

TEXAS NURSE INDICTED
ON MURDER CHARGE

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 15.—Miss Hilda Burmeister, a trained nurse, was today indicted on the charge of murdering Otto Koehler, millionaire president of the San Antonio Brewing Association here on November 21 last.

Koehler was shot while in Miss Burmeister's home. Miss Burmeister was found kneeling beside him, hysterical and bleeding from a gash in her left wrist. She said she fired in self-defense.

Bylaw No. 4861

To provide for taking the votes of the electors upon the following question: "Are you in favor of married women having the same right to vote under the provisions of the Municipal Act as unmarried women?"

Whereas, it is considered desirable and expedient to obtain the opinion of the electors of the City of London, as follows:—

"Are you in favor of married women having the same right to vote under the provisions of the Municipal Act as unmarried women?" and to pass this bylaw for the purpose of calling the electors to vote on the said question.

Be it therefore enacted by the municipal council of the Corporation of the City of London, as follows:—

1. That the votes of the duly-qualified electors of the Corporation of the City of London shall be taken on the said question at the same time and at the same place as the next annual election of the municipal council, and the deputy returning officers appointed to take the said election shall take the vote.

2. On Monday, the 25th day of December, A.D. 1914, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the mayor shall attend at his office in the city hall in the said City of London, for the purpose of appointing, and if requested so to do, shall appoint, by writing signed by him, two persons to attend at the final summing up of the votes by the clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the electors in the affirmative and negative on the said question.

3. On Monday, the 4th day of January, A.D. 1915, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, at the office of the city clerk in the city hall, in the said City of London, the clerk of the said municipality shall attend and sum up the votes given in the affirmative and negative on the said question.

Passed in open council this 15th day of January, A.D. 1915.

S. BAKER, C. M. R. GRAHAM, Mayor.

Notice.

Take notice that the foregoing is a true copy of the bylaw containing the question to be submitted to the votes of the electors of the said City of London, and at the same place, as the annual election for the municipal council, and the deputy returning officers appointed to hold the said election shall take the vote.

And that Monday, the 25th day of December, A.D. 1914, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the mayor's office in the city hall, in the said City of London, the clerk of the said municipality shall attend and sum up the votes given in the affirmative and negative on the said question.

Dated at London, this 15th day of December, A.D. 1914.

S. BAKER, City Clerk.

Take Notice

A meeting of the electors will be held for the nomination of candidates for city council, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1914, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the hall of the said City of London.

Further, a meeting of the electors will be held for the nomination of candidates for aldermen and members of the board of education at the hall of the said City of London, on Friday, the 1st day of January, A.D. 1915, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon, continuing until the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

S. BAKER, Clerk and Returning Officer.

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AUSTRIANS DAZED
BY THE DISASTERSLoss of Belgrade Marks the
Most Severe Reverse
Of All.

GOBBLED SERVIAN BAIT

Thinking That Conquest of
Invaded Kingdom Was
Almost Complete.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 15.—A cable from London to the Herald this morning says: "With loss of Belgrade by the Austrians, forced to evacuate close to the heels of occupation, the dual monarchy's disasters have reached high tide. Austrian military authorities are dazed by the suddenness of the reverse."

"The Servians, harried by the invaders and believed to be beaten, whirled suddenly upon their heels and in fierce fighting the veteran Serbs drove them to the west and north back across the Servian frontier."

"Austria holds now only two towns in Servian territory, Shabatz and Losnitsa, in the extreme northwestern corner of the little kingdom."

"Montenegrins Help."

"Cutting off part of the right wing of the Austrians, which had been given substantial aid to the Serbs, a dispatch from Cetinje tells of this successful maneuver."

"Back in their capital, the Servians explain that lack of ammunition caused the retrograde movements which defeated the Austrians into the belief that the conquest of the invaded kingdom was almost complete. The ammunition captured from the invaders replenished the Servian supply, and made possible the routing of Emperor Francis Joseph's army."

"Retirement of the right wing, says the Austrian headquarters in Vienna, made the abandonment of Belgrade a serious matter. The withdrawal, it is declared, was made without a battle."

MOST CRUSHING OF ALL.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Dec. 15.—Léon-Claude Houssier, in the Liberte, says: "Even the history of Austria, so rich in defeats, contains no disaster more crushing than the one the Servian army has just inflicted on the Austro-Hungarian forces, which, cut in two, are fleeing to the north and west, leaving in the hands of the victors 25,000 prisoners and vast war stores, while the Hapsburgs appeal vainly for help from their ally, who is fully occupied in Poland trying to withstand the Russian advance."

Doom is Sealed.

Lieut.-Col. Roussier is convinced that the German efforts are doomed to failure.

"The interchanges are difficult to carry," he says, "but armies that place their sole strength in intrenchments may gain a little time, but they never can gain battles, and the moment arrives sooner or later when they are smoked out like a badger from a hole."

GERMAN'S LOSSES,
MILLION AND QUARTER

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.—The hundredth casualty list, containing only 2,484 additions, brings the total Prussian killed, wounded and missing to 717,319. In addition there are 71,500 Saxons, 70 Wurtembergers and 118 Bavarians lists.

The total Prussian and Bavarian casualties hitherto published are about 1,000,000. Saxons and Wurtembergers lists give an additional 200,000.

