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WAS VICTIM AN ENGLISH EARL

Mystery Concerning a Dead Man's Identity at Pittsburg, Pa.

Pittsburg, March 15 .- The mystery surrounding C. B. Howland; or Harrison, an alleged English Earl, who died in the Allegheny general hospital of typhoid fever, has not yet been solved. The claim that he was the "Earl of Wargrave" was based on letters found among his effects, in which he was addressed as Cecil Sherbrook Beaumont Howland, Earl of War- make a war inevitable. grave. One letter from "Bereford, Gray & Seymour, of Loudon, England," notified Howland of the death of his uncle, and his succession to the title and estate. Howland was of engaging manners and handsome, and his conversation indicated the cultur-ed and travelled gentleman. He rarely referred to his post life, but upon one occasion stated that he had spent three large fortunes. A. J. Harrison, a brother of the dead man, who came from New York to claim the body, denied emphatically that his brother was of noble birth, but was silent as to the cause for the difference in the names. He admitted that the deceased had earned several fortunes and lost them again in speculation. Arrangements were made by the brother for the interment of the remains in Calvary Cemetery. In the burnal permit the name is given as "C. B. Howland, or Harrison," by reason of the uncertainty over the proper name. It is stated that the deceased was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and that he was 34 years of age.

OF WIRELESS

Marconi Proposes to Introduce His System in the United States.

New York, March 15 .- G. Marconi, he demonstrator of wireless telegraphy, who has arrived, said he expected to remain in the United States out a few weeks. "One of the reasons for my visit," said he, "is to establish wireless telegraph stations along the coast so that vessels ar-riving and departing can communicate with the shore. Some of the com-panies are supplied with instruments but are unable to use them, as there are no stations. The North German Lloyd line will use the wireless system of reporting, but I cannot say what other lines lines use the system In the Pritials are set to the system of the s In the British navy wireless tele graphy is used, and at the present time forty British was vessels are fit-ted out with the instruments. They have been able to communicate with shore and each other, flashing mes-sages a distance of 200 miles."

All records for shooting at inanimate targets were smashed by William R. Crosby, of O'Fallon, Ill., in the Continuous Match for the Sportsmen's Association Trophy at Interstate Park, New York, Wednesday. Cresby walked to the score at 1 o'clock, and before he missed had smashed 345 of these saucer shaped affairs, beating the world's record of 175, made by John S. Faning in the same competition on the roof of Madison Square Garden last year. Crosby was nearly exhausted when he finally retired, for during the last 200 of his record he was at the score alone, the other competitors, the last of whom was Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, retiring in the 158th round.

The opening chapters of The Planet's new story, "A Girl of Grit," will appear on Saturday. Nobody should miss reading it.

NO REDUCTION IN TARIFF TO TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR

That is Mr. Fielding's Announcement in His Budget Speech-The The Revival Meetings Being Held Public Debt Goes on Increasing.

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Minister refrain from sounding the note of
warning of possibly decreased revenues, remarking that we were now about on the marking that we were now about on the crest of the wave of prosperity, albeit he tempered his prophecy in this regard by denominating it "a period of rest." Mr. Fielding spoke for just an hour and twenty.

Ottawa, March 15.—The chief merit of the budget of 1901 was its brevity. Mr. Fielding had very little to tell. There were no tariff changes to announce and there was no new policy to outline. It was quite offset in effect by the subsequent statement that notwithstanding increased revenue the Finance Minister estimates an addition of \$1,800.000 to the public debt, for the present fiscal year. What the debt addition will be for the year 1901-2, which will begin on the lat of July next, Mr. Fielding did not hint at, but that it will be considerable is certain, for he will augment it by over a million with iron and steel bonuses, which heretofore have been taken from 17.93 per eent. on the value of import trade. It is not, he said, the duty of the Opposition to repeat the silly one-sided preference enacted by the Government. The tariff did not lighten the burden on the necessaries of life, but on the luxuries.

Sir R. Cartwright moved the adjourn-ment of the debate, and the House adjourn-

IS THE BRITISH ARMY

The Liberals in the House of Commons Think So—A Scene in the

House.

