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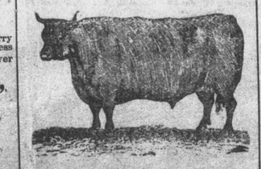
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DEATH WARRANT

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CATHERINE GING'S MURDER

The Gambler Paid Blixt $2,000 to Get Her Out of the Way—Sensational Developments at the Trial.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 7.—Gov. Clough has signed the warrant ordering the execution of Harry T. Hayward between the hours of midnight and daylight on Wednesday, December 11. On the night of December 3, 1894, Claus A. Blixt killed Catherine Ging, a pretty dressmaker of Minneapolis, on Excelsior road, a few miles from the city. A day or two later it developed that Blixt had killed the girl for $2,000 promised him by Hayward, who desired to secure $10,000 insurance on Miss Ging's life, which had been assigned to him. Six days after the awful tragedy Blixt made a full confession, implicating Hayward. Adry Hayward, Harry's brother, also confessed that Harry had tried to hire him to kill the girl. There was a heartrending scene at the Governor's office shortly before 10 o'clock this morning when the father and mother of the condemned man appeared and made a tearful appeal for the life of their son. Gov. Clough heard them patiently and shed tears with them, but refused to interfere with the work of the court and jury.

BRUTAL TREATMENT.

A Negro in South Carolina Whipped to Death—An Old Woman Killed—One Escapes.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 7.—The details of a lynching which occurred in this State last Monday night came to light last night. It took place in Colleton County, near the Barnwell and Hampton lines, and was not known generally in that vicinity until Wednesday morning, when the dead bodies of two of the victims, stripped of their clothing, were found, one being an old woman. She had been taken out and beaten to death with new buggy traces, the man's offence being that he was suspected of having stolen a Bible and some furniture from a church, and the woman's offence being that she was supposed to know something of it.

St. Nicholas' Church, in Barnwell County, was broken into and robbed several months ago, a Bible and some pulpit furniture being taken away. A young negro named Isom Kearse, who disappeared from the neighborhood about that time, was suspected of being the thief. He had become somewhat notorious for theft, and had been suspected of burning a store some time before. In some way four Barnwell men got information that he was at his mother's home, near Broxton Ford, and they went over there on Monday night last.

They found him just coming out of the door. They at once took the negro, put a rope around his neck and tied him behind their buggy. Then they drove to the ferry, two miles away, very rapidly. The poor negro kept up as long as he could, and, it is said, finally fell and was dragged along. On the way two of the party were sent back to get the negro's aged mother, "Old Mammy Hannah," and his young wife, a girl about seventeen years old, who has a five-months-old infant. At the ferry the party held up and awaited the arrival of the detail. When the women arrived none of the men would or could tell anything about the church property.

Upon their refusal they were all three stripped naked and beaten with a new buggy trace. The man was given about one hundred and fifty lashes, and fell insensible, his body being in a shrivel condition. The women were likewise severely beaten. The old woman broke away and dashed into the woods. The young woman did likewise, going in a different direction.

The man's body was found where it was left—cold in death. About one hundred yards away, in the swamp, lying in a pool of water, was found the old woman's body. The young woman managed to find her way home.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Eggs—Country shipments have almost entirely dropped off and stocks held in the city are being rapidly reduced. A few lots are coming forward for shipment which have been sold under contract. The market is steady at 14c to 14½c for limed, 15c to 16c for held fresh, 17c to 17½c for late gathered and 20c for strictly new laid.

Potatoes—Are dull. Car lots on the track here sell at 20c to 21c and potatoes out of store bring 25c.

Poultry—The receipts of poultry have been very large, and consequently much easier prices are expected. There is little demand and dealers will have to take anything they can get. As the season was favorable for the breeding of turkeys they are being received in great quantities. Country dealers must buy low. Turkeys sell at 6c to 7c, geese 5c to 5½c, ducks 40c to 50c, chickens 20c to 35c.

