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LABORER SHOT BY MURKIN IN STATE HOUSE

Governor Guild Has a Narrow Escape from being Killed---Fired at Men Awaiting Audience.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—John A. Steele, an insane man of Everett, walked into the ante-room of the executive chamber of the state house this afternoon, and finding Gov. Guild's door closed, turned on three prominent labor leaders and fired three shots at them, probably fatally wounding Edward Cohen of Lynn, president of the state branch of the American Federation of Labor, seriously wounding Dennis D. Driscoll of Boston, secretary of the same board, and painfully injuring with the muzzle of his revolver, Arthur M. Huddell, Boston, former president of the United Labor Union of this city. Steele was overpowered by Secretary Charles S. Groves, and then J. H. Whitney, chief of the state bureau.

Steele was released on parole last month from the Danvers Insane Asylum. He is 37 years old.

Governor in His Office.

Gov. Guild was in his office only a few feet away when the shooting occurred, and, rushing out, assisted in subduing Steele, and subsequently directed the removal of the wounded men to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Cohen was shot twice thru the head and is in a critical condition. The third bullet struck Driscoll a glancing blow on the side of the forehead and rendered him unconscious. He recovered consciousness half an hour later. Huddell's wound was not serious.

The three labor leaders came to the state house to meet the governor in regard to a pardon. They found that the governor was busy and were asked to wait in one of the ante-rooms.

All three were standing beside a long table covered with papers, while at the further end of the room Secretary Groves was dictating a letter to a stenographer.

Grappled With Steele.

Suddenly Steele appeared at the door of the room from the hallway, and without announcing his mission walked by the doorkeeper and into the room, and glanced toward Gov. Guild's room, about ten feet away. The door was closed. Steele then drew a revolver and fired at Cohen, who was about six feet away. Cohen's back was turned and the bullet struck the back of the head, passed directly thru and coming out at the forehead, driving a great splash of blood on the opposite wall beside the picture of Abraham Lincoln. The wounded man turned only to receive another bullet in the head, which also passed completely thru. Cohen sank unconscious to the floor. Steele then swung around and fired at Driscoll, who fell unconscious, fell, in attempting to close in on the man, was struck on the cheek by the muzzle of the revolver and knocked down. Steele made no attempt to fire again.

By this time Private Secretary Groves had leaped over a table and grappled with Steele, and almost at the same moment Gen. Whitney, who had been summoned to the room by a hearing, came thru the door and rushed to the assistance of Mr. Groves.

Huddell also jumped up and wrestled the revolver away, while one of the messengers dashed into the governor's office and said: "They are murdering people in the lobby."

The governor instantly went out and helped overpower the insane man. Word was sent for assistance to the office of the state physician, in the basement of the building, and a force of officers quickly reached the scene and handcuffed Steele.

In the meantime Gov. Guild had knelt by Cohen's side and was wiping his face with a handkerchief and towel. In response to a call for medical assistance, Dr. Owen Conn, chairman of the state board of insanity, was the first to reach the executive department. He immediately recognized Steele, having had him under observation for more than five years in various state insane institutions. Other doctors soon appeared and aided in the removal of the wounded men to the hospital.

COCAINE FIEND RUNS AMUCK

Negro Shot Seven White Persons, Then Was Riddled Himself.

AUGUSTA, Ark., Dec. 5.—Crazed by cocaine, Wash. Muessey, negro, ran amuck here to-day, shooting seven white persons, two of whom were women. The negro was finally cornered in the railroad yard and shot to death by a posse, fighting until he fell, literally mangled with bullets. One of Muessey's victims was killed.

PROGRESSIVE ARKONA.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(Special).—Arkona, a village of 800, 8 miles from the sea, and remote from the railway, there was to-day successfully placed in operation an electrical plant, the power for which is generated on the Sauble River, 1 1/2 miles distant. The plant cost \$15,000. The power will be used by factories and by an electric railway that is in contemplation.

MRS. BLOODGOOD VOTED ACTRESS ENDS LIFE

Put Bullet Into Her Brain Just Before the Evening Performance—Motive Unknown

DR. BEATTIE NESBITT Who Is Now "Out" for the Mayor's Chair.

NESBITT IS OUT SAYS HE'LL WIN

Definitely Announces His Candidature at a Meeting of Party Stalwarts.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt is definitely a mayoralty candidate.

He made the announcement at a "citizens' meeting" in St. George's Hall last night, following a business session of the executive of the Third Ward Conservative Association. Ald. Geary was present. Both he and the doctor are members of the executive.

In spite of the evident favor with which his coming adversary was received, the alderman declared that come one, come all, he was in the night to stay.

As for Dr. Nesbitt, encouraged by his overwhelming victory over the Geary forces at the previous night's election of the officers of the Central Conservative Association, he declared his candidature will be followed by certain success.

"I am too old a campaigner not to know when a fight is a winning one," he said, and his audience cheered.

He said he had been pressed by friends and citizens generally to offer himself, and he had decided to do so.

"And when I am mayor," he declared in his usual vigorous way, "there won't be hundreds of unemployed men if I can help it; and there won't be any more walking in the streets hungry, if it takes every cent of the mayor's salary to prevent it."

