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## INQUEST IS HELD ON LAST OF FAMILY

Jury Find That Mrs. Annie Bracken, Sole Survivor of Stricken Household, Came to Her Death From Unknown Causes — Brother Breaks Down.

"That Mrs. Annie Bracken came to her death in the Western Hospital on Aug. 7 from causes unknown," was the non-committal verdict returned by Dr. Bateman's jury at the morgue last evening.

From a sentimental standpoint the whole inquest was one of the most touching of any brought before a coroner's jury for consideration, revealing as it did the heartrending experience of a mother of a family of four, losing all inside of a few short months, first her 14-month-old baby, her husband, then two more children in rapid succession and finally laying her last child in the grave, and little more than a year after the occurrence of the first death ended her own unhappy existence in the Western Hospital.

How the unfortunate woman existed during the last five months of her life puzzled the coroner and Acting Coroner Norman G. Shaver. A bank book produced by a brother of the dead woman showed that on Aug. 7, 1912, a deposit of \$940 was made, and this was dispensed in sums of from one to a hundred dollars until in April, 1913, a balance of only \$50 was left. The theory was that the \$940 was insurance on the life of the husband, but the brother could not substantiate this. He knew there was some insurance, but understood it could not be secured owing to the payments having lapsed.

Brother Breaks Down.  
Here the details of his sister's unhappy experience proved too much for the brother, who broke down and was assisted to a chair. He said his sister did not ask him for financial assistance, but he understood there was a grocery bill of \$15 outstanding. There was also an undertaker's bill with Miles undertaking establishment, which, he said, Mr. Miles had told him \$115 would cover.

"I should think it would, you're very foolish to pay a bill that size," commented Mr. Shaver.

Dr. Williams, who, in the absence of the family physician, had attended one

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## GAMBLE MUST FACE A TRIAL DESPITE STRONG PROTESTATIONS

Magistrate Jephson Refers to Evidence as Purely Circumstantial But Sufficient to Warrant a Commitment — Ironworkers' Business Agent Is Released on Thousand Dollars Bail.

"Altho the evidence has been purely circumstantial, men have been hanged on less evidence than that which has been brought against you."

Stead M. Gamble of Toronto, business agent of the ironworkers' union, was committed yesterday by Magistrate Jephson to trial on the technical charge of having destroyed a rope valued at twenty dollars by use of sulphuric acid, and in doing so Magistrate Jephson made the above comment on the evidence.

The trial is to take place in Whitty on Nov. 4 before a high court judge. The charge had arisen as the result of the alleged actions of Gamble in a strike of the workmen engaged in the construction of a viaduct at Dixie Creek in Pickering Township on the new Toronto-Montreal line of the Canadian Pacific Railway was in progress. The work had proceeded with non-union men, and the crown charges that on June 16 when the work was shut down Gamble poured sulphuric acid on a coil of rope with the intention of injuring it not causing the death of non-union men engaged there.

Released on Bail.  
Gamble has been in custody in the Whitty Jail since his arrest several weeks ago, but at the conclusion of the hearing yesterday Magistrate Jephson announced that he would grant bail on the furnishing of \$1000 cash. At this Frederick A. Koecck of Berlin, father-in-law of the accused, stepped forward with the necessary amount, and as a result Gamble was able to leave Whitty on the train for Toronto last night, accompanied by his wife and his two little boys, aged two and four years. The wife and children were present in the court room throughout the whole of the hearing.

Previous to yesterday's preliminary hearing, William Black and Job Cordin had sworn that they saw Gamble handle a rope coil and then throw away a bottle which was later picked up and found to have contained sulphuric acid. I. J. Rogers of the provincial laboratory had also given evidence and stated that he found traces of sulphuric acid on the rope and in the bottle.

At the reopening of the preliminary hearing at Whitty yesterday H. H.

Dewart, K.C. of Toronto, appeared for the accused, and Crown Attorney Farewell prosecuted.

**Gamble's Defence.**  
When placed on the stand in his own defence Gamble accounted for the time he spent in the vicinity of Dixie, stating that he was accompanied at the time by William McCuaig, who had left Toronto with him.

