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DIES IMITATING HER MOTHER TAKING PILL

YORK, Pa., May 20.—Seeing her mother taking medicine tablets, 13-month-old Rosie Helen Mummet of Hanover followed her example, with fatal result.
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A BUSHMAN KILLS TWO OF FAMILY

Grim Tragedy Reported From the Wilds of Muskoka.

Posse After Murderer Who is Heavily Armed.

GRAVENHURST, Ont., May 21.—One of the worst tragedies in the history of Ontario was enacted yesterday morning in the bush country 12 miles east of Gravenhurst. As a consequence Mrs. Alfred Countermanche and George Countermanche are dead and Mrs. George Countermanche seriously wounded. The perpetrator of the crime, William Ruttan, father of one of the victims, is a fugitive from justice, and it may require a small army to round him up, as he is said to have disappeared in the woods. The scene of the tragedy is in the Township of Ridout, two and a half miles from Housey's Rapids. The Countermanche brothers, George and Alfred and their wives resided in the same house, Ruttan, Alfred's father-in-law, living about half a mile away.

Shot Dead at His Doorstep
George came out of the house this morning, and was cleaning some fish which he had caught the night before when his wife joined him. Ruttan, who was in hiding behind a stump, rose and fired, but apparently missed, and fired the second time, striking George just below the heart, and he dropped dead. His wife fled screaming to the house where she was waiting for him. Ruttan ran into the bedroom of Alfred and followed her into the premises, and being unable to gain admittance to the bedroom, fired a shot through the door. The bullet struck his daughter, Mrs. Alfred, in the finger. He then fired a second shot, striking her in the neck and killing her instantly in her husband's arms.

Intended Victims Escape.
Mrs. George Countermanche then broke the window and fled up the road behind the house, and Ruttan fired three shots after her, one striking her just below the knee. She took refuge behind a nearby woodpile, and escaped further injury. Meanwhile Ruttan returned to the room and fired another shot through the door, but Alfred had lain down on the floor, and the shot did not reach its mark. Alfred then escaped, undressed, through the broken window, and ran down a ravine leading from the house. Ruttan fired three shots after him, all of which fortunately exceeded their mark, the murderer not being able to secure a good sight of his intended victim, owing to the rough nature of the ground. Ruttan then set fire to the stable nearby. The shots and screams had meantime aroused the entire neighborhood, and in a short time several arrived, but Ruttan had disappeared. He is supposed to have been seen by a son of Mr. Hanes, a neighbor, a few minutes after the shooting, but up to time of writing is still at large.

Armed Posse in Pursuit.
George Countermanche leaves three children, while the dead woman was married just a month ago yesterday.
Alfred Countermanche, who married Mina, Ruttan's daughter, just a month ago, came to Gravenhurst a few days ago to lay a serious charge against his wife's father, Ruttan, the charge being referred to Bracebridge to the district officials, and no doubt Ruttan would have been arrested before the tragedy but for the fact that the officials were away attending the preliminary investigation into the Honey Harbor murder case. The neighbors are taking care of the three

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WATERLAND'S TRIP

Maiden Voyage of Big Liner Had an Average Speed of 23.9 Knots.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
NEW YORK, May 21.—The Vaterland, of the Hamburg-American line, the biggest steamer in service, arrived in New York harbor early to-day on her maiden voyage from Hamburg. Her run yesterday was 594 miles, and her average speed an hour was 23.9 knots.
The Vaterland was launched on April 4, 1913. She is 950 feet in length, 100 feet beam and has a tonnage of 35,000. She carries one commodore and four captains, and a total crew of 1,234.
The new giant of the seas received a noisy welcome as she passed up the harbor to her pier in Hoboken, N. J.

Two Prominent Liberals Of Brantford Bolt From Party in Provincial Fight

They Were Leaders of Movement Inaugurated Last Night to Form an Independent Labor Party and Run Candidate of Their Own—Lack of Confidence in Rowell Program.

With Peter Noble, Liberal stalwart of Ward 2, as chief spokesman, and Alfred Parmenter, another well-known Liberal worker in the same ward, acting as chairman, a meeting was held last evening in the Trades and Labor hall for the express purpose of forming a branch of the Independent Labor party of Canada in this city and nominating an independent candidate in the approaching provincial contest. The meeting was well attended, and there were some outspoken remarks, especially from Mr. Peter Noble, who apparently is disgusted with his own party's planks and those who are engineering things locally. For some years past he has been actively identified with the Liberal forces in Ward 2, having been subdivision chairman.
The decision was arrived at that a general meeting of workers should be called and the whole proposition of the nomination of a candidate considered. The meeting last night strongly favored bringing a man out. Chairman Alfred Parmenter said to-day that, from the spirit of the meeting last night, it looked as if an independent labor candidate would be nominated. Mr. Edwards of the Trades and Labor Council was also one of the speakers.
Just what the bolting from the Liberal party lines of such two prominent workers as Messrs. Noble and Parmenter and others, portends might be interpreted, as far as labor is concerned, as a want of confidence in what Mr. Rowell has to offer.

