

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON AGED WOMAN

Mrs. Phinney, Said to Belong to St. John. Beaten and Left Unconscious at Newcastle. Criminal Assault Attempted by Inhuman Wretch Who Got Away With Victim's Money.

Newcastle, Feb. 12.—A murderous assault was committed here at an early hour Saturday evening, on an old lady of 72 years of age, who was passing along Blaney Lane between King and Pleasant streets, in the heart of the town. Mrs. Phinney, the victim of the dastardly outrage, said to belong to St. John, has been visiting here at the home of a permanent resident. The assault took place shortly after nine o'clock when a full moon was shining brightly and there were large numbers of people on the streets. At 9.30 o'clock a young girl passing along the lane saw a woman lying near the fence with her face covered with blood, and her clothing torn and dishevelled. Very frightened the girl dashed back crying out in alarm. A crowd soon collected and the old lady, who was badly cut about the face and hands, had her clothes badly torn and showed other signs of violence, was carried into a neighbor's house. She was unconscious but alive, and Dr. Desmond, who was hastily summoned, succeeded in bringing her around. She said her assailant was a young man in knee trousers. The fellow sprang upon her like a madman and started to beat her brutally. She screamed and fell insensible. When she was discovered her pocketbook, containing a considerable sum of money was missing. The torn clothing indicated further outrage, but the assailant got away with the money. Up to this evening the police have found no clue to the assailant, but it is supposed he was a lumberjack crazed with drink. The pocketbook, rifled of its contents was found in the morning not far from the scene of the assault. Never before in the history of the town have the people been so wrought up as they were when the story of the dastardly assault spread about. The age of the victim made the atrocity one of peculiar horror, and had the perpetrator fallen into the hands of any of the excited security parties it would have gone hard with him. Mrs. Phinney is resting comfortably and hopes are entertained that she will eventually recover from the effects of the terrible shock and brutal beating she sustained.

ANOTHER BLOW TO IMPERIALISM

London, Feb. 12.—The Sunday Times understands that General Louis Botha, premier of the Union of South Africa, will announce at the Imperial conference that Africa will elect the preference extended to British manufacturers.

GENEROUS TREATMENT FOR DEPOSED KING

Paris, Feb. 11.—The Portuguese Charge d'Affaires gave to the press today copies of a despatch received from Bernardo Machado, the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Lisbon, stating that despite the fact that the republic considered the royal debts to the country still unpaid, the government had ratified the action of Manuel's agent at Lisbon in turning over to the deposed monarch \$40,000 in treasury bonds. The government is also permitting the administrator of the property of the house of Braganza in Portugal to send the revenues to the former King.

ST. THOMAS COUPLE ARRESTED AT GALT

Galt, Ont., Feb. 12.—Chief Gorman on Friday evening arrested Mr. and Mrs. Hal Blair at their boarding house here on information from Mount Forest. Chief Cringle of that village took them back to answer a charge of obtaining goods under false pretences. They claim to come from Hamilton, but it is believed their home is in St. Thomas.

ANARCHISTIC PLOT

London, Feb. 12.—A despatch to a news agency here from Innsbruck, says that two anarchists have been arrested in the Tyrol, charged with being implicated in a plot against the King of Italy.

CARRIES OUT SUICIDE PACT WITH HUSBAND

Maine Woman Shoots Her 14-year-old Son And Herself Following Death Of Unsuccessful Husband.

Oxford, Me., Feb. 12.—In fulfillment of a compact alleged to have been made with her husband during his lingering illness, which death ended yesterday, Mrs. Linwood S. Keene took her own life today after fatally shooting her 14-year-old son Gerald. The compact dated about a month back, was found by the coroner in a sealed envelope in the woman's room. Keene was formerly a prosperous farmer, but according to the compact, the family had become impoverished and discouraged during his long sickness. He was 38 years old, and his wife a year or two younger. The document found along with several farewell letters to relatives bore the names of both Mr. and Mrs. Keene, although the husband, apparently had been too feeble to make more than his mark, his name being written by his wife. The document recited briefly the result of Mr. Keene's illness. In it his death was predicted, and it was stated that as both the parents thought it would be wrong to have their son remain in the world to suffer the troubles they had experienced, Mrs. Keene bound herself to "do away" in the words of the compact, with herself and their son Gerald, as soon as possible after the death of the husband and father. Friends of the family who were in the house today, assisting in preparing the body of Mr. Keene for burial, heard shots fired upstairs. They found the boy in bed in his chamber with a bullet wound in his right temple. So close had the revolver been held to the child's head probably while he was asleep, that the hair about his temple was singed. The boy was alive, but unconscious when found. He lived less than an hour. Meanwhile the door of Mrs. Keene's room was found locked, and repeated knocks bringing no answer, it was broken in. Mrs. Keene's body was found stretched on the bed. There was a bullet wound showing that she had placed the revolver muzzle to the roof of her mouth, and fired, death probably being instantaneous. The revolver was on the bed beside her. Directions regarding the disposition of the bodies were left in letters to relatives, to whom also some small gifts were made of the personal belongings of the family. Fishman and wife wished to be buried in a double casket, and asked that their son's coffin and theirs be placed in the same box for final interment. So the bodies were placed in the triple funeral will be held here next Wednesday.