London, March 15 .- In the House fleet that must be made sufficient at of Commons yesterday, the leaders of the Opposition searching criticised the government's proposals for the increase and reform of the army.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said:-"The name and fame of Lord Roberts are a little too largely invoked in this question." He declared that no justification had been offered by the government for increasing the aggressive military power of Great

Britain. Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, who reviewed the rapid increase in the army estimates during recent years, said that nothing could be more hollow than the idea that great armaments were a security for peace, adding that it was an easy matter to England's

At midnight, and during the debate on supply, a scene occurred. Lord Hugh Cecil called for a division, and Timothy Healy, rising with evident excitement, asked the Speaker whether the noble lord, the Premier's son, was entitled to interrupt. He ad-dressed some remarks to Lord Hugh Cecil, which were drowned in an up-roar of shouts and cries of "Send for the police!" The Speaker sternly called Mr Healy to order, asking him to stop interrupting, Mr. Healy retorted:—"I won't. You can do what you like, but keep the Premier's son in order. You won't turn him out." Then turning to Lord Hugh Cecil, Mr. Healy exclaimed: - "We won't stand nonsense from you!" All the time the Nationalists were cheering, laughing and shouting, "Turn him out!"
"Fetch the police!" and the like.

TO SUFFER

They Must Pay for the Boer War, Restock Farms, and Rebuild Homes,

Kitchener Wants to be Liberal, but London is Sald to be Holling

Rand mines to suffer London, March 15. — It is stated that delay in concluding negotiations with Botha has been caused by some friction between Kitchener, Milner

and the home government. It is now reported that as the basis of the settlement of the South African question the Rand mines shall ultimately bear the cost of rebuilding of the Boer farmhouses and the restocking of the farms, and the feeling is growing that if Kitchener had been left to settle the terms himself matters would have been arranged several days ago. The British commander has throughout been anxious to grant the Boers more liberal terms than the imperial authorities at home cared to

sanction. "We understand that there has been an active interchange of telegrams between the home government and the Cape authorities and Kitchener," says the Daily Chronicle, "concerning the negotiations with Botha, and also that immense quantities of foodsuffs are reaching Pretoria by way of Delagoa Bay, which are destined to feed the Boers when the final surrender is made."

"The Daily News says: "We under-stand the government has ordered Kitchener to give a distinct promise that the government of the new col-onies shall culminate in a complete grant of free institutions.'

The only honor which remains for the Boer generals who have resisted the resources of the British empire for 18 months is that of holding out in the last ditch and being drawn in the last ditch and being drawn with reluctance into peace negotiations. De Wet and Delarey can now have the distinction of being faithful to the end and yielding to an appeal from Botha to abandon the hopeless conflict President Steyn remains in arms and is probably the most irreconciliable among the Boer leaders.

"We were very much pleased with the design you sent. It was beauti-ful and appropriate." The Victoria Ave. Green Houses receive such words of commendation every day. Tele-phone No. 181.

THEY KILLED THE CASHIER

But Failed in Robbing the Bank and Getting Away.

Sensational Tragedy in Pennsylvania -D tais of the Affair.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 15 .- Charles W. Ryan, cashier of the Halifax National Bank, was shot to death by Henry Rowe and Weston Keiper, of Lykens, yesterday, in an attempt at a daring bank robbery. The robbers were captured by a party of citizens soon after the crime and were brought to the Harrisburg jail, together with F. B. Straley, of Lykens, who is suspected of being an accom plice. Rowe and Keiper drove to Hal ifax from Elizabethville yesterday morning and hitched their team on the outskirts of the town, and boldly entered the bank with revolvers presented. Each had a revolver and they demanded the attaches of the bank to throw up their hands and turn over the money. One of them held in check Abraham Fostenbaugh, the president; Isaac Lytter, the teller, and ex-Representative Swartz, of Duncannon, who was in the bank on private business. The other covered Cashier Ryan, and, under the menace of the revolver, the cashier collected of the revolver, the cashier collected the cash in the drawers to the amount of \$2,000 and placed it in a satchel the robbers had brought with them. Rowe, with the cash-stuffed satchel in his hand, backed outward of the door, and Keiper also moved toward the entrance to the bank. Just when it seemed that the robbers would sucit seemed that the robbers would succeed in getting away, Cashier Ryan leaped forward in an attempt to knock up the revolver of the man with the money. In the scuffle several shots were fired and Ryan fell to the floor, shot through the groin by a bullet from the pistol of Rowe. Mr. Frostenbaugh grabbed Rowe, and after a short scuffle threw him to the floor. Keiper ran out the door. The noise of the shots attracted J. F. Lytter, who has a store near the bank building. He ran out with his shot gun and pursued Keiper for one block and shot him back of the head when the robber surrendered. The wounded cashier was taken to his home after the capture of the desperado, where he died.