"I sat down and rolled a cigaret and lit it," he said. "While I was there I saw a little squirrel running about the fence corners. I picked up three or four little stones and threw them at the squirrel. Then I ran to the fence and looked over to see if I had hit the squirrel. McCuaig looked on and saw all that happened."

It is alleged that Gamble was sitting on the coil of rope on which the acid was placed. In this connection his counsel, Mr. Dewart, asked him:

"Did you put anything on that upon which you were sitting?"

"No," was the reply.

"Did you have any sulphuric acid in your possession?"

"No."

"Did you see any sulphuric acid?"

"No."

"Are you in the habit of carrying sulphuric acid?"

"No."

"Then you never saw this bottle acid to have contained the sulphuric acid?"

"I did not have it and never saw it."

**Didn't See the Rope.**  
In being cross-examined by Crown Attorney Farewell Gamble denied having even seen the damaged coil of rope, but was willing to admit that it might have been where he was sitting.

"It may have been there; I would not swear it was not, but I did not see it," he declared.

In his evidence Gamble was corroborated by his companion Wm. McCuaig.

"Did you see Gamble sitting down?"

"Yes, he was sitting on the ground while I went to the boarding car," was the reply.

"What was he sitting on?"

"I don't know."

"Did you see any bottles around?"

"Yes, there are always empty bottles where there are workmen."

The bottle found at Dixie, which is alleged to have contained the sulphuric acid, was an empty whiskey flask.

**RURAL DELIVERY PROVES SUCCESSFUL**

GALT, Aug. 12.—(Special)—A report made today shows that rural mail delivery inaugurated a year ago today in the county of Waterloo, chosen for experimental purposes by the department, is a most pronounced success. A comprehensive system of routes radiates from Galt, the area covered being within a radius of ten miles with a daily mail delivery and collection. A year ago today free mail delivery in the town was inaugurated and is also a complete success.

**DEATH OF GEORGE TAYLOR.**

George Taylor of Tomdromon died at the age of 51 yesterday afternoon. He was a member of John Taylor & Sons who owned the old paper mills in the Don Valley, and started the Don Valley Brick Works. He was of the second generation of Taylors who settled upon the Don about a hundred years ago. He was unmarried and is survived by several sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Robert Davies, and by a brother, Mr. W. T. Taylor. The interment will be in the old Taylor plot alongside the Don Mills Methodist Church. The deceased was respected by all his neighbors.

## THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK BRIGHTENS

The crop reports from our western provinces improve with each day, and a telegram received in this city yesterday perhaps best expressed the feeling, that the best crop the west ever had was in 1908, and that the crop of 1913 will be a lot better than that. The pressure of the money market seems to be easing off, and the accumulation of capital in England is at such a rate that the owners of it will soon be in competition to get it out. In the meantime they are favoring the idea of a scarcity in order to get the big interest that is going, but the prospects now are that the accumulations will be so enormous that before many weeks the holders will be forced to reduce interest in order to find employment for the money.

Within a week the harvest of the west will be under way, and if the conditions continue favorable, our best opinion is that business in the west will receive a widespread impetus.

## SECOND DAY OF THE CENTENNIAL



Mayor Allan of Hamilton, laying corner stone of house to be erected at Britannia Park in 24 hours

## WANT IMPERIAL CONFERENCE ON NAVY

New Australian Government Will Urge Imperial Authorities to Call a Conference to Guide Commonwealth in Its Naval Expenditures and Other Matters.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(C. A. P.)—The eagerly awaited announcement of the new government's program was made yesterday, says The Times Sydney correspondent, and provides among other things for an alteration in the electoral law, restoring the postal vote and removing restrictions on the press, an alteration in the arbitration act to prohibit granting of a preference to unions with political connections, and tariff revision in accordance with the report of the interstate commission. Reference was made to Canadian reciprocity. Proposals for developing overseas and especially British markets will be discussed with the high commissioner. A naval conference is being urged on the British Government, meanwhile Rear Admiral Henderson's proposals will be generally adhered to. Provisions for the building of warships locally will be expedited and high professional advice will be obtained immediately regarding rates and plans and cost of works.

