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Vehement Irishmen Save Indian Troops

In a Third Terrible Charge the Connaughts, Drive the Germans Before Them, and Cheering Occupy Their Trenches

Paris, Dec. 22.—A thrilling story of how the Connaught Rangers saved an Indian regiment has been told by a wounded interpreter. It was arranged that the Indians should make a surprise attack on the German trenches at dawn. They had gone half way when the enemy, who had been reinforced during the night, opened fire violently. The Indians went bravely on, but were raked by infantry fire and had to retire to the trenches. The Germans found the range and bombarded the trenches for twenty minutes. The bombardment was followed by an infantry attack in overwhelming numbers. Matters looked serious, when ringing cheers were heard, and the Connaught Rangers came up on the double quick. A desperate hand-to-hand battle followed. The Irishmen, in the face of terrible odds, were repulsed and had to retreat. They reformed and attacked again, but again were driven back before the overwhelming onslaught of the Germans. In spite of their heavy losses, the Rangers did not lose courage. They reformed a second time and with the remnants of the Indians, made a third glorious charge. This time they literally swept the Germans before them. The enemy at first made a determined stand, but in spite of their numbers they were powerless before the maddened Irishmen. When all their officers had fallen the Germans threw down their rifles and the Connaughts, still cheering, occupied their trenches.

Most Horrible Crime Committed at N. Sydney

Miss Cassie Dunn, a Nfld. Lady Was Foully Murdered.

TWO NEGROES ARRESTED ON SUSPECT.

Wednesday we referred to a brutal murder at North Sydney of Miss Cassie Dunn, a Newfoundland. Yesterday's mail brought details of the shocking tragedy. The "North Sydney Herald" says:—"One of the most cold blooded and brutal murders ever perpetrated in Nova Scotia was committed between 5 and 7 o'clock Monday evening in the home of Miss Cassie Dunn, when an unknown assailant entered the premises, the sole occupant of which was the victim, and after a sharp, fierce struggle, the old lady fell to the floor, and after being knocked unconscious was carried to the head of the stairway leading to the cellar and then hurled to the floor below, where the fiendish monster completed his bloody deed by the aid of a bench axe. Details Never be Known. No human eye witnessed the awful deed save that of the brute who struck down the aged victim, and unless a confession is wrung from his lips, if the police are successful in capturing him, the exact details will never be made known. However, judging from the state of affairs when Mr. A. M. Ross and the Chief of Police entered the place immediately after the discovery, it is evident the murderer first attempted to gain access to the house by the rear door, which was hooked on the inside, as steps leading to it were discovered, afterwards leading to the front door, which was unlocked, and after the completion of the deed the wretch's footsteps showed that he retraced his steps again to the rear, where the falling snow obliterated further traces. Victim Nearly 74. Miss Dunn, who owns the house in which she met her untimely end, lived alone, with M. A. M. Ross, jeweller, who has made his home with the deceased since coming here many years ago to work for her father. The victim, who was nearly 74 years of age, was found of reading, and devoted her spare time in perusing the various newspapers and periodicals while sitting in an armchair before an open grate in the sitting room. It was while thus engaged Monday sometime between 5 o'clock and 7 that she was attacked by her slayer. When Mr. Ross entered the house about 7 o'clock for supper, he noticed nothing unusual about the place, the evening meal being in readiness for him on the table, but falling to see Miss Dunn about, he started to enquire. A Shocking Sight. When he was passing the door leading to the cellar he looked down, believing she had gone there for coal or something. The sight that met his eyes was one that would make any man shudder, for there, lying on her face in a pool of blood, was the form of one who was to him for years a mother. Rushing down the steps Mr. Ross at once ascertained that murder had been done, and he immediately sent a telephone call for Drs. Rindress and J. W. McLean, Father Kiely and Chief of Police McNeil. Victim Strangled. In the sitting room the fire in the grate was burning brightly, the vacant chair in front, with a copy of Collier's Weekly lying in the floor, where it had been hastily thrown or dropped when the aged victim was startled by the sight of her slayer. It is evident Miss Dunn arose from her seat, when she was seized by the murderer, who carried her into the dining room, at the door of which the victim's eyes-glasses fell off. Here she evidently made another struggle, her slippers being found a short distance from each other. It was here the first blow was struck, for blood on the walls of the still distant, and that meanwhile acrosswise on the forehead of the dead woman had been delivered by a short piece of leaden pipe, which was afterwards found by the Chief of Police covered with blood mixed with hair. This blow, it is believed, rendered the aged victim unconscious; then she was carried to the cellarway, where it is thought she partly revived and again put up a feeble fight for her life. Finished Crime With Axe. The assassin, however, was on murder bent, and freed himself from the respected old lady by hurling her down the steps to the bottom, where he finished his awful crime with an axe. The back of the head was completely smashed in, while two deep, sharp cuts, as if inflicted by a sharp instrument, reached from the hair to the eyes. A third cut running across the whole forehead looked as if it was done by the blood-stained leaden pipe. Both the latter and blood-besmeared axe were found by the Chief of Police. Before leaving the place the murderer attempted to remove a bracelet from the arm of his victim. He succeeded in pulling the circle of gold down to the knuckles, when he struck the bracelet with some object, denting it and at the same time breaking one of the knuckle bones of his victim. Hard to Conceal Motive. After finishing his awful deed, the murderer must have beat a hasty retreat leaving by the front door, as the knob on the inside was covered with blood. What the motive of the murder was is hard to conceive. Everything in the house, excepting the blood stains in the dining-room, hallway and cellar, and the spectacles and slippers on the floor, looks as if they were untouched. Perhaps the fiend intended making a search and was frightened away after committing the crime. There is absolutely no other motive. Negro Arrested. Shortly after the crime was discovered Chief of Police McNeil, from evidence he secured during the brief time after the deed was committed, arrested a colored man named John West, who lives in a house with another colored man named William Connolly almost across the street from the Dunn residence. West displayed great fear, exclaiming "I did not do it." This ejaculation was made before the crime was mentioned to him, but Willis Incriminated. West told later of his leaving the Dunn home and carrying the water to Connolly's, and later going to Moulton's for some small groceries. It would then be about six o'clock. On his way from Moulton's he said he walked towards Miss Dunn's house. There he saw Fred Willis rush out the front door and around the corner. He felt something was going on within and was frightened. He delayed a while and then went to Connolly's. When he entered he says Willis was sitting down on a chair, with his chin resting on his hand. "I said good evening everybody," and with that Willis almost jumped to his feet." Little Girl's Statement. This statement of West is partly borne out by the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kelly, who was going to Miss Dunn's about six o'clock, in reply to a request of the murdered woman. According to the report the little Kelly girl was approaching the home of the murdered woman, and when near the gate she was told in a deep gruff voice by a low-sized man, who was standing there, not to enter. The child retraced her steps and West admits he was the man who was standing there. Postmortem Held. Tuesday afternoon Drs. J. W. McLean and Rindress held a postmortem examination on the remains which were placed in Dooley's undertaking rooms. Their examination resulted in the finding of another deep gash on the top of the head, which was evidently inflicted by the eight-inch leaden pipe, which was discovered partly under the dead body of the deceased when she was found in the cellar of her home. Willis, the second negro, who is accused by his friend West, was a passenger on the 8 o'clock car to Sydney Mines on Tuesday morning. The murder was naturally the sole topic of conversation among the passengers, and it is said he appeared rather nervous, and was seen to shift in his seat, his object evidently being to catch the various conversations. Native of Newfoundland. The deceased lady was a native of Newfoundland, but spent nearly all her life here. So far as can be learned the only relatives she has is a nephew, Kenneth Walsh, of Port au Port, Nfld., who is on his way here. Mrs. Murdo McAskill, Mrs. Duncan Macdonald and Mr. John Macdonald, Aspy Bay, Victoria County, who are cousins.

