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OUTRAGE TO A U. S. CONSUL; AFFRAY AT ALEXANDRETTA

American Representative Attacked by Turkish Police While Escorting an Armenian Revolutionist.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS STRAINED==A SERIOUS CRISIS

Constantinople, Dec. 8.—The United States flag over the consulate at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, has been hauled down and Consul Davies has left his post for Beirut in consequence of a serious diplomatic incident, during which Mr. Davies was insulted and asaulted by the local police.

The affair grew out of the arrest of an Armenian, Obanes Attarian, a naturalized American citizen.

Attarian had been in prison at Aleppo during the past two months and had just been liberated through the intervenrion of the American consular agent, on condition of his leaving the country forthwith. Mr. Davies was accompanying Attorian on board a departing steamer when the police intercepted the party, assaulted and insulted Mr. Davis, and, in spite of the resistance of the consul and his attendant guards, rearrested Attarian and took him back to prison. Mr. Davis immediately lowered the flag over the consulate and formally broke off relations with the Turkish authorities by quiting Alexandretta, leaving the consulate in charge of the vice-consul.

A mob of Mussulmen seized on the occasion to make a hostile demonstration against the consulate and against the Christians generally. The local authorities assert that Mr. Davis struck the police with a cane and that after the re-arrest of Attarian, the consular cavasses (military couriers), attempted to rescue him, and that in the fracas which ensued, the cavasses broke the windows of the prison.

The Turkish authorities further claim that Attarian, who is a native of Diarbekir (Asiatic Turkey), has been traveling about the country with an illegal passport. They also point out that the question of Armenians naturalized in America returning to Turkey, has always been a source of trouble as the porte invariably refuses to recognize naturalization. When Attarian was arrested $2,500 was found in his pockets. This, it is believed, may have contributed to his arrest, the Turks suspecting him of being a revolutionist.

The matter is engaging the energetic attention of the United States legation here. Minister Leishman has made urgent representations to the porte and is now awaiting a fuller report before taking further steps.

The outrage, it is anticipated here, will lead to strong action on the part of the United States to obtain full reparation, especially as full satisfaction for the Beirut affair has not yet been given.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The state department has received a brief cablegram from Consul Davis at Alexendretta, Asiatic Turkey, saying that he had had trouble with the local police at Alexandretta and had left for Beirut in consequence. The state department promptly cabled Minister Leishman at Constantinople to institute a thorough investigation of the whole affair.

FAMOUS GERMAN DANCER MURDERED

Fraulein Boelke Killed in Hotel by Her Fiancee.

SAID SHE FLIRTED TOO MUCH

Kills Himself When About To Be Arrested—Was a Wealthy French Manufacturer.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—It became known today that the leading female dancer at the Metropole Theater, Fraulein Frieda Boelka, was murdered at a hotel in Cologne, on Dec. 2, by Ferdinand Tessier, a manufacturer of machinery at Vichy, France, who had several times been a Nationalist candidate for member of the Chamber of Deputies. They were engaged to be married, and had dined together at the hotel, and quarreled in the private sitting-room because the woman had looked too frequently, as Tessier thought, at another man in the dining-room.

Tessier first tried to chloroform the dancer, but she was a strong woman and pushed him off. Tessier then took a hatchet which he had concealed about him, and struck the woman once ineffectually, and then stabbed her fatally three times with a dagger. The hotel people heard the struggle and rushed to the spot, whereupon Tessier, with his back to the door, shot and killed himself.

Upon Tessier's body was found a variety of weapons, several sorts of poison, and crosses and amulets from Lourdes.

Though the tragedy occurred on Dec. 2, through the influence of Tessier's family the facts were not published until the dancer was buried here yesterday.

THE SIX DAYS' AGONY

The Leading Riders Are Behind the Track Record.

New York, Dec. 8.—There were fourteen teams riding in the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden this morning. Some of them were over 35 miles behind the record. The score at 10 o'clock this morning was: Contenet and Breton, Leander and Butler, Krebs and Peterson, Newkirk and Jacobson, John and M. Bedell, Root and Dorlan, Bardgett and Galvin, Bowler and Fisher, Walthour and Munroe, and Keegan and Moran, 652 miles 1 lap; Samson and Vanderstuyft 651 miles 8 laps; Barclay and Krebs 651 miles 8 laps; Rettick and Gougoltz 651 miles 6 laps; Dove and Hedspeth 644 miles 5 laps. Record 690 miles 2 laps.