BECKER IS NOT TO TAKE STAND IN OWN DEFENCE

His Lawyer Thinks That an Alibi Has Been Sufficiently Established.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
NEW YORK, May 21.—The announcement of counsel for the defense that Charles E. Becker would not take the stand in his own behalf to deny the testimony of Jack Rose, Harry Vallon and Bridgie Webber that he ordered the killing of Herman Rosenthal, led to the prediction to-day that the trial would be concluded in short order, and that a verdict in the case might be expected by Saturday.
Only two or three witnesses for the defense remained to be heard to-day, and it was not thought that District Attorney Whitman would call more than three or four in rebuttal. Unless the unexpected happens, Martin T. Manton, chief counsel for the defense, is expected to be well started on his closing argument before adjournment to-day.
Becker, it is stated, was persuaded not to testify only after much argument on the part of his lawyers, who called to their aid Mr. Manton's partner, Bourke Cockran. Becker had insisted that it was necessary that he should personally deny the charge, but was finally won over to his lawyer's way of thinking.
Counsel for Becker said they believed their witness had so far proved an alibi for the ex-police lieutenant, that it would not be necessary for him to personally deny that he attended the so-called murder conferences.

Among the twenty-witnesses heard yesterday were three former aides of Becker on the "strong arm" squad, who testified that he was with them on raids when the alleged conferences were held.
UNIONISTS GAIN IN DERBYSHIRE
Former Labor Seat Lost in Triangular Contest by Narrow Majority.
LONDON, May 20.—The by-election in the northeastern division of Derbyshire, caused by the death of W. E. Harvey, a Labor member has resulted in the election of Major Bowden, the Unionist candidate, who polled 6,469 votes as against 6,155 cast for J. P. Houston, Liberal and 3,669 for J. Martin, Labor. Major Bowden's majority was 314 over the Liberal and 2,800 over the Labor man, but on the combined votes of his opponents he was in a minority by 2,486.
At the general election of December 1910, the contest was straight between the late Labor member, who was returned by a majority of 1,750, the figures standing 7,838 to 6,088. At this election the Unionist vote has increased by 281, while the Liberal and Labor vote has risen by 1,086. The result again indicates the situation caused by the lack of a working agreement between the Liberal and Labor section of the coalition party.

Joseph Simons is probably a very disappointed man for as yet nothing further has been heard of the immense fortune to which he was supposed to be heir, and Louis Stander is very much of the opinion that the whole thing is a fake.
Investigations prove to a great extent the remarkable gullibility of the average foreigner.
Sharks of all descriptions find them easy prey and do not fail to act up to their knowledge. Another fraud has come to light.
Many of the foreigners with a little surplus some time ago received circulars from a doubtful American firm asking for various little inventions and with each circular they specified a certain line of goods and gave the recipient an idea of the invention required. The foreigners set to work and after a period would strike some thought which he imagined to be a great and ingenious discovery. He sent his idea away and was promptly informed that his invention was excellent and has been accepted and that there was a fortune in it. The cost of patenting the device in various countries however would cost about fifty dollars which they asked for the despatch of the cash the whole thing, falls through and the poor foreigner realizes gradually that he has been "stung." This game has been worked with some success in this city and foreigners have lost a considerable sum of money.

TRITUAL MURDER CHARGE
ST. PETERSBURG, May 21.—The charge of ritual murder in connection with the killing on December last year of Yoshel Pashkoff at Fastoff, 40 miles from Kiev, was abandoned to-day by the public prosecutor. The authorities of the Kiev district after investigation decided that the murderer was an ordinary crime.

VILLA MAY HELP PEACE PROMOTION

His Vigorous Campaign Will Have Effect on Mediation.

