

SHOT BY HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Meahan Asked Her Husband for Money to Buy Christmas Toys and Received a Bullet.

New Brunswick, N.J., Dec. 25.—Constantine Meahan, 40 years of age, who keeps a small shoe store at 104 French-street, was shot yesterday by his wife in the little shop. For some days past Meahan had been neglecting his family and spending considerable money for drink. His wife resented this and had to go to work. Mrs. Meahan went into the shop yesterday and asked her husband for some money with which to purchase some toys for their two children. She explained to her husband that the little children were looking forward to Christmas, and told him what they expected from Santa Claus.

The pleadings of Mrs. Meahan, however, were in vain, for Meahan was in no mood to try to please his children. As his wife became greatly excited, and jumping from her work bench shouted:

"Wait a few minutes, I'll give you money."

Meahan went to the living apartments upstairs, and when he came down, instead of money, there was a six-barrelled revolver in his hand. His aim was rather unsteady, but he said he had made up his mind to kill his wife.

This caused Mrs. Meahan to scream, and she asked her husband to spare her life for their children's sake. The drunken man, however, was furious, and when Mrs. Meahan saw that her pleadings were only angering her husband, she started to run.

She opened the door to the small piazza, and just as she was descending the steps a pistol shot rang out. Some passer-by heard the noise and saw Mrs. Meahan fall down the front steps. As she did not move, she was thought to have been killed.

Dr. J. L. Smith found that the woman had been struck by the fall, and that the bullet had not killed her, but had lodged in her left shoulder. Dr. Smith said that the wound was very serious, and that her condition was very serious, and she is likely to die.

After shooting his wife, Meahan went back into the house, locked the door and barricaded the place. Chief Harding and two officers were soon at the scene of the shooting, and they broke down the door. Then Meahan denied that he had shot his wife. On searching the house, the revolver, with one chamber empty, was found in a trunk upstairs.

Meahan was arrested. He would not say much except to deny that he had shot his wife. He was committed to jail.

The two children, the mother of whom tried to make a merry Christmas for them, was taken in charge by neighbors, and instead of a day of reveling at the Meahan house there is nothing but gloom.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
How the Father of Wilfrid Laurier Burns Was Given a Nice Job at the Capital.

Dufferin Advertiser.

James Burns is the name of a farm laborer who lives in the Township of Alliston, years of age and a good Grit.

Burns is a man of family, but none too rich in this world's goods. Each succeeding baby with which his good wife presented him as the months rolled on, cost an additional tax upon Burns' limited resources, and when the eighth child came into the world, the individual share at the dinner table was already small enough.

No. 8 was none the less welcome, and the father went forth to his daily labor with increased pride and energy. For Baby Burns was a bouncy boy—and what did that do to welcome the family of nine?

Soon there was talk of a christening. Mr. and Mrs. Burns are devout Roman Catholics, and in accordance with the teachings of their church, believe in early baptism. So the good priest was called in one day about the 22nd of June, when Baby Burns was but a few days old, and the rite of baptism was performed. And Daddy Burns, being a good Grit, called the new baby Wilfrid Laurier Burns.

The summer waned, and the prospects of the Burns family grew no brighter. Work was scarce and wages were low. Yet the honest and industrious father, on one day, Master Wilfrid Laurier grew fat and fat.

One day it occurred to the good father to write a letter to the great man after whom they had named their child. It was a heavy task for poor Burns, accustomed more to the grasp of the plough-handle than that of the pen. But he did it, and sent it to the great man.

The contents of the letter were simple enough. The story of Baby Burns' birth and baptism was in simple language, and the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, was respectfully informed that the baby had been named after him, and it was humbly hoped he would take no offense. Then, by way of postscript, it was added that the Burns were poor but proud of the privilege of naming their child after the greatest of Canadian statesmen.

The answer was prompt. The Hon. Wilfrid Laurier tendered his compliments to Master Wilfrid Burns, wished him a long and happy life and promised to remember his dad.

And Premier Laurier kept his promise. A few days ago Daddy Burns received official information from Ottawa of his appointment to the position of messenger in the Parliament buildings at Ottawa. Burns can scarcely believe his good fortune. He was at first afraid that he would be lonely under the splendor of the capital, but a few weeks' time will doubtless win him comfort and familiarity in his new job at Ottawa. It was a lucky day for Jimmy Burns when he wrote to name his boy after kind-hearted Wilfrid Laurier.

