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## SOPHIA'S GRAVE

### Yields Up the Secret of her Death.

## KILLED BY A BULLET WOUND

### And Not By a Blow from a Lather's Hammer.

## THE BODY OF THE GIRL EXHUMED

### And Particles of Lead found Imbedded in the Skull.

**A Visit to the Scene of the Murder at Fairbank results in the Discovery of the Spot on the Door where the Bullet struck after glancing from the Girl's Head—Particles of Lead also Dug from the Wood—The Man who Committed this Murder Entered the Store by the Front Door—Who Wrote the Letter Directing the Authorities to Look in the Coffin for Evidence?**

Surely murder will out!

The World from the day that Sophie Handcock was found lying wounded unto death in her father's store at Fairbank, on Thursday, July 16, held that the unfortunate girl was the victim of a foul murder.

It showed by uncontrovertible evidence that the accident theory was absolutely unworthy of consideration.

Ever since the Government detectives started investigating the case they have been in search of the weapon with which the crime was committed, their belief being that a lather's hammer was the instrument used. Detective Greer received an anonymous letter on Aug. 3, dated from Hamilton, suggesting that the weapon might be found in the coffin which encased the body of that murdered girl. Call it fate, kismet, or what you will, the author of that anonymous letter gave the authorities the most important clue of the investigation, for when the body was exhumed Saturday afternoon and a more thorough examination of the skull took place, the startling discovery was made that a bullet had caused the injury to the girl's skull—that she had been cruelly shot to death from behind.

**Exhuming the Body.**

Saturday afternoon Dr. Harrington, who conducted the postmortem; W. G. Murdock, counsel for the prisoner, Edward Handcock; Dr. Teskey, Dr. Adam Wright, County Crown Attorney Badgerow and Detective Greer drove to Prospect Cemetery to exhume the body of the murdered girl. On arriving at the cemetery they found that they had been preceded. At the grave, which was by this time partially opened, were Dr. W. H. B. Aikins and Mathew Howie, the private detective of 86 Wellington-street West. A little distance off, standing in the shadow of the vault, were Mrs. Handcock and her daughter. And at a greater distance was a little knot of people gathered around an open grave, paying their last respects at the interment of an acquaintance.

The body of Sophie Handcock was soon reached and the examination proceeded with. Dr. Harrington did the operating. After a careful examination all the organs were pronounced healthy by the medical men. The scalp was then examined. The two pieces of bone that had been retained by the Crown as evidence were produced and fitted exactly the opening in the girl's head. This established the fact that they were taken from her head. A close examination revealed for the first time particles of lead that looked like grains of powder. These had been overlooked in the first place on account of the moisture about the wound, and the numerous clots of blood. Since the post-mortem, however, the bones have become quite dry and the metallic lustre of the lead was very apparent.

After the body had been replaced and with this additional piece of important information the party returned to Fairbank and examined the house in which Sophie was killed.

**A Bullet Mark on the Door.**

Before they had been searching long Dr. Teskey made another startling discovery. In the door leading to the sitting-room, and about six feet from the floor, was found a bullet hole about half an inch deep. Particles of lead were found there also. The hole, on examination, was found to be fresh; the upper edge was clean cut, the lower ragged.

This discovery upsets, of course, the hatchet theory and makes it necessary to propound another.

That arrived at on Saturday was that Sophie was in the shop, or perhaps the doorway leading to the dining room. Seeing her assassin about to draw the deadly trigger she turned to flee, but was not in time to miss the bullet, which struck her in the head, glanced off and hit the door. The impetus of her speed caused her to fall in the direction she was apparently running—towards the door leading to the kitchen. In falling she scraped the carpet on the floor, as described by Dr. Harrington in his evidence before the Police Magistrate, and rolled up the rug under her feet as it was found. The discovery of the bullet is quite compatible with the testimony given by Dr. Harrington. He stated that the wound was caused by an external force, but could not speak as to the nature of the instrument used. He further believed that there was a primary and secondary force, which belief was also strengthened by the examination of Saturday. The primary was the bullet. The secondary were the particles of bone forced down by the bullet.

**Who Fired the Shot?**

The discovery that death was due to a bullet opens, of course, an entirely new chapter of enquiry.

The theory of the prosecution hitherto has been that the girl was killed by her father with a hammer in a passionate outbreak of rage. This must now be dismissed. If Edward Handcock killed his daughter he must have killed her as the result of a plot cunningly contrived and successfully carried out. That she was shot between the time her mother left the store and when Handcock gave the alarm—a period of but 17 minutes—is established by evidence. That Handcock was at work in the garden shortly before is also proven. Did he walk around the house and enter the store by the front door and deliberately shoot her down? This is the only hypothesis tenable with his guilt. Is this theory probable?

