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MR. HAGGART'S SCHEME NICELY SHOWN UP BY THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

Tried to Get Government in Disagreeable Position by Asking Something Impossible to Grant—House Divided, and a Big Majority Was Recorded for the Administration.

Ottawa, April 22.—(Special)—The greater part of the afternoon in the house was devoted to a discussion of a motion by Mr. Cowan to restore the Red Deer Valley railway bill to the order paper. It was refused by one vote at the railway committee a few days ago. It was restored today by 87 for Cowan's motion to 53 against.

CASUALTY REPORTS TELL OF FIGHTING SUNDAY LAST IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Son of Late Lord Mayor of London Among the Killed—Neutrality Laws Reported Technically Violated—Further Arrangements for the Fourth Contingent.

London, April 22.—A casualty list made public tonight shows that the fighting in South Africa has not ceased. Last Sunday two British officers were killed near the Orange River Colony. One was Captain Thomas Fowler, only son of the late lord mayor of London. Four men were killed and three officers and 14 men wounded in an engagement in the eastern part of the Transvaal last Sunday.

General Smith's Court Martial. Manila, April 24.—The court martial appointed to try General Jacob H. Smith, on the charge of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, will assemble tomorrow.

ISAAC OULTON, NORTH END HERMIT, DONE TO DEATH.

Found Dead Face Downward on His Bed Horribly Mutilated; Fire Appears While Coroner Is Being Called and Body Is Partly Consumed.

CIRCUMSTANCES POINT TO FOUL PLAY.

Crowds Gather at Scene Attracted by Fire Alarm—Body of Victim Removed to Undertaker's—Thomas Gillespie, His Son, and Thomas Marshall, Held as Witnesses.

Isaac G. Oulton, the Douglas avenue hermit, was found dead in bed at his home about 9 o'clock Wednesday night, under circumstances extremely foul. The indications point to foul play. For two bad wounds, evidently self-inflicted, were found on his left temple and over the left eye, while a little later his house was found afire and the body was partially burned.

People Surged In. Dr. Roberts and Gillespie entered the house with the firemen. In a few minutes an excited, jostling crowd had gathered and the smoke into the dark, evil-smelling, smoke-wreathed hall was general.

Where the Body Lay. Along this passage about 40 feet was a door to the right, which led into a small, wretched apartment, when the smoke had finally drifted out, was found to be heaped with portions of bed iron, scraps of furniture, clothes, and mangle.

Body and House Searched. It was turned over and then was seen a spectacle which horrified even the most staid nerves, and stout-hearted men among the firemen and crowd generally.

The Case Mysterious. The circumstances surrounding the case are mysterious. The last people presumably to see Oulton alive are Thomas Gillespie's family, 20 Elm street. Gillespie is married and is an axe helper in Messrs. Campbell Bros' establishment, Smyth street.

Guard on the House. The remnants of the fire were put out, and a guard, James Robinson, posted.

Door Locked; Private Signals Used. The door was locked. There had been a system of signals arranged between Gillespie and Oulton such as so many knocks on the door and these were all prearranged, not unavailing. Thus was about 7:45 o'clock. Finding an entrance impossible, Mr. Gillespie returned home, and, procuring his son, Thos. Gillespie, Jr., and Willie Marshall, went back to the house.

Coroner Acts. Dr. Roberts, as soon as he was informed of the death, informed Gillespie that it would be necessary for him to remain in the office until the police arrived, when all would proceed over to the house.

CHARLTON'S MOTION PRESSED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS AND DEFEATED.

Mover of Resolution on Peace With Boers Was Advised to Withdraw—Supports What He Moves—Bourassa and the Premier Also Heard.

Ottawa, April 22.—(Special)—The minister of the interior introduced a bill today giving representation to the Yukon in the House of Commons. He said the bill will give one member to the Yukon district. John Charlton in moving his resolution re South Africa, made an able speech from his standpoint, although it was evident the house was not with him. He said he asked Mr. Bourassa to second the resolution because he considered him a representative Frenchman. In agreeing to do so, Mr. Bourassa would tell the house that he also was in favor of the policy of British supremacy in South Africa.

