

A MADMAN'S AWFUL ACT.

Attacks and Murders an Old Man and His Son. Dangerously Wounds a Woman and Man and Attacks Three Others in Dufferin County—Young Man Runs Amuck.

THE SLAIN. John Spanhouse, aged 65. James Spanhouse, his son, aged 42. DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED. Mrs. John Spanhouse. George Beaumont. SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. Wm. Stewart. Mrs. Gowen. Wm. Wilson.

Sheilbourne, Ont., Feb. 7.—One of the most terrible tragedies that has ever been recorded in Dufferin county took place at the little hamlet of Shrigley, in Melancthon township, early this morning, when a young man named George Ernest Stewart, during a period of insane frenzy, murdered John Spanhouse, a neighbor, and his son, James, dangerously wounded Mrs. John Spanhouse and George Beaumont, and injured three other persons whom he chanced to encounter before the fit of insanity had passed. To-night, having confessed that he committed the murders, Stewart lies in the Sheilbourne lock-up awaiting the law's action.

He is a powerfully built young man, twenty-nine years of age. Four years ago he went west and located on a ranch. Then he took typhoid fever, and in addition had the misfortune to lose some money in speculation. The mounted police at Medicine Hat took charge of him when he began to show that he was not quite "right," and released him only on the promise that his friends would bring him home to Ontario, and see that he was looked after. His father is Richard Stewart, of Maple Valley. Young Stewart spent last night at the home of his brother, William, who lives across the way from the Spanhouse homestead, on the fourth concession of Melancthon.

REV. HOWITT RURAL DEAN.

He Was Unanimous Choice of the Hamilton Clergy. At a meeting of the clergy of the Hamilton Diocese of the Anglican Church, this morning, in St. Mark's Church, Rev. F. E. Howitt was the unanimous choice of the Deanery for the position of Rural Dean for Hamilton, succeeding Canon Sutherland, Canon Sutherland's term of three years expired to-day and the meeting was called for the election of a new Rural Dean. Canon Sutherland has held the position for the past six years, and that is the longest time any one minister can hold it. Archdeacon Forrester moved that Mr. Howitt be nominated to the Bishop for the appointment.

TOY FACTORY

Opened by London Labor Men For Unemployed. (Special Despatch to the Times.) London, Ont., Feb. 8.—In order to give employment to destitute workmen who have been unable to secure work during the winter the Trades and Labor Council this morning opened a toy factory. Twenty men are at work and the time has been arranged so that no man will work more than six hours. The toys manufactured will be sold by local merchants. The institution will likely be established permanently.

SMALL BOY BROKE THROUGH.

While playing on the ice in the Turbina's slip yesterday, Walter Christopher, Guise street, broke through the thin ice. Mr. David Robinson, 375 John street north, who was walking near, ran to his assistance and, throwing himself on the ice, succeeded with some difficulty in rescuing the boy. The water was deep and had not assistance been near this might have proved another fatal accident.



GERMAN EMPRESS, In 18th century dress as wife of the Great Frederick II., of Prussia.

COMMITTEE FAVOR CATARACT POWER.

Will Recommend the Council to Carry Out Contract Made Last Year.

The aldermen will probably settle the power question to-night without sending it to the people. At the informal council meeting the other night, ten of the eighteen aldermen voted in favor of carrying out the contract to recommend the council to-night to submit a by-law to the people. This morning the special committee met and after discussing the matter for over an hour, on a vote of 3-2 recommended the council to carry out the contract with the Cataract Power Company. This was the resolution they sent on to the council.

Your committee, to which was referred the power question, beg to report that we deem it in the best interests of the city to carry out the contract with the Cataract Power Company. The Board of Works will not meet to-day and will have no report to make to the Council to-night. It was thought that the committee would deal with the street railway matter, but as it is not quite ready yet and there was practically no other business of importance on the order sheet, Chairman Allan decided there was no necessity for a meeting.

THE MANIAC.

Perpetrator of Double Murder Taken to Orangeville. Stewart Admits Crimes—Was Victorious Last Night.

