

MURDERED HIS FAMILY.

Owen Sound Man Murders Wife
and Daughters

And Then Shoots Himself, But Still
Lives.

Victims Highly Respected Residents
of the Town.

Owen Sound, Ont., May 26.—Three bodies stark in death, in surroundings that suggest a veritable slaughter-house, lie to-night in what was one of the brightest of Owen Sound homes, a mother and her two bright young daughters being the victims of the most atrocious murder that has darkened the history of this county, while the murderer, the husband of one of a few months is at death's door, a prisoner in another room, with a bullet wound in his head.

The Deal.
Mrs. James F. Creighton,
Kathleen Chapman, her daughter,
aged 15 years.
Clara Chapman, daughter, aged 16 years.

The family occupied a comfortable dwelling on Union street, a little over half way up the East Hill. About six o'clock this evening the neighbors were attracted by a revolver shot, which rang out clear from the upper window on the east side of the residence. This was followed by a mingled shriek and groan, and Wm. Hayes, a carpenter, whose residence is a few hundred feet away, went over toward the house. With blood streaming from a wound in his face, Creighton, the husband of the dead woman, appeared at the window and stated that an awful murder had been committed in the house. Hesitating a few minutes, while the other East Hill residents, James McGarry and Daniel Silverthorn, came up the hill on their way home, he also sent word to the police station and P. C. Anthony Shute was soon on the scene. Together they forced the door, and following the sound of the moaning, they hurried upstairs, where they found Creighton, dressed in his nightshirt, lying across the bed in the room at the northeast corner of the house.

The House a Shambles.
It was evident that he was in a critical condition. He lay perfectly motionless, and told the men to go across the hall to the rooms there and see what had been done. Entering the southeast room they found the body of the wife of Creighton stretched out on her couch bed with one hand thrown up as though it had been used in the fruitless effort to ward off the assassin's attack. There was a tightly drawn shawl around the woman's throat, which had been cut. Stabs and gunshot wounds added evidence to the atrociousness of the attack. This scene, however, was secondary to the indescribable revelation which greeted the sight of the men when they entered the adjoining room. A doorway led from the room in which the body of the mother was found into that of the bedroom of the daughters, Kathleen and Clara. Stretched out on the floor was the body of the younger sister, clad in her night robes. She had been slashed and cut in the neck, back and body, and shot through the head with a revolver bullet. On the bed were the remains of the elder sister. A great gaping slash across the throat and gunshot completed the tale of the triple murder. The room was a terrible shambles.

The Murderer's Story.
Perfectly rational while Dr. Cowper dressed the wound in the man's face, Creighton told the story of his terrible deed. He had got up at 4.40 this morning and, after slipping in and kissing his wife, commenced the horrible butchery. Waiting until the children were asleep, he fired the revolver shot into his head, and said that the only thing that prevented him from following it up with another was that he was seized with cramps. He told where the weapons could be found, and search revealed the accuracy of his statements, for a two-edged, heavy steel knife, running from a two-inch width at the handle to a point, was found. The revolver which had been used was, he said, under the arm of his dead wife. Here it was found, and attached to it was a tag inscribed the finder to return it to the hardware store where it had been purchased, as it had not been paid for. The other rooms in the house were in a most orderly condition, revealing the tidiness of a well-kept home.

The motive of the crime is hard to comprehend, as, while the doctors were dressing his wounds, Creighton did not utter an explanation, though he admitted the act. The cause, undoubtedly, arises in the fact that the married life did not run smoothly, owing to the habits of Creighton, who was addicted to the use of intoxicants. It was not, however, while he was under the influence of liquor that the act was committed, as he had drunk nothing of the nature since the middle of April. Less than a year ago, the murdered woman became the wife of Creighton, who had only been a widower of a few weeks. His previous marriage to a young lady of this town was followed by frequent quarrels and a separation for many years, which extended till the latter's death, about a year ago.

Had Frequent Quarrels.
When he married Mrs. Chapman, the mother of the murdered girls, it is stated that no knowledge of his drinking habits was known to her, and this fact embittered the relationship that followed. Frequent quarrels, however, were followed by reconciliatory efforts on the part of immediate relatives, through the intervention of the wife to return to her old home in Port Huron, where her aged father still resides, was frequently repeated. It is to be feared that the threat would be carried out that probably prompted the terrible consummation of to-day, as, notwithstanding their domestic infelicities, Creighton was greatly attached to his wife and her bright young daughters, and so the determination to make an end of them and follow himself. How nearly and how terribly he succeeded remains to be told, as to-night his condition is exceedingly precarious.

The young girls were both students at the Collegiate Institute, and amongst the brightest in their class. Clara was a musician of considerable promise, and at the last musical and liter-

ary society contest of the institute carried off the honors in vocal music. No more popular students were on the roll, and Principal Murray is terribly upset over the terrible affair. Yesterday the sisters made two of a jolly party at a West Hill picnic. Mrs. Creighton was a most ladylike character.