Hops—Canadian '95's sell at 6c to 8c, and there is now no sale for yearlings. All the brewers hold large stocks and very few deals have been made during the week.

Honey—The market is slow. Clover in bulk is a little firmer at 10c to 10½c, and clover per dozen in frames sells at $1.60.

Dried Apples—Prices are a little easier at 4c and evaporated sell at 6c.

Beans—The market remains unchanged. Prices are steady at 80c and 90c for round lots and $1 for job lots.

Baled Hay—Prices are firm and nominally unchanged at $14.50 to $14.75 for No. 1 and $13.25 to $13.75 for No. 2 for cars on the track here.

Baled Straw—Straw continues to be scarce and in good demand. Prices are firm at $7.50 to $8 for car lots on the track here.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Grain receipts on the local street market were good this morning. Prices were a little easier.

Wheat—Easier, 500 bushels selling at 71c for white, 68c for red, and 53c for goose.

Peas—Steady, 300 bushels selling at 54c to 55c.

Barley—Easier, 2,000 bushels of feed grain selling at 30c to 44c.

Oats—Easier, 800 bushels selling at 27c to 28c.

Hay and Straw—The market was dull and prices steady at $17 to $18 about 10 loads going at these prices. One load of bundled straw sold at $12.

Dressed Hogs—The market is being satisfactorily supplied, and prices are steady at $4.50. Choice lots bring a little more.

Wheat, white	$ 71	to $	71½
do red	68	to	00
do goose	53	to	00
Peas	54	to	55
Buckwheat	36½	to	00
Barley	30	to	44
Oats, new	27	to	28
Rye	45½	to	00
Straw, bundled	12 00	to	14 00
Hay	17 00	to	18 00
do loose	9 00	to	0 00
Eggs, new laid	20	to	22
Chickens	20	to	50
Butter, lb rolls	18	to	19
do tubs, dairy	15	to	16
Ducks	40	to	70
Turkeys	6½	to	7½
Geese	5	to	5½
Potatoes	25	to	30
Dressed Hogs	4 50	to	4 00
Beef, hindquarters	5 00	to	7 00
do fore	2 00	to	3 50
Lamb	4 00	to	5 50
Veal	5 00	to	6 50
Mutton	4 40	to	4 00

George Augustus Sala, the English journalist and novel writer, is dead. He was sixty-seven years of age.

It is expected that the British note will be delivered to the President of Venezuela to-day. It is reported that the little republic will refuse to pay the twelve thousand pounds claimed by Great Britain for the illegal arrest of Englishmen in British territory.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The New Edifice at Niagara Falls Dedicated by Archbishop Walsh—The Opening Services.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 8.—The dedication of the new Roman Catholic St. Patrick's Church by Archbishop Walsh took place here this morning. Besides his Grace the following clergymen took part:—Rev. Father Ryan, Toronto; the pastor, Rev. Father Dominic O'Malley; Rev. B. Fink, Rev. J. Singler, Rev. Father O'Brien; Rev. Father P. Mayer, Superior Carmelite Order; Rev. Father Boland; Rev. Father Lanigan, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Rev. Father Lynch, Niagara; Rev. Father Sullivan and several others. The ceremony began at 10 o'clock a. m. by the blessing of the edifice by his Grace. The first mass in the new edifice was celebrated by the Rev. Father Bernid Fink, Rev. J. Singler, deacon; Rev. Father O'Brien, sub-deacon, assisted by Rev. Fathers P. Mayer and Boland. His Grace very ably addressed the large congregation, which packed the church to the doors, many of whom were Protestants of all denominations. He congratulated the congregation and the pastor for their untiring efforts in the erection of such a beautiful edifice and thanked the people of the town for their generous contributions for such a laudable purpose, and especially the Protestants of the town for the aid they had given their Catholic brethren, and stated that the bell had been purchased entirely by Protestant contributions. He was pleased to know that such friendly feelings existed between all denominations in this locality, and that, although not agreeing upon religion, he hoped that every time the bell would peal forth its notes it would sound a peal of Christian love and friendship towards each other amongst all classes of religion.