Sheilbourne, Ont., Feb. 8.—George Ernest Stewart, perpetrator of the awful crime of yesterday, appeared before Police Magistrate Rutherford this morning, but as there was no person present to represent him, he was remanded to Orangeville Jail until Thursday next at 1 p. m. The latest word from the scene of the tragedy is that Mrs. Spanhouse, who was so brutally treated and left for dead, is worse this morning, and sinking fast. The prisoner was carefully guarded all night, and admitted to his guards that he did the deed, but when asked why he would not speak, he did not sleep at all during the night. Chief Thompson and Special Constable Brundridge have left with the prisoner for Orangeville Jail. Since arriving in jail here Stewart at times seemed very vicious, and the constables being leaving took every precaution and had him secured and handcuffed.

Marmalade Oranges.

Another shipment arrived this morning—large, bright, juicy ones, 30c per dozen; nice sweet seedless oranges at the same price; large bright lemons. A splendid recipe, also the use of one of our slices for the asking. Daily supply of fresh cut mushrooms, Grimsby tomatoes, cucumbers, Boston head lettuce. —Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

HE STUCK TO HIS ENGINE

Crossed the Bridge in Safety and Saved 100 Lives. The Flood Undermined a Bridge Near Los Angeles. Four Bridges Down, and Outhouses and Other Buildings Gone.

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—One hundred lives hung in the balance for the fraction of a second last night, while Engineer W. Baldwin, of a Santa Fe train, hesitated as to whether he should follow his fireman's example and jump or stick by his engine and pilot it over the fast settling bridge at avenue 35 and the Arroyo Seco. The Arroyo was a raging torrent from the heavy storm and the water had cut under the concrete piling of the bridge, and it began to sag. Then came the train of five cars, slipping down grade from Pasadena. Several hundred persons were out watching the stream, and when they saw the train coming they attempted to warn it.

Engineer Baldwin saw the danger, but as he was unable to stop the train before it was on the bridge, he opened the throttle and let the engine go across. Had he hit the bridge at high speed, cars and passengers would have gone into the roaring waters. Later the first section of the inbound Los Angeles limited was hailed just north of the damaged bridge and the passengers found their way into the city or electric cars. The second section was sent around by way of Riverside.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Once more, why not ask Judge Anglin to give us an expert opinion of the situation? He ought to know. Win or lose, it will cost this city much money and months of delay to fight the Cataract Company. While the Mayor seems blinded by prejudice and half the aldermen are in a maze of doubt, City Solicitor Waldell keeps his head, and shows a determination to be guided by law and justice in this power matter, no matter who gets hit.

PICKETS AT THE HOTELS.

Inspector Birrell was busy yesterday. He made observations of what was going on at hotels all over the city, and he stated this morning that he was satisfied three hotels were doing business, although he could not get in. Pickets were placed at doors on the street and corners near the market to protect two hotels in that vicinity, and the Inspector stated that he was going to report the keepers to the Commissioners at the next meeting. Charles Hartmann, proprietor of Hartmann's Inn, was summoned to-day on a charge of obstructing the windows of his bar with blinds, yesterday, in opposition to the License Commissioners' resolutions. On Thursday next John R. Gill, who keeps a restaurant at Merrick and MacNab streets, will appear at court charged with selling liquor without a license. Mr. Birrell claims he found cider on Gill's premises testing over 2 1/2 per cent. S. Allan, Norwich, the dealer who sold the cider to Gill, will also be summoned. The charge against the latter is that he sold the liquor to an unlicensed dealer.

NOT TRUE.

Story of Another Steamship Merger Positively Denied. (Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Feb. 8.—"Absolutely no truth in it," declared Mr. D. B. Hanna, of the Canadian Northern, and president of the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Navigation Company, when shown a despatch from Hamilton to the effect that a merger was in prospect between the Hamilton Turbine Steamship Company and his company. "I understand that the Canadian Northern requires the Niagara line, both trolleys and steamer, in connection with new extensions which they propose to make shortly."

BITTEN BY COW.

The Cow Was Mad and Doctor Hurried to Hospital. (Special Despatch to the Times.) London, Ont., Feb. 8.—Dr. Stanley Shaw was bitten by a cow this morning, and has been hurried to Chicago Medical College to be treated for hydrophobia. At the time he was bitten Dr. Shaw did not know that the cow was mad, but it was learned later that it was bitten by a mad dog, which also bit a boy named Webb. In Webb's case no blood was drawn, and he will be treated at his home.