Creighton is the eldest son of one of the oldest and most respected families of the town, and the history of the place is identified with that of the family. The aged mother is still living, and it is feared that the terrible circumstances will have their effect in shortening her days.

The deliberateness with which Creighton planned the murder shows that it was premeditated some days ago. He remarked that home conditions were becoming more strained and that he was afraid something terrible would happen. He left a will and a letter to a brother, stating his responsibility in connection with the tragedy. For a number of years Creighton was a bookseller and stationer here, and was identified with both the Masonic and Independent Oddfellows' Orders.

Coroner Allan Cameron, M. D., took charge of the remains of the three victims to-night, and an inquest will be held at 10 a. m. to-morrow, though little more than viewing the results of the murderer's work is possible as Creighton's condition will not admit of his being present.

QUIET HOLIDAY.

Old Boys' Reunion Held at Mount Pleasant.

Big Parade of Soldiers—Fight Among Foreigners.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Brantford, May 26.—The holiday passed off quietly in the city, a large number of people visiting Mohawk Park and Mt. Pleasant throughout the day. At the former place the reopening took place, and several new attractive features were in full swing. Many hundreds of people gathered on the grounds and the street cars were unable to carry the crowds. At Mt. Pleasant an old boys' reunion was in progress, and it is estimated there were 1,500 people on the grounds in the afternoon. At night things began to get rough, and arrests were made by the county constabulary for disorderly conduct.

Horses Stolen.
E. Davis, of Onondaga Township, was arrested on Sunday night by County Constables Kerr and Mounce, charged with having stolen a horse in front of the Liberal Club rooms on Saturday night from C. Edmunds. The recovery of the animal by the officers was an excellent one. The defendant pleaded guilty and will appear for sentence on Thursday.

Big Parade.
Over 500 men were in the garrison parade on Sunday to St. Andrew's Church. The component parts of the brigade which paraded were the Dufferin Rifles 350, 2nd Dragoons 75, Mohawk and R. C. II Cadets 100 strong, and the Brantford police department. The Paris and Dufferin Bands rendered fine music. At the church Rev. F. J. Maxwell delivered a strong sermon along military lines.

A Fight.
A free fight among a number of foreigners took place at Spittal's Hotel early last evening, and three Poles were arrested. There had been bad feeling existing among them all afternoon, and on Durham street at 6 o'clock a stone throwing was indulged in. The row culminated in the arrests.

General Notes.
Squire Harris, of the reserve, was unable to appear on Friday to hear the complaint against Constable Garrow for selling liquor to Indians. It is said that the unknown party got after Squire on the night before and administered a severe beating to him necessitating an adjournment of the proceedings.

William Simpson, formerly of Hamilton, took a fine game of ball yesterday morning for the Good, Shapley & Muir team against Ventys. He struck out 11 men in 7 innings, and allowed only one hit, and won his game, 5-0. His team now leads the local league.

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MURDERED BY INDIANS.

Two Prospectors Killed on Vancouver Island Coast.

Victoria, B. C., May 26.—The body of one of the missing Waters brothers, prospectors from Victoria, who have been missing for some time on the Vancouver Island coast, near Nootka, was found to-day. The missing prospectors have seemingly been murdered by Indians. The body found, presumably that of Horace Waters, is badly decomposed. There was a shotgun loaded with No. 4 shot and one barrel discharged, near the body, also the hat of the other brother, with shot holes in it, corresponding to No. 4 shot.

The theory held is that the two men, who were known to have arrived in the Indians of a nearby village, with whom they quarrelled over some Indian women, were killed by the tribesmen.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
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Prohibition in the South.

Raleigh, N. C., May 26.—The returns from many sections of the State indicate victory for prohibition by larger majorities than anticipated by the leaders in to-day's State election on that question. Estimates this afternoon range from thirty to forty thousand majority. The election is being conducted quietly, and there has been no trouble at the polls.

JERSEYVILLE

Rev. James Awde and Mr. W. C. Van-
sickle attended district meeting at
Brantford this week.

The monthly social evening of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church will be held on the 27th.

Mr. Black is making timely preparation for the coming winter in erecting sheds for his coal supply.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swartz are visiting the old home in Jerseyville a few days.

Mr. Nelson Smith and family and Miss A. Clark went to Wellandport for holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Toronto, Mr. W. Sexton and family, Hamilton, and Mr. S. Wait, of the Niagara Falls College, are visiting at the home of Mr. Geo. Wait and family, St. George, are visiting at Mrs. W. D. Wait's.

Mrs. Spoor and daughter, Mrs. Johnson, are visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Markle are spending a few days with relatives in Cainsville.

Mr. Sealy Smith, of Wisconsin, is visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone and Mr. Lloyd Doherty, Brantford, spent the 24th in the village.

Mr. A. House and family, Brantford, and Mr. W. House and family, Hamilton, are visiting at Mr. Vernel House's.

SCOTLAND

Quite a number from this village and vicinity will attend the garden party at Oakland on Monday evening.

The trees are out in full bloom, and, judging from present indications, there will be an abundance of fruit. The clover and wheat fields are also in excellent condition.

