

SHOT WOMEN, KILLED CHILDREN.

Toronto Man's Attempt to Murder His Wife.

Shot at Her Sister and Hit Her on the Hand.

Also Made an Attempt to Shoot Her Brother.

Toronto Report — After shooting his wife Edith, and his sister-in-law, Mary Jane Kelly, Thomas Lawler, a professional golf coach, put a bullet through his brain last night at 71 Niagara street, where his wife, who had not lived with him for some months, had her home with her mother, Mrs. Mary Peir.

Three shots were fired. The first was at Mrs. Lawler, but she intercepted it, and the bullet passed through the latter's hand. The second shot grazed Mrs. Lawler's forehead, but she escaped the right eye.

The third ended the career of the would-be murderer.

Those in the house, in addition to the two women and Lawler, were Mrs. Lawler's mother, Mrs. Peir, her son, Percy Peir, aged 15, and his younger sisters, Lucy and Edna. Percy admitted Lawler at the street door about 7 o'clock, and he at once rushed through to the kitchen exclaiming that he wanted to see his wife and his mother-in-law. His wife had in the afternoon refused his request to go back and live with him.

Tried to Kill Wife's Brother.

Stopping in the kitchen, he asked his wife: "Do you mean what you said this afternoon?" She replied that she had given him his last chance. Then he pulled out his revolver and was about to point it at her, when Percy Peir tried to grasp it from him. Lawler then turned upon the boy, who ran to the front door, but Lawler had locked it, and he was unable to get out. The boy rushed upstairs, and jumped out of a window to the sidewalk.

Meanwhile the three shots rang out, and the other inmates of the house, terror-stricken, rushed to the door, and finding it locked, smashed the pane and climbed through a window to the street, the mother pushing her daughter ahead of her. The shooting had attracted a large crowd outside the house, and the women were assisted through the window and taken to a nearby house, where Mrs. Mary Jane Kelly remained to have the wound in her hand dressed by a physician.

Mrs. Lawler was taken to the home of another sister, Mrs. Rose Kelly, at 229 Turner avenue, where the shooting occurred. There she was attended by Dr. Mahon; the bullet wound was not at all dangerous, but her eye was painfully injured by powder.

When the police from No. 3 Police Station went to the house they found Lawler dead, he having fallen to the floor between two chairs, on one of which his right arm was extended, and on the floor below his right hand lay the 32-calibre revolver, three of the bullets gone and the other three chambers still loaded.

Story of Mrs. Lawler.

Following is the story as told by Mrs. Lawler at her sister's house, to Coroner Milton Cotton, who was assigned by Chief Coroner Johnson to investigate the shooting.

"My husband came to my mother's house at 5 o'clock this afternoon and asked me to go back and live with him. He had never supported me since I was married to him on October 12th, three years ago, and refused to go back to him, and told him I would die before giving him another dollar. Then, in a threatening tone, he said, 'Yes, you will die,' and left the house. On previous occasions he had threatened to shoot me."

"About 7 o'clock, just after we had finished our supper, he came to the house again, and my brother-in-law, Percy, who was with me, went to the front door. He came through to the kitchen, and asked me: 'Did you mean what you said this afternoon?' I said I had given him his last chance. Then he said: 'Well, we're done,' and pulled out a revolver. He ran after my brother when he tried to grab it, but came back immediately and shot at me, but the bullet hit my sister, who tried to protect me. Then he shot again and hit me. My mother, seeing I was not killed, seized me and hurried me to the front of the house, and we all climbed through a window."

This story of the affair corresponded, except in minor details, to that told the coroner previously by Percy Peir at the Niagara Street house.

A Professional Golfer.

Lawler was 21 years of age, and was said to be rather a worthless character. He had been in the golf business for some time, and worked as a caddy on the Toronto golf links, and then took a position as a professional caddy on the links at Cobourg. Subsequently he held a similar position at the High Park links, but for the past year or two he was not known to work at any thing except odd jobs.

Had Been in Hospital.

Lawler was a sufferer from "Bright's disease," and the doctors said he could not live more than a few weeks. He was in an hospital until a week ago. In shooting himself he gave the muzzle of the revolver against his head, just behind the right temple. In his pocket was found a petition for help, addressed to members of different golf clubs who knew him, and asking for a pension of \$100 a month, and there were amounts varying from one to five

dollars opposite their names. There was also in one of his pockets a pawn ticket for a plain gold ring, dated Nov. 25, 1903.