"Canada First," McConnell presided and Charles E. MacDonald, the first speaker, in pledging his support, said most of the others to Dr. Nesbitt, referred to the great work which he was to undertake by the city during the next year and to the immense sums of money to be expended. It was necessary that the mayor should be a strong man and it was especially desired that his worship for 1908 should be a good Conservative.

The doctor came up to all the qualifications, and with all due regard for his good friend Ald. Geary, he would pledge his support to his former chief.

E. W. J. Owens, the new president of the Central Association, Thomas Hook, president of the Third Ward Association; John Harris, E. W. McKeown, Squire Patterson and other of the stalwarts present echoed the sentiment.

Ald. Geary also received encouragement, but it was not of the Nesbitt variety.

The doctor afterwards had an impromptu gathering of friends and supporters at his residence. He says he'll issue his platform in a day or two.

Grand Trunk Pacific Officers.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—At the annual meeting of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to-day, the following directors were elected: Sir C. Rivers Wilson, John A. Chilton Brock, A. W. Smithers, Lord Welby, Dr. Wm. Young, C. M. Hays, F. W. Morse, Wm. H. Bigger, E. H. Allen, E. B. Greenhalgh, Hon. G. A. Cox, E. R. Wood, J. R. Booth. The following officers were elected: President, C. M. Hays; vice-president and general manager, F. W. Morse; second vice-president, Wm. H. Bigger; secretary, Henry Phillips.

SCARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC.

Isolation Hospital Is Crowded and Patients Have to Be Refused.

The unusual prevalence of scarlet fever in the city has resulted in overcrowding at the isolation hospital being commenced overtaxed, so that within the last few days several patients have been turned away and are being treated at their homes.

Dr. Sheard, however, says there is nothing alarming in the outlook. "We have accommodation for about 100 or 110 patients," he said. "There are more patients than is usually the case, but the cause is the mild type of the disease. A number of people who were attacked have gone about in ignorance of the fact until the skin began to peel off, and, under the circumstances, there has naturally been a good deal of contagion."

"The fact that there was not a single death in November out of 214 cases shows the mildness of the type. As we are compelled to keep patients in the hospital for six weeks, the wards have become filled, but this does not argue that the space is inadequate. Scarlet fever may be fatal, but it will be considerably abated, and we shall have all the room we want."

Dr. Sheard denied that there was any lack of facilities for taking in diphtheria sufferers.

"We could handle fifty more," he asserted.

Ottawa University Won Debate.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(Special).—To-night, at the normal school, the Ottawa University delegation won the collegiate debate from McGill on the subject, "Resolved, that conscription is highly beneficial to a nation." Principal White of the normal school, Rev. Father Fitzgibbon and Mr. J. A. Winters were the judges. M. Ogara and M. D. Doyle spoke for Ottawa College, and G. Barclay and A. C. McGougan for McGill.

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The two above firms win twenty-three first prizes in Clydesdales.

Another Christmas Steamer From

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This steamer was built in 1906, and carries one class cabin only. She is up to date in every respect, and the rates are very low—second class, \$35, and \$42.50. This boat will not carry any steerage.

For full particulars wire, telephone, or write S. J. Sharp, W.P.A., 71 Yonge street, M. 6580.

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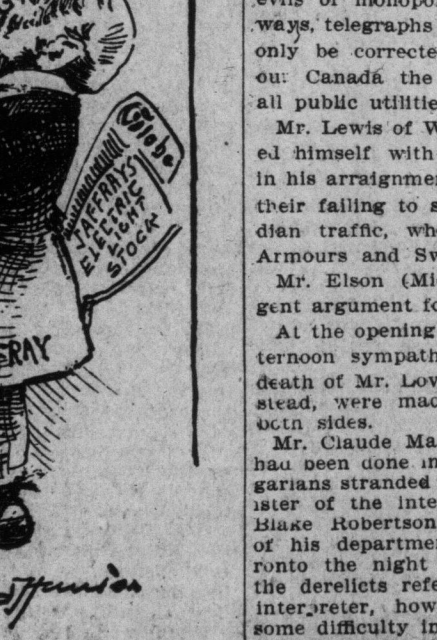
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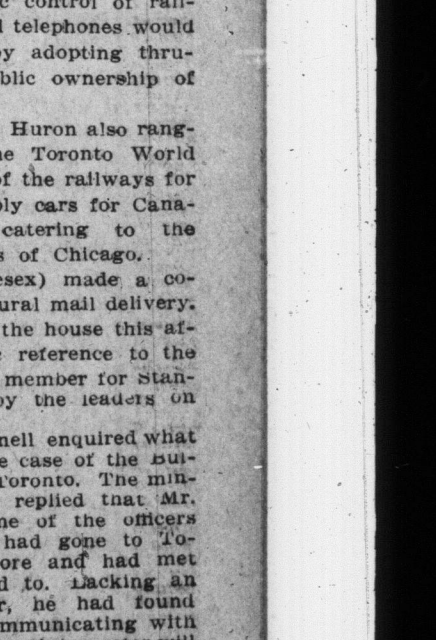


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First Division in House of Commons

Cockshutt Amendment Lost by 39--Dufferin's Representative for Public Ownership ship.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(Special).—It was a W. F. Maclean day in the house, altho the member for South York did not participate in the debate. Dr. Barr of Dufferin proclaimed himself as firmly persuaded that the evils of monopolistic control of railways, telegraphs and telephones would only be corrected by adopting through Canada the public ownership of all public utilities.

