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## SLAVS FREE AND 2 GIRLS THEY WERE LATER CALLED THEY A SHOTS SELF

Terribly Ghastly Tragedy at Owen  
Sound in Which James Creighton  
is the Principal—Woman and  
Two Step-Daughters Shot and  
Stabbed.

### TWELVE HOURS IN HOUSE ALONE WITH HIS VICTIMS

OWEN SOUND, May 26.—(Special.)—  
Probably no more gruesome blot ap-  
pears on the pages of Canadian criminal  
history than that made here at an  
early hour this morning, when a ter-  
rible triple murder was perpetrated  
followed later by the attempted suicide  
of the murderer.

The victims are:  
MRS. JAMES F. CREIGHTON, formerly of Ypsilanti, Mich., married a year ago, shot and throat cut; dead.  
KATHLEEN CHAPMAN, her daughter, aged 18, shot and stabbed; dead.  
CLAIR CHAPMAN, her daughter, aged 15, shot and stabbed; dead.  
JAMES CREIGHTON, in a critical condition from a bullet in the head.

The crime was revealed by the groans and cries of the would-be suicide, when about six o'clock this morning, Creighton, who has lived on Union-street hill, appeared at an upper window of his home and called to a small boy below to proceed to the house of his brother, George Creighton, and to tell him that something of a terrible nature had happened.

Invites Police to Enter.  
The lad proceeded on his errand, but had only got a short distance when a shot rang out, and the neighbors, running to the place, were horrified to hear groans.

William Hayes, a carpenter, who lives at the corner of Church and Union-streets, and who had just come from work, proceeded to make known to Daniel Silverthorne and James McGarry, two residents of the east hill, and together they proceeded to the house.

Creighton again appeared at the window and called to the boy to take the horrible murder had taken place. He asked that they force open the doors. Communication was at once held with the police authorities and policeman Anthony Shute, arriving in a few moments, the door was forced.

Upstairs, attired in his night shirt, and lying lengthwise across the bed, was Creighton, blood flowing from a bullet wound in the right eye.

## JEROME DOESN'T LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC CLAMOR

Can't Understand Why It Should  
Direct His Judgment or  
Activities.

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. Y., May 26.—  
District Attorney William T. Jerome was the central figure to-day in the final proceedings here before Commissioner Hand, appointed by Gov. Hughes to hear the testimony in connection with the charges of dereliction in the performance of the district attorney's official duties, made by William F. King, and others in New York City.

Mr. Jerome, in his argument, said that to speak vulgarly there is more "hot air" in the 200-page brief submitted by counsel for the petitioners than he had ever seen in that space. He criticized what he termed irresponsible editors and yellow journalists.

Taking up the charge involving the alleged outrageous conduct of the district attorney in a hearing before Supreme Court Justice Seabury, Mr. Jerome said that Justice Seabury's action in the McCabe matter was "the most contemptible and unjustified proceeding that he ever saw," and that he left the hearing because "Justice Seabury was acting like a cad."

"I have lived all my life in the City of New York," said the district attorney, "and the 16 best years of my life there were given to the public. I have never understood that public clamor was a thing that should direct my judgment or my convictions."

He said that he had refused to advise the grand jury to indict George W. Perkins in the so-called \$50,000 political contribution, and he said, "It was perfectly plain that Bryan's election would have been followed by a shrinkage in the value of the securities of the New York Life Insurance Co. of at least 10 to 12 per cent., so that with \$50,000,000 of securities, this contribution of \$50,000 would be illegal, but was it illegal? 'I tried to get a judicial decision in the matter,' he said, 'and I refused to take it up and decide it. He said so see Justice Goff. I did not want to go before Justice Goff, but if I called upon him, I can quickly give them."

Chastly bowing.  
Upstairs, attired in his night shirt, and lying lengthwise across the bed, was Creighton, blood flowing from a bullet wound in the right eye.

## ANGLO-FRENCH ALLIANCE IS REMOVED

But Paris Temps First Wants  
British Army Re-organized  
President Guest of Great  
State Ball.

PARIS, May 26.—The speeches exchanged in London between President Fallieres and King Edward have attracted much attention from the French press, and are being discussed in the Temps this afternoon.

The Temps recognizes that the cordial relations between France and Great Britain, manifested yesterday, are likely, in the event of a crisis, to breed identity of interest, but it thinks it dangerous to rely upon moral understandings.

"Forced to choose between Germany and Great Britain," the Temps declares, "France chooses Great Britain. We are with dignity live on correct terms with Germany, but the past for us going further. As for the future, Germany only wants what we cannot grant, namely, the admission of German funds to the Paris bourse."

On the other hand the Temps objects to a British alliance has disappeared with the reconciliation of our ally, Russia, with Great Britain.

LONDON, May 26.—At Buckingham Palace to-night a great state ball was given in honor of President Fallieres of France.

This was the culminating feature of a busy day of entertainment spent by King Edward's guest, every where the French president had been greeted with the greatest enthusiasm, and early in the evening immense crowds gathered to witness the royal residences to the palace and to cheer the president of France.