NEW MOVE FOR PRISON REFORM

Winston Churchill Head Of Body For Encouragement Of Discharged Prisoners—Lloyd-George Not Recovered

London, Feb. 12.—In pursuance to Winston Spencer Churchill's aspirations for a reform in the prison system, the home office announces the creation of a new body to be aided by the state, which shall devote itself to the reclaiming of discharged prisoners. The Central idea of this reform is the suspension of police supervision during the good behavior of the ex-convicts. The new commission will be presided over by the Home Secretary, and it will have the effect of coordinating all the existing philanthropic societies devoted to the work of assisting former prisoners to gain a livelihood and their self respect. David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, returned to England today from Naples, where he has spent the last few weeks in the hope of regaining his health. The chancellor has not yet completely recovered from his illness, and will spend the coming week at Brighton.

HEAVY LOSS IN INCENDIARY FIRE

London, Ont., Feb. 12.—Fire at midnight destroyed the barn owned by Dr. H. Lang at Granton, together with three horses, cutters and bugles and 300 bushels of oats. Incendiarism is suspected. Some insurance on the building had lapsed, but a little was carried.

PROUD OF PUGSLEY?



HON. MR. PUGSLEY—No wonder Sir Wilfrid is bursting with pride in me.

Reciprocity Reported On Favorably to U. S. House

Committee on Ways and Means Divide 12 to 7 on Measure and Offer Amendment on Section Dealing with Pulp Wood—Minority Will be Allowed Report But Consideration Will Not be Delayed.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Canadian reciprocity agreement was reported favorably, 12 to 7, to the House today by the Committee on Ways and Means. The committee adopted an amendment proposed by Mr. Mann of Illinois providing that wood produced in Canada may be brought into the United States free and that products of wood, as specified in the bill up to a valuation of four cents a pound, may be brought in free. The committee in its final vote to report the bill stood:— For—Payne, New York; McCall, Massachusetts; Hill, Connecticut; Rottell, Illinois; Neuham, California; Longworth, Ohio, Republican; Clark, Missouri; Underwood, Alabama; Poin, North Carolina; Handell, Texas; Harrison, New York and Brantley, Georgia, Democrats—12. Against—Dalzell, Penna.; Calderhead, Kansas; Fordney, Michigan; Gaines, West Virginia; Dwight, New York; Ellis, Oregon, Republicans; Houssard, Louisiana, Democrat—7. Acting Chairman McCall was authorized to make the report immediately and bring it up in the most feasible and expeditious way. It is probable that a rule will be reported from the Rules Committee limiting debate there, preventing the adoption of amendments, although with a measure of the highest privilege a rule is unnecessary. The present expectation is that the bill will be considered by the House early next week. The seven members of the committee who opposed the bill at the committee's final session were given permission to file a minority report next. Representative Gaines, of West Virginia, asked for specific permission to file that statement next Wednesday. While the house agreed to this, Mr. McCall declared he would not be bound by such action to delay the bill until that time. Settle It Today. A motion will be made Monday afternoon, said Mr. McCall, to take up the measure for immediate discussion and final action. It is hoped that the matter will be settled that day. The McCall report is an important analysis not only to the pending reciprocity agreement, but of the trade situation between the two countries. The development that may be expected on each side of the line and the influence that tariff barriers have had on the development of both countries. The agricultural interests, the fishing interests and the lumbering industry from which the principal protests against the measure have come are handled at great length in the report. The opinion is expressed that the fish catching industry that centers in Gloucester will not be materially injured by the free admission of Canadian caught fish, while the fish packing industry and the consumers of the country will be directly benefited. As to wheat, the final benefit to the consumer of bread is placed paramount to the interests of the wheat raisers. The 25 cent duty against Canadian wheat cannot greatly aid American farmers, it is claimed, so long

SPREAD OF SMALLPOX AVERTED AT MONCTON

Moncton, Feb. 12.—Three houses quarantined for smallpox have been released as no cases of the disease appeared. There are no other developments and it is thought the prompt measures taken have averted danger of any further contagion. The police raided Richard Hebert's hotel last night about 10.30 o'clock. Three men going into the house by a rear entrance were followed and caught in the act of taking drinks. They were served from a partly emptied square face of gin. Four other square faces were found in a basket, and some liquor was secured. As a result Scott Act papers are likely to be served.

BOURASSA DOES NOT INTEND TO RESIGN

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Before Henri Bourassa left for Montreal today he said in regard to the statement that he was resigning from the Quebec legislature in order to enter the Dominion arena: "The story is on a par with the one when I was abroad that I was really in a lunatic asylum. There is nothing to be served."

