

## FORMER SWEETHEART MURDERS OLD LOVE.

**Jilted Young Woman Shoots and Kills Him on  
His Wedding Day.**

Oil City, Pa., April 29.—Thaddeus Stevens Ross, of this city, was shot dead here to-day by Miss Belle Stroup, of Bradford. The woman, after killing Ross, turned the revolver on herself and sent a bullet through her heart.

The murder and suicide occurred in the office of Dr. George W. Magee, while the physician was at lunch. Ross was shot in the head, the neck and the heart as he sat in a rocking chair.

Ross was to have been married to-night to Miss Densilla Sampson, of this city. He was dining at home at noon to-day and discussing his coming wedding, when he was called to the telephone by his father, who said that a woman was enquiring for Thad.

After answering the call, Ross picked up his hat and, saying that he had to go to the physician's office for a few minutes, left the house.

There were no witnesses to the shooting. Miss Stroup was an old sweetheart of Ross and no motive except jealousy is known for her act. She was of a well-known Bradford family.

Ross, the murdered man, was a clerk in the local postoffice. He was 35 years old. His fiancée, Miss Sampson, is the daughter of wealthy parents and prominent in Oil City society. She is prostrated by the shock and under a physician's care.

Miss Stroup arrived at noon from Bradford, where she had been working in a hospital, and went to the office of Dr. Magee. Finding no one in the office she called Ross on the telephone and asked him to come to the office and see her.

When Dr. Magee returned from lunch and opened the door he found the dead bodies. That of Ross was in a chair in a corner of the office. His head was lying back on the chair and blood was streaming from a bullet wound in his neck. His forehead was burned with powder, where a bullet had entered his brain. Another ball had pierced his heart.

Miss Stroup's body was lying a few feet away face downward, and it partly blocked the office door. Blood was flowing from a wound in her left side.

Ross had seated himself in a large chair and apparently while talking to the girl, had thrust both hands into his trousers' pockets.

The girl wore long black kid gloves, but before doing the shooting she had slipped both her hands from them and they hung loose from her bloody wrists.

It is thought she walked over to the American, German and Argentine representative which have already arrived. Suits were exchanged and the British and Austrian ships took up the anchorage in the roads which had been assigned to them.

**ABANDONED HIS CASE.**

Winnipeg Lawyer Objects to Reopen by Judge.

Winnipeg, April 29.—The prosecution of the members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on the charge of conspiring to restrain trade was interrupted in a sensational manner to-day when R. A. Bonner, counsel for the prosecution, refused to longer conduct the case, because the Bench had reproved him severely for his methods of attempting to procure evidence through brow-beating and abusing witnesses.

It is the first time in the history of the Courts of this Province that counsel has refused to conduct a case for which he had accepted a retainer. It is most embarrassing to the prosecution, the case being most technical. The Crown asked three weeks enlargement, but the Judge refused to grant more than ten days.

The Law Society is holding a meeting to consider the action of Mr. Bonner, and it is understood he is liable to severe penalties.

**ANARCHISTS IN BELGIUM.**

Four Armed Men Arrested at Church Near Brussels.

Brussels, April 29.—An anarchist, armed with a dagger, a loaded revolver and other weapons, was arrested to-day in a rooming house near the church of St. Pierre, where he was hiding. He was the nephew of King Leopold, and his presumptive to the throne, was about to visit. One of the attendants of the church accidentally discovered the man hidden in a confessional box, locked the door and called the police. Later three other anarchists, similarly armed, were arrested in the vicinity of the church. Two of the latter admitted that they were French anarchists.

The church which the Prince intended to visit was the Hal Church, or Church of Our Lady and St. Martin, near Brussels, celebrated on account of an image of the Virgin, which is said to work miracles. This image, which is of black wood, is visited by crowds of people and has received offerings of great value from Kings and Emperors.

**THEIR LUNGS ARE BLACK.**

Pittsburgers' Breathing Apparatus Permeated With Coal Dust.

New York, April 29.—The Herald has received the following despatch from Pittsburg: The lungs of the average Pittsburger are about the color of blue-black ink after it has dried on a blotter, while his more fortunate neighbor living in the clean country districts can boast of new pink breathing apparatus, according to physicians here.