In naval bases rifle clubs will receive increased assistance as a scheme of national insurance on contributory basis. Among other proposals are that the postal department should be controlled by commissioners and by co-operation with the states regarding immigration on a basis of Deakin's scheme.

**WOODSTOCK MAN SHOT IN HEAD**

Mystery Surrounds Shooting of William Dunster, Jr., Well-Known Local Sportsman.

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 12.—(Special)—With a revolver bullet in his head, William Dunster, Jr. lies in the General Hospital here, and slight hopes are being held out for his recovery. It appears that yesterday evening about six o'clock Dunster, his wife and eight-year-old daughter were about to sit down to supper in their house, 111 Sydenham street, near his father's residence on Huron street, when the wife and daughter went out in the garden for a few minutes to help a neighbor drive some chickens off the premises. They had been out for more than a minute or two when they heard the report of a gun from the direction of the house. On running back they found Dunster lying on the floor with a bullet wound over his right ear from which the blood was pouring. The revolver was beside him. The ambulance was called and the wounded man hurried to the hospital, where his wound was dressed but the bullet was not located.

Shortly afterwards the man regained consciousness and informed his father, William Dunster of Huron street, that an accident had happened while he was cleaning the revolver. From the position of the wound, however, which was too high to allow the bullet to strike the brain an accident seemed unlikely when cleaning the weapon, and the fact that Dunster was not cleaning the gun when his wife and child were with him and he was alone in the room for only a few minutes adds to the mystery of the case.

A consultation was held by doctors over the case and it was decided not to probe for the bullet in the meantime, as it does not appear to be pressing on any vital spot. William Dunster is a painter by trade and has been an enthusiastic member of the local sporting circles. He is the owner of quite a collection of guns and firearms of various kinds in which he takes a deep interest. Dunster was also formerly a member of B company, 22nd Regiment Oxford Rifles. Yesterday he was present at the ball game on Victoria street park and caught a number of fouls during the game and tossed them back into play.

**WAIT FOR THE WAGON, ETC.**  
Billy Harris says in two weeks all West Toronto, Eastcourt, Wychwood, Davenport, Forest Hill, will be riding in the new municipal cars on St. Clair avenue.

And Erer Haecken says the whole town'll be riding in city-owned cars from the Hubner to Scarborough, and from York Mills to Union Station, and transfered all over, for a single fare, in two months!

## DISABLED LAUNCHES IN WILDS PROVED UNDOING OF ROBBERS

Police of Parry Sound by Tracing the Trail of Abandoned Boats Came Upon Haunts of Dangerous Gang—Still Warm Ashes of Fire Led to Capture.

Word came to the provincial police headquarters last evening of the breaking up of a dangerous gang of robbers which has been camping in the fastnesses of the Georgian Bay shore, and leaving heavy toll from the Parry Sound district. To Constable Markie goes the credit of the capture of one of the offenders, and his experience in that connection contains an unusual spice of adventure.

It involves the tracing of the cache in the depths of an unfrequented part of Parry Island, and the discovery of a camp where a man was cooking his evening meal. After a few brief words, the constable recognized material scattered about as some of the loot from a local hardware store. He arrested his man without hesitation and brought him back to Parry Sound. The partners had evidently taken alarm, and nothing can be learned of their whereabouts.

James Easterman of Bay City, Mich., is the name given by the prisoner and on the strength of the goods in the camp he was committed for trial before Magistrate Farrell. Four charges of robbery are laid against him.

For some time past Parry Sound residents have been aware of petty thefts in their midst, but the carrying off in the same night of two valuable motor boats, and the pilfering of a general store and a local hardware store, proved the climax.

Constable Farrell set out on the following morning in a launch to seek clues on the water. A little distance down the harbor he came upon one of the stolen boats lying derelict. Examination showed that the gasoline had given out. Further along the shore was found with the magnet out of order, and it was evident that both had been hastily abandoned.