MAY BE THE SAME MEN

Pair Arrested at Hamilton May Have Been at Napier.

The county constabulary are of the opinion that the two men, Hillis and Yates, who have been arrested at Hamilton on suspicion of shooting a policeman, and who are also thought to be implacated in the Dundas robbery and shooting, are the parties who operated at Napier, where the general store was entered and about $400 taken.

The tools found on the men at Hamilton are similar to those used at the robbery in Napier. The pair had nitroglycerine in their possession, and it is thought that this was used at Napier. When arrested one of them, although handcuffed, succeeded in drawing a revolver from his overcoat pocket, but he was prevented from using it. In their pockets were found various kinds of tool which are used by the "profession."

Hillis is a Guelph man with a bad record, and Yates at one time resided in Hamilton. High Constable McLoud went to Strathroy yesterday to discover if the description of the man seen in Napier tallied with either of the pair now held at Hamilton.

LONDON PRESS ON THE MESSAGE

Allusion To the Award in "The Best of Taste."

SAYS THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

America Warned That She Will Presently Have to Bear Same Burdens as Europe.

London, Dec. 8.—While President Roosevelt's message to Congress is acknowledged to be of universal interest to the outside warld, it evokes no very striking comment from the London press. Both sides in the fiscal controversy seize points in it which they contend favor their particular claims. Perhaps the part attracting the most serious attention is the President's reference to the necessity for creating a great mercantile marine.

The Standard refers to the entry of the United States upon a career of colonial dominion as "entailing heavy national expenditure, so that henceforth the problem for the Government will likely be not how to get rid of its automatic surplus, but how to maintain its financial equilibrium."

The Daily Telegraph commends the President's references to the question of dealing with trusts as "sound common sense," and says his allusion to the settlement of the Alaskan boundary difficulty is "in the best taste."

The Daily News views with some alarm the entrance of the United States into world politics, and says: "America is fortunate in opening an aggressive diplomatic career with statesmen as able as President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hay, but she will not always be so favored, and must prepare her citizens for heavy burdens such as Europe had to bear. American squadrons will soon be rapidly multiplying in number and in strength. Let us hope the world's peaceful instincts will grow at the same pace."

LATE MISS MAUD PEARSON

Her Loss Sadly Felt in Various Circles of Church Workers.

On Monday evening at her father's residence, 472 Ontario street, Maud, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pearson, passed away, after a long and painful illness, in her 22nd year. For the past two years she has been in failing health and the last eight months she has been entirely confined to her bed.

The chief characteristic of her active life has been patient perserverance she has displayed for the welfare of others. During her long sickness it had never failed her, and, if possible, she had grown more dear to all who came in contact with her. Previous to her sickness she held the position of secretary of "The Busy Bees," and was a most active member of the Epworth League of the Centennial Methodist Church, of which she was also a member.

With her decease London East loses one of the most influential young ladies of that section. Her loss will be most keenly felt by all who knew her. This sad bereavement calls forth the deepest sympathy for her family in the sad affliction.

FAMILY WIPED OUT

Flames Reap Awful Harvest in New Jersey Town.

Clarksburg, N. J., Dec. 8. — Nearly a whole family perished in the flames that destroyed a dwelling today. Clayton Fowler, aged 42; his wife, Margaret, 36, and three children, aged respectively 13 years, 2 years, and six months, were overcome by smoke and burned to death. The blaze started from a chimney, and when the family awoke the lower part of the house was in flames. The oldest child, a boy, jumped from a window and escaped.

ROBBER BAND WIPED OUT

Russian Troops Kill Two Hundred of Them.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8. — The Russian troops have defeated a band of Chinese robbers on the Liau River, Manchuria, killing 200 of them and wounding a similar number.

After the conflict between a force of Russian soldiers and a body of robbers at Tachichao, in which five Russians were killed and nine were severely wounded, the Russians pursued the fleeing tribesmen and finally hemmed them in at the Liau River. The great loss of the robbers is attributed in a Port Arthur dispatch to "a panic among the robbers."