The only other explanation is that an assassin, bent on plunder, entered the store and when Sophie resisted, shot her down and escaped unobserved. But if a stranger why did not the girl scream for assistance, and, stranger still, how was it that Handcock did not hear the pistol shot, for he was quite close to the house. That Constable Toddy, Mrs. Deacoff and Mrs. O'Brien heard no report is not so strange, as the sound of a revolver would not be apt to penetrate their residences in the event of the door being closed. The rapidity with which the crime was accomplished is shown by the statement of the girl's father, that he went in for his lunch, that Sophie was moving around the house, and he went into the garden again, returning in 5 or 10 minutes. That left exactly 10 minutes for a man to enter the store, commit the crime and disappear as inexplicably as though the earth had opened and swallowed him up.

Whatever view is taken of the case the discovery of Saturday has not injured the case of the prisoner Handcock. The tenacity with which he clings to the accident theory advanced by himself—and himself alone—is the darkest point against him.

Detective Greer took possession of the piece of skull and portion of the door bearing the lead marks, and will have the particles analyzed.

The Handcocks have a revolver with which one of the sons has been seen practising since July 17, but this fact has no significance.

**What Mr. Murdock Thinks.**

The World had a talk with Mr. W. G. Murdock, counsel for the prisoner, last night. While satisfied from the first that Sophie was murdered—that the trap door theory of Handcock's was erroneous—Mr. Murdock was equally confident that his client was innocent of the crime. The discovery of the bullet wound he looks upon as the one link hitherto missing to establish the innocence of Handcock, and to show that the murder was committed by some one who entered the store by the front door. Whatever the object—robbery, revenge or the motiveless crime of a mad man, Mr. Murdock is assured that no relative of the murdered girl knows anything which will throw light on the crime.

**Who Wrote the Letter?**

Who wrote the anonymous letter to Detective Greer suggesting that he should look in the coffin of the dead girl for evidence as to what caused her death? Did the hand which penned the letter belong to someone behind the veil which envelops the circumstances of Sophie's tragic end, or were the letter and the discovery merely coincidences?

Handcock will come up on remand at the Police Court Thursday, when his discharge will be asked for in view of the discovery of Saturday.

*MRS HARTLE GETS A PHOTO.*

**Pickering People still Think August Werner Was Murdered.**

PICKERING, August 9.—Despite the fact that both Detective Rogers and The World incline to the belief that August Werner, the Rouge floater, committed suicide, residents of this locality still incline to the murder theory. Mrs. Hartle of London, who identified the body as that of her husband from the description furnished her, has been forwarded a photo of the floater by Constable Denny O'Connor, who has been industriously engaged in throwing all the light possible on the case. The letter from Mrs. Hartle, received a few days ago, read:

284 South-street, London, Ont.

*Mr. O'Connor.* SIR—I respectfully submit that I am satisfied with the description given to confirm my opinion that the deceased man is my husband. I have not the means of defraying my expenses and as he was already buried before I received your letter I have not looked after any other way of coming. I will therefore place the affair entirely into you hands asking your sympathy to find out if possible his assassins, as I would truly wish them to be brought to justice. I will explain as near as possible all the information that can be given. My husband was born in Cornwall, Canada, and brought up at Peterboro, Canada, he was by trade a wagon maker. His stepmother, if alive, is likely to be at either of the above mentioned places. He had a brother named George. Had one time lived in Peterboro. I don't know if he is there yet. His father was Highland Scotch and mother German. You will kindly mention please, the coroner's return of verdict. As it was in the paper I first saw that he was shot through the temple, I would like if you had his photo taken to be so kind as to let me have one. And now, trusting to your benevolent consideration, I remain,

Yours truly, humble,
ELIZABETH HARTLE.

Aug. 6, 1891.

The World last night sent a telegram to Mrs. Hartle and received the following reply:

LONDON, Aug. 9.

*World, Toronto:*

Have received photo. I am satisfied it's my husband. MRS. E. HARTLE.