Representatives of Several Nations Are Now at the Falls.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 21.—There is a feeling on the part of the principals to the mediation conference here that the savage advance of the Constitutional army under General Villa, inevitably must have a bearing upon the settlement of the difficulties between the United States and Huerta party. When the South American mediators withdrew the invitation they had extended to General Carranza to send delegates to the Niagara Falls conference because of the refusal of the Constitutionalist leader to agree to armistice to continue during the sessions, it was stated that the conference would proceed to a consideration of questions growing out of the Tampico incident and subsequent causes of irritation between the Mexican federal army and the American military forces. Official reports coming yesterday from constitutionalist sources reciting the victories of Villa and his army in the Sattillo campaign, have convinced the Mexican representatives here that Huerta's foes cannot be stopped.
Moreover, the execution of a Federal general and his entire staff by Villa has impressed upon them the fact that leaders of the Federal army cannot hope for mercy if they fall into the hands of the constitutionalists.
That the weakening situation of the Federal forces may force Huerta's hand is recognized here. The Mexican delegates came here believing that any announcement of Huerta's

BECKER CASE IS CLOSED
Jury Will Probably Start Tomorrow to Reach Decision.
NEW YORK, May 21.—Both prosecution and defence in the case of Charles Becker, on trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, rested before noon to-day. The case will be in the hands of the jury before noon to-morrow and Becker's fate may be decided before night. But one witness was called by the state in rebuttal to-day.
After both sides rested court was adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when, it was announced, Martin T. Manton, Becker's chief counsel, would begin his address to the jury. At 8 o'clock to-night District Attorney Whitman will make his closing address. He will conclude probably about 11 o'clock and court will be adjourned until 10.30 o'clock to-morrow morning, when Justice Seabury will deliver his charge.
This will occupy about an hour. The jury will then retire to determine whether Becker, as a lieutenant of the "strong arm squad" conceived the plot that resulted in the murder of the Tonderlin gambler, who "squealed" to the district attorney, and for which four men have paid the death penalty.

EXCITEMENT AT CALGARY
CALGARY, May 21.—The city continues to seethe with excitement over the oil situation. Full 200 brokerage offices have been opened. These offices were thronged yesterday with buyers. New issues snapped up quickly. One company selling out in two hours. One prominent company closed a spectacular campaign at 9 o'clock last night with a total subscription of over \$300,000.
WAS NOT A SUCCESS.
KENORA, Ont., May 21.—Kenora's experiment with daylight saving by moving the clocks forward, has not been a success, and retail merchants recommend a return to the old system on June 1.

HUERTA'S DELEGATES WHO WILL ATTEND MEDIATION CONFERENCE AT NIAGARA FALLS



AUGUSTIN RODRIGUEZ, EMILIO RABASA, LUIS ELGUERO.

Real Row Is Quelled By Police Against the Militants in London

Mrs. Pankhurst and Others Were Placed Under Arrest—Lively Skirmish Took Place When Women Attempted to Interview the King—Crowds Gathered Early on Constitution Hill.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
LONDON, May 21.—The police today broke up a large column of militant suffragette raiders who were attempting to march on Buckingham Palace for the purpose of handing a petition to King George when the women reached the top of Constitution Hill leading to the palace, the police dispersed them and arrested Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and several other leaders.
The skirmish between the police and the suffragettes outside the gates of Green Park was very lively while it lasted.
Mrs. Pankhurst surrounded by a bodyguard, consisting of several hundred suffragettes suddenly appeared from the portal of a residence opposite the park, crossed the roads to the gates and attempted to march down the drive leading to the palace.
Mounted police then barred their progress and the women who were armed with sticks attempted to cut their way through the lines of patrolmen. They fought with vigor using their sticks with such force that the police charged. Several women were injured in the struggle and the raiders were finally driven back, but left Mrs. Pankhurst and a number of her lieutenants in the clutches of the police while on the ground was a considerable collection of remnants of garments which had been torn off the women in the hand-to-hand fighting.
The police also suffered some casualties during the fierce onslaught made on them by the women.
King George himself was an interested spectator of earlier movements of his protection which he watched from a window of Buckingham Palace.
Park Was Crowded
LONDON, May 21.—St. James' Park and grounds of Buckingham Palace were crowded with police from an early hour this morning, the mobilization of 1,500 men having ordered for the purpose of opposing the projected attempt by militant suffragettes to present a petition to King George.
Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the leader of the militants had announced that she would lead a great procession to the royal residence, but it was said that she probably would be arrested under provisions of the "cat and mouse act," if she put in an appearance as she was released from prison only provisionally.
The police formed a complete ring around the palace and its grounds as the women had threatened to scale the high walls enclosing the gardens. All the detectives from police headquarters at Scotland Yard were on duty and a body of 1,000 more patrolmen were held in reserve in case of emergency.