A PITCHED BATTLE

Clash Between Striking Miners and U. S. Troops.

Trinidad, Col., Dec. 8. — Word came at midnight that a pitched battle had occurred at Sagundo, a Colorado fuel and iron camp, between 30 striking Italian miners and seven of the company's guards. Three of the strikers were shot and two of them will probably die. None of the guards was hurt. The fight occurred at the coke ovens. The strikers went to the ovens, but were ordered to stop by the guards. The shooting began, each side asserting that the other fired first. A mass meeting of strikers was called later, but soon dispersed. Sheriff Clark, with a posse, is now on the ground and everything is quiet.

REVOLT AGAINST AMEER

Thirty-Six Sepoys Were Put to Death at Cabul.

Peshawur, Dec. 8.—Thirty-six Sepoys in Cabul have been put to death for inciting to rebellion, in the presence of all the troops forming the garrison of Cabul, and the Ameer has issued a proclamation intimating that any other persons found guilty of carrying on a revolutionary propaganda will be punished in a like manner.

Sahrbzada Abdul Latiff, a former Mullah of Khost, has been put to death by the Ameer for having dissented from the Mohammedan law.

DENUDING DENMARK

Agitation to Reduce Wholesale Emigration to America.

Copenhagen, Dec. 8. — The Danish Economic Association, which has been discussing the growth of emigration to America, has decided by a considerable majority that the benefits to Denmark far outweigh the drawbacks. The speakers who brought up the subject contended that some action was necessary to prevent the country from being denuded of its best workers, but the majority supported the view that the Danes were to be congratulated on the fact that the doors of such a progressive and prosperous country as America, were open to them, and that Denmark had much benefited by the considerable sums of money which yearly were sent back by her former subjects.

A Destructive Fire.

Washington, Penn., Dec. 8. — The two-story block on Jefferson avenue owned by J. C. Knox, and occupied by G. D. Carpenter, plumber; Curran & Alder, confectionery, and G. Whiting, cigar dealer, was destroyed by fire early today entailing a loss of about $15,000. During the fire Benjamin Miller, a fireman, came in contact with the electric arc wires and was electrocuted.

MR. SIFTON ON NATIONAL TOPICS

He Speaks on International Arbitration, the Preference and Defense.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Preferential trade, Canada's treaty-making power, imperial federation and national defense, were the live topics in an address by the Hon. Clifford Sifton last night to the Canadian Club of this city. The banqueting hall of the Grand Union was crowded with guests, and the Minister of the Interior's speech, which was outspoken, manly and fearless, and such as to appeal to the younger generation as well as to the old, was received with immense enthusiasm. Mr. Sifton took the ground in regard to preferential trade that until we knew what sort of a quid pro quo Britain would want in the event of her people approving of that policy we could not say what we would do. It was preposterous, however, to suggest that we should agree not to establish new industries. Canada wanted no favor from Britain without making an equivalent return. As to international arbitrations, it was not a crime to suggest that Canadians should be appointed to look after Canadian interests. To the kind of imperial federation that involved the administration of any of Canada's affairs by representatives of the United Kingdom or the other British possessions. Mr. Sifton was unalterably opposed. He approved of Canada being placed in the best possible state of defense, and favored every youth in the country being taught the use of the rifle.

Mr. Sifton would like to see every boy who went to school trained in the use of a rifle. Certainly every youth on reaching the age of 21 should be competently instructed in its use and he would like to see the adoption of the Swiss system, under which, upon showing proficiency, every young man got the present of a rifle, which he hung over his bed and produced once a year to show that it was in good order. With a population of ten millions of whom a million were trained riflemen, we would make it interesting for any people who invaded this country.

Loud and prolonged cheers greeted Mr. Sifton when he sat down.

SOMEBODY "LEAKED" AT SOO CAMPAIGN

How a Party Did Some "Reforming From Within."

THE BATTLE OF THE RENFREWS

Prominent Speakers to Open the Campaign—List of Liberal Conventions.