TWO KILLED

And Sixteen Injured in Railway Wreck Near Memphis. Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 6.—Two men were killed and 16 others were injured in a wreck on the Illinois Central Railroad near Coldwater, Miss., early to-day, when train No. 2, known as the fast mail, north bound, ran into an open switch. One of the injured is not expected to survive the accident. The dead are Martin Stanton, the fireman, of Memphis, and a mail clerk, whose name is not known. The train was badly wrecked.

MULHOLLANDS HAD STREET RECEPTION.

A Sample of Saturday Night Life of Hamilton's Under Strata.

The travels of Maud Mulholland and Kate O'Hanley, on Saturday evening, told in story by Constable McKay at Police Court this morning, revealed something of the seamy side of life in Hamilton. Maud and Kate are two rather good looking "young ladies" who live at 55 Liberty street, headquarters of the Clan of Mulholland. On Saturday night the girls went out for a walk and accumulated a collection of mixed drinks that made them feel rather gay. Walking up King street they attracted attention, and when they had reached Walnut street, they had a whole army of men and boys following them, and the girls were carrying on a heated conversation with some of them. Maud, in her maudlin fancy, decided to call on the sworn enemies of the Mulhollands—the police—for help. She went into a drug store while Kate stayed outside to keep things interesting for their many friends. Maud called up Deskman Hawkins at No. 3 police station. "Shay old sport, send a cop down King street, will yuh? They's a lot of toughs chasing me and me left friend," she said. The cop who was sent to the wire to Mr. Hawkins' ear. The deskman was almost sure he recognized the dulcet, shaky voice, but he decided that a man might be needed, so he sent Constable McKay. When McKay got to the scene the gang scattered and the two star performers were left with the stage to themselves. When McKay was about to place the girls under arrest, but before they knew his intention, they started in to give him a dressing down, and it was a complete one, if profane language has any effect on a policeman. The officer was properly shocked, and arrested the "young ladies" at once and took them to the police station. The charge registered against them was vagrancy. Many of their friends applied to have bail fixed for their release, but the police kept them in the lockup all yesterday and till this morning. During the night they amused passers by and the police by beautiful vocal duets. "I'm afraid to go Home in the Dark," was a favorite with them, and they laid special stress on the lines "cuddled from 'Home, Sweet Home.'" This seemed to please the audience who greeted it with roars of delight and the girls sang this line over and over till sleep came to them. This morning they busily sat in the dock and with looks of sorrow and shame, pleaded guilty to the charge. As the Magistrate was about to pronounce sentence, a young man in the back benches got to his feet. "This here Maudie Mulholland's al- (Continued on Page 10.)"

SHERRING WILL BE LONGBOAT'S NEXT.

Flannigan Makes An Announcement About the Next Big Race.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—Will Sherring, of Hamilton, will be Tom Longboat's next opponent at the Marathon distance. That is what Tom Flannigan says. Tom arrived here this morning from New York. It has been expected that Tom Longboat and his wife would be in on the same train, and as a consequence some three thousand people assembled at the Union Station to give them a welcome. The Indian and his wife, however, are staying in New York for some days longer. The crowd gave Flannigan a great reception. In an interview with the newspaper Tom made the statement as to Sherring, adding that it was the straight goods, all other reports to the contrary notwithstanding. Longboat's next race with Sherrub, he says, would be in Buffalo or Toronto, at fifteen miles. It would take place about March 25. Flannigan is to be manager of the fine new athletic grounds to be established in the east end of the city, which will include a big covered arena as well as an outside ground. Work on the grounds will be commenced next month, and it is hoped that this will be completed in time for a big meet on Victoria Day.