Lawler's only relatives in the city are his mother and sister, who live at the House of Providence, where deceased had lived after leaving the hospital.

Mrs. Lawler and the others all said Lawler appeared to be quite sane when he was at the house, both afternoon and evening.

The Peirs, before moving to Toronto, several years ago, lived at Port Credit.

Lawler's body was removed to the morgue, where the coroner will begin an inquest this afternoon.

FISHING TUG CONDEMNED.

Judge Decides Case of American Boat Seized by Petrel.

St. Thomas, Ont. Report — The trial of Capt. John C. Tabb, for illegally fishing in Canadian waters on Oct. 13th last, and whose fishing tug Petrel was seized by Capt. Dunn, of the revenue cutter Petrel, was concluded to-day, before His Honor Judge Ermatinger. The defence was that, while admitting being found several miles north of the international boundary line with wet nets, and freshly taken fish on board, the American boat had lifted the nets in American waters, and then proceeded across the boundary line in search of some missing nets which Capt. Tabb claimed had been drifted by undercurrents across the boundary.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Mr. Prefontaine Says Road Will be Built.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, made an important statement to-night regarding the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, following on the announcement made by Hon. Mr. Emmerson, the new Minister of Railways, at a meeting the other night at Moncton. N. B. Mr. Prefontaine was addressing a meeting at St. Catharines, in the riding where a bye-election is to be held on Feb. 16th, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. J. A. Madore, M. P., to accept a judgeship. He said, among other things: "Hon. Mr. Emmerson has stated that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway eastern section will be built, and I tonight, speaking as a Minister of the Crown, repeat that the new railway eastern section will be built, in its entirety. The representatives of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces would be traitors if they consented to have the abandonment of the enterprise. I say with Mr. Emmerson that if the Winnipeg-to-Moncton section is not built there will be no new transcontinental railway at all."

CASHELS IN COURT.

John, the Murderer's Brother, Sentenced to a Year's Imprisonment.

Calgary, Feb. 1.—John Cashel spent a very uncomfortable night in the guardhouse at the Mounted Police barracks, when John heard of his brother's capture and got a glimpse of him being led to the cell from which he escaped six weeks ago. He broke down and wept. Ernest seemed to take his capture very badly, too, and repeatedly told the guards he was sorry he had given himself up. At 10 o'clock this morning John Cashel was taken before the court and sentenced to one year for assisting his brother to escape. While in the court room John looked bright, and a smile passed over his face when the judge pronounced one year's sentence. He evidently expected a good deal longer term.

ABOLITION OF SALOONS.

Manitoba Will Refuse to Grant Saloon Licenses in Future.

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—Attorney-General Campbell, at last night's session of the Legislature, outlined the proposed changes in the liquor law of Manitoba. The main plank of the Government platform was:

1. A good license law properly enforced.
2. Total abolition of all saloon licenses.
3. Abolition of wholesale licenses in rural municipalities.
4. Stringent legislation dealing with interdicts.
5. Improvement of condition of bonded hotels.
6. Elimination of undesirable as license holders.

There will be no change in hours.

TO RESUME KISHINEFF TRIALS

Over 200 Await Hearing for Participation in Massacre.

New York, Feb. 1.—Further trial of prisoners connected with the Kishineff massacre is to be resumed. The prisoners include three categories. Only the first, comprising those charged directly with murder, have been tried. The number still awaiting a hearing is over 200.

FIRE AT TONAWANDA. LUMBER YARD BURNED.

Firemen From Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Lockport Help to Extinguish the Conflagration.

Paris, Ky., Feb. 1.—Frank Dawson has been convicted of murdering Anna Hartman, and sentenced to be hanged March 17th. Dawson killed Miss Hartman as the result of a broken engagement. The tragedy occurred at a dance six weeks ago. Dawson belongs to a prominent family.

Wright Suicided.

