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KENTVILLE MURDER AND SUICIDE

MILLEDGE RUFUSE KILLED WOMAN
AND SHOT HIMSELF

The Tragedy Occurred Thursday Evening at Pine Wood, Just North of the Town—Domestic Troubles Probably Caused the Terrible Deed.

A Kentville despatch says: The whole countryside from Kentville to Aldershot was aroused Thursday evening by a murder and probable suicide, when Milledge Ruffuse, aged fifty years, shot and killed Mrs. Ross Veiner, seriously injured Mrs. H. Felig and then turned the gun on himself, inflicting what physicians think will prove a fatal wound.

The tragedy occurred at 10.30 p. m. at Pine Wood, one and a quarter miles north of Kentville, on the road to Aldershot Camp. Domestic troubles, as advanced by neighbors as the probable reason for the deed, Mrs. George Walker, mother of Mrs. Veiner, escaped being shot by flight.

According to neighbors, Ruffuse, who is a carpenter, had been living with Mrs. Veiner for some time, although they had not married. Last week Mrs. Veiner left Ruffuse after a bitter quarrel, during which she accused him of seeing other women, and transferred her belongings to her mother's home at Pine Wood.

Thursday night Ruffuse went to Pine Wood and asked Mrs. Veiner to come home. She refused and another quarrel arose. At 10.25 he again asked her to come home and when she declined he pulled a revolver from his pocket and shot her in the stomach, killing her instantly. He then turned the gun on Mrs. Felig and shot her through the back, inflicting a serious but not fatal wound. He later fired a shot at Mrs. Walker, but missed and she fled from the house.

Soldiers at Aldershot Camp, aroused by the firing then came upon the scene. They tried to enter the house but found the door barred. Axes were then brought into action, the men working with feverish haste with the hope of capturing Ruffuse alive.

Just as the last obstruction was being removed a shot was heard and when the men rushed into the house they found Ruffuse lying in a pool of blood on the floor, shot through the stomach, with a smoking revolver still in his hand. He was unconscious.

Military physicians were quickly summoned to the house. They attended to the injuries of the two wounded. Mrs. Felig, although seriously hurt, is expected to recover, but grave doubt was expected about the survival of Ruffuse.

Here is the story of the tragedy as told to a neighbor by Mrs. Walker: "He came into the house and asked my daughter to come back with him. She refused and they quarrelled. He asked her again and when she said 'No,' he took the gun from his pocket and shot her. Mrs. Felig and I then tried to leave the house, but he shot at us and hit her in the back and she fell down. He then shot at me, but missed and when he looked for me again I was gone."

THE MURDERER DEAD

KENTVILLE, July 8.—Milledge Ruffuse, who on Thursday night shot and killed Mrs. J. Veiner and seriously injured Mrs. Felig at the Pine Woods, died Saturday afternoon at the military hospital at Aldershot Camp. Ruffuse was under guard at the hospital, as he was wanted for the double shooting. When he was found wounded Thursday night, military physicians held out little hope for his recovery. He took a turn for the better Friday and was expected to live, but later got worse and died writhing in agony.

GRANVILLE CENTRE

Commencing Sunday, July 14th, Rev. J. Brindley will conduct a series of special services in the United Baptist church. On that evening, Rev. E. S. Mason, of Wolfville, Supt. of H. M. Board, will be the speaker. The following evenings of that week except Saturday, the pastor will be assisted by Rev. F. H. Bone, of Bear River. The week beginning July 21st, Rev. G. D. Hudson and Mrs. Hudson, of Annapolis, will assist in the work. There will be special singing at these meetings, which will open at 8 o'clock each evening.

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BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Evelyn G. Foster Observes Her 55th Birthday Anniversary.

A few of the near neighbors and relatives of Mrs. Evelyn G. Foster, gathered at her home on Granville street on Monday afternoon, July 8th, to spend a social hour and to extend congratulations. Mrs. Foster having arrived at the age of eighty-five years on that day.

Among those present were: Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Richardson, Mrs. W. H. Warren, Mrs. E. C. Young, Mrs. J. R. Ross, Mrs. John Cameron, Mrs. J. R. DeWitt, Miss Helen Vidito, Mrs. A. S. Bull and daughter Emilie, Mrs. A. S. Williams, Mrs. C. H. Strong, Mrs. Mary Blanchard, Mrs. S. H. Eagleson, Mrs. Eugene Saunders, Miss Mildred Manthorne and Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Young and daughter Ruth.