The pastor, Father Dominic O'Malley, also addressed the congregation, thanking everyone for their generous contributions.

A special feature of the dedication was the singing of the church choir, under the direction of Miss Bowen, ably assisted by Mr. F. Anglin, Toronto. The young ladies' choir of Loretto Convent also assisted. At this evening's service Rev. Father Ryan of Toronto delivered a discourse on the relationship of the church and the Bible, which was attentively listened to by the large congregation. The church, which is a beautiful stone structure of cathedral style and is magnificently furnished with solid polished oak altar and pews, would be a credit to a city, and will cost in the neighborhood of $30,000.

TORONTO TOPICS.

Toronto, Dec. 9.

Yesterday morning in Cooke's Church he delivered an address lasting over an hour to a large congregation.

John Grant, who was released Saturday morning from the Central Prison, was arrested and returned to London on a charge of perjury.

It is understood that when the Hyams twins appear before Magistrate Denison to-day they will be remanded for another week. The remand will be made at the request of counsel for the defence.

In the Criminal Assize Court Saturday George Badgley, Fred Chambers and Harry May were all arraigned, both individually and together, on the charge of criminally assaulting Mary Clark, a young girl, on Sept. 20 last. They were also charged with the theft of 16 cents and other articles from her, to all of which they pleaded not guilty. Their trial will probably start to-day or to-morrow.

The bank note forgery case, in which John Crawford, Thomas Smith and Wm. J. Kramer are charged with having made and circulated counterfeit $1 and $2 bills, was continued in the Criminal Assize Court Saturday and substantial progress made. The Crown closed its case early in the afternoon, and the defence called several of their witnesses, so that no doubt the case will be given to the jury before noon to-day.

There were no developments on Saturday in the business embarrassment of Messrs. Samson, Kennedy & Co. The firm's statement has not yet been prepared, and no decision has been arrived at with regard to the settlement of affairs. This much, it is understood, has been determined upon, that during the present Mayoral year no assignment will be made. It is expected that to-day will see some definite action taken on the part of the creditors.

Mr. Foster and Dr. Montague arrived here from Orangeville on Saturday, and spent Sunday in the city. They will leave at 7.45 this morning for North Ontario. They will address meetings at Sunderland this afternoon and at Beaverton this evening. To-morrow they will be at Brechin and Bracebridge. Mr. McCarthy will speak at Severn Bridge to-morrow and at Bracebridge on Wednesday in behalf of Mr. Brandon, the Patron candidate.

Some extraordinary evidence was given at the trial of William McMillan for arson on Saturday, and it is evident that there is deliberate perjury somewhere. The chief witness against McMillan is the Jew, Rosenthal, who swore that he saw McMillan touch his match to a piece of cardboard in his office in the Osgoodby building and thus cause the fire which destroyed that building. Rosenthal testified to this both at the preliminary examination and at the present trial. Several witnesses came forward on Saturday, however, and swore that in conversation with them Rosenthal had admitted that he had testified falsely against McMillan at the preliminary examination, but that he was in a measure compelled to do it in order to get out of the hands of the police. Mrs. McMillan, mother of the prisoner, dressed in widow's weeds, also gave evidence, in which she flatly contradicted statements made by Rosenthal under oath.