**Gave up its Dead.**

VICTORIA, Ont., Aug. 9.—Three young men named Jackson, Lade and Post, residents of Normandale, when returning from an excursion over to Long Point to-day found a body on the beach about a mile below Ryerson's Island. In the pockets were found a gold watch and chain, bunch of keys, on the ivory tag of which were the words, "Lady Mabel," also a handkerchief with the name of W. Ryerson stamped on the corner. A ring on the little finger of the right hand was also found which is recognized by friends here as worn by Mr. Ryerson. The body is very much decomposed out from the above evidence is beyond doubt that of the late Major Ryerson, who with his friend, Mr. Bunker of Toronto, were lost with the yacht Mabel in Lake Erie on 3rd July last.

**Fearful Slaughter By the Trains.**

SENECA, Kas., Aug. 9.—Last evening a passenger train struck a carriage full of people at the Sisson crossing, two miles east of here. A. H. Burnett and Miss Frances Fuller were killed outright.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Aug. 9.—At the Government reservation crossing of the Sante Fe Railway last evening the north bound Sante Fe train struck a carriage in which Dr. E. Lonsdale and wife, Miss Sue Powers and Ray Powers were returning from Leavenworth to Salt Creek Valley. Mrs. Lonsdale was instantly killed and Miss Powers and Ray Powers received injuries from which they cannot recover.

**One Ounce Pocket Hats.**

Among the latest importation of W. and D. Dineen is a one-ounce pocket hat that is a beauty. Notwithstanding the large number of pocket and crush hats constantly sold, there is a demand for a fine light-weight article for traveling; one that will fold in a small compass and be fine and dressy. There are always appreciative customers who want something finer and better than the general public and are willing to pay the price for such a luxury. Such a pocket hat may be found at Dineen's, on corner King and Yonge-streets.

Just a few left of the natural wool underwear at $1.00 a suit; everybody uses it. Regular price $2.50 a suit. A. White, 65 King-street west. Ordered shirts our specialty.

**Gen. Leonard Dead.**

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—A private letter from England conveys the intelligence that Gen. Leonard, who was general commanding the Canadian militia 10 years ago, died suddenly at Eastbourne, Eng., recently.

**Man's Life's a Vapor,**

Full of woes. So says the poet. Not so say we if he smokes the Hero cigar, costing 5 cents. Cigar stores keep them. J. Rattray & Co., Montreal.

**Burned With the Vessel.**

WINNIPEG, Aug. 9.—The steamer Glendevon was burned to the water's edge on Lake Winnipeg Saturday, Charles Mathews, one of the crew, hailing from Barrie, Ont., was burned. His remains have been recovered and will be sent to his native town for burial.

**The old reliable and the best on the market, Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum. Sold by all druggists and confectioners, 5 cents**

**Sifton Re-Elected.**

WINNIPEG, Aug. 9.—In the election Saturday at North Brandon, Attorney-General Sifton was successful, defeating Cliff, Oppositionist, by 173. The majority was much larger than anticipated.

**Just Fancy,**

Here is a cigar, the Hero, only costs 5 cents and I like it as well as most 10 cent cigars. Ask for it at cigar stores. J. Rattray & Co., Montreal.

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**Catarrh—Hay Fever—Catarrhal Deafness**

A New Home Treatment has been discovered whereby the worst cases are permanently cured by a few simple applications made fortnightly by the patient at home. Send stamp for circular. D. G. Dixon & Co., 345 West King-street, Toronto.

Oxford and India gauze, unshrinkable, neglige shirts from $2 each, in all sizes, at Treble's Great Shirt House, 53 King-street west.

## CANADA'S BIG CEREAL CROP.

*GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN AND RUNNING OVER.*

**Like Canaan the Dominion will this Year be a "Land Overflowing with Milk and Honey—Available Surplus for Export Enormous—Farmers will get Good Prices—Brisk Fall Trade Anticipated.**

THE future is pregnant with many promises for the prosperity of the Dominion. At no time, at least during the past decade, have they been so auspicious. These happy conditions are born of the big crops which have been and are still being garnered. Every province seems to be trying, and with every appearance of success, to fulfil the part which nature intended it should. If it had been at our ipse dixit the result could scarcely be more satisfactory. This applies particularly to Ontario. She done has and is doing her part nobly and well. In fact she is the banner province. The yield of fall wheat is beyond peradventure the best seen for a number of years, both in quality and in yield. The old veterans in the grain business state that it carries them back to the years gone by, when Ontario fall wheat was looked upon by connoisseurs as the best in the world. A yield of 30 to 40 bushels to the acre is not uncommon, while even 50 bushels to the acre has been threshed out.

**The Result Exceeds Anticipations.**

During the past few years the threshing has not sustained anticipations; this season the contrary is the rule, the brightest prognostications being exceeded by the reality.