The scene was the walls of Buckingham was one of exceptional brilliancy. The royal guests assembled in the throne room, and the various regiments of the British army, which were marching in front of the Canadian pavilion, and was greeted by Lord Strathcona. The King's carriage halted in front of the British pavilion, and expressed regret that the fine pavilion was incomplete, and he hoped to be able to visit it another time.

President Fallieres is proving a highly popular visitor. Huge crowds gather wherever there is a possibility of seeing him pass, and the cheers with which he is greeted are exceptionally lusty.



MR. ELECTOR: And I had such a pressing invitation to share his political couch with him.

## 2 YOUNG MEN ARE DROWNED FOR SCOTLAND

Victor Fry and Wm. Meehan  
the Victims—Farmer in  
Error Plunged Into  
Deep Water.

Victor Fry, 18 years of age, who lived with his parents at 62 Bathurst-street, was drowned while bathing off No. 5 pier at the foot of Brock-avenue, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The lad was bathing with two companions, Samuel Stauffer, 369 West King-street, and Roy Shirley, 367 West King-street. The other two, who could not swim, were standing on a submerged log, Fry, who could not swim, thought that they were on the bottom, 110 ran to the springboard and jumped in. The water is fully 15 feet deep and the young man never came up.

An alarm was raised and Mate Ackroyd sent to the scene with grappling irons. The body was recovered after about half an hour's work. Chief Coroner Johnson is investigating.

Stepping From Logs to Pier, Falls into the Water.  
William Meehan of 273 Voltaire-street was drowned at Lakeside yesterday.

## HOME RULE NOW FOR SCOTLAND

Bill Introduced in the British  
Commons Promptly  
Secures its First  
Reading.

LONDON, May 26.—Another of the pledges given by Winston Spencer Churchill during his recent electoral campaign in Dundee has become quick fact, and a "home rule for Scotland" bill was introduced in the house of commons by Duncan Wermont Pirie, member for North Aberdeen, this afternoon.

Mr. Pirie explained that the main object of this bill was to devolve to a legislative body in Scotland the power to make laws on matters relating exclusively to that country.

A. J. Balfour objected strongly, but the house by 257 votes to 102 voted in favor of allowing the bill to go to its first reading.

VALU OF ONTARIO'S FISH.  
Last Year's Supply Netted Nearly \$2,000,000, Says Mr. Tinsley.  
The yield of the fisheries aggregated \$1,835,024.90 last year, according to a report by Edwin Tinsley, superintendent of the provincial game and fisheries department. The amount is more than \$200,000 in excess of that of 1906, the highest previous record.

## THE PREMIER AT LINDSAY

Says if 'Twas Right for Jaffray to Resign, 'Tis Wrong for Macdonald to Stay.

LINDSAY, May 26.—(Special.)—Through the rain here to-night came nearly one thousand people to hear Hon. J. P. Whitney, Premier of Ontario. It was practically the same crowd which came to the Academy of Music one week ago to hear him and instead heard Hon. Col. Matheson. To-night's audience also heard the member of parliament for the riding, Col. Sam Hughes.

Dr. Wood, the chairman, welcomed the many Reformers present, some of whom, he said, must have helped to turn out the Ross government.

Col. Hughes told of what the Whitney Administration had done to benefit the lumbermen of the province—lumbermen form a good part of the population of Lindsay—by way of legislation providing for the manufacture of the lumbering industry in the province.

"There is a minister's chair over there," continued Mr. Foster, pointing to Fugley's vacant seat, "and if its proper occupant were here, you would see a minister who put the patronage in charge of a ward committee of St. John. If this thing must be done, why not have decency to keep it out of sight?"

## LAUNDED DELAYS; BLOCKADE RESUMES

Sifton's Influence Retards  
Election Settlement, and  
Civil Service is Dis-  
cussed to Kill  
Time.

OTTAWA, May 26.—(Special.)—Sifton is again king. He is said to have put his foot down on any surrender to opposition on the Aylesworth bill and in the meantime Sir Wilfrid can't deliver the goods.

Last week the prime minister asked Mr. Borden to give him till Saturday to make up his mind in what language he would frame his terms. On Saturday he saw Mr. Borden's promise, this time in black and white, that clause I will be dropped.

Civil Service as a Blockade.  
This afternoon was taken up with a motion of Mr. Foster on civil service reform. While this is an important matter, the real object is to delay the government getting into supply. It is something that will furnish almost an endless amount of talk and will help to hold up a game, which will be persisted in if the government is finally decided to force the election bill thru.

At midnight the house is settling down for an all night session. Chief Opposition Whip Taylor has his men on deck to keep the government busy through the long hours till 1 o'clock tomorrow night when by the rules the house must rise automatically.

Haughton Lennox spoke till midnight on Foster's amendment which the vote was taken, resulting in the usual government majority.

Mr. Foster offered a resolution calling for civil service reform in the following terms: "The civil service of Canada should be based on merit and character alone, and all the appointments thereto should be made from candidates whose competency has been established thru open examinations conducted under non-partisan civil service commissioners."

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