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ARE BEARING GOOD FRUITS

by Crossley and Hunter.

Notes of Last Night's Gathering-Inquirerers invited to the Front-What the vangelists Talked About.

Last night was one of the best neetings yet held in the Maple City, both as to the character of the addresses and the manifest results of the service. Inquirers were invited to come to the first pew for prayer and counsel, when several pews were

fill by men, women and youth. Mr. Hunter read the 5th chapter of Matthew, dwelling, on "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." See God in the Scriptures; see God in nature; see God in His providences; see God in His people. Who has seen God in you to-day, my friend ? -

Again the speaker dwelt on the 16th verse, "Let your light so shine," etc. How are you to let your light shine ? First, by holy living; second, by holy giving; third, by sweet temper, and fourth, by patience.

Always shine. In prosperity, adversity, in the little things, every day. Here he made some scathing comments on the man who wears his religion as he does his Sunday clothes. Everywhere Shine—In your business. God calls men to business as much as He does the minister to pulpit. Shine in Amusements—If you can take Christ into the modern theatre, card room or ball room, very well; card room or ball room, very well; I have nothing to say; but I cannot imagine Jesus Christ going into such

Shine in the Home-If I want to know what kind of a Christian you are I will ask your wife, your children, your servants. Do you ask a blessing at the table f Do you en-gage in family prayer every morn-

sing?
Shine in the Dark—Sometimes God has to put us in the dark that He may teach us some lesson. The speaker closed with a number of impressing illustrations on this point. Mr. Crossley's song sermon on Heaven was much enjoyed. He discussed the following questions:

What evidences have we that there

is a heaven? Where is heaven? Is it a state or a place?

Do Christians at death pass to hea-

yen?
Is it an evidence of piety to desire to leave earth and pass to glory?
Shall we know one another in hea-

What will there be in heaven?
What will there not be in heaven?
Who will not be there?
Who will there be in heaven? Each one should ask himself or herself: "Shall I be there?" How would it be if taken now? We all, by grace, may so live as to reach the Better

To-night there will be a rally for young men and women, and a great meeting is expected. "The Pearly Gates and Golden" will be sung to-night. This solo is a great

UNWARRANTED WAS THE ATTACK

Made by the Banner-News on William Ball-A King Street Merchant's Views

"I think the Banner-News attack upon William Ball was entirely uncalled for," said E. J. MacIntyre this morning. "Mr. Ball is one of the most representative citizens on the most representative citizens on the petition and a gentleman whose signature carries a great deal of weight. When I saw Mr. Balk's name there I was sure he knew just what was in the petition and it embodied his views, and the same could be said of a great many others. I signed the views, and the same could be said of a great many others. I signed the petition because I believe Mr. Shackleton has done his duty to the city as engineer, and don't think he received justice at the hands of those who dismissed him. I am very glad to see Ald. Marshall call for complaints in writing, to be properly investigated. It will at any rate afford the Banner-News an opportunity to make good its statement that it had innumerable complaints."

HE KILLED HIS SWEETHEART

Norwood, Mass., March 15.—Ralph G. Bateman killed his sweetheart, Ella F. White, at the young woman's Ella F. White, at the young woman's home here last night, and then committed suicide by shooting. Bateman was 22 years of age. Miss White was 20. The man and the woman were alone together when the tragedy occurred, and what led to it has not been ascertained. The police think jealousy was the motive. The friends of the young man say he was insane, as the result of an attack of grip. Mr. Bateman, father of the young man, is a prominen: citizen of this place. The White family is also well known here.