Mr. Lewis of West Huron also rang himself with The Toronto World in his arraignment of the railways for their failure to supply cars for Canadian traffic, while catering to the Armours and Swifts of Chicago.

Mr. Elson (Middlesex) made a cogent argument for rural mail delivery.

At the opening of the house this afternoon sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. Lovell, member for St. Andrew, were made by the leaders on both sides.

Mr. Claude Macdonell enquired what had happened in the case of the Bulgarians stranded in Toronto. The minister of the interior replied that Mr. Blake Robertson, one of the officers of his department, had gone to Toronto the night before and had met the derelicts referred to, lacking an interpreter, however, he had found some difficulty in communicating with the Bulgarians, but an interpreter will be sent to the scene at once.

Cost of Insurance Commission.

The finance minister informed Mr. Fielding that the total cost of the insurance commission was \$5,542.

Judge McIntosh of Ottawa was paid \$460, and \$247 transportation and living expenses; Mr. Kent \$420 and \$107; Mr. Langmuir \$440 and \$108; Mr. Shepley \$25,000, and Mr. Tilly \$12,200.

Mr. Monk enquired as to the total amount of government temporary loans, and from what banks such were obtained, since July 1.

The finance minister replied that the information was not yet obtainable, an answer which Mr. Monk declared to be most unsatisfactory. Mr. Fielding's answer was, however, ruled by the Speaker to be unquestionable.

The minister of interior, replying to Mr. Ames, said that applications for ranches comprising 48,000 acres, had been made by Messrs. Belcourt and Ritchie, in 1907, for grazing leases on behalf of J. W. Woods, A. W. Fleck and D. M. Finnie of Ottawa. No less than 10,000 acres were granted, but Messrs. Belcourt and Ritchie transferred their applications to John R. Craig, who was granted two ranches comprising 48,000 acres, subject to cancellation. No action was taken on the application of Mr. Woods.

The Debate Resumed.

E. N. Lewis of West Huron resumed the debate on the address. He paid considerable attention to the criminal law, pointing out serious discrepancies in its provisions. He advocated making it a criminal offence for a man to prepare for the commission of a crime, a class of cases which, he said, altogether too frequent, Mr. Lewis also urged that a law be passed to prepare for the commission of a crime, as well as stationary boilers. He did not agree with Mr. Cockshutt or anybody else who talked of hard times. There were no hard times or at all events not in West Huron. The banks were shortening sail and curtailing credit to-day, in the course of disclosures of such a nature as to warrant their being laid before District Attorney Jerome.

It has resulted in a joint letter being sent to the company by Otto Kelley, superintendent of insurance for New York, and E. E. Rittenhouse, the Colorado commissioner of insurance, directing the company to cease solicitation and transaction of any new business.

It was announced also by Attorney General Jackson that acting on a report made to him by Commissioner Kelsey, he would make application to the Excelsior Fire Insurance Company of this city, a concern incorporated last spring.

Altho the Provident Life and Savings Co. has ceased to do business in Canada, the last report of the insurance department shows that the company had over \$400,000 assets in Canada in 1906, and a total liability of \$1,000,000. Last year they paid over \$100,000 for Canadian death claims and \$1,000,000 for Canadian life claims. The net income in Canada last year was over \$150,000, and the policies in force in Canada in 1906 totalled \$41,000. The value of the securities of this company deposited with the receiver-general for Canadian shareholders is put at \$20,000.

Transportation Facilities.

On the need of better transportation facilities the member from West Huron spoke impressively. He told of instances where manufacturing firms were obliged to restrict their output for lack of cars and asked the pertinent question why it was that railways from seven ports on Georgian Bay were unable to handle the business brought by two lines of railway to Port William and Port Arthur? One result of this was, he said, that twelve million bushels of Canadian wheat were shipped by way of Buffalo.

Mr. Lewis also made a strong plea for an export duty on pulp, wood, American industries were buying Canadian pulpwood at \$6 per cord and selling it at \$20 in the United States.

The debate upon the address was continued by Messrs. Clarke (Essex), Roche (Hastings), Barr (Dufferin), Lash (Hastings), Chisholm (Huron), and Elson (Middlesex). Dr. Chisholm attacked the French treaty, and claimed that it would increase the trade between France and Canada, and Mr. Elson pleaded for rural delivery. The amendment to the address, moved by Mr. Cockshutt (Brantford), caused the first division this session. It was a party vote, and the government was sustained by a majority of 39. The debate may continue for some days.

Revolver Duel With Burglars.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—An attempt to rob the east end branch of the Bank of Hochelaga was frustrated this morning by the courage of the night watchman, who, after a lively revolver duel with the burglars, succeeded in frightening them away.