Toronto, Dec. 8. — The statement of the energetic treasurer of the Ontario Conservative Association, as published in the Globe recently, that the association was still alive, and would, when occasion arose, make itself felt again, appears to have been borne out by recent occurrences in Sault Ste. Marie. The association appears, however, to have departed somewhat from the path mapped out when the gentlemen composing it started out upon the task of reforming the Conservative party from within. The cardinal principle then laid down was that in the distribution of the fund raised for the purpose of stemming the tide of corruption, which threatened to overwhelm the party, the money was, in each case, to be given to the candidate direct, in order that he might be held responsible that it was expended for proper and legitimate purposes only. It has transpired that shortly before polling day a check from Mr. E. B. Ryckman for $500 was forwarded to Ex-Mayor Thompson, of Sault Ste. Marie. This amount was, however, in the opinion of those in charge of Mr. Miscampbell's campaign, entirely inadequate to the necessities of the case. A few days afterwards, it is stated, a draft for another $600 was made upon the source whence the first $500 emanated, and the report states that the call was promptly met. Afterwards the local Liberals heard of the transactions, and a paragraph published in a Sault Ste. Marie paper sent consternation into the Conservative camp. The manager of the bank through which the check and draft passed was appealed to, and held a private investigation to ascertain whether any of his officials had "leaked," but his inquiries entirely exonerated the bank staff of any blame.

When asked yesterday whether there was any truth in the statement that $1,100 had been sent into Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. Ryckman declined, owing to the manner in which the Globe had referred to the operations of the association, to make any statement, affirmative or negative. He added that he would say whatever money had been disbursed by the association was for legitimate and proper expenditure only.

In North Renfrew the Liberals open their campaign tonight. Hon. F. R. Latchford, Minister of Public Works, G. P. Graham, M. P. P., L. F. Heyd, K. C., and N. Jaffrey, Guelph, will address meetings at various points this week.

The following Liberal conventions have been called to nominate candidates for the Dominion:

North Ontario, at Beaverton, Monday, Dec. 14.

Center York, at Richmond Hill, Wednesday, Dec. 16.

South Grey, at Durham, Wednesday, Dec. 16.

East Lambton, at Watford, Thursday, Dec. 17.

West Algoma, at Sault Ste. Marie, Tuesday, Dec. 22.

CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD.

The following candidates have been placed in the field for the Dominion in Ontario constituencies.

Bruce, S.—Liberal, A. W. Robb.

Durham—Conservative, H. A. Ward.

Frontenac—Liberal, W. J. Shibley.

Hastings, E.—Conservative, W. B. Northrup.

Lanark, N.—Liberal, T. B. Caldwell.

Lincoln—Liberal, E. J. Lovelace; Conservative, E. A. Lancaster.

Parry Sound—Liberal, R. J. Watson; Conservative, Dr. Freeborn.

Peel—Liberal, W. Milner.

Peterborough, E.—Conservative, J. A. Sexsmith.

Prince Edward—Conservative, Geo. O. Aicorn.

Welland—Conservative, Jas. Battle.

Wellington, S.—Liberal, Hugh Guthrie.

I. C. R. Increases.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 8.—A deputation of the I. C. R. drivers and firemen, who have been here the past week in conference with the I. C. R. management, in reference to an increase of pay, concluded work late Saturday night. Committeemen say the outcome was perfectly satisfactory. The increase asked for will amount to about 50 cents a day for older drivers and slightly lower for younger men. Nearly the same ratio applies to firemen.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Snow.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Sun rises..7:37 a.m. Moon rises..9:23 p.m.
Sun sets...4:41 p.m. Moon sets..10:47 a.m.

Toronto, Dec. 7—8 p.m.

Temperatures have remained much the same in Canada today, except in Manitoba and the Lake Superior district, where the weather has turned much colder. Light snowfalls have occurred in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys, and snow flurries in the lake region and the west.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 8—46; Kamloops, 30—34; Calgary, 16—40; Qu'Appelle, 8—18; Winnipeg, 2 below—4; Parry Sound, 26—36; Toronto, 26—32; Ottawa, 22—24; Montreal, 24—26; Quebec, 14—22; Halifax, 24—36.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Dec. 8—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate northeasterly winds; cloudy.

Wednesday—Easterly winds, with snow.