The onion raisers are at work cultivating and weeding their onions.

Miss Johnson entertained a few relatives on Friday afternoon, the 22nd, at Evergreen Farm.

Lieut. McAllister, of Simcoe, and Mr. A. Ewing, of Boston, were calling on Mr. George Johnson on Wednesday afternoon.

Farmers are engaged in planting Indian corn; also sowing corn for ensilage at present.

WESTOVER

Miss Mary Lindsay, of Hamilton, is spending her vacation here.

Lorrey Gilbert, of Havelock, is visiting with his engine soon.

Zibe Fisher is able to be on the war-path again.

J. C. McDonald has put in a large supply of wood.

J. T. Costello is adding a new bath room and refitting some of his other rooms.

L. Shaver and Robt. Lindsay spent Saturday in Hamilton.

Chas. Mill left for Edmonton last Sunday to St. Andrew's Church.

Some old residents who have been absent for over 30 years spent the 24th in the village.

The boys of the local military company are all requested to be present on Saturday evening, May 30th, for a practice drill.

The wedding bells are expected to ring in the west, south and east of the village on June 1.

SOUTH CAYUGA

Mrs. Freeman Snider spent the holidays in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cherry, of Dunnville, visited at Miss B. Albright's on Sunday.

On Sunday, May 24, a son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Clemens.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Houser visited at C. Houser's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Warner, of Rainham, visited at I. Overholt's on Sunday.

Mrs. A. Clemens and Miss Clemens, of Plattville, are guests of Rev. A. Clemens.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hoffman and Mrs. Bygrave visited at Henry Kiefer's on Sunday.

Mr. A. High spent Sunday in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frier visited friends in Mt. Olivet on Sunday.

Mrs. A. Pettit spent a few days this week in Moulton.

Mr. John Huber and sisters, Misses Clara and Kate Huber, spent the holiday in Vinland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Culp and daughter Viewa visited at O. Father's on Sunday.

South Cayuga baseball team defeated Bingham road team in a game at the latter place on Saturday by 7 runs.

The Y. P. A. rally on Sunday was well attended. At the evening service interesting papers were given by Miss Lulu Nash, of Dunnville, Y. P. A.; a Norman Kohler, of Kohler, Y. P. A., and Mr. Geo. Montgomery, the music by the choir and Miss Hettie Lint, of Kohler, was much enjoyed by all.

Miss Stella High visited Miss Pearl Kiehn on Monday.

WINSLOW

Mr. E. Lunsbury, of Wheatley, is visiting friends in this section.

Special services at the Evangelical Church here on Sunday, June 7.

There will be no meeting at this place on Sunday, June 14, on account of quarrel at Bismarck.

The annual children's day services will be held on Sunday morning, June 21. Everybody is invited to attend.

There will be a public meeting held in the Town Hall, Oister Centre, on Friday evening, June 20, when Mr. Thomas Marshall, of Dunnville, Liberal candidate for Monck, and Col. Thompson, ex-M. P., of Haldimand, will address the meeting. A very cordial invitation is extended to all.

STONE CREEK

Mr. A. C. Springstead, auctioneer, of this place, has charged a sale at Geo. Freeman's farm, Red Hill, on May 29. This sale includes a very large amount of household goods. It will be the largest which has ever taken place in this vicinity.

A large number from this vicinity attended the celebration in Hamilton on the 25th.

S. Nash and H. Pottruff have gone to Michigan to spend a few days.

Mr. Pettit and wife spent Sunday at Lakewood.

The blossom excursions bring large numbers out from the city to this fruit district.

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With some companions Fry was amusing himself on the slip, and seeing his comrades swimming, as he thought, right on the bottom, he jumped in and was drowned.

Fry was employed in a restaurant at 82 Bathurst street, and was fond of going to the water when he could, but as he could not swim he had been warned not to go into the water.

He went out yesterday without any apparent preparation for swimming.

Fry's foster mother and father live in Cheltenham, Eng., and his only surviving brother is out in the west.

Another brother, Arthur Fry, was drowned when crossing the Ottawa in a boat some time ago.

CASTORIA.
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Guelph Man Put a Match to a Dynamite Cap.

Guelph, Ont., May 26.—Several casualties occurred here last night. A young man named Sydney Bradbury was experimenting with a detonating cap by putting a match to it, with the result that his hand was badly mangled.

A young lad named Wayne shot another lad in the ear with an air rifle, and Mr. John Heslop, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, had his hand severely burned with a sky rocket.

FIRE-FIGHTER KILLED.

A Burning Tree Falls Upon Charles Hennessey.

Cobalt, May 26.—On Friday last forest fires got started in the lower Lorrain country, Charles Hennessey, fire ranger, aged about 32 and unmarried, was killed by having a burning tree fall on him while fighting a desperate battle with the flames.

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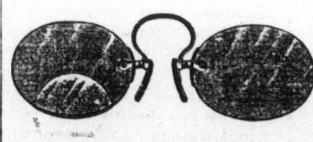
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