Spring wheat has advanced by leaps and bounds. All doubt about its yield is removed, and it is likely to surpass expectations. At least this is the inference drawn from the quality of that which has been cut in a few of the districts where harvesting has begun.

Barley, peas and rye all promise to return unusually large yields.

**Bright Prospects in Manitoba.**

It is too early to speak with any degree of certainty with regard to the Manitoba and Northwest crops. So far they look excellent, and it has yet to be revealed that any of the unfavorable conditions have inflicted even the slightest damage. It was thought that owing to the unseasonable weather harvesting would be about 10 to 14 days late, but the favorable temperature of the past week has so pushed forward the ripening process that according to advices received Saturday cutting is likely to begin earlier than anticipated. In the neighborhood of Virden, Man., harvesting began Friday. If the crops can be gathered before being touched by early frosts, which usually set in about the 27th or 28th of August, the yield will probably be large enough to leave a surplus for export that will go a long way towards supplying the requirements of England. Even if Jack Frost should succeed in nipping any of the grain it is anticipated that nothing less than a good quality of frosted will be the result.

**Prices Will be at Least Fair.**

Under ordinary conditions, with such big crops as the Dominion is getting, the farmers could not expect to obtain anything but low prices. This year the conditions are somewhat extraordinary. European needs will be much larger than usual and Russia, which has hitherto been the second exporting country in the world, will scarcely be in a position to do anything beyond supplying home wants. At present prices in Canada, and in Ontario in particular, are above an export basis, and in addition to this there have been advances in rail and ocean freights all told of equal to about 6c per bushel from Ontario points to Liverpool. The position, therefore, is about this: Prices of grain will have to go down to export basis or else there will have to be an advance of several cents per bushel. In the meantime exporters in this city are buying Toledo wheat. Whatever course the market may take the Ontario farmer may safely rely on getting 80c to 90c per bushel for his wheat, a price fair enough in view of the yield. How much more or less will depend on the English market. With his big crop, however, he is certain to rake in liberally of the shekels.

**Business Prospects.**

In view of the bright crop prospects the outlook for a good and a healthy fall and winter trade is excellent. In fact it could scarcely be better. The conditions aside from the crops are auspicious. The weeding-out process, which has been going on during the past two or three years, has resulted in most of the weak and obnoxious weeds being removed that were choking and stunting the growth of strong and healthy plants in the commercial garden. The result is obvious; those remaining have more room for growth and propagation. Stocks, too, in both wholesale and retail hands are small, and it will not need much of an increased demand to set the wheels of commerce revolving at a much more rapid rate. Another favorable feature is the comparative smallness of merchants' liabilities and the general promptitude with which payments are met.

With a view to gathering the latest crumbs of news The World's commercial young man interviewed a few of the leading grain merchants. Subjoined is the result:

**Never Saw Anything Like It.**

Mr. Hugh N. Baird, of Crane & Baird, and vice-president of the Board of Trade, has gone further than any other man in the business to gain information relative to the crops. The result of his investigations has been from time to time revealed in The World. He had little new to say.

"You know, however, we do know," he replied to The World's query, "that the acreage of fall wheat in this province is larger and that the heads are filled out better from top to bottom than for years. I never saw anything like it."

"Going to give quite a stimulus to trade isn't it?"

"Well, I'll tell you there is going to be just about enough of our wheat wanted in Europe to make business pretty active in this country. Things will be toned up and put into good shape."

**Barley the Banner Crop.**

Mr. Charles W. Band, manager for Morris & Carruthers, "We think that Ontario has the largest crop and the best quality of fall wheat in 10 years. Prospects for an early movement are good, but it will have to be handled on an export basis. We do not expect that receipts will be large till about Sept. 1, but we look for a big movement after that. The value to-day is not over 85c f.o.b. at point of shipment for wheat testing 62 lbs. to the bushel for export, as Toledo wheat of same quality can be delivered at Montreal at equal to this price.

"Peas are also a large crop and of good sample. We think they are the banner crop of Ontario and prices for August shipment should open at about 60c, but later on we look for limited prices. The oat crop in Ontario will be a large one. Quality is good, but prices will have to decline to an export basis, as the crops in Quebec and in the Maritime Provinces are large. Quebec is offering new oats to arrive in Montreal at 34c, and we see nothing to prevent our oats selling at 30c to 30c per bushel for September and October shipment. Rye crop will also be the largest in 10 years. It is now offering for shipment within 10 days."

"What is your opinion about the price of Ontario fall wheat?"