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## LEAD RECEIVED BY MINISTER

First Skirmish in Diplomatic Battle Goes to President Wilson's Representative.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—The first skirmish in the diplomatic battle between Mexico and the United States took place today and was won by John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, when he was received unofficially by Foreign Minister Federico Gamba. Both Mr. Lind and Senator Gamba insist that no great importance should be attached to the visit. The Mexican Government is still insistent that it will not deal with Mr. Lind officially nor listen to any suggestion from him as to mediation or to any proposal emanating from his government.

Mr. Lind was presented to Senator Gamba by Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charge d'affaires of the American embassy, in the character of a private citizen. The conversation between the Mexican cabinet chief and Mr. Lind was entirely informal, both carefully avoiding the subject of politics or the mission which is personally entrusted to Mr. Lind by President Wilson.

The visit of Mr. Lind consumed but a few minutes of Senator Gamba's time, and few persons knew that it had been made. The time selected for the call was when few visitors were shown in the department to cloak it with secrecy. No further steps were taken by Mr. Lind today to advance the object of his mission to Mexico, and it is believed that there will be little development in the situation before Thursday. Mr. Lind is in communication with Washington, and it is not improbable that his movements will be governed by instructions from there, based upon the progress he is able to make here.

In view of President Huerta's note of last week issued through the acting foreign minister, stating that Mr. Lind would not be received officially unless he brought credentials and a dispatch of recognition of the Huerta Government, great significance attaches to his reception by Huerta's cabinet chief, even unofficially. By some persons his reception is taken as an indication of the disposition of President Huerta to learn the character of the message Mr. Lind bears. Officials, high and low, persist in saying that such a reception will never receive Mr. Lind, especially as President Wilson's emissary, but there is an unconfirmed rumor in circulation that steps already have been taken to bring about a conference between them.

It is the opinion of Mexican generally that even if President Huerta should receive Mr. Lind, it would be merely to show his personal courtesy and would not alter the stand the Mexican executive has taken in regard to foreign interference in the republic. It is pointed out also that even should President Huerta be disposed to listen to suggestions, there remains the formidable barrier to the restoration of peace. Rebel sympathizers in the capital, and even pro-government men, say the rebels are no more inclined to permit mediation than is the administration.

Official reports received today are to the effect that Torreon, which has been under active siege for some weeks, has been relieved, and the rebels defeated with a loss of 3,000 men killed, wounded or taken prisoners. The report says that the rebels, who were commanded by Venustiano Carranza personally, were allowed to enter the streets of the city as a strategic move, and when they believed that they had won and were rushing toward the heart of the city they were mowed down by Federal rifle and machine guns.

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**TOBACCO TRUST STILL STRONGER**

Senator Hitchcock Shows Senate How Monopoly Had Maintained Its Hold in Spite of Judicial Decrees.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—That the tobacco trust, instead of being dissolved by the decree of the supreme court of the U. S., has increased its monopolistic control of tobacco manufactures, was asserted in the senate today by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, in discussing the tobacco schedule of the tariff bill.

