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POLICE RAPE PROVINCE FOR SLAYER

United States May Aid Mexicans Quell Rebels

AMERICANS AID OREGON IN MEXICO

Mexico's Latest Rebellion Abates During Christmas Holidays.

REBELS CAPTURED

United States Plans to Back Obregon as President of Nation.

BY FRED K. G. NEUMEIER. (British United Press.)

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Mexico's latest war of rebellion abated a bit while the capital and the country generally celebrated Christmas. Government reports which were published while crowds kept cabarets merry and firecrackers made as much din as a Mexican battle, announced that on the various fronts the Federal troops held the insurgents in check.

Rebels taken prisoner at Puebla or driven in flight when Obregon's men captured the city have been given fifteen days in which to turn back to the existing government. If they do so within that time they will be released and not punished.

United States May Aid.

A rumor is growing here that in some way the United States is going to aid Obregon. Many believe that both Calles and De La Huerta are to be eliminated from the presidential race, after which the United States will back Obregon "to the limit."

FATHER O'DONNELL IS NAMED BISHOP

Succeeds to Victoria Diocese—Now is Editor of the Catholic Register.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—News of the appointment of Father F. O'Donnell, president of the Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada and editor of the Catholic Register, Toronto, to the diocese of Victoria, B. C., has been officially confirmed at the apostolic delegate's residence here.

Bishop-elect O'Donnell is regarded as an able churchman and an exceptionally capable executive. He is about 40 years of age, born in Ireland and came to Canada as a youth. He was educated at St. Michael's college, Toronto, studied theology at the Grand Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood in Dec. 1890.

He served as curate to the Mgr. McCann, late vicar-general of Toronto archdiocese. He later founded St. Ann's Parish, Toronto, one of the most progressive parishes in the Toronto archdiocese. Bishop-elect O'Donnell is still pastor of the Parish.

The new Bishop succeeds Bishop Alexander MacDonald, formerly of Antigonish, N. S., who resigned some time ago.

Aged Widow In E. Hartford Slain

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 26.—With skull battered by a blunt instrument, thought to be a hammer, the body of Mrs. Mary Munell, 75, a widow, was found Christmas morning thinly clad and covered with a tick on the bed at her home in East Hartford.

France Signs To Pay Uruguayan Debt

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 26.—A convention has been signed under which France undertakes to pay back to Uruguay 15,000,000 gold pesos borrowed during the war for the purchase of produce, the repayment to be in ten installments of 1,500,000 gold pesos each, one to fall due every six months.

Wants \$1,000 For Lock of Poet's Hair

New York, Dec. 26.—A lock of hair from the head of the great poet, Milton, has been put on sale by the estate of George D. Smith, rare book dealer of 8 East Forty-ninth street, at the price set upon it is \$1,000. Because of the literary associations connected with this relic, the price, according to critics in this field, is exceedingly low.

FIVE ARE SUICIDES; 3 MORE ATTEMPT

New York's Christmas Display, Say Notes, Drove Despondent Ones to Seek Death.

New York, Dec. 26.—Despondency, seemingly made more unbearable by the scenes of Christmas cheer on all sides, caused eight persons to attempt suicide during the holidays, police said today.

PLAN AIR ROUTE OVER WORLD'S TOP

U. S. Board Make Recommendation on Navy's Proposed Polar Flight.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Recommendations that the navy's Polar expedition flight be attempted during the coming summer with the dirigible Shenandoah and using Nome, Alaska, as the main operating base are contained in a report of a special board of naval officers headed by Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of naval aviation.

Two Appointed Bishops In U. S.

Indianapolis, Dec. 26.—Rev. A. J. Smith, D. D., pastor of the Catholic Church of St. Jean of Arc, has received notice of his appointment by Pope Pius XI, as Bishop of the Diocese at Nashville, Tenn.

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—Rt. Rev. Mgr. Francis J. L. Beckman, rector of Mount St. Mary's Theological Seminary, North Norwood, Ohio, has been appointed Bishop of Lincoln, Neb. It was announced yesterday in unofficial but authentic reports from Lincoln.

Is Killed By Car On Christmas Day

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 26.—Leo Leard, of Waterbury, was almost instantly killed and four others were injured on Christmas afternoon when a touring car operated by Alphonse Berthouze, also of Waterbury, got out of control and ran into a telegraph pole.

LEUTENANT CLEANS UP IN WALL ST.

Son of Governor Wood of Philippines Makes Fortune by Cable.

WILL QUIT ARMY.

Acquires \$700,000 to \$800,000 and Will Enter the Diplomatic Service.

(By Canadian Press) New York, Dec. 26.—Lt. Osborne Cutler Wood, 26 years of age, son of Governor General Wood, of the Philippines, has admitted making between \$700,000 and \$800,000 in speculation in Wall Street securities conducted by cable from Manila, where he is an aide to his father, says a copyrighted despatch to the New York Times today.