A THIEF RELENTS.
Articles Stolen From Ex-President Harrison's Home Returned to the Great Joy of Mrs. Harrison.

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—A package reached General Harrison yesterday and it was found to contain the gold watch and chain and the diamond pin belonging to Mrs. Harrison that were stolen by a porch climber from his residence some six weeks ago.

The local police knew nothing of the finding of the articles, and the Harrison family refuse to say anything further than that they have been relieved. Who sent them or whether the General himself knows of the police believe that the thief, knowing that the articles were widely advertised and fearing to dispose of them, returned them through a friend of the ex-President.

Mrs. Harrison was very anxious to receive the stolen property, as the watch was a present to her first husband and the pin an heirloom in her family. She said that a more highly-appreciated Christmas gift could not have been made her.

FIRE AT KINGSTON.
Rides, Swords, Bayonets, Etc., Destroyed at Tete du Pont Barracks—Victims Eat Plum Pudding.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 25.—About 3 o'clock this morning a fire occurred in one of the mess-rooms in Tete du Pont Barracks. The Christmas, and the mess-rooms were lit from a wood stove. Rides, swords, bayonets and flags, etc., were destroyed before the firemen subdued the flames. Loss about \$300.

Snow fell this morning, and up to 2 o'clock there was a heavy fall. A heavy wind arose, and the snow was blown in drifts. The firemen were busy all day, and the victims ate plum pudding.

A Cripple Among the Victims.
True Headlight.

The official head of David Urquhart, the faithful mail carrier between Valley Forge and East Main Station, is to fall into the basket of the hungry office-seeker on Jan. 1, 1897. The office-seeker is a cripple named Charles Lawrence of Hardwood.

Mr. Urquhart is a man of high character, and when Mr. Lawrence ran his late foray for the position of mail carrier, Mr. Urquhart was told that he would support him. Mr. Urquhart is a man of high character, and when Mr. Lawrence ran his late foray for the position of mail carrier, Mr. Urquhart was told that he would support him.

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HANNA BROKEN DOWN.

The Man Who Engineered the Campaign for McKinley Will Have to Rest for a While.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 25.—A warning to cease his aggressive and indefatigable labors has come to Chairman M. A. Hanna. It was announced last night that he was suffering from that miserable disease, insomnia, and would probably be forced to remain quiet for several days. The family physician says that Mr. Hanna is broken down and advises a rest.

The announcement that Hanna was indisposed was a disappointment to the numerous office-seekers who called daily to "pay their respects" to the man who engineered McKinley's campaign. There were rumors that Hanna has suffered a slight apoplectic stroke, but they are untrue. That affliction has not yet visited him.

Hanna has always employed his brain power. He has practically performed no physical labor in his life. Inherited wealth placed him in a position to conceive schemes for increasing the amount, and success has crowned his efforts. Since McKinley's campaign commenced last spring, Mr. Hanna has been constantly at work. He concocted schemes to secure the nomination for McKinley and then after the struggle at St. Louis with Platt and Quay, the hard work of the campaign commenced.

He was removed to private apartments in the hotel and two doctors present attended him. He rallied somewhat yesterday, but last night took a change for the worse. Mr. Hanna was one of Brant County's best-known and highly-respected residents. He held many positions of honor and trust from the election of the county. At different times he was asked to accept the Reform nomination for Parliamentary honors in North Brant, but declined to accept a position he might have easily obtained. In Mr. Hanna's death, Brant County loses one of our most progressive and enterprising citizens. The family have the heartfelt sympathies of the citizens of Brant County in their loss.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE.
Mr. W. S. Campbell, One of Brantford's Old and Popular Citizens, Passes Over to the Silent Majority.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 25.—W. S. Campbell, County Treasurer, died at 1 o'clock this morning of heart failure. One week yesterday evening Mr. Campbell was occupying the view-chair at the Warden's annual dinner, and during the evening he fell from his chair to the floor in an unconscious condition. He was removed to private apartments in the hotel and two doctors present attended him. He rallied somewhat yesterday, but last night took a change for the worse. Mr. Hanna was one of Brant County's best-known and highly-respected residents. He held many positions of honor and trust from the election of the county. At different times he was asked to accept the Reform nomination for Parliamentary honors in North Brant, but declined to accept a position he might have easily obtained. In Mr. Hanna's death, Brant County loses one of our most progressive and enterprising citizens. The family have the heartfelt sympathies of the citizens of Brant County in their loss.