"We fancy prices will range between 80c and 90c. With regard to quality, I think it will compare favorably with anything on this continent."

**Larger than Eastern People Expect.**

Mr. A. Cavanagh, of Cavanagh & Spink: "Advices received up to to-day state that if present favorable conditions continue they will have a much larger crop in Manitoba than many eastern people would expect, and it will not be at all unreasonable to anticipate a 30,000,000 bushel crop. But of course in a country of sudden changes like Manitoba we must not count our chickens before they are hatched. As far as we can learn no damage can be discovered from previous unfavorable weather, and except that the position is still two weeks behind time prospects are excellent and all the more so as the present weather seems steady."

"Have you any idea what prices will be like?"

"It depends altogether on the English market. If the English and continental buyers keep taking our wheat as freely as they have of late prices will not be very much lower than to-day's quotations for Manitoba wheat, which are about equal to export basis."

Mr. George McBean, of McBean & Son: "Our latest reports from Montreal are that the crops are looking fine. They begin harvesting in Southern Manitoba about 17th of this month and in the northern part about 10 days later. The great danger now arises from the thunder storms and hot suns, which may cause rust."

Mr. W. Stark, of Stark Bros. & Co.: "Everything is progressing nicely in Manitoba, and if present weather continues for another week or so we shall be all right. We won't have new wheat until probably the end of October as the season is somewhat backward."

**Biggest Pea Crop Known.**

Ed. B. McKay, of McKay & Co: "Barley crop between here and Peterboro is the finest, both in quality and outturn per acre, known, some fields having threshed out 50 bushels to the acre. Peas were never better, particularly black-eyed marrowfats, which are the finest ever seen, the pods being well-filled without being stung. Oats will be heaviest crop ever raised. Fall wheat has not been in such condition or has such a crop been harvested in 15 years. If present weather continues for another 10 days spring wheat will be the largest crop harvested in ten years. We control every elevator between here and Peterboro, and I am, therefore in a position to know what the crops are like in that part of the province."

**Expects a Thirty-Million Bushel Surplus**

Mr. George A. Champman, when queried by The World about the Northwest crops, replied: "I think we're going to harvest that wheat all right. About the only thing to fear now is excessive heat. In view of the cold weather in July the probability is that August will be warmer. If we can only get in the grain before the cold touches it the yield will be large, so that, with the surplus in Ontario and with that in the Northwest, I fancy we may have enough to supply Great Britain with nearly half her requirements."

"What do you estimate the Dominion's surplus available for export at?"

"We cannot of course tell with any degree of certainty. It all depends on the Northwest crop. I think, however, we could spare 30 million bushels for export. England will not probably want more than 70 or 80 million busheis this year.

"How about the outlook for prices?"

"The option business in the United States will tend to keep prices down. Possibly the Farmers' Alliance may in a measure counteract this; but owing to the large surplus they have in the States I see no room for much improvement in values. Although things in the millers hands in England is light they do not seem to be much concerned."

**Outlook on Midland and Northern.**

Mr. Thomas Flynn, of Coffee & Co. "Barley is a good crop on the Northern, quality being fine and weight good. In some sections the crop is a little uneven. Cutting has begun in some parts. Wheat on both the Midland and Northern is good. In some spring wheat has yet to be cut. Fall wheat is excellent and threshing out 60 to 64 pounds to the bushel."

"What is your idea about prices?"

"For the immediate future they will have a to come down to an export basis, but later on they may be higher."

**Verdict of 70 Correspondents.**

Mr. Charles Watts, central grain buyer for the Dominion Millers' Association: "I have got answers from 70 grain men and in every instance but two they say our grain crop is larger and heavier than last year by about 25 per cent.; that the fall wheat is testing from 61 to 64 pounds to the bushel, while some go even as high as 65. For the whole of southwestern Ontario the average will probably be about 62 pounds to the bushel. The yield as a rule is running from 30 to 40 bushels per acre, while in many instances 10 to 15 bushels more is being obtained per acre than was estimated before threshing.

**Spring Wheat Hustling.**

"Spring wheat has made wonderful progress during the past month, and present indications point to a very superior quality and heavy yield, cutting having begun in the neighborhood of Bowmanville.

"Reports indicate heavy crops of oats and peas. Oats have picked up wonderfully during the past six weeks, especially in the western portion of the province, where they expected no crop a short time ago, several telling me that the fields looked as if they would not be worth reaping."

"How about prices?"