Little Girl Badly Burned

Five-Year-Old Daughter of Samuel Woods Dying. Phyllis Woods, a five-year-old daughter of Mr. Samuel Woods, of the I. X. L. laundry, was burned at her father's house, 19 Peter street, on Saturday afternoon. She is still alive, but has been kept under the influence of opiates almost continually on account of the terrible burns on her body and face. The physicians in attendance have little hope of her recovery, although everything possible is being done for her. The accident happened while Mrs. Woods was upstairs giving some medicine to Mr. Woods, who was sick in bed. The child had been left alone in the kitchen washing dolls' handkerchiefs. It is supposed that in reaching over the gas stove to hang one of the handkerchiefs on the drying attachment above it she fell against the tap, causing the flame to shoot up and ignite her clothes. She cried out, and her mother ran downstairs, to find her a mass of flames, from her waist up, and some umbrellas and clothing in the kitchen on fire. She called to her husband and wrapped an old coat around the burning child. Mr. Woods was quickly on the spot, and by the use of water extinguished the flames in the kitchen. He placed his hand on the child's forehead, and when he withdrew it pieces of burned flesh adhered to it. The child was "frightfully burned from her legs up."

WANTS \$2,000.

Harold Taylor Suing the Sheddin Forwarding Company. Lees, Holson & Stephens have issued a writ against the Sheddin Forwarding Company on behalf of Harold Taylor, for \$2,000 damages, for injuries received while on the premises of the company. Mr. Taylor was working for the Macpherson-Glassco Company, and had occasion to go to the Sheddin Forwarding Company's warehouse. While walking along one of the corridors, he slipped and fell through a trap door. In trying to stop his fall, he threw his arm out, and catching the floor broke it at the shoulder. Taylor is an infant in law, and is suing through his next friend, Cecil Taylor, a brother.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 8.—Arrested she had threatened him with abuse so alleged cruelty to his stepdaughter, Louis Greher, a machinist, to-day shot and killed his wife Pauline, and then committed suicide by shooting. The tragedy took place in Greher's home in South 13th street. The bodies were found in the kitchen by the stepdaughter.

BAIL FOR CALLAN.

Alonzo Callan was before Judge Monk this morning on a charge of indecent assault, preferred against him by Alice Walker, a 13-year-old girl. Mr. George S. Kerr, C. C., appeared for Callan, and declined to elect. Bail was fixed at \$500, with two sureties of \$250 each.

MRS. COPE STINSON DEAD.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Stinson, wife of R. C. Stinson, one of the best horse trainers in Canada, died this morning after a brief illness, from a paralytic stroke.

HE COULD NOT PAY THE RENT.

Landlord Was Insistent and Tenant Shot and Killed Him. Murderer Flees to Swamp Dragging His Young Bride.

She Fell Exhausted, Cried to Him to Go On and Kissed Him.

New York, Feb. 8.—James Dick, a young man of Chrome, N. J., put a load of buckshot through the head of his landlord, John Connolly, late last night, and then grabbing up his own young bride of seventeen years, hatless and coatless, rushed out to the salt swamps. The pair wandered about all night, while a posse made up of people from Port Reading, Carteret, and Chrome, was in pursuit. The bride was found exhausted, with her shoes worn out and her clothing torn on the tracks of the Reading Railroad about noon to-day. "I told him to go on," she said faintly. "He took me as far as he could, but my feet were cut and I fell, and he kissed me and went off. I don't know where he has gone." Dick and his wife had married a short time when he failed in his little store business in Chrome. He had been popular and she had been a favorite at the country dances, for she was considered one of the prettiest girls in the neighborhood. He could find nothing to do and could not pay his rent. Connolly, a superintendent of the coal docks at Port Reading, owned the house and several more in adjoining villages. He had saved his money for years and was accounted one of the solid citizens.

DUNNED HIM FOR THE RENT.

He had been after Dick for the rent often. But the young man and his bride had all they could do to get enough to eat. They struggled along and the demands of Connolly brought no more than anger. But Connolly could not let the situation continue forever. So he and his wife went to the Dick house about 9 o'clock last night. They met Dick in the yard, disconsolate and weeping. "We must have the rent, Dick," said Connolly. "You owe \$60."

ASSAULTED YOUNG LADY.

Cowardly Ruffian Attacked Girl on Barton Street. It is likely that a serious aggravated assault will be aired in Police Court to-morrow. Miss Edith Hanson, 149 Macaulay street east, reported to Constable Brown on Saturday evening that while she was going home from the Britannia Rink a ruffian grabbed her and threw her to the ground, slapped her face and kicked her. She claims she knows her assailant's name, and the police are waiting for her to divulge it and will immediately get after the man she names.

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