Ontario charters under the joint-stock companies letters patent act have been issued to the Perth Canning Company, with capital stock of $20,000, the incorporators being Messrs. T. A. Code, John Hart, Andrew McArthur, W. A. Moore, Dr. Grant, J. G. Campbell and J. M. Rogers of Perth. Messrs. J. L. Spink, C. B. Watts, F. J. McBean and James Goodall, grain brokers; T. W. Horn, lawyer, and J. G. Pennywick, consulting engineer, are incorporated as the Prismatic Glass Company of Toronto, with $5,000 stock, for the purpose of developing the Pennywick patents in prismatic glass. The Henderson Bicycle Company of Goderich, capital $100,000, has been incorporated by Messrs. D. S. Henderson of Brantford, James Clark, J. A. McIntosh and George Acheson of Goderich, James Wilson and James A. McKay, Toronto. The Parkhill Independent Printing & Publishing Company, with $2,000 capital, has been incorporated by Dr. Ovens, Messrs. John Cluness, M. Jackson, J. G. Munro, Robert B. MacIntyre of Parkhill. The Wentworth Rod and Gun Club, with capital of $2,000, has been incorporated by Messrs. G. S. Caulfield, Toronto; A. F. Post, Frank England, Thomas Murphy and John Thomson, Hamilton.

Captain Dreyfus, a French officer, who was sentenced to penal servitude for selling military secrets to other powers, is reported to have made his escape.

A high Turkish official said Friday that although the statement that the powers have presented an ultimatum to the Sultan on the extra guardship question is incorrect, it is true that there have been further representations by the Ambassadors which have resulted in a fresh interchange of views, and there is a strong feeling that the delays of the Sultan will not be allowed to continue much longer.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Delivery of Goods From the Toronto Custom House.

THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

The Winter Fort—Arboretum and Botanic Garden—A Very Large and Rich Collection—Siberia a Contributor—More Than a Thousand Varieties Under Test.

The complaint of a Toronto firm in the matter of the delivery of goods from the Custom house in that city after the entry has been passed has been investigated. Upon the evidence submitted to him, Mr. Kilvert, the acting Commissioner of Customs, has reported that there is no delay that can be obviated, and that the system meets the necessities of trade. It is understood that instructions were given recently that wherever possible merchandise passed in one day should be delivered the same day. This will remove whatever ground of complaint might have existed.

Arrangements are being prefected for the shipment of live stock from St. John, N. B., for the steamship service recently arranged for. Mr. W. Alonzo Chesley has been temporarily appointed inspector of cattle-pens and fittings. The service will be inaugurated by the Lake Superior. Already a large number of applications have been made for sheep space. The owners have applied for permission to use deck-room for sheep, and this has been accorded. It seems pretty certain that the venture will be a success.

In the Act of Parliament by which the Experimental farms were established, it was wisely provided that one of the objects to be carried out at these institutions was the testing of "the merits hardiness, and adaptability of new or untried varieties of plants and trees." For the carrying out of this provision there was set aside, at the outset, at the Central farm, 65 acres of land, to be especially devoted to the purpose of an arboretum and botanic garden. The large collection of trees and shrubs which has been brought together during the past eight years at the Central Experimental farm has been recently enclosed through the generosity of Prof. C. S. Sargent, director of the Arnold arboretum, at Jamaica Plain, near Boston, Mass. Professor Sargent visited the Experimental farm at Ottawa during the past summer, and was much gratified with the progress which had been made in this important branch of the work here.

During the long period which had elpased since the endowment and establishment of the Arnold arboretum there has been brought together there, by the state of the learned director to foreign countries, exchanges with other institutions, and the assistance of botanists, a very large collection. This collection is especially rich in rare species and varieties from Northern Japan and China, countries which Professor Sargent has twice visited. By request of Prof. Sargent, the foreman of forestry at the Central farm Mr. W. T. Macoun, who has charge of the collection here, visited the Arnold arboretum, and assisted in making a selection for Ottawa. These were duly forwarded, and have been safely received. This collection included 179 species and varieties of trees and shrubs, and cuttings of 24 species of willow, nearly all of which are new to the collection here. A package has also been received recently from Siberia from Professor Max Sivers, of Boemerhof, containing six species of trees and shrubs from that country, also some tree seeds. Among the trees sent are specimens of the Siberian larch and the Siberian spruce, both new to the farm collection. When these additions are planted in the spring, the arboretum will contain more than 1,000 species and varieties of trees and shrubs under test. Thus far a large proportion of those tried have been found very hardy in this climate. The information gained in this branch of the work is proving of great value to the country generally, by showing the capabilities of the Canadian climate, and by supplying valued information to lovers of trees and shrubs in all parts of the Dominion.

