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MRS. BURDICK ON THE RACK.

Shameful Disclosures by Wife of Murdered Man at Buffalo Inquest—Letters Which Pennell Wrote to Her Were Maudlin.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 23.—Mrs. Alice Hill Burdick, widow of Edwin L. Burdick, underwent a relentless examination by District Attorney Coatsworth this afternoon at the resumption of the inquest into the death of her husband, who was murdered on Feb. 23. Mrs. Burdick was on the stand when court adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. She will be recalled tomorrow to complete her testimony.

Astoria by Pennell, and addressed to Mrs. Burdick. She said it was his handwriting, but she did not remember having received it. "I'll read it and see if it will refresh your recollection." "As I looked into your beautiful eyes last night I feared there was some trouble hidden there. I did not know, but I feared it was because of some other reason than because I was going away. If there was, dearest, I wish you would tell me. There is that in the manner of your husband toward you that makes me fear something that I might kill him."

GOODSPEED'S TRANSFER TO DORCHESTER.

Parliament Passes Bill Giving Power to Make Removal When Necessary.

TO STOP IMMORAL SHOWS

Minister of Justice Introduces a Bill Inflicting Very Severe Penalties for Obscene Performances—John Bain to Be Assistant Minister of Customs.

Ottawa, March 23.—(Special)—This was private members day in the house. Hon. John J. H. Ross, the first member for the Yukon, was introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Walter Scott, and was given a royal assent. Mr. Demers, of St. John's and Ilerville, introduced a bill giving the Supreme Court of Appeals jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases regarding the constitution, the laws of Canada, admiralty laws, cases to which the government of Canada is a party, cases between two or more provinces, between one province and the resident of another, between residents of different provinces, between a province and its own or foreign citizens and between residents of one province claiming real estate in virtue of title emanating from different provinces.

HEARTY WELCOME FOR THE BRITISH DELEGATION.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Ross Assure Englishmen a Good Time.

NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Lord Rosebery to Move in the House of Lords for Its Approval of the Scheme—Bobs Pays a Tribute to Highlanders—Canadian Girl Sends a Note in a Cheese.

DEMENTED WOMAN SUICIDES IN A FEARFUL MANNER.

Mrs. John Carey, of South Maitland, N. S., Hacks Her Head in Ribbons.

Husband, Worn Out Watching His Unbalanced Wife, Fell Asleep, and Desperate Woman Took Advantage of It to Do the Deed—Decayed Little Two Children.

Truro, N. S., March 23.—(Special)—A report from South Maitland this morning gives the news of a terrible and sad suicide here Saturday. Mrs. John Carey cut gashes over each eye, on both sides of the head, top of head, and then severed the jugular vein and fell down, dead. She was usually apparently sane and only four days before her death attended a social in the village hall, and was evidently in good spirits and happy with her two little children. The next day she was worse, and continued so till her death.

CANADIAN CHEESE BRINGS RECORD PRICE.

Toronto, March 23.—(Special)—The Telegram's cable from London says: "Canadian cheese was quoted on the English markets today at 70 shillings per hundred weight, the highest price in 20 years. Choice quality white and colored Canadian cheese advanced three shillings per hundred weight last week. First quality New Zealand cheese is quoted at 60 shillings."

FORMER CROWN PRINCESS ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

London, March 24.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Geneva learns that the former Crown Princess of Saxony is seriously ill in her mother's chateau at Llandau, from the effects of an attempt to commit suicide by poison.

BIG STEEL AND COAL MERGER.

Working Out Plans in Montreal to Bring the Two Dominion Companies Under One Management—Involves Interests of \$51,000,000.

Montreal, March 23.—(Special)—Plans are under way to bring the Dominion Coal Company and the Dominion Steel Company in under one management, an idea which involves interests holding \$51,000,000 in stocks and bonds. The Herald says it has assurance that the scheme is being figured upon by a Montreal financier interested with both companies and that it met with approval by some of the other directors.

coal property which became operative March, 1910, and runs until April, 1922. There has been a feeling for a long time that the agreement has not been a satisfactory one, and with the steel company running heavily behind, in spite of the surplus coal earnings and the government bounty, it became evident that some new arrangement would have to be made. The Lake Erie Steel having recently received a set back on the stock market, the price dropping from 90 to 20, has hastened the discussion of the merger which is expected will rescue the steel company from its present position.

AUTOPSY SHOWS THAT McELROY WAS NEITHER DRUGGED NOR STABBED.

