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27TH YEAR

Carry the Power Bylaw--Toronto's Welfare Demands It

LABORER SHOT BY COACHMAN 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. Huddle, Boston, former president of the Central Labor Union of this city. Steele was overpowered by Secretary Charles S. Groves, and then by 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. Huddle'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 had been called to the office and were asked to wait in one of the ante-rooms.

All three were standing beside a 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 entered 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, and 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. Huddle, in attempting to close in on the man, was struck on the cheek by the muzzle of the revolver and felled 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, driving a great hearing, came thru the door and rushed to the assistance of Mr. Groves.

Huddle also jumped up and wrenched 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 guard, 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, chief of medicine of the state board of insanity, was the first to reach the executive department. He immediately recognized Steele, having had him recognized 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. Messing, negro, ran amuck here to-day, shooting seven white persons, two of whom were women. The negro was finally corralled in the railroad yard and shot to death by a posse, fighting until he fell, literally riddled with bullets. One of Messing's victims will die.

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MRS. BLOODGOOD NOTED ACTRESS ENDS LIFE

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

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Clara Bloodgood, the actress, committed suicide by shooting in her room at the Hotel Stafford here this evening.

Mrs. Bloodgood's body was found lying on the bed with a bullet-hole thru the roof of her mouth. Nearby lay a book entitled, "How To Shoot Straight," and a 32 calibre revolver with three chambers empty. She attended a matinee performance at Albaugh's Theatre this afternoon, and returned to her hotel about 7 o'clock, seemingly in the best of spirits.

Later, when it was time for the curtain to raise for her own show at the Academy of Music, where she was appearing in "The Truth," she had not put on an appearance. Word was sent to the Stafford Hotel and a bellboy was sent up to her room. Just as he approached the door he heard a pistol shot. Hurrying back to the office, he notified the clerks of what he had heard, an investigation was made, and Mrs. Bloodgood was found stretched on the bed as described.

Before retiring to her room, she had a talk with her stage manager, John Emergen, who declares that he observed nothing unusual in her demeanor.

The only motive he can ascribe is that Mrs. Bloodgood feared an attack of nervous prostration. She had been working very hard, he said, and she feared a breakdown.

Mrs. Bloodgood left a note addressed to her husband, who is said to be on his way to this city.

The audience at the Academy of Music was dismissed with the announcement that there would be no performance to-night owing to a sudden indisposition of Mrs. Bloodgood.

Popular in Society.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The news of the suicide of Clara Bloodgood at Baltimore created a sensation in theatrical circles here to-night. Expressions of sorrow were universal, but none of her friends was willing to suggest a motive for her act. She was of a particularly cheerful disposition, and all are at a loss to assign a cause.

As Mrs. Bloodgood held a high position in the society of New York, and general esteem continued to be hers after she separated from her husband and made her debut as an actress.

This season Mrs. Bloodgood has been starring under the management of Chas. Frohman in "The Sign of the Cross" and "The Climbers." In "The Sign of the Cross" she played the role of "The Duchess" and "How He Led to Her Husband." She also has enacted the role of Violet in "Man and Superman."

Career on Stage.

It was on Jan. 4, 1888, that Mrs. Bloodgood first came to the stage as a professional actress. The play was "The Conquerors," and her part of "Eloise" created a sensation in theatrical circles here to-night.

The manager, R. F. Forner, heard the shot in Dawson's room above the bank, and rushing upstairs, he found the young man dead with a revolver beside him.

Young Dawson was not short in his accounts.

He was of an exceptionally buoyant disposition and enjoyed himself last night at a dance at "Harley," returning at 4 o'clock this morning.

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 overtaxed, so that within the last few days several patients have been turned away and are being treated at their homes.

Baby Burned.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—While Albert Blaisdel of Linden was away at work and his wife out of the house assisting her son to look for some money which had been lost on the road, the building caught fire and a 2-year-old boy was cremated.