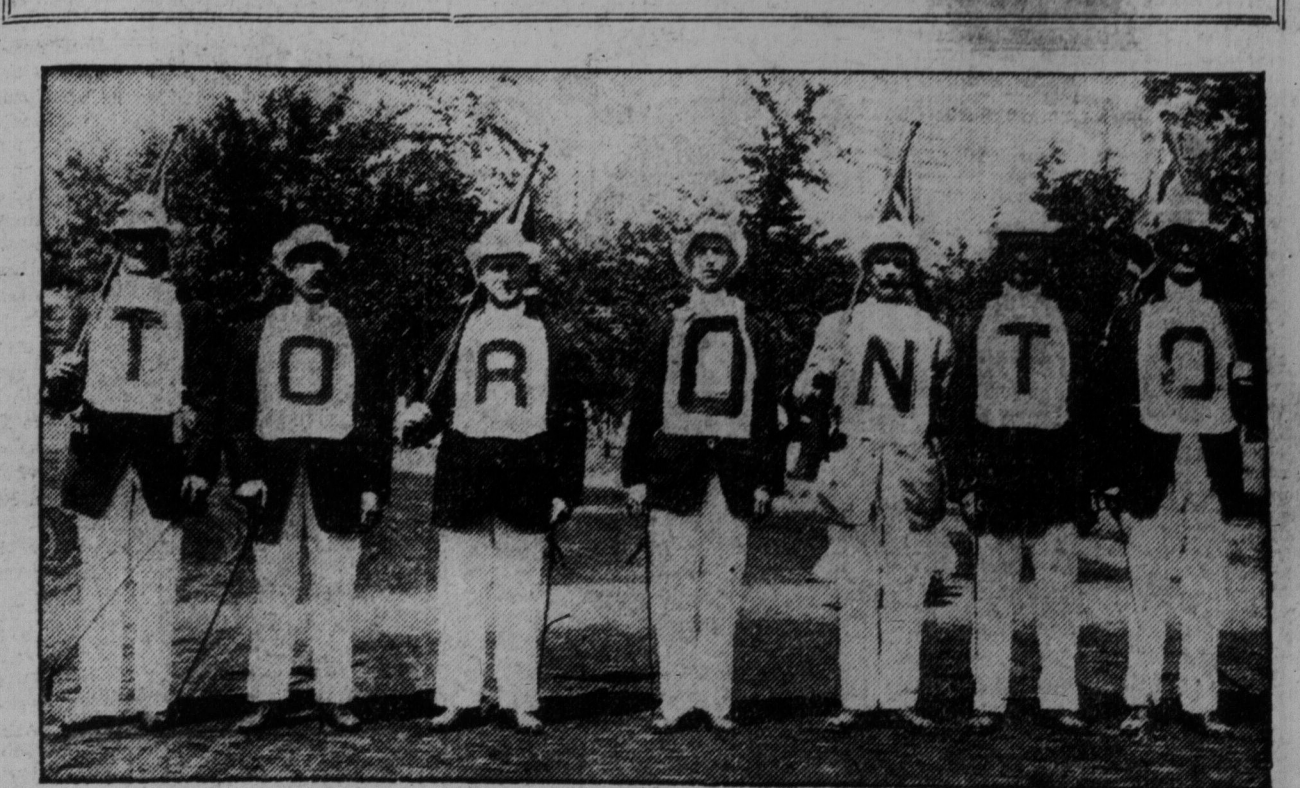
Announcing that he intended later to press his amendment to the tariff bill, which would place a graduated income tax on tobacco production, Senator Hitchcock, who booted the Democratic party caucus on the tariff, said he intended also to discuss the propriety of that caucus in restraining its members from supporting his amendment.

Reading from statistics furnished by the secretary of the treasury, he declared that four concerns manufactured last year 71 per cent. of all tobacco manufactured in the U. S., that three of these concerns manufactured 90 per cent. of all the small cigars, and three of them 55 per cent. of all the cigars.

"If the American people are in earnest," (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3.)

John: Is that ye, John? Hoo's things in West York, syne we fixed?  
John: A wireless tells me Billy was tryin' to sing th' Dockology at th' Hamilton One Boys' stamped, an' tryin' to get a reputation as a lan'mark, when he ain't. There can't be no real aggregashun (one of our fren' Barnum's words) of lan'marks without us in th' front rank. I'm goin' to compile th' lan'marks on Hamilton when I get back, an' I'm searchin' th' British Museum now for specimens. I'm on th' track of th' M. W. M. who stened th' warrant for Barton lofe, an' when I get that I'll spring it on a waitin' public. All Toronto wants is more lan'marks to clear up th' municipal middle that Little Hocken's got th' ole town into. Lookin' backward, lookin' in at th' big an' ev' th' telegraph, an' fillin' up th' kaleidoscope with lan'marks an' then turnin' it round is th' only genuine way to attain that civic reform so dear to our hearts. Get away! an' John, but ye have what th' Meentzer can't historical perspective!  
John: Yuh bet, Pop!

## LEADERS OF TORONTO CONTINGENT



Toronto Old Boys occupied a place of honor in Hamilton parade, which was a feature yesterday.