Cattle Exports.

The returns of the shipments of cattle and sheep at Quebec during the past season came to hand to-day. Altogether 1,564 cattle and 4,373 sheep were exported from that point. The trade for the preceding season was slight. Halifax did an export trade this year in cattle of 2,359 head.

Financial Returns.

The financial returns for the fiscal year up to November 30th, make a much better showing than they did at this time last year. Thus far the revenue had been $14,945,142, and the expenditure $11,018,500. There is, therefore, a nominal surplus in the current year's operations to date of more than $3,300,000. Up to this time last year the nominal surplus was $1,600,000. The expenditure on capital account for the five months was $1,784,039, as against $1,890,224 for the corresponding period last year. The total debt is $250,585,201. The increase of the gross debt as compared with the corresponding date of 1894, is $703,942.

Half-Breed Reservations.

The Rev. Father Lacombe is here. He says he has received encouraging assurances from the Ministers, particularly the Premier, and therefore expects that before long his scheme will be a reality. Father Lacombe states that the half-breeds are naturally a law-abiding peaceful, and moral people, but that intercourse with the pale face has more or less destroyed the germs of goodness that they originally possessed. The reservation which it is his intention to establish will be situated about 15 miles east of Edmonton, on the north shore of the Saskatchewan river.

The land will be leased from the Government at a nominal yearly rental. It is his intention also to arrange during his present visit for the publication of certain books in the Indian tongue, and he will leave to-night for Toronto in that connection.

Factory Cheese in England.

Brockville, Dec. 6.—An agitation is being started here among dairymen that if carried out will considerably affect that industry. Some of the factorymen, thinking that the middlemen have made too much money out of this season's cheese, are agitating for the shipment direct to Europe by the factories, and the combination of the producers to keep a man on the European markets to dispose of their goods. Already one or two meetings have been held and efforts will be made to interest all the patrons in the scheme. The dealers do not appear to be much alarmed over the movement.

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

Lord Salisbury's Reply to United States Secretary Olney—He Refuses to Submit the Question to Arbitration—A New Issue Raised.

London, Dec. 6.—The papers publish a statement which says it has been learned that the reply of Lord Salisbury to the recent note of Secretary of State Olney relative to the Venezuelan question which reply is now en route to Washington, discusses at length the history of the question for forty years, and intimates that Great Britain does not depart from the view that the Schomburg boundary marks the minimum of the territory she possesses in that region.

Lord Salisbury presents Great Britain's side of the case in an entirely new light. He calls attention to the titles and surveys which have not hitherto been mentioned either in her previous arguments or in the Venezuelan side of the controversy. Through geographical, topographical, and other testimony, the assertion is made that Great Britain is now only claiming what has already been recognized as her property, and that the objections of the Venezuelan Government have nothing on which to rest.

The members of the Diplomatic Corps who know the tenor of the despatch regard it as the adroitest move Lord Salisbury could have made. By raising at this time a new issue of fact, by forcing the State Department to controvert his arguments, and show that our Government has founded its arguments upon false premises, the British Foreign Office evidently hopes to compel the Administration to reply, which would be the beginning of another long and tedious correspondence and which would in all probability drag along until the end of this Administration. That is evidently what Lord Salisbury wants.

CANADIAN DRESSED MEATS.

