Youngs Cove. Many friends extended good wishes.

Many St. John friends will read with interest the announcement of Dec. 29, of the marriage of Lieutenant E. Gordon Church and Miss Edith Clara Hall, of Paris Place, Maidenhead. Lieutenant Church, a son of Mrs. Louise Church, of this city, enlisted in the west with the 44th Battalion and went overseas with a draft of 230 for that unit. He is now signalling officer with the 80th Reserve, stationed at Hythe, and there met the young lady who in December became his wife. News of the wedding was received in St. John some time ago, but only now has the official announcement come. The wedding, a military one, was solemnized at St. Leonard's church by the Rev. H. Dale, and was attended by many of Lieutenant Church's friends among the military officers in the district.

WEDDINGS

Bishop-Wood.

A quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at the home of Geo. Wood, 100 Water street, when Miss Florence J. Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wood, was united in marriage to James B. Bishop by Rev. Gordon Dickie. The happy pair will leave tonight for Boston.

Crocker-Hubley.

A wedding of interest took place on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth V. Prime, Westfield (N. B.), when the daughter, Miss Florence M. Hubley, became the bride of Rev. Robinson Crocker, son of Mrs. and the late Capt. M. G. Crocker of Fredericton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Colpitts in the drawing room, which was prettily decorated with ferns, pink and white carnations and tulips. The bride was attired in a travelling costume of blue with fur trimmings and hat to match of panne velvet. The groom wore a tuxedo with white carnations. Miss Eva Smith, of St. John, played the wedding march. The groom's present to his bride was a pearl pendant.

The wedding was very quiet owing to the recent death of the groom's father, who immediately relatives being present, including Mrs. M. G. Crocker and Miss Corneille Crocker, mother and sister of the bridegroom. The happy couple left by the Boston train for a short trip through Nova Scotia, followed by the best wishes of their wedding friends. They will reside in Prescott (N. S.), where the groom is a member of the firm of Crocker Bros. The presents included a gold watch, and a china cabinet, and a gold watch, and a china cabinet, and a gold watch, and a china cabinet.

Deissol-Haukinson.

Word has been received in the city of the marriage of John Arthur Deissol, nephew of Rocky Mt. House (formerly of Moncton), to Mary Grace Haukinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Haukinson, of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.

Trevor-McLean.

Fredericton, Feb. 17.—A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McLean, Durham Farm, Fredericton, when their daughter, Miss Edna Mary, was united in marriage to Mr. Trevor McLean.

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OBITUARY

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Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of her niece, Mrs. Minnie Foley, wife of Michael Foley, formerly of this city, but now residing in Portland (Me.). She was the daughter of the late Jeremiah and Anne Cronin and leaves two boys and one girl. The funeral will take place this morning from her late residence in Portland.

James McCullian.

The death of James McCullian, formerly of this city, occurred recently in Amherst. He was seventy-two years of age and was employed for many years in the car works at Amherst, where he was a foreman. He leaves, besides his wife, two daughters.

Dr. James McDonald Roy.

Dr. James McDonald Roy, of St. John, died at Saunterville Tuesday morning aged 78 years. The deceased had been ill but two weeks, and was a native of Scotland. He was educated in England and moved to Canada from the United States about seventeen years ago. He was a graduate of medicine and surgery of Tufts College, Boston, and a graduate of the University of Ohio. He practiced medicine at Westport and other parts of the province, spending his last few years at Saunterville. He was a member of the Masonic

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Official Report of Metagama's Safe Arrival

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\$30,000,000 HELD OUT TO DAZZLE THE ELECTORATE

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Tug Ramos Loses Barge.

Halifax, Feb. 20.—The tug Ramos, from Vineyard Haven, towing the barge Plymouth, was wrecked on the north side of the bay at a late hour on Tuesday last. The barge was a large one and was a valuable asset to the Conservative organization of Halifax and has been a candidate for judgeship honors for several years.

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