London, Feb. 1.—"Suicide" was the verdict passed by the coroner's jury to-day in the closing chapter of the tragedy of Whitaker Wright. His death was caused by suffocation, the consequence of poisoning by cyanide of potassium. The jury found that Wright was perfectly sane, and that there was not the slightest doubt that his death was due to most deliberate suicide. It was evidence at the inquest it was shown that Wright had determined to take his own life in the event of an adverse verdict, and that he was in his possession, while in his pocket was a new revolver, fully loaded and even cocked. After the sentence Wright went to the lavatory, while the inquest was being returned to the consulting room, washed down the poison with whiskey and water, and died.

How Wright Did.

London, Feb. 1.—Neither the son nor the deceased's closest friends, so they testified today, overheard Wright even intimate that he contemplated suicide. His solicitor, George Lewis, jun., said the deceased all along implicitly believed that he would be acquitted, or that, at the worst, he only contemplated a disagreement of the jury. Even after his sentence Wright showed only indignation.

In talking with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Eyre, one of his sureties, and Mr. Waters, the accountant of the London and Globe corporation, Wright said:

"I really think I am the most composed of you all."

As regards an appeal, Wright said he would do exactly as he was advised.

Asked if some one had not better telephone the verdict to Mrs. Wright, Wright said, "No. There is plenty of time for that."

Taking out his watch and chain, Wright handed them to Mr. Eyre, saying: "I shall not have any use for this in that place," meaning the prison. "I give it to you, Eyre. Keep it for me." This was all that occurred after Wright had taken the poison, holding a glass in his hand, and still slipping its contents, he said, "Waters, give me

WEEKLY PAY DAY.

Miners of Nova Scotia Petition the Legislature.

Halifax, Feb. 1.—A delegation of the Provincial Workmen's Association, representing the coal miners of the Province, with aggregate about 12,000 men, waited on the Government to-day and asked for the enactment of a law making eight hours the legal limit of a working day for a miner. This period from surface to surface, which in the case of the deeper mines would mean 6-1/2 hours actual mining, and the legal working day for mechanics in Nova Scotia, whether in the mines or out of them, be nine hours.

The coal management representatives replied that the Government, mandated by the trade could not be raised with so short a shift, and that a nine-hour law would be ultra vires of the Provincial Legislature. The men also asked for a compulsory weekly, instead of fortnightly pay, which the operators refuse, because of the additional office staff involved.

Copper tamping bars are demanded instead of iron in use, which are said to be dangerous, but the companies object to the change because of the extra expense. The miners asked likely that the legislation asked will be granted.

THIRTY ENTOMBED.

Railway Employees Buried Under Tons of Ice.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—A huge landslide at Kariowitz, in Russian Silesia, yesterday morning entombed thirty men, who were working on a railway.

The accident came without warning while the men were engaged in repairing the roadbed.

They were buried beneath hundreds of tons of earth.

Relief forces were hurried to the scene and the work of extricating the bodies was begun.

It is known thirty men were working at the spot of the accident, and it is not believed possible that any of them escaped.

WILL RISE FROM RUIN.

People of Fire-Swept Norway Town Discuss Plans for Re-building.

Christiania, Norway, Feb. 1.—Aland, just destroyed by fire, will not be permitted to pass into history. Already plans for its rebuilding are being discussed, and the people are determined that the place shall be almost superhuman, but the residents say that they will not desert the site of their ruined homes, and with their own energies and with the aid of the Government, they expect to achieve great things.

While some of the people have left for the coast villages or have gone into the interior, the greater part of the population still remains, and the people have not lost hope in the future. Several small crafts have already reached the port, and their

the explosion occurred was dead. There are 174 names on the list.

C. L. Terr, Secretary of the Allegheny Coal Company, says that it is possible that one or more of those included in the list may have escaped death, but this is hardly probable. The only man included in the list who is known to be living is Chris Gunia, who is not yet out of danger. He was found at the bottom of the shaft.

To-night at the shaft mouth huge fires were built, and groups of men were gathered there, trying to keep warm. In the blacksmith shop about 100 feet from the mouth of the shaft, were three coffins containing the bodies thus far recovered.

NAKED AND UNABASHED.

Chamberlain Objects to Tariff Reformers Opposing Unionists.