Temperatures.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	40	28	Cloudy
Winnipeg	0	—16	Cloudy
Parry Sound	6	4	Fair
Toronto	20	20	Snow
Ottawa	6	6	Fair
Montreal	20	18	Cloudy
Quebec	18	18	Snow
Father Point	14	10	Snow

WEATHER NOTES.

A light snowfall has been general in Quebec and in Eastern Ontario. The weather continues cold in Manitoba and quite mild to the westward.

Local temperatures: Monday—Highest, 32°; lowest, 25.5°.

PIUS CELEBRATES MASS

At the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Rome, Dec. 8. — The Pope today celebrated mass in his private chapel, the occasion being the feast of the immaculate conception. Only a few privileged persons were admitted. Today was also the forty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the American college, and the most Rev. Robert Seton, of Newark, titular archbishop, of Heliopolis, celebrated a pontifical mass there for the first time. The ceremony was followed by a dinner at which the rector was congratulated on the prosperity of the college.

THE CHINA-U. S. TREATY

Expected to Add Millions to American Commerce.

Chicago, Dec. 8. — Bearing the official copy of the new commercial treaty between the United States and China—a treaty expected to add millions of dollars to the commerce of the United States—John Goodnow, American consul-general at Shanghai, has arrived at Chicago on his way to Washington. The most important provisions of the new treaty are: Abolition of local transportation taxes on American importations, in consideration of an advance in the import duty of from 5 to 12½ per cent; new mining laws on the basis of those in the United States; a national currency for China. The treaty was signed Oct. 8, and only needs ratification by the United States Senate to become effective.

NICE RECORD, THIS

125 Murders in Chicago and Not a Hanging.

New York, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the World from Chicago says: The coroner's report shows that there were 125 murders in Chicago in the last year, and not one hanging.

Measures for checking street and saloon murders, hold-ups, burglaries and other crimes which have been boldly committed in the last month, will be discussed this evening at a mass meeting.

BANQUETED THE PREMIER

Sir Wilfrid Entertained by Montreal Journalists.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the guest of nonor last night at the first annual dinner of the French-Canadian Journalists' Association, a new organization. The Premier arrived in the city yesterday morning and spent the day at the Windsor Hotel. Tonight he will take part at a demonstration in honor of Cremazie, the French-Canadian poet, and on Wednesday afternoon he will return to Ottawa. Others present at the banquet were Hons. J. Israel Tarte, Lomer Gouin, L. O. David, H. J. Cloran, Speaker Brodeur and Mr. F. D. Monk, M. P. An incident was the coupling of the names of Mr. Tarte and Mr. Hector Langlois, editor of Le Canada, with the toast of "The Native Country." A short time ago these two journalists were the chief parties in a litigation, Mr. Tarte suing his confrere for criminal libel. The affair, however, was settled out of court and last night good-will seemed to prevail.

Crew Mutined.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8. — Thirteen French sailors have mutinied on board the French bark Fautrel, lying at the docks here, because the captain would not give them money to go ashore. The entire lot was lodged in jail.

COLLEGE FIRE'S SECOND VICTIM

Rev. Father Palpain Succumbs to Injuries Received From Jumping.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 8.—Rev. Father Palpain, who was injured in the Ottawa University fire on Wednesday last, succumbed to his injuries at 7 o'clock this morning. He was 33 years of age, and came to Ottawa a year ago from Ceylon. He was a native of Ireland, was educated at Rome, and was professor of Latin at the university.

WRIT AGAIAST LONDONER

Ames & Co. Take Proceedings Against A. R. Blake-Forster.

A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, are issuing writs for claims for unpaid balances on stock purchased. Today at Toronto three were issued — one against James Conmee, M. P. P., for $4,150 balance on Lake Superior stock purchased for $9,927; one against Hugh Sutherland, Winnipeg, for $6,628, balance on Dominion Coal stock, and one against A. R. Blake-Forster, of this city, for $1,112, balance on Lake Superior stock purchased at $2,259. Blake-Forster is a drill instructor at Wolseley Barracks.

NON-JURY COURT OPENED

Larger Crowd Than Usual at the December Sessions.

A larger crowd than usually assembles at a sitting of the county court was present when the December sittings opened today before his honor, Judge Edward Elliot.

The various cases on the list were reviewed for the grand jury by his honor, after which notices of appeal against magistrates' decisions, which will be heard on Dec. 28 were proven.