Dr. C. B. Schildecker, who performs most of the autopsies at the morgue, is authority for the statement, and has been examining the lungs of all classes for several years. He declares

that the lungs of a coal miner are jet black, and the surgeon's knife grates on the particles of coal dust as he cuts. With a weak glass, he says, the black dust can be seen in the lungs of the average resident here, and the lungs of his live and here but a short time have lungs mottled with pink and black. In spite of that fact the lungs are not weakened perceptibly, Dr. Schildecker says.

### 300 YEARS AGO.

**FIRST ENGLISH COLONY WAS  
PLANTED IN AMERICA.**

Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition Opens to-day—Buildings Not Yet Completed—Fleets of Foreign Nations Assembled in Hampton Roads.

Norfolk, Va., April 29.—The day before the opening of Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition on Hampton Roads finds the management of the big enterprise straining every nerve to put the grounds and buildings in presentable shape for the inaugural ceremonies.

The feature of the opening day will be the naval regatta in Hampton Roads. President Roosevelt, on board the yacht Mayflower, will review the ships of the nations now at anchor, and the spectacle will be witnessed by thousands of persons from the pleasure crafts and excursion steamers by the scores will frame the anchorage grounds of the fleet, and the water show is expected to surpass anything ever seen in the country.

The management expects to have the exposition completed by May 15th. The British and Austrian squadrons arrived at Hampton Roads to-day, and joined the American, German and Argentine representatives which have already arrived. Suits were exchanged and the British and Austrian ships took up the anchorage in the roads which had been assigned to them.

**WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.**

**BUILDING TO BE ENLARGED—CLOSING EXERCISES LAST NIGHT.**

Toronto, April 29.—The closing exercises in connection with Wycliffe College were held in the Convocation Hall last night, with a large attendance. Diplomats were awarded to fifteen graduates, who were presented to the president by Rev. Dr. Cody. The report of Principal O'Meara was very gratifying, showing that the college was quite incapable of accommodating the students that were seeking admission, but that arrangements had been made for an enlargement of the building that will permit of a much more satisfactory condition. The meeting opened with an address from Mr. N. W. Hughes, K. C., L.L.D., president of the corporation.

Never in the history of Canada was there such need for a college like Wycliffe. While there was not the same bitterness that formerly existed between different creeds there was still great necessity for teachers of the Protestant evangelical truths. The new theology was leading away many people to ideas about the Lord Jesus Christ that were blasphemous in the extreme. Wycliffe stood for respect and reverence for God's word and loyalty to the personality and finished work of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Canon O'Meara said there were at present 75 students in the college. The college societies had been doing good work, and in athletics a splendid step forward had been taken. Before the diplomas were awarded a medal was presented to Mr. T. H. Perry, the winner of the oratorical contest, and W. Ellis with the colors. The student athlete securing the greatest number of points in the three years' course.

**BROCKVILLE GIRL MISSING.**

Strange Disappearance of Miss Eva Hagerty From Philadelphia Hospital.

Philadelphia, April 29.—Friends of Miss Eva Hagerty, one of the prettiest nurses in the Women's Hospital, are greatly worried over her disappearance from the hospital early yesterday morning. Not a trace of the young woman can be found anywhere.

Two weeks ago Miss Hagerty, who had come here from Brockville, Canada, was taken ill. She had been on probation as a nurse in the hospital.

She was given the best of care and her condition was not considered dangerous, but it was thought best to notify her relatives in Brockville.

Mrs. C. Y. Brown, sister, was to have arrived to-day to take the nurse back to Canada. The last seen of Miss Hagerty was yesterday morning, when she was noticed entering up her clothing and going into the hallway. The nurse who saw her doing this thought nothing of it until later when a general alarm was sent out.

## DR. FALCONER TO BE PRESIDENT

**OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY IF HE  
ACCEPTS POSITION.**

Was the Choice of Entire Board—Short Sketch of His Career—Number of Appointments Were Made Among the Teaching Staff.

Toronto despatch: Robert A. Falconer, M. A., B. D., L.L.D., of Halifax, has been selected by the Board of Governors for the Presidency of the University of Toronto. At the regular meeting of the board yesterday afternoon it was unanimously decided to offer him the position. A cablegram was sent to Dr. Falconer at Naples, where he is this week on his way to Greece. It is expected that he will at once return to Halifax from the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pine Hill College, of which he is Principal, after which he will formally announce his decision in the matter of the Toronto affair. It is believed that he will accept the appointment at an early date.