Praised Our Young Ladies.

What a remarkably bright lot of young girls you have in Toronto, and what a lot of them!" remarked a lady visitor with enthusiasm.

"Yes," replied her companion, "Toronto makes a specialty of pretty girls of all ages. The city is noted for it. The dress well, too, for other cities. Their style has such splendid stores. 'Take Dineen's, for instance. That is where our girls get their furs. When does a girl look prettier than in furs?"

Ottawa University Won Debate.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—To-night, at the normal school, the Ottawa University delegation won the subject: "Resolved, that conscription is highly beneficial to a nation." Principal White of the normal school, Rev. Father Fitzgerald and Major Wilton were the judges. M. Ogara and M. D. Doyle spoke for Ottawa College, and G. Baril and A. G. McGougan for McGill.

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 Third Ward Conservative Association, he declared his candidature will be followed by certain success.

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

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 certainly won't be men working at street corners 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 as did most of the others—to Dr. Nesbitt, referred to the great works which are to be undertaken 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, Wm. Smithers, Lord Welby, Dr. Wm. Young, C. M. Hays, F. W. Morse, Wm. Wainwright, E. H. Fitzhugh, W. H. Biggar, H. A. Allen, E. B. Greenhields, 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. Wainwright; secretary, Henry Phillips.

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Canada Sweeps Everything

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Awards won to-day at the stock show were: Champion Dorset ram, R. H. Harding, Thorndale, Ont. Champion Shropshire wether, John Campbell, Woodville, Ont. All prizes in Lincoln and Leicester sheep were won by Ontario breeders.

Another Christmas Steamer From West St. John to England.

The C.P.R. Atlantic lines have chartered a modern twin screw passenger steamship, the Cassandra, to take the West St. John to England, and to take the passengers in London in ample time to reach their homes to spend Christmas.

Sudden Deaths at London.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Alexander Mason, Horton-street, and Samuel Liddicoat, Wellington-street, well-known citizens, died within the past 24 hours.

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Must Suspend Business.

NEW YORK and Colorado Bar Out Insurance Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Examination into the affairs of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society by the insurance departments of this state and of Colorado has resulted in disclosures of such a nature as to warrant their being laid before District Attorney Jerome.

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.

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Mr. Lewis of West Huron also rang himself with The Toronto World in his arraignment of the railways for their failing 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. John's, was made by the leaders on both sides.

Mr. Claude Macdonell enquired what had been done 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 McTavish of Ottawa was paid \$450, and \$247 transportation and living expenses; Mr. Kent \$420 and \$107; Mr. Langmuir \$470 and \$70; Mr. Shepley \$25,000, and Mr. Tiley \$12,500.

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 Debate Resumed.

E. N. Lewis of West Huron resumed the debate on the address. He held considerable attention to the criminal law, pointing out serious discrepancies in its provisions. He advocated making it a criminal offence for a man to be drunk on a public highway, or in a bar, a class of casualty becoming a dead, altogether too frequent. Mr. Lewis also urged that a law be passed to prepare for the loss of a job as a motive as well as stationary boiler. 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, but that was not unreasonable in view of conditions in other countries. But with all his admiration for the Canadian banking system and Canadian financiers, Mr. Lewis did think that when the banks increased their rate of interest from six to seven per cent, they should be obliged to increase from three to four per cent, allowed on savings deposits. In this connection he remarked that in the Village of Exeter there were two millions of money in the savings banks.

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Mr. Lewis also made a strong plea for an export duty on hamp wood. American industries were buying Canadian pulpwood at \$6 per cord and selling it in by the finished product. The debate upon the address was continued by Messrs. Clarke (Essex), Roche (Alfred), Barr (Dufferin), Lacroix (Hastings), Chisholm (Huron), and Elson (Middlesex). Dr. Chisholm attacked the French treaty, and claimed that it would not 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 32. The debate may continue for some days.



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