London, Feb. 1.—Mr. Chamberlain, writing to the Liverpool Workmen's Conservative Association, says he is not in favor of unionist free traders being opposed by tariff reform candidates.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, speaking at Glasgow to-night, said the colonies and food taxes had now retired into the background, and protection, naked and unabashed, had come to the front. The extraordinary commission appointed was composed mainly of men who had something to gain by protective duties, with a few independent theorists for decency's sake.

Winston Churchill, speaking at the Worcester Chamber of Commerce to-day, declared the preferential tariff scheme was as dead as New Zealand mutton, the cause of its death being what retaliation meant, and his opinion regarding the tariff commission.

HOUSE OF DEATH.

Mrs. Delourey Dies at 50 Latour Street.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Another woman died to-day at the Royal Victoria Hospital, supposedly from having inhaled the fumes of arsenic caused by burning barrels that had held the poison. This time it was the mother of the woman, Mrs. O'Brien, who was reported on Monday to have died from the same cause. Her name was Mrs. J. Delourey, and she had been living for some time with Mrs. O'Brien, at 50 Latour street, where the barrels were used for fuel. An autopsy was made at the hospital this afternoon, and the report was death from natural causes. The doctors still discredit the theory of poison, and the coroner maintains that an inquest is not necessary.

WONDERS OF RADIUM.

Remarkable Assertions of a Russian Scientist.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—Prof. Prince Tarkhanov, the well-known scientist, lecturing recently before the Military Association, made some startling statements regarding the possibilities of radium. He presented to his audience two cancer patients who had been cured of malignant growths on the face by the use of radium, and expressed the opinion that the problem of determining the sex of children, which Prof. Schenck had failed to solve, will shortly be solved by the use of radium. Prince added that he had prevented the development of hydrophobia in dogs inoculated with rabid virus by using radium. When large quantities of radium were available, the Prince contended, the whole system of modern warfare would be revolutionized, in force or in the hands of vessels would be at the mercy of radium rays, which could explode them at long distances.

LABORERS FOR FARMS.

Prospects for an Unusually Large Immigration.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—The prospects for heavy immigration of farm laborers to Ontario from England this season are regarded by the Colonization Department as very bright. Mr. Thomas Southworth, Director of the Bureau, said yesterday that the arrivals so far were more numerous than last season. Last week ninety men came, and advice has been received of fifty or sixty expected this week. The proportion of farm laborers and men who want to work on farms but of the whole number of immigrants is larger than last year. More farmers than ever are applying for men to work the whole year round, and more are providing cottages, in which hired help who are married, may live. Wages will be as high as last year. Mr. Southworth is desirous that applications be sent in as early as possible.

TURIN LIBRARY FIRE.

100,000 Valuable Volumes Lost by the Blaze.

Rome, Feb. 1.—It is impossible to ascertain the number of volumes destroyed during the fire which occurred at the University library, Turin, the most famous in Italy, Jan. 16. Some of the papers say 100,000 volumes were burned. The fire practically lasted 24 hours, and it seems certain that 3,000 volumes of Greek, Latin and other codices have been lost, as well as the precious Venetian collection of books from the library of Cardinal Della Rovere. The codices from the celebrated Robbio Abbey appear to have been saved, as was the incunabula collection.

SERGEANT UNDER ARREST.

Failed to Report to Calgary and is Being Held.

Vancouver, Feb. 1.—Sergeant Pennycook, N. W. M. P., who was sent to the coast to intercept Cashel in case he attempted to escape, this way, was arrested last night on telegraphic instructions from Calgary. It is said that Pennycook who was registered under the name of A. M. Green, and gave out that he was a constable from Calgary, was taken to the police at Calgary. He was sent posted as a deserter, and instructions sent for his arrest. He is being held till the arrival of an escort.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The tug Aldrich was caught in the ice at Sarnia and sunk.

Ex-Lieut. Gov. McInnes, of British Columbia, is seriously ill.

Mr. Alex. Shaver has been appointed local overseer of fisheries in Middlesex County.

At the request of Russia, China has suggested that the powers mediate between Russia and Japan.

Civic officials in Kansas City, Mo., and Green Bay, Wis., have been arrested on charges of hoodlums.

The annual report of the Upper Canada Bible Society shows total revenue \$34,906, an increase of \$3,850.

