

MURDER CHARGES FOR COWS FIRE

GAUIS STEEVES ARRESTED CHARGED WITH MURDERING WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN

Sensational Developments at Moncton When Husband and Father of Fire Victims is Taken Into Custody After Burial of Charred Bodies of Tragedy—"I've a Conscience Clear Anyway," Only Remark of Prisoner When Charged With Appalling Deed.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Feb. 17.—The further investigation into the Niagara Road, Albert County, tragedy in which Mrs. O. Gaius Steeves and her five children perished in the fire that destroyed their home on Tuesday morning last, took a sensational turn tonight when Gaius Steeves, the husband and father of the fire victims, was placed under arrest charged with the murder of his wife and children.

The arrest was made by Provincial Constable Gilbert W. Dryden and Inspector Collings of the Moncton police force at the home of Mrs. Martha Crandall, Albert street, shortly before ten o'clock.

Daughter in Collapse. Steeves was taken to the Moncton police lock-up where he is being held pending the preliminary examination which is expected to begin tomorrow afternoon before John W. Gaskin, J. P., Coverdale. Steeves was arrested in the presence of his daughter, Clara, who on hearing the words of the officer fell in a faint. She had not revived an hour later.

The information for the arrest of Steeves was laid by Joseph Steeves, father and grandfather of the dead woman and children, and reads as follows: "Canada, Province of New Brunswick. The information and complaint of Joseph Steeves, of 190 High street, city of Moncton, county of Westmorland, in the province aforesaid, competent, sober and sane, this 17th day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one before the undersigned John Gaskin, one of His Majesty's Justices of the peace, in and for the said county of Albert, the said informant says that he has just and good cause to suspect and does verily believe that Gaius Steeves on or about Tuesday the fifteenth day of February last at the parish of Coverdale in the county of Albert, unlawfully did slay, kill and murder Lucy Steeves, wife of the said Gaius Steeves and a daughter of his, the said Joseph Steeves contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided."

Chief of Police Hutchinson was today informed by Inspector Collings of the arrest of Gaius Steeves. Hutchinson said that he had been told that the man had been seen at the scene of the fire and that he had been seen with the bodies of the victims. Hutchinson said that he had been told that the man had been seen with the bodies of the victims.

Shot Girl Because Of Bulldog Fight. Then Murderer Turned Gun Upon Himself and May Not Live. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 17.—A police court room over a bulldog ended fatally here today, when Miss Frances Holland was shot and mortally wounded at the court room door by Thomas Toyon, a local merchant. Toyon then turned his weapon on himself and may not live.

DOUBLE POLICY OF HIS FORMER PARTY Scores Hon. Mr. Fielding and Hon. Mr. Lemieux in Sarcastic Speech. Ottawa, Feb. 17.—L. J. Gauthier, Liberal member for St. Hyacinthe for many years, has broken with the Liberal party and will affiliate with the Government. It is the first break in the Quebec Liberal phalanx, and as Mr. Gauthier described himself as a political "John the Baptist," it is expected that others will follow and a cold, isolated Quebec be a thing of the past.

Escaped Man Re-arrested. Halifax, N. S., Feb. 17.—Alexander Carvery, colored, charged with assault and robbery, who jumped his bail and escaped from Halifax was arrested in the Coker Oven district at Sydney tonight. Carvery put up a stubborn fight before being overpowered by the police.

Tried to Burn House. Dublin, Feb. 17.—An attempt was made by incendiaries to destroy the Earl of Kenmare's house at Charleville, North of Cork, today. Considerable damage was done to two rooms on the ground floor by an explosion.

Liquor Bill Passes. Quebec, Feb. 17.—The Provincial Liquor Bill passed its third session in the legislative assembly this evening without a division.

Digging for Buried Man. Ash. Johns, Md., Feb. 17.—Two hundred volunteer snow shovelers were digging here today to find the body of Michael Delehanty, aged watchman at the power plant, who is believed to have been buried under an avalanche that tore out a seventy-foot section of the flume at the plant yesterday, leaving the city without light or power.