"They are going down till they get to an export basis, when they will remain steady. Taking the size of the crop into consideration, I think prices will yield the farmers good returns. Fall wheat will probably net the farmers something in the neighborhood of 88c per standard bushel, at which price there will be a good demand for export, judging from present indications. This will depend largely on how our Manitoba crop turns out. As far as Ontario is concerned we're sure of a prosperous year, the fall wheat being assured. Of course, if the crops in the other provinces turn out well, it is pretty safe to say that the Dominion has entered upon a more prosperous year than any seen during the past decade.

**He Broke His Leg.**

PICKERING, Aug. 8.—Harry Moore, an elderly man residing on the 3rd concession, stepped out of the back door of his house last night and fell, breaking his leg. It was not thought his injury was so serious but when medical assistance was called in today Mr. Moore was in a dangerous condition. He will no doubt pull through.

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**Sneezing Herself to Death.**

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Aug. 9.—The physicians of South Charleston, 12 miles east of here, are completely baffled by the case of Miss May Creston, who is sneezing to death. Physicians have been unable to check it. The girl neither eats nor sleeps and seems to suffer terribly.

**A Great Mistake**

to pay 10 cents for a cigar when you can get a Hero, equal to any 10 cent cigar made, for 5 cents. Try them; at cigar stores. J. Rattray & Co., Montreal.

## SYNDICATERS PUSHING ON.

*TIME FOR THE UNENTANGLED ALDERMEN TO SHOW THEMSELVES.*

**The Citizens Will Want to Put On the Lock When the Steed is Stolen—An Irresistible Chain of Suspicious Circumstances—The Two Legal Fighters Gone to Murray Bay.**

The quietude on the street railway scandal is still marked. Almost the only event of Saturday was the departure of Messrs. Laidlaw and Kingsmill for Murray Bay, there to confer with Mr. S. H. Blake and City Solicitor Biggar. The syndicaters hope during the present cessation of council meetings to push their business through and then they can put their thumb on their nose and smile blandly at the people of this great city. But The World may just inform them that their scheme has not yet been consummated and there is many a slip between the cup and the lip. The citizens are quiescent at present for two reasons. In the first place it is very hot and a great many people are out of town and secondly the reasons why the execution of the contract should be delayed are so palpable that the people have no conception that the deal will be carried out in defiance of all decency. But they are sleeping on a volcano. The men connected with this affair do not lack nerve and every move on the board will be adopted to win the game. The stake is a tremendous one. The passenger franchise of a city with the rate of progress of this city is no slight prize and no trifles will be allowed to stand in the way of securing what is almost within their reach. It will be everlastingly too late to wake up and kick when the last card is played and the gamesters have wome.

The World is not of a suspicious nature but just look at the list of events in this case.

Several aldermen suddenly betray a powerful interest in the welfare of a syndicate who are bidders for a gold mine.

In connection with the same syndicate a gentleman spontaneously drops into town, a gentleman who is not a member of the syndicate, but who, nevertheless, if the syndicate is successful in securing the contract is to receive $10,000

Soon after this gentleman's visit some aldermen experience a remarkable change of mind, if not of heart.

Then comes the meeting of the committee, at which Ald. Hall took a leading part. The Mayor and the chairman are both against accepting any offer at present. But Ald. Hall presses an acceptance of it, and has a majority of the committee behind him.

Then the council adopts the committee's report, Ald. Hall again leading the hosts in favor of the syndicate.

The Macdonald injunction proceedings follow, and at these it is developed that Ald. Hall, who had been so active in helping the syndicaters to what they wanted had talked of boodle to one gentleman at least.

Just in the midst of these proceedings, when the enquiry seemed to be treading on the heels of discovery, another gentleman steps on the scene and buys the Baron off and closes his enquiry with $4500.

Newspapers which were one day howling against the acceptance of the syndicate's tender, next day howl still more hysterically in favor of it.

Perhaps it is all right, but, honestly, doesn't it look singular?

Have we or have we not reasons for our suspicions?

The Telegram has given its explanation of the performances with that historic chisel. It may be necessary, as my Lord Byron would say, to explain the explanation. For example, the original paragraph credit a lawyer with affording the published information, whereas the explanation gives E. A. Macdonald as author. But leaving these little discrepancies aside The World congratulates its contemporary on having come out in favor of an enquiry. If the little chisel has wrought nothing else it has wrought this.

The public look to the aldermen who are not entangled or interested to come out of requisition the Mayor for an early meeting of the council to consider the question of delaying the execution of the contract, and the opening up of a respectable, dignified, authoritative enquiry that will elicit the truth though the heavens should fall.