**Who He Is.**

Dr. Falconer is a Canadian. He was born in Prince Edward Island forty years ago. His father is the Rev. Alex. Falconer, D. D., of Pictou, N. S.; who a year ago was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In early life Dr. Falconer spent several years in Trinidad, West Indies, and at that time won the Gilchrist scholarship.

Dr. Falconer was educated at Queen's Royal College, Trinidad. While there he passed the Cambridge local examination with first-class honors, in some subjects being bracketed equal with the first in the entire list. He also passed the London matriculation, receiving the Gilchrist scholarship, equivalent to £100 for three years, and at the same time he held the colonial scholarship of £150 for the same period.

Later he studied at the University of Edinburgh, and passed for his degree of Master of Arts with honors in classics. He subsequently obtained from that university the degrees of B. D. and D. Litt. He also won a B. A. from London University, with honors in classics and philosophy. Three seasons were spent in study at the German University of Leipzig, Berlin and Marburg.

Dr. Falconer has received the honorary degree of L.L.D. from the University of Fredericton and from St. Francis Xavier University.

**With Halifax Presbyterian College.**

After completing his studies in Britain and Germany, Mr. Falconer returned to Nova Scotia, and in 1892 was appointed lecturer in Greek exegesis in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and in 1895 was appointed professor. On the retirement of Principal Pollock he was unanimously appointed to the Principalship of the college. Under his guidance and leadership the college has grown in influence and power. He has also been active in the affairs of Dalhousie University, and has lectured and conducted classes there. It is known that he has been agreed upon by the Governors of Dalhousie for the Presidency in succession to President Forrest, who desires to retire.

His scholarship is broad and exact. His capacity for work is unusual, and both in academic and in public affairs he has shown great tact and the personal qualities that make for leadership.

Dr. Falconer has been a prominent visitor to Toronto and has crossed the continent to the Pacific several times. He was in Toronto a few weeks ago, just before sailing for the Mediterranean, and the Board of Governors of the university took opportunity to make his acquaintance. Mrs. Falconer is a sister of the Rev. Alfred Gandler, of St. James' Square Church, Toronto.

**Some Appointments Made.**

A number of appointments were made at the meeting of the Board of Governors yesterday: Professor J. C. McLeish, who has been associate professor of physics, was appointed to be professor of physics.

Mr. W. J. London, who has been associate professor of physics, was transferred to the department of mathematics, with the title of associate professor of mathematics.

Mr. W. H. Clawson was appointed for one year lecturer in English.

Dr. James W. Barton was appointed to the office of physical director of the University, combining the athletic duties of Secretary in charge of the gymnasium, and doctor in charge of physical examination.

**NOT SATISFIED.**

**IRISH DEVOLUTION BILL DOES NOT PLEASE LEADER REDMOND.**

Will Not Reject What Has Been Offered, But Will Fight for More—Stormy Conferences Between Government and Nationalist Party—Measure to be Introduced on May 7.

London, April 29.—Discussions are still going on between the Government and John Redmond, Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary party in the House of Commons, respecting the Irish bill which will be introduced in the House on May 7. There are wide differences of opinion between the Government officials and the Irish Nationalists on the terms of the measure is not denied, but they have agreed that the bill shall be introduced on the date determined upon by Chief Secretary for Ireland Burrell, and what the Nationalists are unable to get from the Government they will endeavor to obtain by amendments which will be prepared during the debate upon the bill.

Some of the members of the Cabinet who favor home rule were willing to concede many of the demands of the Irish party, but the majority favored a measure far short of what Mr. Redmond and his followers asked. There have been many conferences upon the subject, some of which were stormy, and for a time it was feared that the in-

roduction of the bill would have to be postponed, but the negotiations have now reached a stage at which it is possible to present the measure to the House.

While the negotiations were going on those participating in them were reticent as to the provisions of the bill, but it can be stated broadly that it establishes an Irish Council, partly elective and partly nominative, which is to administer the domestic affairs of Ireland, exclusive of the army and navy, but will have little or no legislative powers. This is far from what the Nationalists desire, and in the discussions Mr. Redmond strove for a greater measure of home rule.

He will carry the fight into the House of Commons without, however, declining to accept what is offered as a sop to the Nationalists, who have abstained from participation in all the cabinetments to the Colonial Premiers, even that given by the members of the House of Commons, and are arranging a dinner for the Premiers on May 6, the eve of the introduction of the Irish bill.