Xmas Brings Not Peace to The Armies of Europe

Albania Objects to Assad Pasha—Italy Likely to be Embodied With Her Recent Foe, Turkey

London, Dec. 26.—Christmas brought the Ottoman government broken into no rest to the armies in battle. It found the Russians still fighting desperately in the snows against fierce attacks of Germans and Austrians. The French were making spasmodic thrusts against the long German line of trenches in Northern France, while the British-Belgians were almost hand to hand in warfare against the Germans. In Flanders, yesterday, things were generally quiet says German bulletin. The French report intermittent artillery firing there, and claim several successes along centre of eastern line, while the Germans declare they have taken second British trenches. In Belgium, both sides assert they have repulsed attacks at various points, which indicates that feeling is under way all along the lines. So close are trenches of Allies and Germans at many points that almost the only weapons used are hand grenades, since it is impossible that men can expose themselves to even so small a degree as would be necessary to use their rifles. There have been informal truces between the British and Germans for burial of dead. Between the lines, according to British eye-witness, for many weeks along the battle lines, dead have lain as they fell there. Gruesome accounts are told of bodies held erect by barbed wire and of scouts crawling over them at night. A violent revolution has broken out in Albania against Essad Pasha, whom Turkey established ruler there when the Italian government have land-ed sailors from warships of its fleet at Avlona, the principal Albanian port, to restore order and protect Europeans and peaceful inhabitants. Italian intervention may embroil Italy with her recent foe. Turkey holds possibilities of far-reaching results. The aeroplane crossed the Channel, according to official report, sailing high and flew over Sheerness. British aircraft went in pursuit, says one despatch, and engaged enemy for a quarter of an hour, before thousands of spectators. The invaders finally disappeared in the mist, having been hit several times. Rome, Dec. 26.—Part of this city has been covered by a land slide, many buildings have collapsed, and forty persons have been buried beneath ruins.

GERMANS ARE PREPARING TO MAKE RETREAT

200,000 Lanstrum in Fortified Places in and Around Antwerp

London, Dec. 26.—The Daily Express despatch from Amsterdam says: My correspondent in Belgium states on authority of first hand information that the Germans have now three concentrating plans for their coming retreat from Flanders. They are now concentrating 200,000 Landstrum troops in fortified positions in and around Antwerp in order that they may be enabled to make firm stand there when the Allies hurl them back. A German Lieutenant in Antwerp said if we are repulsed in Flanders we shall retreat at once on Antwerp.

FRENCH SUBMARINE SUNK AT POLA

Paris, Dec. 26.—According to advices to the "Matin," French submarine belonging to fleet of Vice Admiral Lapriere has been sunk while attempting to torpedo Austrian battleship, in Austrian naval base of Pola. Crew rescued taken prisoners.

WEATHER REPORT

Fresh N.W. to W. wind; snow flurries generally fair; colder to-day and Sunday.

not even attempting to defend Ghent, but our defence at Antwerp will be desperate and it will take years to drive us out as I expect we will have five army corps there.

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TOKIO DIET DESOLVED

Tokio, Dec. 26.—Owing to the rejection measure for increase in army the Emperor to-day dissolved the Imperial Diet, thus upholding programme of Ministry for military development. When decision was announced there was great commotion in the House and cheers from the Government side, and the House of Representatives rejected the proposal by the Government. This led to the dissolution of the House. The Ministerial declaration expressed the conviction that the dissolution of the Diet was in accordance with the will of the people and also declares that the end of the war is still distant, and that meanwhile national harmony, necessary at this grave moment, has become imperilled by selfish party strife. The Japanese Press generally approves of the action of the Emperor.

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