STORIES OF HORRIBLE CRUELTY OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN PHILIPPINES.

Water Cure Administered to Wring from Natives Information of Hidden Insurgent Arms—A Priest Dies from Effects of the Torture.

Lynn, Mass., April 22.—Two Lynn men, formerly members of Company D, 26th regiment U. S. V., stationed in the Philippines, have written Senator Lodge a full statement of instances where the application of the water cure came under their observation. They are Private William Labelle and Albert W. Bertrand. Labelle says he saw several instances of the water cure. While at Anilo, he saw three natives, two young men and a man about 50 years old, were taken by Company D men into a Catholic church at Anilo, their hands tied, and a squad of men applied the water cure. It is understood the three natives understood where insurgents were concealed and the cure was given to have them disclose the whereabouts of the arms. One of the natives, he says, refused to tell, and after he had been given the water cure, he was blindfolded and one of the soldiers fired his gun near the man's head. The same instant another member hit the native with a stone and he was told he had been shot. The native then told where they could find the guns. Labelle gives the names of the officers and privates who participated. He says that in the summer of 1900, Company D captured three natives and gave them the water cure. The water was muddy and was forced into their mouths with a funnel. After the man had been filled with water blood came from his eyes and ears. Labelle says a sergeant had charge of the cure squad. Labelle says that after the old man had been given the water cure at Anilo he was jumped upon by a soldier and the water spurted from his mouth. Bertrand has furnished Senator Lodge with particulars of the disappearance and killing of Father Augustine, a Roman Catholic priest, at Bolu. He says it was reported that Father Augustine knew where insurgent gold was buried, and the men were anxious to have him tell. He says men from Company D captured him in December, 1900, and sent him in a uniform of the U. S. artillery. He was then taken to Benate and kept in a cell. He refused to tell where the gold was buried and on the night of December 9 the priest was tied on the ground and then given the cure. The men then proceeded to get nearly all the water out of him, but he did not revive. They became frightened and a surgeon was sent for. His services proved unsuccessful, however, and Bertrand says the priest died on the morning of December 10. Some of the men were sworn to secrecy and the body was buried. Bertrand says a non-commissioned officer was seen with the priest's watch and chain, and when a commissioned officer learned this they were turned over to him. Bertrand gives the names of the men taking part and refers to several officers.

STABBING NEAR GRAND FALLS.

Hans Petersen Chided Fellow Countryman With Being a Tramp, and Had Dirk Driven Into His Neck—Condition Critical—Assailant Takes to Woods.

Grand Falls, N. B., April 24.—(Special)—A man named Hans Peter Petersen, of the Danish Settlement, east of here, was stabbed by another Dane named Anderson last evening. It appears that Petersen and a companion met Anderson near the Red school house, so called, in the settlement. Anderson is a tramp and Petersen, having accused him of being the same and having also told him that it would be better for him to be at work than running around doing nothing, Anderson threw himself upon Petersen and

stabbed him in the throat with a dirk or two-edged knife, which penetrated the wind pipe. Drs. Wade and Rouleau were called to visit Petersen and have just returned. They report that although the hemorrhage has ceased, the victim of the assault is yet in a critical condition. Immediate after the stabbing took place Anderson fled to the woods and there are several parties searching for him, but it is feared that he has escaped to the American side of the line.

Mrs. Gillespie's Story. Never Had Any Money to Rent—The Stranger Who Wanted to Rent a Room—Her Husband Called on the Way to the Coroner's. In the humble Elm street home of the Gillespie's yesterday there was expressed only a wondering surprise, tinged, perhaps with the faintest sign of concern, regarding the rigors of a course, which would prevent a poor man, with a family to support, from going about his daily avocation that he might be on hand to give evidence when wanted. "For, of course, they could get my man any minute they wanted him," said Mrs. Gillespie, with an appealing look at a visitor who happened along shortly after the family dinner.