The following applied to the judge for naturalization papers: Percy Flack, Antonio Mascono, Frank Rafello, Joseph Ferdino, F. E. Smyth, Joseph Russo and James O'Donnell.

Quite a number of the cases were reported not ready for trial, and because the criminal cases could not be dealt with before the grand jury brought in their bills, the court was adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

DEATH OF HERBERT SPENCER AFTER PROLONGED ILLNESS

Famous as Philosopher and Scientist==Considered the Greatest Thinker of the Victorian Age.

WAS BORN IN 1820 == SKETCH OF HIS CAREER

London, Dec. 8. — Herbert Spencer, the famous author, died this morning at his home in Brighton. His health had been failing for some months. The illness took a critical turn a few days ago, and he became unconscious last night, passing away without pain.

By his own desire, the least possible information was given out during Mr. Spences's illness. He was born in 1820.

The newspapers all publish long appreciations and anecdotes of Mr. Spencer, whom they universally describe as the "last of the great thinkers of the Victorian age."

Herbert Spencer, an English author, born in Derby in 1820. He was educated by his father, W. G. Spencer, a teacher, chiefly of mathematics, and his uncle, Rev. Thomas Spencer, a clergyman of the Established Church, well known for his liberal opinions on political and ecclesiastical questions. At the age of 17 he became a civil engineer; but after about eight years abandoned the profession in consequence of the large influx of young men brought into it during the railway mania and the consequent undue competition. During the eight years of his engineering life he contributed various papers to the "Civil Engineer's and Architect's Journal." His first productions in general literaeure were in the shape of a series of letters on the "Proper Sphere of Government," published in the Nonconformist newspaper in 1842, which were some time after reprinted as a pamphlet. From the close of 1848 to the middle of 1853 he was engaged on the Economist, then edited by the late James Wilson, M. P., and during this time he published his first considerable work, "Social Statics." Shortly afterwards he began to write for the quarterly reviews, most of his articles appearing in the Westminster, and others in the North British, British Quarterly, Edinburgh, Medico-Chirurgical, etc. In 1855 appeared his "Principles of Psychology." In 1860 he commenced a connected series of philosophical works designed to unfold in their natural order the principles of biology, psychology, sociology and morality. To this series belong, besides the "Psychology" (2 vols., new ed. 1871-1872), "First Principles" (1862, 2nd ed., 1867); "Principles of Biology" (2 vols., 1864), and "Principles of Sociology" (1st vol. 1876). "Education" was published in 1861, "The Study of Sociology" in 1872, and "Descriptive Sociology" in 1873. Spencer has applied universally, and carried out into detail, the theory of evolution.

READY FOR THE FAIR AT GUELPH

The Meeting of the Experimental Union.

EDUCATION PROMINENT FEATURE

Experiments With Grains—Qualities of Sugar Beets Grown in This Province.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 7.—Guelph is again besieged with thousands of stockmen, poultrymen and farmers, who have come to attend the winter fair and experimental union. This year a new feature is added in the presence of a considerable number of lady delegates to a Women's Institute convention, held at the agricultural college.

The address of the president, Mr. Nelson Monteith, of Stratford, made reference to the increasing number of experimenters, which is now 3,845. The introduction of improved grains, roots, and fodders through the agency of the union has done much to bring about the present vastly increased production of farm products. Examples of improved varieties are the Mandscheuri barley, the Dawsons golden chaff wheat, and the Siberian oat.

"The prosperity of the farmer," said Mr. Monteith, "is reflected in our towns and cities by greater industrial activity, which is yearly drawing an increasing number from our farms. To meet the changing conditions, many farms are being seeded to be grazed for beef, while the introduction of improved machinery is relieving the situation in a small measure. Though doing well financially, the farmer is not in a satisfactory situation. The long hours necessitated from lack of help in the field and home are leading to lives of drudgery, and the neglect of that social amity that should exist in well-ordered society."

EXPERIMENTS WITH GRAIN.

The presentation of the results of experiments with grains and roots constitute the leading feature of the union's annual meeting. The varieties of sugar beets grown in Ontario are now Danish improved, Yellow Silesian and Kleinwangleben. Of these the first gives the best yield, and is considered most suitable for cattle feeding. Where beets are raised for sugar factories, the Kleinwangleben, with its higher percentage of sugar, is the leading sort.