MURDERED AT A DANCE.
A Melodrama in a Detroit Saloon Results in the Killing of a Man, Who Leaves a Widow and Orphan.

Detroit, Dec. 25.—A party given in Garboline's saloon, corner of Harvard and Division-street, last night, was attended by many Italians and Poles. Among those in attendance were Pioneers Pandoska and Frank Jandani. During the evening the festivities these men had a quarrel and went out into the hall of the saloon to fight it out. Friends interfered, and at 1 o'clock the men returned to the room in which the dance was being held. Here the quarrel was renewed and during the fracas, revolvers and knives were drawn by several men. The trouble again quieted down, and according to the witnesses, a set was formed for a dance. Pandoska was standing with his partner ready for the dance to begin, when, as the story goes, Jandani rushed toward Pandoska, and, pointing a revolver at his head, fired the bullet striking him full and fair in the forehead. The man fell to the floor dead, and the murderer was grabbed by bystanders. The police were called and Sergeant Franz took Jandani to the Grindley Police station. The crowd made threatening demonstrations toward the witnesses, and the decision of the officers in removing the body was a relief to the crowd. The murdered man was about 30 years of age and leaves a widow and one child in the Old Country.

KNOCKED SENSELESS.
Mr. Fred Brook of Simcoe Attacked by a Man With a Club at Midnight Christmas Eve.

Simcoe, Dec. 25.—About midnight last night Mr. Fred Brook was going from his place of business when near his home he was attacked by a man, who struck him over the head with a heavy club, which rendered him insensible. When he saw the man pursuing him he shouted and alarmed his family. His father came rushing to his aid, and the man fled without securing the booty which he was after. Mr. Brook did not regain consciousness until this morning. The blow was very severe and may prove fatal. As yet there is no clue to the perpetrator of the deed.

MEET SHOT M'LEOD.
A Christmas Eve Altercation at Grenfell, N.W.T., Which Landed one of the Attorneys in Jail.

Winnipeg, Dec. 25.—(Special).—Capt. Meek and James McLeod, both well-known residents of Grenfell, N.W.T., had an altercation last night and Meek shot McLeod in the breast. McLeod's wound is not serious. Meek is in jail. The first trial over the new Dauphin Railroad will be run to-morrow.

James Mitchell Lodge I. O. O. F.
Loyal James Mitchell Lodge, I. O. O. F., Thursday evening, Dec. 25, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Wm. Grand, G. W. Steel, Vice-Grand; J. W. Grand, Master; W. H. Davis, Warden; C. Wilson, Guardian; J. Wilmut, Secretary; W. A. Taylor, Auditor; Watson, Wilson and White; Surgeon, A. D. Watson.

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Canadian Red Cross Society.
Campbellford Herald.
On Wednesday last week, Mr. Black supplied a Buffalo (N.Y.) firm with 20,000 pounds of beef, shipped from this station, to enter upon a course of study.

From London comes the rumor that H. Beerboom Tree will open Her Majesty's theatre as arranged vice "The Sea of the Mighty," regardless of its American failure.

Sardou's new play, "Splittime," in three acts, based upon spiritualism and has a scene in which spirit rappings are introduced. It will be seen probably next month.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Acquet Construction Company of Toronto (Limited) will apply to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario at its next session for an Act to change the name of the Company to the Acquet Construction Company, such Act to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a railway or system of railways within the city of Toronto, or within a radius of fifty miles thereof, and to convert the same or any portion or portions thereof into an electric railway or system of railways with one or more tracks.
2. Exercise all such rights, franchises or privileges now or heretofore owned or enjoyed by the Toronto Belt Line Railway Company, or by any other company operating or having the right to operate an electric or other railway in the city of Toronto, or within fifty miles thereof.
3. Make such extension or extensions of the said railway or railways within the city of Toronto, or within a radius of fifty miles thereof, as the company may deem necessary or expedient, and operate the same.
4. Make such agreements and exercise all such powers as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid.
MERCEB, BRADFORD & TITUS,
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N application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario at its next session for an Act to incorporate the Toronto Radial Railway Company, such Act to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a railway or system of railways within the city of Toronto, or within a radius of fifty miles thereof, and to convert the same or any portion or portions thereof into an electric railway or system of railways with one or more tracks.
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