Caruso is Holding His Own Steadily

Great Tenor Has a Better Day and is Reported Resting Quite Comfortably. New York, Feb. 17.—The physician attending Mr. Enrico Caruso gave out the following bulletin on his condition late tonight: "Mr. Caruso is holding his own. He has had a better day and is resting comfortably. His fever and inflammation are subsiding, but show a marked virulence."

POLICE CALLED WHEN TREMONT TRUST CLOSES

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Wide Advertising Campaign. The company which has a capitalization of \$1,250,000 has been the most active in the city in soliciting business by newspaper advertising. As P. French, formerly a United States district attorney, is president of the institution, and Simon Swig is vice-president, it has a branch in Roxbury district. During the run on several trust companies last fall the Tremont Trust Company was forced to invoke the aid of a money day moratorium in withdrawal of its savings accounts, but was able to weather the storm of a heavy run at that time.

Victim's Body Was Concealed in a Trunk and Hidden in Barn Near Bangor. Bangor, Me., Feb. 17.—Nelson Eugene Knight was today charged with the murder of Alfred Ouston, of Dexter, and that after putting the body in a trunk, he hid it in the barn at the home of his mother-in-law in Bangor, according to Sheriff Farnsworth, of Penobscot county, to whom the confession is said to have been made. The body was found tonight in the barn.

Admits Murder to the Police. New York, Feb. 17.—With steadily increasing importation from European countries at prices considerably below those quoted by Canadian mills, the paper market, both for newsprint and the finer qualities, continues on the downward trend.

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WORLD NEWS TODAY

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United States. The Fordney Bill has been passed in a Legislative jam in the House and is delayed in the Senate.

Newsprint Down Cent Per Pound in One Company. Operating Expense Low in All Mills and Prices All Likely to Decline.

Abitibi Stock Breaks on News. Europe Producing Paper at Cheaper Rates So Canadian Mills Must Cut Prices.

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BIG OFFERS IN CONTEST ARE ENDING

Midnight Saturday is Closing Hour for Three Important Offers. LAST OF 200,000 EXTRA VOTE OFFERS. Big Automobile Prizes May be Won or Lost This Week.

The \$15,000 worth of costly automobiles, movie star contracts and other prizes which will be given away in connection with The Standard's Big Automobile and Movie Star Contest may be won or lost by midnight tomorrow night.

The 200,000 EXTRA vote ballot offer which has proved so popular during the past few weeks will come to a close at midnight tomorrow night. From all reports, the contestants who intend being big winners in the competition are making every minute count during the few remaining hours of this exceptional offer.

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Lively Little Baby Found in Suit Case

Six Months Old Child Got Help by Loud Crying When Carried Along Street. Montreal, Feb. 17.—Attracted by strange noises in a suit case a man was carrying along St. James street at noon today, a young woman got a passably to demand that the case be opened. After a long argument, during which a city detective came off his words, the case was opened and a naked baby, about six months old, and very much alive, was revealed. The man was taken to the police headquarters to give an explanation.

Robbers Stole Diamond Rings as Family Ate. Residence of D. C. Macarow, Prominent Montreal Banker, Robbed in Daring Style. Montreal, Feb. 17.—A mysterious robbery occurred last evening at the home of D. C. Macarow, 365 Peel street, a prominent banker of this city. While the family was at dinner thieves entered the house and stole diamonds valued at between \$8,000 and \$10,000. How entry to the premises was gained is a mystery which the detective state has them baffled.

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EX-LIBERAL'S SHARP ATTACK ON HIS PARTY

L. J. Gauthier Scores Policy of Mackenzie King's Dominion Following. FROM "NO MAN'S LAND" HE SPEAKS. Government Gives Great Applause to Member Mentioned for Cabinet Honors.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—In continuing the debate in the House today Louis Joseph Gauthier (St. Hyacinthe-Rouville), speaking from what he termed the "wilderness of no man's land," attacked the Liberal party, of which he has been a life-long member and declared that he was not a follower of true Liberalism.

Got Big Welcome. The speech of the member for St. Hyacinthe was easily the strongest of the day and his points were greeted with vigorous applause from the Government side.

Predicts Quebec Leader. Mr. Gauthier predicted a new leader for Canada from Quebec who would lead this country to greater peace and prosperity.

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