Heavy losses of the Bavarians led some Germans to describe them as food for British cannon.

One Blind and
the Other DeafSuch is One Citizen's Idea of Crossing
Watchman's Proper Qualification.

In despair, Londoners asked this morning why gates could not be placed on the railway crossings of London that are known to be dangerous. Citizens have not much hope of securing greater safeguards, but public opinion is unanimous for taking some decisive action.

That two watchmen should be stationed at Euston street was argued, as the tracks at this point are widely separated.

"One citizen remarked that the watchmen at the tracks in the city were too blind. 'They used to be at every crossing,' he said, 'one should be blind and the other deaf.'"

Voice of the People

Wants It Continued.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:—

As to your inquiry re "Mutt and Jeff," I see nothing disgusting about it, and would like to see it continued.

Yours truly, GEORGE G. CUMMING, Ridgeway, Dec. 14.

The Proposed Pension System.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:—

Seeing your valuable paper that the utilities commission is about to adopt a pension system for its employees.

Also that no one would be considered who had not been three years in the service. That period would, of course, cover the time that General Manager Glauz has served the city.

But how about the old faithful employees, who have so faithfully served the city, night and day, for over twenty-two years, who never failed in their duty?

It is customary for all soldiers who have faithfully served their country to be taken care of.

But then we have as though Mayor Graham would rather tax the property owners of the Forest City to pay a German man to take care of our subjects, who have so faithfully served our city.

A PAY-REWARD WHO OBJECTS TO SERVING GERMAN IN POSITIONS IN THIS CITY.

London, Dec. 15, 1914.

Wants Them More Often.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:—

By all means let us have "Jeff and Mutt," and let us have them often. I don't take much space, and the "young subscribers" enjoy a little fun, even if the old claps do get calloused.

YOUTH.

Wants Artistic Comics.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:—

If to be artistic is to be "crank," as so many of your readers call those who do not go into esthetics over him and Jeff, then let me down as a "crank."

The Mutt and Jeff outrages have not one thing to recommend them—neither humor, nor art, nor anything. Like a number of the "imported" American humor (sic) they depend for a laugh upon portraying in abominably bad drawing, somebody getting hurt or being ejected from a bar-room, or reciting his promiscuous amours.

This is stuff we don't want our children to read, and we become accustomed to accept as "funny." (That the youngsters like them, or laugh at them has nothing to do with it. They will laugh just as much at better stuff.)

Give us humor, give us pictures, but give us the former wholesome and the latter better. Mutt and Jeff is not "funny," it is impossible to do it, and in any case is not impossible to "snuff out" Mutt and Jeff and similar decadent subjects.

Hoping you will improve the tone of The Advertiser to that extent, I am, sincerely yours, FUNLOVER.

Praises Head of Mission.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:—

Some good means of making men temperate by license reduction, but a great many can testify to the good work of the City Mission in this respect. Mr. "Billy" Matthews (ex-pugilist and athlete) and his good wife actually take the "buff" man by the horns and do a lot of good, where the churches fail, and give the support of all good citizens and churches. His work is quick and lasting, and no institution in London is more worthy of support.

SPECTATOR.

But None Are Made-in-Canada.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:—

Jeff cartoons are so active in their behalf, it behooves the artist to record their opinions.

It may be a small thing, but in these days of frantic "Made-in-Canada" appeals, the one who says "Jeff" is not otherwise worthy newspaper, should be sufficient to bar them in favor of better stuff—Canadian-made. How many of the smug Canadian journals now publishing these boiler-plate monstrosities would pay a Canadian artist for drawing such badly done?

Unless a man is wrongly constructed he enjoys humor, and lots of it, but it must be humor of the right kind, that leaves no unpleasant taste in the mouth. If you say people don't care what grade humor is served up daily, then it is you who are duty-bound to every other Canadian editor, to raise the level of taste by inserting better stuff. On that basis Mutt and Jeff rank about zero, or a little below. What hope is there of any improvement of Canadian ideals and Canadian tastes while such fustian can find a place in Canadian newspapers? The answer with it—in spite of commendations of vulgarities as speedily as possible. Yours for better cartoons.

MURRAY CANADA.

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ALLIES PLAN TO SWEEP
BELGIUM CLEAR BY SPRINGGenerals Joffre and French Will Prosecute the Stupendous
Move Earlier Than Intended as Result of Feeling
Out Enemy, It Is Said.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—All along the battle line from Flanders to the Vosges the Allies began today to move forward with the immediate object of driving the Germans out of Belgium.

The present onslaught against the German intrenchments is heavier than any offensive assumed by the French, British and Belgian forces since General Von Kluck's retreat to the Aisne.

It is the result of a complete change of plan by Generals Joffre and French, and means that the campaign which was to have been begun in the spring is now under way.

Gain Twenty Miles in Three Weeks.

According to information from a highly-placed personage in touch with the war office, the second troops, if this new movement be successful, should be thrown back on their heels in a distance of twenty miles, within three weeks.

No Word of the Advance Has Been Spoken in Official Communiqués.

The announcement issued this evening by the London press bureau that the British and Belgian forces had advanced only the most recent part of the operations just begun.

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[Canadian Press.]