This will be made the occasion for a great home rule demonstration, all the Premiers being pronounced advocates of the self-government of Ireland.

## THE LORD'S DAY ACT.

**AN ORGANIZATION THAT SEEKS TO  
MAKE HOLES IN IT.**

The movement to form what is denominated a "Canadian Rational Sunday League" is evidently going on, as the following circular, with blank for membership application, is being sent out from the secretary's office, 133 Bay street, Toronto.

**CANADIAN RATIONAL SUNDAY  
LEAGUE.**

The formation of this League has been forced upon us by the tyrannical Sunday laws recently enacted at Ottawa. This legislation was secured by professional agitators in the name of religion, and under sanction of this iniquitous law a religious persecution has commenced. Those who do not agree with the Lord's Day Alliance are to be converted to their views by fines and imprisonment. Like St. Paul before his conversion, who said "and being exceeding mad against him I persecuted them even unto strange cities." How accurately this represents the attitude of the well paid agitators of the Lord's Day Alliance, who travel from one city to another, instituting legal proceedings, taking up collections and stirring up strife!

True religion is honest and never aggressive and leaves everyone free to live his own life as his conscience dictates. The religion which requires police, fines and imprisonment to support it, that causes strife, hatred and malice, is not the Christian religion.

We are unworthy the names of free men if we submit to these tyrannical laws.

The objects of this League are to secure:

The right to buy and sell refreshments on Sunday, liquors excepted.

The right to have popular lectures or similar recreations on Sunday where an admission fee may be charged.

The right to have music in the parks, to open museums, picture galleries and reading rooms on Sunday.

That selling a postage stamp, cigar, tobacco, newspapers or magazines on Sunday shall not be considered a crime, making the vendor liable to a fine or imprisonment.

Note—This clause is not intended to authorize the opening of news or cigar stores, but simply to permit druggists, hotels, etc., which are always open, to incidentally oblige the public if they wish without incurring penalties.

We shall continue the agitation until these objects are obtained, and invite the co-operation of all men and women who love freedom and hate injustice and oppression.

(Major) W. H. Orchard,  
Chairman of the Committee.  
J. Enoch Thompson,  
Secretary.

**THE EMBARGO DISHONEST.**

It is a Slur on Canadian Cattle, Says Senator Choquette.

London, April 29.—Senator Choquette, who has been talking to an occasional correspondent of The Pall Mall Gazette, says the cattle embargo is politically dishonest. It is a slur on Canadian cattle. It says they are diseased, and if the British Parliament does not do something towards removing the slur Senator Choquette thinks that there is a motion brought up in the Canadian House of Commons to abolish the British preference it would in its present humor give it a majority vote. Though Senator Choquette says he has not directly discussed the matter with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he is of the opinion that Sir Wilfrid would support such a motion.

**GOES TO KINGSTON.**

Toronto Ruffian Given a Stiff Sentence at Peterboro'.

A Peterboro', Ont., despatch: Fred Chambers, alias Frank Cameron, of Toronto, who pleaded guilty to three charges of wounding Levi Thorndyke, Pat King and Gilbert Blezard at the Royal Hotel in this city, on April 17th, and of assaulting Constable McHenry, was to-day sentenced in the Police Court by Magistrate Dumble to six years in the Kingston Penitentiary. The prisoner got three years on each of the three charges of stabbing, two of the terms to run concurrently. Chambers has a bad record.

**A THOUSAND MISSIONARIES.**

Conference at Shanghai Welcomed in Name of Viceroys.

Shanghai, April 29.—The opening of the Protestant Missionary Conference to-day in celebration of the centenary of the landing of Robert Morrison, the English missionary, at Canton, was marked by the assemblage of 1,000 persons, the largest body of missionaries and visitors ever witnessed in the far east.

About 2,000 persons were present at the evening reception, when Viceroy Tuan Fang, of Nankin, was represented by Taotai Wong, who welcomed the members of the conference, and assured them of his friendliness to missionaries.