Mr. Zavitz, in speaking of tests with fodder corn, gave high praise to the Wisconsin Earliest White Dent as being adapted to Central Ontario. Owing to the ravages of the pea weevil of late years, the grass peas have been planted. This variety is proof against the weevil and does well in the general run of years. Too much rain the past two seasons has been unfavorable to the ripening of the grain, and the yield of grass peas has fallen rather low. Yet Mr. Zavitz would venture to plant it again on the strength of a good reputation in the past.

Prof. Day spoke of the feeding value of some of the principal fodders and the preparations of rations. His conclusions are that a great mistake is made in giving large amounts of grain to fattening steers.

The statistics collected by the Ontario department of agriculture are under the supervision of Mr. C. C. James. One significant fact gleaned from these reports was that the value of live stock has been gradually increasing until it is now nearly $150,000,000.

A high compliment was paid to the Experimental Union by Mr. Spillman, of Washington, who declared that nowhere in America was there to be found a body of men working together to such good purpose as were the experimenters of Ontario.

Practically all of the exhibits were put in place today for the Winter Fair, though the show proper and judging does not begin until Tuesday. Secretary Westervelt is well pleased with the stock that has come forward, and the prospects are that the fair will eclipse former years in every way.

A GIRL SHOOTS TOWER BANDIT

Puts Two Bullets Into Body of Notorious Thug.

WIRES, "I HAVE KILLED A MAN"

Locks Up and Surrenders to the Police, But is Discharged—Desperado Will Die.

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 8.—"I have shot and killed a man who attacked me in the tower tonight. Leaving my post now to surrender to the police."

In these words Miss Kate Roubough, operator in the Norfolk and Western Railroad tower at Thacker, near here, Saturday night informed the operator in this place of her effective resistance of William Howardson, a notorious outlaw, who attempted to hold her up in the lonely Thacker tower.

Leaving the body of Howardson where he fell, pierced by two bullets, Miss Roubough, who is less than 20 years old, walked almost a mile through the dark woods at night and surrendered herself to a magistrate.

After he had heard her story, the magistrate promptly discharged the girl on her own recognizance.

A posse was sent out to bring in Howardson's supposed dead body. He was found to be still alive; but Miss Roubough had aimed so accurately that there is no chance for his recovery.

Thacker is in a lonely, desolate country off the main line of the Norfolk and Western. A male operator is usually in charge of the keyboard there, but last night, by some oversight, Miss Roubough was given the detail.

Along about midnight, while she was eating her lunch, there was a crash at the door, and before she could stir, Howardson, big and of evil appearance, sprang into the tower room.

Miss Roubough had heard of the attacks on operators in other parts of the country, and to be protected against them had provided herself with a revolver, which was on the shelf of her table and within hand's reach.

"What do you want?" she asked.

"Now, you'd best keep a still tongue, little girl," replied Howardson, "and nothing will happen to you."

"March right out," cried Miss Roubough, in a firm voice, and pointing to the door.

"I guess not," said the desperado. He started forward and was about to put his arm about the girl, when she sprang back and with the movement brought her revolver to the level of his breast.

As Howardson leaped forward she fired the first shot. He staggered back, resting on the table to steady himself, and then attempted to clutch the girl by the throat.

Again she fired, and as this shot went wild, quick as a flash she pulled the trigger a third time, and the shot went home.

With two bullets in his breast, Howardson made a final effort to throw himself on the girl, but again she took deliberate aim, and as the fourth shot rang out the desperado fell to the floor.

Pale, but resolute, the brave girl stepped over the body of the man she believed she had killed, and sat down to the ticker to flash the news to Williamson. When she got a reply releasing her for the night, she turned out the lights in the tower, came to this place and surrendered.

Howardson formerly worked in a lumber camp near Thacker. He had the reputation of being a "bad man."

Entire Crew Perished.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 8.—The vessel which was wrecked on Ferryland Head, near Cape Race, during a furious storm at midnight, Friday last, proves to be the Danish schooner Sygrid Peterson, from Alicante, Spain, for St. Johns. Her crew of five persons perished and their bodies were washed ashore.