TWO LIVES LOST IN MONTREAL FIRE

ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA DIED SATURDAY

Rt. Rev. P. J. Ryan, One Of Greatest Prelates In America—Born In Ireland Nearly Eighty Years Ago.

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Sane and prepared to meet his God, whom he had served so well, the most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, D. D., J. L. D., Archbishop of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of Pennsylvania, and one of the greatest archbishops on the American continent, passed peacefully into Eternity at 4:08 o'clock this afternoon at the Archbishop's residence adjoining the Cathedral in Logan Square. For weeks the distinguished prelate, who would have been 80 years old had he lived until the 20th of this month, fought off death, but a week ago he succumbed to a weak heart, which he had contracted during the arduous duties of his high office, could not stand the strain, and he passed away breathing the benediction "God bless you" upon those who stood about the bedside. The venerable archbishop had been suffering since last fall, but his condition did not become alarming until two weeks ago, when his physicians publicly admitted that he was slowly dying from a weak heart. Occasionally he showed signs of improvement, and this week, his condition was such as to rekindle hope that he might be about again. At dawn today, however, the fatal change came, and he slowly lost ground. At noon it was thought that he was about to breathe his last, but he rallied only to again lapse into a sinking spell later. The four attending physicians, who had been resorting to artificial means to keep their aged patient alive, shook their heads at 3 o'clock and whispered that the end was not far off. About this time the stricken Metropolitan was roused into action and murmured the dying words of St. Paul: "I wish to be dissolved and be with Christ." Continued On Page Two.

PREPARE FOR CORONATION

2,000,000 Expected To Visit Most Brilliant Pageant Of British History—Rates For Viewing Stands High.

London, Feb. 12.—Since the beginning of the winter the chief function of the British court has been busily absorbed with preparations for the coronation of George V, which will surpass in pageantry and in history all former coronations of the character. While the ceremony of crowning the King and Queen in Westminster Abbey on June 22 will be almost identical in form with that which has been followed in the investiture of British sovereigns since William IV, and Queen Adelaide, the auxiliary functions are expected to exceed in pageantry and magnificence anything that the nation has witnessed in the past. These will include the progress of the court through London on the day after the coronation and a visit to the Guild Hall with a reception of the King and Queen by the city authorities. Business men and transportation companies count on an influx of something 2,000,000 visitors to London during the coronation season. A considerable proportion of these will be foreigners, Americans and Colonials probably predominating. Hotels are receiving many orders for accommodations, but expect to be able to cope with the invasion. The best places are being reserved for regular patrons, and managers say that prices for the coronation weeks will not be more than double the regular rates for the best hotels. Boarding housekeepers are likely to be less reasonable in charges to visitors who have not made arrangements for accommodations in advance. Stands Come High. There is every indication that the erection of stands for witnessing the procession to the Abbey, and the progress through London, will be on a scale more extensive than for the coronation of King Edward in 1902. Owners of tenements are asking the highest prices ever quoted for building sites and windows. Rates to the ordinary applicants for seats, which usually are held at the highest possible mark until a few days before the event, are apt to go down with a rush on the eve of the coronation when speculators find they have frightened away the public. A lively insurance business has

WIDOW OF PLASTER QUARRY VICTIM DIES SUDDENLY FOLLOWING WEEKS OF WORRY—STILES CREDITORS MAY SETTLE.

Albert, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Theodora Woodworth died very suddenly today at Hopewell Hill. She attended church at 2 o'clock, and on leaving after services fell in the churchyard. She was removed to the residence of C. Robinson, where she had been living for some months, and Dr. Baxter was telephoned for and arrived promptly. Her life was extinct when he reached the patient. Heart failure caused her to fall on the ice and the shock hastened her death. Quite a serious wound was inflicted on the left temple. Mrs. Woodworth had been indisposed ever since the death of her husband, the late John Woodworth who was killed in the plaster quarry a few weeks ago at Hopewell Hill. The deceased lady was the daughter of the late Robt. Cochran, Currier, Albert, county and Chas. Cochran, Currier, and Wilmot Cochran, of Hillsboro, are brothers. She was about 48 years old and highly respected. Stiles Creditors. A meeting of the creditors of Job Stiles was held in the sheriff's office in the court house at Hopewell Hill Saturday, at 2 o'clock a large number being present. R. W. Hewson, of Moncton, represented the assignor and Geo. W. Fowler, K. C., represented a number of the creditors. Sheriff Carter was confirmed in the position of assignee and Albert H. Mitton and Ezra O. Barbour were appointed inspectors of the estate. The inspectors will make an inventory of the assets and report at a future meeting. John L. Peck, banker of Hillsboro was presented and made some propositions looking towards a settlement which were favorably considered by some of the creditors. It is understood that there are some prospects of a settlement being made at the next meeting of the creditors, but this depends largely on the report of the inspectors.

CURLER INJURED

Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 12.—Lieut. Col. Robert Mackenzie, president of the Ontario Curling Association, had the misfortune to fall while playing in Detroit yesterday and break his collar bone. He will be out shortly but will be unable to play the game for a month or more.