The despatch said that young Wood will return to the U. S. soon with the intention of resigning his commission and entering the diplomatic service, this having been made possible by his fortunate investments.

Lieut. Wood's streak of good fortune began in September or October of last year, when he bought stock of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey just prior to its sensational rise, the despatch continues. Although his capital was extremely small then, the fact that his stock rose approximately sixty points gave him profits which placed him in a position to make further investments on a large scale.

Lieut. Wood is quoted by the correspondent as saying he had depended for advice on a New York concern which cabled him daily as to investment conditions.

Greetings Are Sent MacMillan

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Donald MacMillan, frozen in the ice fastness within 100 miles of the North Pole, yesterday received Christmas greetings by radio from his sister, Mrs. Wm. Fogg, of Freeport, Maine, who came to Chicago from Western Europe.

Found Radium 25 Years Ago Today

Paris, Dec. 26.—Mme. Marie Curie, working with her husband, Prof. Pierre Curie, in their modest laboratory in Rue L'Honorable, made her wonderful discovery of radium twenty-five years ago today.

Wire Briefs

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Harry Marsh, father of Lou Marsh, sporting critic, died at his home here yesterday at the age of 81. In his youth he was a well known athlete.

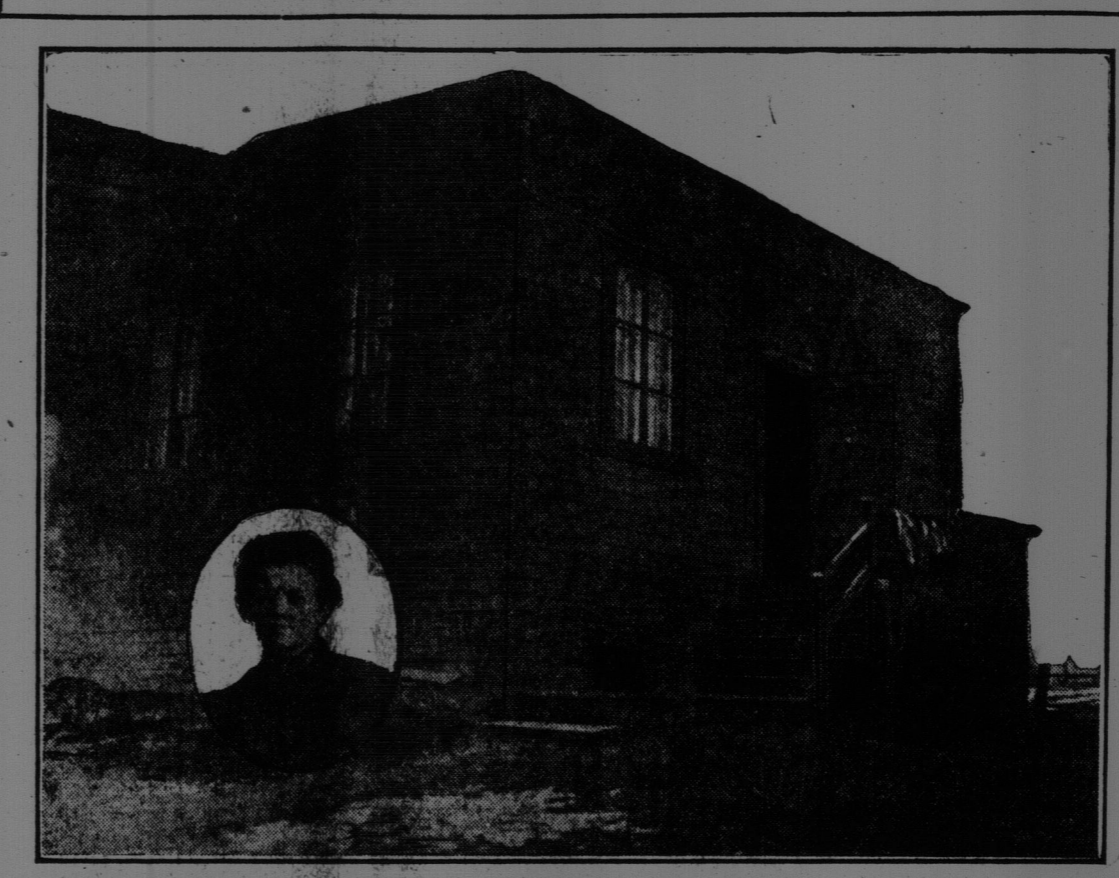
Montreal, Dec. 26.—Fred M. Leamouth, well known sportsman, and member of the Board of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada, died here today from heart trouble. He was 66 years of age.

Athens, Dec. 26.—The decision of former Premier Venizelos to pay a visit to Greece without, however, returning to the political arena, as he says in his telegram announcing his prospective return, is variously commented upon in political circles.