**A Dramatic View of It.**

A correspondent takes a new view of the situation and puts it in dramatic form. The reader will find amusement in studying it. It is entitled "The Boy, the Millionaire and the Dog."

Scene: Gate of a Coal Yard.

Boy (to Millionaire): Say Mister, want to buy a dog?

Millionaire: Well, boy, who are you?

Boy: I am secretary-treasurer and general cockalorum to the Hop Liguioo Company—want to buy a dog?

Millionaire: Yes, you seem a good talking boy I'll buy the dog if he is the right dog; won't bark or bite.

Boy: How much will you give? You fellows have got lots of money.

Millionaire: Oh, give fifteen or sixteen dollars.

Scene 2nd: Candy Stand.

Boy to other boy: Say, Cully, how much for the dog; give you 4.

"Say $4.30."

"Well, O.K."

Closed. Money paid.

Second boy finds out the deal. Row among the boys.

"Boo—boo—oo—Want more money; give me more money or lick ye; see if I don't."

"Ah, get out. Take me for a sucker. Fakey come here, help lick the big duffer. Hit him in the stomach, see."

Millionaire: Darn the boys. This dog ain't worth much; won't stop barking.

Moral—Never buy a dog till he is dead.

**There Will be an Investigation.**

It has been settled that there will be an action instituted on Tuesday next to restrain the city from signing a contract with the Kiely-Everett-Mackenzie syndicate giving them the street railway. At least The World was so informed Saturday afternoon by a reliable citizen, who said he spoke after an interview with a lawyer who had assisted in drawing up the necessary documents.

**Struck by Lightning.**

BURLINGTON, Aug. 9.—This morning about 11.30 o'clock Assistant Operator Barnes at the G.T.R. crossing station had a narrow escape. He was sitting at the keys, when the lightning began to play freaks around the room and one bolt more powerful than the others sent a severe shock through his system, knocking him a dozen feet and up against the wall. He was so thoroughly stunned by the electric shock that for two hours he was incapable of discharging his duty, and he still feels the effect of the shock.

**A Modern Hypocrite.**

There was a certain Pharisee of old
Who stood in public places, and thanked God
That he was not as other people were,
To wink at evil and connive at fraud.
But a Great Sage who passed that place of prayer,
Saw the hypocrisy that was lurking there.

In these late times a second Pharisee
Stood up in public and proclaimed to God
His scorn of wrong, but all the while he clutched
A certain check that savors much of fraud,
And all the city yet shall loud declare,
They see the rottenness that's lurking there.

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*A GRAND TRUNK SMASH.*

**Engine and Nine Cars Leave the Track—One Man Hurt.**

BROCKVILLE, Aug. 9.—An east-bound freight train of 25 cars ran over an open switch in the yard here Saturday morning. Nine cars loaded with salt, crockery, etc., were badly wrecked. The cause of the mishap is said to be on the part of the brakesmen, who were both sleeping, one on the top of a flat car and the other in the cahoose. While employed on the wreck a man named Begley was caught by a cable and his foot badly crushed.

**A Balloonist's Terrible Death.**

LONDON, Aug. 9.—A balloon accident occurred at Leeds by which an aeronaut named Higgins was killed and a young woman, Miss Devoy, had a narrow escape from death. The ascent of the couple was watched by quite a crowd and when the balloon was released it rapidly soared upward amid cheers. A cross-bar was attached to the balloon and it was the intention of the couple to give a trapeze performance when they had reached a sufficient height, and afterward to descend by means of a parachute. After the balloon had risen a short distance it was caught in a current of air and drifted sideways till it struck a telegraph pole. The couple were sitting on the bar and when the balloon struck the pole the bar swayed to and fro in a frightful manner. Miss Devoy, to avoid being thrown off, lowered herself by her hands, hung for a moment and then let go. The height from which she dropped was not great and she landed on the ground unhurt. Released from her weight the balloon sprung upward. Higgins, who was still on the bar, became entangled in the telegraph wires, was swept off the bar and fell twisting and turning upon a fence. He struck on his back, received terrible injuries and died after suffering for a few moments the most intense agony.

**Shot in a Railway Coach.**

LONDON, Aug. 9.—A woman who was on her way to London, giving her name as Leonore Marie, reported to the police at Bedford that she had been shot in a railway coach. She wears a wedding ring and says that she recently became a widow after being married five months. She thinks that some one shot her by mistake for another person. The assailant was on the outside footboard and fired as the train was leaving Leicester. The police do not credit the story, however. They are inclined to think that the woman shot herself, and the fact that the revolver with which the deed was done was found by the side of the track near where the train stopped seems to throw doubt upon the woman's statement and to bear out the theory of the police. The physicians who examined the wound also consider it likely that the bullet was fired by the woman herself.