## A LIFE SENTENCE.

**PEOPLE OF ONTARIO SHOULD COME  
TO MRS. PERKINS' RELIEF.**

Toronto Mail and Empire.—As Mrs. Perkins was proved not guilty of the killing of her husband she did not suffer capital punishment or the entire loss of her liberty. But because she was accused, she had to undergo several months' imprisonment, and to bear defence costs amounting to three or four thousand dollars. For her this heavy fine is a life penalty. She will be working with her needle all her days to make up the money thus sunk in a fight for her life against the "theory" of a detective, and against the pitiless officers and resources of the Crown. Robbed of a husband who cherished and supported her, deprived of his small estate, which she had done her part to gather and conserve, she is left to make her own way in the world after an ordeal that, if it does not shorten her years, has left upon her name a stigma that no innocence can wipe out. So that no innocent can wipe out the stain she limps out of the iron clutch of the law, crushed and all but broken. What quarrel have the people of Ontario with this woman? What terrible thing has she done that she should thus suffer? The prejudice that exists against her in her own home was plainly shown at the trial, more plainly perhaps than any other single fact. Is that a reason why her life should be put in peril, and a staggering fine be placed upon her shoulders?

If there was a mystery in Henry Perkins' death, it may never be solved. If he was murdered, his murderer may never be known. Only one person has been proved guilty of his death, and that person is his wife. Nothing that can be done now that will fully atone for the tragic blunder of her trial, but it should be in the power of the people of Ontario to lift from her life the weight of a blighting debt. So much reparation is due to her, and no less should be made without delay. Nor is it a day too soon to give trial judges the power to order the expenses of defence in criminal trials to be borne by the prosecution, as in civil cases. Should such a reform spring from the trial of Mrs. Perkins the case would have at least one associated incident upon which the mind of a just man could dwell without alarm, and without disgust.

## DOCTORS' FEES.

**WHAT THE MEDICAL WITNESSES  
IN PERKINS CASE WILL GET.**

A Cayuga despatch: Yesterday Mrs. Perkins, who was acquitted on Tuesday night of the charge of murder, was engaged in household duties at her brother's home in the, and later in the day, was seen working at the churn.

It is said that the trial will cost the Province and county \$3,000, exclusive of Mr. Arnold's fees as Crown prosecutor. Each of the jury receives \$31; the 14 special constables run from \$22 to \$28. The 52 Crown witnesses receive payments from as low as \$5 up to the \$231.35 for Dr. A. Jukes Johnson. The other medical expenses will be paid as follows: Dr. Arnall, Cayuga, \$80; Dr. Kerr, Dunnville, \$161.50; Dr. Bauer, Hamilton, \$152.50; Dr. Edgar, Hamilton, \$32.50; Dr. Ellis, Toronto, \$57.50; Dr. Snyder, Cayuga, \$28; Dr. Bruce Smith, Toronto, \$163.10; being a total for the Crown medical experts of \$896.65. The cost to Mrs. Perkins is perhaps as heavy, \$3,000 being the figure said to have been received by Mr. E. F. B. Johnston to conduct the defence upon.

**A SECOND SUEZ CANAL.**

Project Backed by British Capital Assumes Form.

New York, April 29.—The Herald correspondent at Berlin has sent the following cable despatch: I am assured to-night by a prominent British resident of Constantinople in intimate touch with palace circles that the project for the construction of a second Suez Canal, supported solely by British capital in British hands, has passed beyond the stage of mere speculation and has now entered upon a definite form. A concession is only a matter of a few weeks. Concern and anxiety are manifested here in view of the fact that the Baghdad Railway, which was intended by the German authorities to sap British influence in Asia Minor and as a menace to India, is now relegated, so far as its importance is concerned, to a secondary place. This move on the part of Great Britain is here considered a checkmate to German Asiatic ambitions.

**CAR WHEELS SEVERED HEAD.**

Young Prospector Killed at Railway Station at Halleybury.

A Halleybury, Ont., despatch: F. J. Neff, from Detroit, was instantly killed here to-day while trying to board a northbound freight train. His feet caught in a wire and he fell under the wheels, which completely severed the head from the body. The accident happened immediately in front of the ticket-office windows and the station platform was crowded at the time. The victim was formerly employed as an operator by the Grand Trunk Railway. He had come up here prospecting, having purchased a minor's license this morning. He was only about 28 years old.

**NO FAITH IN THE SCHEME.**

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's View of the Blacked Bay Steamship Route.

Montreal, April 29.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was asked if he had been invited to join the Board of Management of the proposed fast steamship line between Blacked Bay and Halifax, and replied that no such request had reached him, nor did he think it was likely to be made, because the promoters knew that he considered the scheme quite impracticable as a commercial steamship enterprise. Neither he nor the Canadian Pacific Railway Company would have anything whatever to do with it.

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