THE BIG LINER BREAKS AWAY

The Vaterland Was Too Big a Load for Tugs to Handle.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
NEW YORK, May 21.—The giant liner Vaterland broke away from tugs conveying her to her dock to-day and began drifting down the Hudson carried by the tide. At times she swung broadside across the river.
When the Vaterland was headed in for her pier, more than fifty tugs had her in charge. As her bow neared the pier the strong ebb tide caught the vessel at the stern and began to swing her around, heading her straight for a wooden pier nearby. There was a shouting of orders, and the big whistle on the liner boomed, and the hawsers on the tugs were let go. The vessel began to back under her own power and was soon out in the stream again almost in the path of the Lackawanna ferry boats. The tugs began to maneuver about her again, but the big liner slowly drifted southward. In the grip of the strong ebb tide the big steamship was seemingly almost helpless. She was carried steadily down stream toward the Battery.
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The King is Enthusiastic After Witnessing a Flight—Problem of Safe Landing Still to be Solved.

LONDON, May 21.—It is stated that the Government wishes to maintain the secret of the new safety aeroplane which is the property of the War Department. While this would give a great advantage to the British army aerial service, it is pointed out by some that it would be against the interests of humanity in the conquest of the air. The King is enthusiastic over the new machine. After witnessing a flight at Aldershot he exclaimed: "Why haven't you a hundred of these in the army?"
Col. Seely, Secretary for War, in an interview said the invention of the machine was due to the brains of many men. Four organizations had played a part, namely: the National Physical Laboratory, the Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, the Royal Aircraft factory and experimental fliers.
"The new aeroplane," he said, "is inherently not automatically stable, that is to say its stability depends on the shape, not on any mechanical attachment. The secret can be applied to the monoplane as well as to the biplane. The new aeroplane, which is all British and all the product of British brains, except the engine, has been put to all manner of trials. It has been flown in a gale, flung at air pockets and eddies, and banked steeply, and has proved stable in all ways. A novice can quite safely control it in the air, but still the greatest problem of all remains to be solved—that of safe landing. I have flown hundreds of miles, and know that this is one thing that is checking the advance of flying."

CARSON HAD A MESSAGE INTERCEPTED

Nationalists Warn Against Plans of Ulsterites.

Provincial Government When Home Rule Passes.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
DUBLIN, May 21.—The Catholic clergy of the south and west of Ireland are not hesitating to express their approval of the Irish Nationalist volunteer movement, thus counterbalancing the pulpit activities of the Protestant clergy of Ulster.
At a volunteer inaugural meeting at Tipperary, Monsignor Ryan, apologizing for his inability to attend, sent a message full of sympathy, though asserting the arming was only intended to keep the shores of Ireland inviolate, and not a fight against the Boyne, Monsignor Kilkenny, at Clare Morris, said the menace to Home Rule would lose force if the Orangemen were confronted with an army of trained and armed Nationalists, and then the Government would not have any excuse to fritter away the value of the Home Rule bill by concessions.
Throughout Munster numerous corps are being formed, invariably with the approval of the parish priests. In Kerry a number of ex-naval men have joined, sufficient to create a naval corps, the first in Ireland. The Nationalists in Kerry, through Commander McGilchey, have telegraphed to Premier Asquith an absolute guarantee that Carson's provisional government cannot be established there, and that National volunteers are prepared to co-operate with the policy of the military in upholding the law of the land.
How the "Plot" Was Unearthed.
LONDON, May 21.—Light has now been thrown upon the message sent the Premier by the Nationalist volunteers to prevent the establishment of a provisional government. These volunteers claim that they have discovered a plot on the part of the Orangemen to set up a provisional government immediately on the passing of the Home Rule bill next week. It is said that the Ulster volunteers were to receive directions from the Belfast headquarters to seize within the next few days certain populous centres in the province.

A REAL GOOD MOVE

Brantford Ladies Taking Interest in Supervised Playgrounds for Children.

The Parks Board met yesterday at the office of Mr. Frank Cockshutt to hear a deputation of ladies with regard to supervised playgrounds. Those attending consisted of Mrs. W. C. Livingston, Mrs. P. Buck, and Mrs. W. F. Peterson. Members E. L. Gould, F. Cockshutt, F. Grobb, W. Glover and J. J. Hawkins. Mrs. Livingston asked the board to take up the question of granting play grounds in one or more of the city parks for the use of the little children, properly supervised and guarded. The subject was very attractive and the parks members listened with great attention. They seemed to quite sympathize. The ladies are bringing a lecturer here one night this week.