**Canada and the West Indies.**

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The only Government offices that show any kind of life are the Colonial and the Admiralty. The Colonial Office is giving more attention than usual to West Indian affairs. It is stated that the scheme of a West Indian confederation which has been urged upon the Government has been substantially approved, and the Government policy will be not to erect a separate confederation, but to unite the West Indies to Canada by closer ties of commerce and of intercourse. A colonial agent said to your correspondent: The idea of the present is to make the West Indies dependencies of Canada, where it is believed the bulk of the population is considered to be devoted to British supremacy.

**More Seceders From Parnell.**

DUBLIN, Aug. 9.—A telegram has been received in this city from Belfast, saying that Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien have persuaded four of the Irish members of the House of Commons, who since the disruption in the Irish Parliamentary party followed the leadership of Mr. Parnell, to secede from the Parnellite section and to cast their fortunes with the McCarthyites.

**The Duke of Cleveland Dying.**

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The Duke of Cleveland, fourth holder of the title, is dying. He was born in 1803, and succeeded his brother in 1864. He married Lady Dalmeny in 1854, but of this union there was no issue. The title will, therefore, become extinct upon the death of the Duke.

**Chat From Over the Sea.**

Dillon and O'Brien received a splendid reception at Wallow yesterday.

The sentence of death in the case of the Manipur Princes has not yet been carried out.

The recent floods in the Neisse district of Prussia caused damage estimated at 4,000,000 marks.

The shipping firm of Brecht at Bremerhaven has failed with liabilities of 1,000,000 marks. A deficit of $20,000 precipitated the failure.

Owing to confirmation of reports of friendly relations between C. P. R. and G. T. R. companies, shares of these roads advanced 2 on the London Stock Exchange during the week.

a Lord Hatrington is suffering from a violent attack of neuralgia in the head, and is confined to his bedroom. His physician has ordered that as soon as he is able to travel he must go to Hamburg to recuperate.

The news of starvation in India coming on top of Sir John Gorst's glowing representation of the Indian estimates has caused a painful impression among not only philanthropists but the general public.

The illness of William Henry Smith, First Lord of the Treasury, will compel the abandonment of the public ceremonies attendant upon the installation of Mr. Smith as warden of the Cinque courts to which he was appointed to succeed the late Earl Granville.

**Fatal Accident in Riverside Park.**

Riverside Park was the scene of a fatal accident Saturday evening. The victim was 11-year-old Frank J. Redican. Between 6 and 7 p.m. the lad, with a number of companions, was playing near the guns at the east end of the park, when striking his foot against an obstruction in the ground he was precipitated over the high bank by the old toboggan slide. His skull was terribly fractured and his left ankle broken. He was removed to his father's residence, No. 21 Sumach-street, where he died at about 11.30 o'clock yesterday morning. The boy's father, Frank J. Radican, was out of the city at the time of the accident.

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*DEATHS.*

GARDINER—At her husband's residence, Victoria-avenue, Eglinton, on the 8th inst., Norah Loader, beloved wife of Thomas Gardiner. Funeral Tuesday, 11th inst., at 3 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

REDICAN—On Aug. 9, from the result of an accident in Riverdale Park, Frank J., eldest and dearly beloved son of Frank J. and Sarah Redican, aged 11 years and 7 months.

Funeral Tuesday at 9 a.m.

SUTHERLAND.—On Sunday, the 9th inst., at 2 Toronto-street, Maria Priscilla, beloved wife of James Sutherland, in her 29th year.

Funeral Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

## A BUNCH OF PINK POPPIES.

*WHERE THE NIAGARA FLOATER SECRETED HER HEADGEAR.*

**Daly and Costello Acquitted by the Coroner's Jury—The Identity of the Suicide Not Yet Settled—She Was Probably Not a Toronto Girl, Nor Yet a Canadian.—What Detective Reburn Thinks.**

LEWISTON, Aug. 8.—The mystery surrounding the death of the young woman whose body was found in the river Friday remains unsolved, the body not having been identified. The parasol of the deceased, along with a short black jacket with a roll front, her hat, a pair of silk mits, a lace collar and a small leather purse, were found secreted under some brush close to the path and about half way up the bank from where the body was discovered. In the purse was a fine comb, a small knife and some hairpins. There was nothing about the several articles