Miss Manthorne attired in a costume of the hostess and of the fashion of many years ago, received and introduced the guests. After a social hour spent in happy conversation and the extending of congratulations and best wishes a dainty lunch was partaken of. Before the company dispersed, Rev. Mr. Richardson read a portion of scripture and offered prayer and a number of the good old hymns were sung.

A coincident of this occasion was the fact that the day was the birthday of the oldest and youngest member of the company, viz., Mrs. Foster and her grand-niece, Miss Ruth Evans Young. Mrs. Foster, who has lived the greater part of her life in Bridgetown, is the youngest daughter of the late Edward Thorne and Mary (Charlton) Young, and is the only surviving member of that family. She is active and in possession of all her faculties and enjoys good health.

The MONITOR extends congratulations and best wishes for a return of many more such occasions.

MIDDLETON PASTOR'S SILVER WEDDING.

Rev. W. R. Turner Remembered on His Attaining Twenty-Five Years of Married Life.

MIDDLETON, July 7.—Last evening, a pleasant surprise was given Rev. W. R. Turner, pastor of the Methodist church, and Mrs. Turner. They were invited to the church where friends from Middleton, Wolfville, Port Edward, Thorne and Mary (Charlton) Young, and neighboring towns had gathered to offer congratulations and good wishes upon the completion by the pastor of twenty-five years of married life. Isaac Young is chairman. After addresses by Rev. Dr. Hutchins and Rev. W. S. H. Morris and a letter was read from Rev. D. K. Grant, who was unable to be present, Captain G. H. Yroom presented an address and a liberal purse of silver to the bride and groom of twenty-five years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Turner made feeling acknowledgements of the tokens of good will towards them.

(Mr. and Mrs. Turner have many friends among our readers in Annapolis and Digby Counties, having resided years ago in Digby and Weymouth.—Ed. MONITOR.)

Death of Charles T. King.

The many friends of Mr. Charles T. King will be pained to learn of his death which occurred suddenly on May 28th. Mr. King lived for many years at 1378 Masonic avenue, San Francisco, California. He was a prominent attorney and was fifty years of age at the time of his death. He was a man of jovial disposition, with a smile for every one with whom he came in contact and his death will be a decided shock to his old associates. The deceased left to mourn his loss two brothers, Fred G. King, of Berkeley, formerly of Bridgetown, N. S., and Dr. C. O. Forrester, of 1220 Masonic avenue, besides two sisters, Mrs. George Shaw and Mrs. L. S. Gilbert, both of New York city.

A San Francisco correspondent writes the MONITOR as follows: Charles Tupper King was a distinguished and prominent attorney in this city and much admired for his intense loyalty and devotion to the interests of the British Empire, especially at this time. He helped many a man on his way to the front.

Death of Mrs. Phillips

An Esteemed Citizen, of Middleton, Passed Away in Montreal.

On Sunday, June 30th, news was received that Mrs. C. N. Phillips had died the previous night in Montreal. Mrs. Phillips had gone to that city a few weeks ago to visit her son, Kenneth, but was seized with illness immediately upon her arrival. A few days before her death, word had been received here that there was no hope of recovery. The news of her death, though expected, nevertheless came as a shock in the town where she had spent her whole life. The body arrived on Wednesday and the funeral was held next day from her late home. Rev. W. R. Turner conducted the service, assisted by Rev. D. K. Grant and Rev. Dr. Hutchins. The large number present indicated the esteem and affection with which she was regarded in the community.

Sultan of Turkey Dead

AMSTERDAM, July 4.—Mohammed V, Sultan of Turkey, died at seven o'clock last night, says a Constantinople despatch received here today by way of Vienna.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT LAWRENCE TOWN

Two More Heroes From Our Sister Town Who Have Paid the Supreme Sacrifice—A Sketch of Their Honorable Careers

A memorial service for Harland Balcom and Charles N. McKeown, who have paid the supreme sacrifice, was held in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, June 30th, when a large number of sympathizing friends gathered to pay their tribute of respect to the departed.