An Export Enterprise of Importance in Which the Government is Interested.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—The annual meeting of the Eastern Townships Dairymen's Association commenced at Waterloo yesterday. Prof. Robertson, Dairy Commissioner, in the course of his address, made a most important announcement. He says that the Dominion Government have under consideration a plan for opening up an export trade to Great Britain in dressed meats. The successful cold storage service for butter during the summer leads the Government to entertain favorably the scheme of introducing to England, beef, mutton and poultry chilled only. The plan is for the Government to purchase cattle and sheep at Montreal. The animals will be killed, dressed, chilled, covered and shipped under the supervision of the Commissioner. Cold chambers will be secured on ocean steamships, and a central cold storage distributing depot will be established in London, with retail shops in London, Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol, Liverpool, and Glasgow. The business will be under Government management throughout, thus guaranteeing quality and protecting the brand of Canadian meats. The prestige of the powerful administration of the Government and low prices at retail are expected to gain the best class of customers.

BROCKVILLE ITEMS.

Death of Mr. Stephen Plazier—Burglary at Westport—No Criminal Cases to be Tried.

Brockville, Dec. 8.—Mr. Stephen Pizier, a well-known and much respected citizen, dropped dead in the market on Saturday. He was attending to his duties as weigher at the market when he staggered and fell to the ground, dying almost instantly. Mr. Plazier was born at Fairfield, near Brockville, 63 years ago. He moved to town 26 years ago, and followed his trade as a painter for some time. He at one time acted as constable, prior to the establishment of the present force, and also for a number of years held the position of assessor. He leaves one aged one daughter, now a resident of Milwaukee.

The Brockville and Westport railway station at Westport was broken into on Friday night, but all the burglars got for their trouble in smashing their way through the doors and breaking locks was a few cents.

There are no criminal cases and only one civil case to be tried at the County Court and General Sessions of the Peace this week.

Fire and Loss of Life.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The four-story brick building at 178 and 180 Wabash avenue, occupied by piano, furniture and shoe firms, with its valuable contents, was almost entirely gutted by fire at 11 o'clock to-night. The fire started in the boiler room in the basement and ate its way to the elevator shaft, through which it spread to every part of the building. The first floor of 178 was occupied by J. H. Bohmann, with violins and other musical instruments, and the second floor was used by Meyer & Weber, who are agents for pianos. On the first floor of 180 was Sauer, dealer in fine shoes; C. Devere & Co., furriers, and C. H. Frost occupied the floors above. When the firemen broke into 178 the watchman was lying in his night clothing just inside the door. He had made an effort to escape, but was overcome before he could get to the door. He is in a critical condition. Two men were sleeping on the top floor in the rooms of C. H. Frost. Mike Aschbrewer, one of the men, made his way to the second floor, but finding the flames had cut off the escape by the stairs he jumped from a second-story window, receiving serious injuries. Nothing in the building escaped damage and the loss will be over $100,000.

No Perjury Shown.

Guelph, Dec. 7.—This morning Mr. Thos. Saunders, P. M., gave his decision in the case of Tucker v. Ross. Mr. Tucker charged Mr. Ross with perjury in the West Wellington election case. The Magistrate's judgment was as follows:—"I hold that there is prima facie evidence before me of the defendant having sworn falsely, but, in my opinion there must be produced some evidence of the defendant having sworn corruptly and against his better knowledge, and there having been no such evidence produced before me I hold that the evidence is not sufficient to put the accused upon his trial for perjury." An application was made by Mr. Tucker's counsel to have Mr. Tucker bound over to prosecute the matter before the Grand Jury at next court. This is allowed by statute by way of appeal from the Police Magistrate. This was granted.

It is reported that the Chinese Government has asked the Government of Russia if, in the event of being requested to do so it would send an army corps to suppress the rebellion of the Dungans.

General Suarez Valdez has telegraphed to Captain-General Martinez de Campos, complimenting Lieut. Winston Churchill, son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill and Lieut. Spencer, both of the British army, for distinguished bravery during a recent engagement in Cuba.

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