New York, Dec. 26.—Government and private radio stations along the Atlantic coast tonight were informed of the receipt by stations here of an S. O. S. call from a ship at sea and asked to watch for a second call which might give the vessel's position.

Yarmouth, Dec. 26.—Captain Andrew Gauvreau, skipper of the schooner Douglas B. Conrad, who was arrested in Halifax last Thursday on a charge of making a pirate liquor raid on the schooner Lucille B. of Boston, in August, was arraigned in police court Monday afternoon and remanded until Friday.

Scene of Murder at East St. John



This is a picture of the house at East St. John where Mrs. Clara Whiteside was found murdered early last evening. It was taken this morning for The Evening Times-Star. The door seen is the one where repeated knockings had failed to gain entrance during the last few days. Inset is a picture of the murdered woman.

SAYS MONEY WILL PROVE WELL SPENT

Grand Trunk Pacific Shareholders' Committee Reports Real Progress.

London, Dec. 26.—(Canadian Press)—The Grand Trunk Pacific four per cent. debenture stockholders' committee has issued a long circular to the shareholders setting out the present position of the negotiations with the Canadian Government in connection with the claims for debenture interest. The committee states that real progress has been made and that eventually the money contributed to the campaign on behalf of the shareholders will be proved to have been well spent.

TWO MOTHERS GET THEIR BABES MIXED

Indiscriminate Handling of Infants in Same House Makes Relationship Tangle Tale.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—A mother and daughter at Coruna, who each gave birth to a baby in the same house, on the same day, are now unable to tell which infant is which.

Novo Scotia Woman Is Dead of Wounds

Halifax, Dec. 26.—Mrs. James Duff, aged 44, who was shot twice, it is alleged, by Cecil Lawrence, aged 22, at her home at Evansville, near Stellarton, Sunday, died in the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, yesterday afternoon.

Nobleman, For Years a Peddler, Finds Daughter and Fortune on Christmas Eve

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Henri de la Motte, late of the nobility of France and long missing heir to what is believed to be a large fortune, came into at least part of his own Christmas eve, when he was reunited to his daughter, Mrs. Harriet Scott of Albany, N. Y. He spent Christmas with his wife and family at Green Bay, Wis.

The old man, for years a street peddler here, saw his daughter for the first time in 27 years on Monday, and after a joyful but tearful greeting at the depot, was hurried to a large department store where he exchanged an old suit of clothes, two shirts, four pairs of socks and a sweater for a brand new outfit that made him look his true part, that of a French nobleman.

MINISTER GIVES UP HIS HUNT FOR GOLD

Six Months' Work at Shaftsbury Fails to Bear Out Treasure-Diving Powers.

London, Dec. 26.—The Rev. George Blandfield, Wesleyan minister here, has given up a gold hunt after burrowing under the County of Dorset for six months. Hundreds of tons of sand at the top of a sixty-foot shaft testify to his faith in his own treasure-diving powers.

Ashington Wins Soccer Match

London, Dec. 26.—Ashington defeated Tranners 4 to 2 in Northern League soccer. A scheduled game between Widnes and Warrington in the northern section was postponed because of frost in the ground and one between Wigan and Leigh was abandoned because of snow.

CITY IS STIRRED BY BRUTAL MURDER OF WOMAN FOUND IN EAST ST. JOHN HOME

Mrs. Clara Whiteside, Well Known Here, Is Victim of Vicious Attack Causing Death—Police Seek Colored Man Said to Have Quarrelled With Her Recently—Body Is Found by Brothers.

The St. John police are leaving no stone unturned today in an effort to find some clue which will lead to the apprehension of the murderer of Mrs. Clara Whiteside, who was found dead in her home in East St. John last night.

The name of a colored man is being mentioned in connection with the case, and it is understood that he is being sought. His name is Gorman and he resides a short distance from the scene of the crime. It was learned that he had been accustomed to do chores for Mrs. Whiteside and that some time ago they had a falling out.

He was formerly employed by the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company and later by the Street Railway, but had recently been laid off. It is said that he left the city only recently. It is also said that he is a married man with two children, but had been living with a white woman until autumn, when the woman left him.

Whether or not his apprehension will throw any light on the shocking crime, time alone can tell, but the detectives are determined to follow up every clue in an effort to bring the guilty party to justice.

RELATIVES AT SCENE OF HORROR.

While thousands of citizens were enjoying Christmas festivities last evening a small group of relatives and friends stood in a little house in East St. John and looked in horror at the mutilated body of Mrs. Clara Whiteside, who had fallen a victim of some fiend and was lying in a pool of her own blood, foully murdered. In her hand she clutched a purse. Her head was wrapped in quilts, saturated with blood. The body was found by her brothers, Frederick Cairns and DeWitt Cairns after they had been notified that something must be wrong and had succeeded forcing an entrance through a door into the cellar.