The church was beautifully decorated with flags, potted plants, pictures of the fallen and an Honor Roll was hung, showing names of the soldiers belonging to the homes and members of the church and congregation.

Rev. F. H. Beals conducted the services, assisted by Revs. S. J. Boyce and Mr. Munroe, of Annapolis Royal. Pastor Beals began his impressive address by saying: "There are several things that combine to make this service most sadly interesting."

1st, the blows have fallen upon the same family (uncle and nephew).

2nd, in the one case it is a mere boy whose memory we honor. In the other, it is the only son of parents advanced in years.

3rd, Another is that the relatives had no opportunity to be with their loved ones, and did not have even a last look at the precious bodies, nor their graves to visit or keep tidy.

Pte. Charles H. McKeown, son of Deacon and Mrs. Wm. McKeown, was born at Brickton, in 1880 and was 33 years of age at the time of his death. He enlisted in the 219th Battalion in the spring of 1916, trained at Aldershot until October when he went overseas with the Highland Brigade. Being unfit for trench duty he was transferred to the 14th Co., C. F. C., and while engaged in mail work, was seriously wounded and was admitted to the war hospital at Chichester, England, on May 28th, where he died on May 30th.

"Charles," as he was familiarly called, was a man of kindly disposition, who had a host of friends, who appreciate the contribution he has made to the winning of the war and who sympathize very deeply with the bereaved families. He was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church on April 20th, 1902, by Rev. W. L. Archibald.

Unfortunately no word has come as yet from Chaplain or nurse respecting the closing hours of his life, but we trust that his father's and mother's God was with him and that he has gone to be forever with the Lord. Harland Balcom, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Morse Balcom, enlisted in the 219th in the spring of 1916. He trained at Bridgetown, unopposed for a few weeks and spent the summer at Camp Aldershot, sailing for England on Oct. 13th, where he entered Whitley Camp on the 19th. While in England he had an attack of influenza and later was in hospital for 21 days with mumps. Had also treatment for his ear in Bramshot Hospital. At this time Harland was given an opportunity to return home, which he refused to take. He went to the hospital at Folkestone in September and while there had his throat operated on and was again given a chance to come home, which he

again refused to take. Having enlisted to go to France, nothing else would satisfy him.

Accordingly he crossed the channel the first of November, where he joined the 12th Canadian Railway troops, Transport section.

In January, 1918, Harland was sent to the Guards Battalion for a course in musketry. Here he passed his examinations successfully and was made Lance Corporal, returning to his Battalion about the middle of March.

He was baptized by Rev. H. G. Mellick, April 12th, 1914. Further interesting facts respecting his life and death in the far off land are contained in letters sent—first, from Harland to his S. S. teacher, Mrs. I. F. Brown, in which he was well and hopeful.

The second was from his Captain to Mrs. Balcom, which gave him great praise as a willing worker and of a cheery disposition. The third was from the Matron of the Hospital to Harland's sister Pearl, telling about his sickness and how he had endeared himself to them although he had been with them so short a time. The fourth letter was from the Chaplain, who attended him during his illness.

He spoke favorably and highly of his life and said he was a boy his parents might be proud of. He was admitted on Monday, the 22nd, to No. 6 Stationary Hospital, France, suffering with a bad ear, which afterwards led to meningitis and though every effort was made to save his life, he had passed beyond human aid and skill and at 5 a. m. on Wednesday morning he passed peacefully away. The Chaplain read the 23rd Psalm and Harland repeated it after him, after which he said, "Isn't that beautiful?" After the chaplain had prayed he gripped his hand and said "Thank you! Thank you! That was nice." His last message was, "Give my love to them at home and ask them not to worry."

A duet, "Tell My Mother I Will Meet Her," was then beautifully rendered by Mrs. Robert Blauvelt and Miss Peters.

Letters sent to Mrs. Charles McKeown, written by the Captain and his comrades were read by Rev. Mr. Munroe.

Rev. Mr. Boyce made a fitting address and spoke very highly and feelingly of the departed.

This very impressive service closed with a duet well rendered by Mrs. Edgar Shaffer and Mr. B. S. Banks and chorus by the choir.

BRIDGETOWN SCHOOLS

Entrance Examinations Continued From Last Week

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