The ceremony of investing Dr. J. George Hodgins with the star of the Imperial Service Order took place at Government House.

It is reported that Japan has requested, through the Czar's representative at Tokio, an answer to her last note to Russia.

At Alfred Village Clement Goyette was committed for trial for the murder of Daniel Colligan and the latter's 15-year-old son.

Saratoff's agents have proclaimed a fresh revolt, in Serbia for March 25th.

At Erwood (Walter H. Gray, agent of the Canadian Northern Railway, dropped dead.

Mrs. Nicholson, wife of a Yarmouth township farmer, committed suicide by taking rough on rats.

Cotton plantations with expert instructors in charge are to be established in British West Indies.

Two new cases of smallpox are reported from the centre of infection in Wellesley township, Waterloo county.

Mr. D. O. Bull, of Brampton, has purchased 40,000 acres west of York, from the Canadian Northern Railway for a cattle ranch.

James Haslett, an old resident of Thorndale, was found frozen to death in his house.

The story that Lord Minto will be appointed Viceroy of India is denied by Major Maude.

Stories of atrocities committed by the rebels in German South-West Africa are officially denied.

The British Cotton Growers' Association is satisfied that its work is past the experimental stage.

It is expected that Japan will receive the Russian answer to-day, and grave fears are expressed that it will be unsatisfactory.

A London despatch says Moville, Ireland, will be the British terminus of the year round for the improved Allan Line mail service.

At the annual meeting of the Northern Navigation Company charges of bad management resulted in the resignation of Mr. C. T. Long, General Manager.

The indemnity of members of the Manitoba Legislature is to be increased from \$400 to \$500, while the salaries of Ministers are to be advanced from \$7,700 to \$8,000.

It is understood that Corea has decided to open the port of Wihwah to Russia, desired to be kept closed, to the world's commerce.

The re-constituted Board of Education balks in subdivision 3, Third Ward, Toronto, showed further irregularities in that pool.

Acting on instruction from Peking, the Chinese General at Mukden refused to supply the Russians with 500 carts for immediate military service.

Owing to the new postal laws prohibiting the employment of colored labor, the mail service between Australia and Britain is threatened with suspension.

The Barnsdale Company's grocery store at Stratford was gutted by fire. The firemen had trouble in getting the hydrant. Loss on stock, \$20,000 or \$25,000.

Hon. H. G. Carroll, Solicitor-General, has resigned to accept a judgeship for Gaspe district, and Mr. Rodolphe Lemieux, M.P., has been appointed Solicitor-General.

A great fire at Progress, the chief port of Yucatan, Mexico, destroyed an entire square of business houses and public buildings, including the market, causing \$2,000,000 damage.

Crown Attorney Curry, of Toronto, stated last night that he had not obtained direct evidence which would render certain the conviction of one or more of the accused election officials.

Quo warranto proceedings to unseat all the members of the Toronto Board of Control were begun yesterday. Fraud and corruption in the election of Controllers Richardson and London are charged.

Lieut.-Col. Septimus Denison, C. M. G., in command of No. 1 Company, B. C. I., at London, Ont., has been notified of his promotion to the command of the depot at Toronto, in succession to Col. Buchan.

Niagara Falls is in a nervous state over a smallpox case, a young society girl having attended several social gatherings while developing the disease.

Mr. Geo. H. Gooderham was elected Chairman of the Toronto Board of Education on first vote. The Board of appointed officers, including Mr. Jas. L. Hughes as chief inspector and W. F. Chapman as inspector.

Ald. Dunn, of Toronto, will engage his own counsel to prosecute against Commissioner Fleming, which will be tried before Judge Morgan next week. Judge Winchester will begin the election investigation Feb. 9th.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, D. D., and his family have returned from British Columbia. Dr. Courtice found the summer months in British Columbia very pleasant and congenial, but the winter months not so much so.

The garrison of Windhoek, South-West Africa, numbers 230 men, part of the force being horsemen, with two machine guns. The garrison was brought up to its present strength by enrolling all the settlers and Boers.

Prof. von Hansenmann, one of the greatest authorities in Berlin on cancer, says the reported increase in cases is due solely to improved methods of statistics. There is no proof that it is due to a parasite or that it is hereditary.