Last evening Provincial Constable Charles Osmon, who resides close by, decided that something was wrong as he or his wife had not seen Mrs. Whiteside for over a week and he got in touch with Mr. Cairns. He went with the brothers to the house and to their horror they learned of her shocking death. They immediately notified Sergeant Detective Powers, who accompanied by Detective Patrick Biddiscombe were soon on the scene. They found that the unfortunate woman had sustained terrible wounds about the head and also had a deep laceration on the second finger of her right hand in which she was clutching a purse.

Detectives Visit The Scene

Sergeant Detective Power and Detective Biddiscombe today visited the scene of the murder and made a close and careful examination of the house and surroundings in an effort to find the implement that had been used, but the search proved unavailing. An effort is now being made to try and find some motive, which might lead to the identity of the guilty party.

The only bit of evidence found this morning was a gold watch, and while this does not tend to implicate any person it confirms a belief of the detectives that robbery was not the motive. The watch was found on one of the pantry shelves apparently where it had been placed by the unfortunate woman.

After carefully examining the hall where the body was found Sergeant Detective Power is convinced that the body of the woman was moved from where she had first fallen after receiving the fatal blows. About three feet up from the floor and on the wall near the kitchen door are a number of spots of blood and this is close to where the body was found. On the opposite side of the small hall was a large pool of blood, which had worked its way out under the door into the small vestibule.

Had Been Dead Long Time

This is taken to indicate that after the woman had been murdered she had been left lying there for some time, probably unconscious, and was later picked up and moved to the opposite side near the kitchen door. That the murderer left by a trap door that went down into the cellar and then out a small door to the grounds is evident beyond a doubt, for the front door was not only locked, but in addition was bolted on the inside. This is the only door to the house and the only other way a person could get out would be by way of the cellar. As double windows were on that is considered out of the question.

One thing that is quite certain is that the murderer was not only familiar with the house, but was friendly with the dog, which was found nearly starved to death in the kitchen, for it is assumed if he had been a stranger he would not have been able to move about the house securing quilts to place about the woman's head and then leave through the trap-door.

One of the unexplainable features is that the murderer was not discovered sooner, and this is considered one of the mysteries in connection with the case. This morning the detectives had Mr. Osmon come to police headquarters, where he was closely questioned. He acknowledged that last Wednesday he and his wife feared that something was wrong with Mrs. Whiteside and had gone up and looked into windows. They expressed a belief at the time that she might have taken a weak turn. Why he did not then start an investigation or had notified either relatives or the police authorities before is yet to be explained. Mr. Osmon was the closest neighbor. His children had been accustomed to go errands for Mrs. Whiteside.

Seen Alive A Week Ago

The last time Mrs. Whiteside was seen alive was on Monday afternoon, December 17. At that time she came out of her house and called the dog. As she had not been seen since, as far as is present known, it is thought that the crime was committed that night. The house, which is called Tenby Cottage, is situated about 60 feet from the school house, while down in a hollow about 40 yards away is a small house owned by Provincial Constable Charles Osmon. The house is on an elevation and overlooks practically all of Courtenay Bay.

That Mrs. Whiteside feared the intrusion of her home is evident from a statement she made some time ago to Mr. Osmon. At that time she asked his advice about having money about the house. She said at that time that she was afraid people might think she had money and she might be murdered. He had advised her to put her money in the bank and pay by check and this would be proof that she did not keep any ready cash on hand.

That Mrs. Whiteside was a clever artist was evident from the number of her paintings which were found in her living room. Small paint brushes also told of how she spent some of her spare moments.

Constable Porter announced today that he would empanel a jury this afternoon to hold an inquest into the death of Mrs. Whiteside. He said that the autopsy would be made this afternoon. Until after he had empaneled his jury he did not know just when the inquest would be held.

BED IS NOT SLEPT IN.

Her bed had not been slept in, in fact, it had not been made up, but when the body was found a large quilt taken from the bedroom was wrapped about the battered head.

A Telegraph-Journal reporter visited the house shortly after the body was discovered, and had a conversation with Provincial Constable Charles Osmon, who is a neighbor of the deceased, and a friend whom with his wife he had visited frequently. Constable Osmon stated that he and his wife last saw Mrs. Whiteside alive on the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 17. She was then on the front step feeding the dogs, as it was her custom to feed

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Weather Report

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Pressure is low over the Maritime Provinces and the Rocky Mountain states, while an area of high pressure and cold weather has come in over the western provinces from the north-west. It has been mild and rather unsettled with light local snow or rain from Ontario eastward.

Forecast:

Mostly Fair; Colder

Table with 3 columns: Stations, Highest, Lowest. Rows include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and Below Zero.