Boston Authorities Now Think St. Stephen Man Fell from Train, and the Police Have Abandoned Work on the Murder Theory.

Boston, March 23.—(Special)—An autopsy was held today by Medical Examiner Draper on the body of Joseph Henry McElroy, of St. Stephen, who died Saturday while on his way from Dedham to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Medical Examiner Draper reports that McElroy evidently fell from a moving train and struck upon his left shoulder, dislocating it. There was no very apparent evidence of whiskey in the stomach. The police have abandoned work on the theory that McElroy was assaulted, and officially the case is ended.

R. L. BORDEN OFFERED ONTARIO CONSTITUENCY.

Opposition Leader Asks for Time to Consult Nova Scotia Friends Before Giving Decision.

Whitby, Ont., March 23.—(Special)—The South Ontario Conservative convention today unanimously offered the candidature of that riding to R. L. Borden, and appointed a committee to wait on him.

CORINTHIAN IN A FIX AT HALIFAX.

Doubtful Case of Sickness Aboard—Comes in Without Bill of Health.

Halifax, March 23.—(Special)—The Alton mail steamer Corinthian, Capt. Nunnan, from Liverpool, March 12, arrived this evening. There was doubtful case of sickness in the steerage thought to be small-pox.

C. P. R. AND UNION ARE NOW AT ODDS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 23.—(Special)—The executive council of the International Association of Railway Clerks has been called to meet within 48 hours to take measures in connection with the dismissal from the C. P. R. headquarters of a few clerks who became members of the association a few days before they lost their positions. It is believed that 150 clerks at the C. P. R. Montreal offices have joined the association.

MONEY STOLEN FROM GRANVILLE FERRY BANK RECOVERED.

Annapolis, N. S., March 23.—(Special)—The iron box containing the cash and papers stolen from the Union Bank agency at Granville Ferry, was found about 11 o'clock this morning beside a telephone post at the ferry.

DALHOUSIE POST OFFICE ROBBER SENT UP FOR TRIAL.

Dalhousie, March 23.—(Special)—The preliminary examination of George A. Chiverton for complicity in the post office robbery here was held today before W. S. Smith, J. P., in the court house.

RADICAL CHANGES IN THE DRILL OF CANADA'S MILITIA.

Ottawa, March 23.—(Special)—In the annual report of the militia department, the officer commanding Lord Dufferin, as the Canadian soldier takes the greatest interest in anything which his intelligence proves to him is of real practical merit. In the future he proposes to leave out arches and ceremonial and instead to meet the camps practically into schools of instruction for fitting the soldier to be the field with not one item in the programme that does not make for fighting efficiency.

ST. CROIX COTTON MILL STRIKERS GOING AWAY.

Calais, Me., March 23.—Twenty of the strikers of the St. Croix mills left today for Massachusetts with the hope of obtaining work in the mills in that state. Twenty others left last week and it is expected that more will follow.

FRENZIED MOTHER'S FEARFUL DEED

Kills Her Four Children, Pours Oil on Their Bodies, Sets Fire to House, and Then Cuts Her Throat—Husband and Father Loses Senses When He Hears It.

Sturbridge, Mass., March 23.—A frenzied mother in the little hamlet of Fiskdale, after cutting off every means of escape by fastening windows and doors crushed in the heads of her four little children today, threw their bodies into a closet, scattering oil over them and herself and then, after setting all on fire, closed her awful work and her own life by cutting her throat.

It was Mrs. Peter Burke, the wife of a hard-working machinist in an sugar factory, who committed the fearful deed, and her victims were Lilla, 6 years; William, 5 years; Louise, 14 years, and Miss Rose, 5 months old.

The woman had previously shown signs of mental derangement, it is admitted, but that it should have taken such a violent form was not even thought of by her husband, now completely prostrated. The family were living in Fiskdale about a year and a half, coming there from Worcester, while Mrs. Burke is a native of New Hampshire.

But for the accidental discovery of the fire, the deed of the mother might have been hidden forever. Two boys happened to be passing the house when they saw smoke coming from the window. They rushed to the doors and tried to put the fire out with buckets of water, but it gained on them so fast that they were obliged to run for help. The combined efforts of the neighbors had the effect of extinguishing the flames so that they did not reach above the ground floor.

But some one noticed that a closet door which seemed to be more charred than the rest of the woodwork, was open, and glancing inside a blackened mass was seen. Those who made the discovery were horrified to find the body of Mrs. Burke and beneath it those of her four children.