

EXPECTS TO HANG.

Indian Comes to Trial For Murder of Uncle.

"Unwritten Law" as Defence—Sister Is Chief Witness.

Belleville, March 9.—"I expect to hang," is the way Thomas Smart, the young Mohawk Indian of Tyendinaga township, views his chances with the jury in the case that is being tried before Justice Trestle, starting at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Smart is to be tried for the murder of his step-uncle, James Sero, about 60 years old, who was shot down in the night while on his way to his house after putting his horses out.

The above quotation is vouchered for by William Hughes, who spent ten days in close companionship with Smart on a charge of petty theft.

Hughes swears: "If God should strike me dead, that's what he said."

Hughes further explains the motive for the shooting as received from the accused's own lips in the fact that the uncle was too intimate with the prisoner's 15-year-old sister.

Considerable interest is manifested in the trial, as it has been intimated that defence counsel, W. L. Harrington, K. C., will dwell largely on the moral aspect of the case, and play up the unwritten law very strongly.

Quite a lot of speculation is going the rounds as to whether Dorothy Smart, the prisoner's sister, will stick to the trial she told at the preliminary trial. She was married in January to Arthur Brant, of the reserve, and on this account it is hinted she might be moved to pity and alter her evidence in order to shield her brother.

BAXTER CONFESSION

GUILTY OF MURDER FOR WHICH ANOTHER IS CONDEMNED.

Statement Made by Dying Man in St. Michael's Hospital May Result in Release of William Carey—To be Laid Before Minister.

Ottawa, March 9.—The deathbed confession of a man named Baxter, who died in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, some days ago, stating that he was guilty of a crime committed in Manchester six years ago, for which Wm. Carey, an ex-soldier of the Royal Rifle Brigade, is now serving a term of fourteen years in prison, will be laid before the Minister of Justice to-morrow by E. E. Gagnon, of Toronto, a former fellow-soldier with Carey. Gagnon comes to Ottawa at the request of Carey's mother, who became helpless from paralysis when her son was sentenced, and who is now living in Toronto.

The deathbed confession of Baxter will be placed before Hon. Mr. Aylesworth by Gagnon, in order that proper representation may be sent to England to secure Carey's release.

It will be remembered that Carey, who originally hailed from Toronto, while awaiting sentence in Manchester, sought to get back to Canada again by pretending that he was the murderer of little Glory Whalen near Toronto in 1903, a crime whose brutality shocked the whole Dominion. It was proven, however, that Carey's confession was a bogus one.

A few hours before his death in St. Michael's Hospital last week Baxter confessed to Archbishop McEvey and Rev. Father McCann that he was guilty of the crime for which Carey was spending a fourteen years' sentence in Manchester. He signed a written confession embodying these facts, and with the proofs of Carey's innocence in his possession. Mr. Gagnon reached the capital to-day.

Toronto, March 10.—None of the doctors at St. Michael's Hospital last night had any recollection of the death of a man named Baxter or of a confession being made such as the despatch from Ottawa reports.

SHOT SWEETHEART.

Man's Mysterious Crime in Suburb of Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., March 9.—A part of the mystery connected with the shooting to death of Miss Jennie Reid at Mount Washington, a residential suburb, last night, was cleared up to-day when Joseph Mueller, her companion, confessed to the police that he himself killed her. He avers, however, that it was accidental, but the police believe it a case of deliberate murder. The shooting of the young woman occurred while the pair, who were said to have been engaged to be married, were walking along a path leading through a patch of woods. Mueller last night told a circumstantial story of highway robbery, with the shooting of Miss Reid by the footpad as a climax.

He was held in custody. Following an examination by the city police authorities, he made a confession in which he says that while they were walking along the path with the girl in front he saw a shadow in the woods which frightened him and he fired twice, the shots striking Miss Reid.

FIGHT IN B. C. HOUSE

Opposition to Election Act Keeping Legislature in Continuous Session.

Victoria, B. C., March 9.—For twenty-four hours at a stretch the Liberals and Socialists in the British Columbia Legislature combined to obstruct progress in order to prevent the passage of the Provincial election act, which restricts the registration of voters. The Government is fighting the Opposition, and will force the measure through. The Liberals have had cuts placed in the corridors, and will relay their opposition.

Notice to Housekeepers.

When buying house supplies do not forget to order Gerrie's Perfection Baking Powder. It is the strongest, purest and highest grade powder sold; 2,500 of Hamilton's best housekeepers use it. Try it and you will use no other. Price, 30c. per lb.—Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north.

WAS SHE TORTURED

Cincinnati Woman Fatally Burned When Home.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 9.—A mystery that thus far has puzzled the Cincinnati police who are investigating the case developed late this afternoon when Miss Sarah Ritchie, aged sixty, who lived the life of a recluse at her home at 623 West Fourth street, a sister of Mr. George Ritchie, barrister, of Toronto, was discovered lying on a blazing couch in a room of her home. When discovered the woman was frightfully burned about the head and shoulders. The couch upon which she had been lying was practically burned from beneath her. She was hurried to a hospital, where it was found that she had inhaled the flames that surrounded her. Her physicians say she cannot survive the night.

The police are working upon the theory that the woman was the victim of robbers, who entered her apartments and tortured her in an effort to make her reveal the hiding place of her funds. It is believed that the robbers tried Miss Ritchie to a couch and applied fire to her, and then became frightened and escaped. Dr. Frank Cain, who resides in the same house, heard the woman's screams and rushed to the upper floor. He told the police that he heard heavy footfalls in the woman's apartments, but did not think the occurrence worthy of reporting. He believed possible Miss Ritchie set herself on fire while using a gasoline stove that was in one room of the apartments.

Cures Children's Croupy Colds.

At this season of cold, searching winds and changeable weather, children will catch cold, will contract croup, bronchitis and sore throat. The experienced mother knows of nothing half so good as a vigorous rubbing of neck and chest with Nerviline—rub it in well, and apply a Nerviline Porous Plaster. If the case is obstinate, give twenty drops of Nerviline in hot sweetened water every four hours.

This treatment is simply wonderful—swollen, inflamed tissues are soothed and healed, coughing is promptly allayed, hard, strong phlegm is loosened and every trace of cold and cough disappears.

Nerviline is so safe to use, so powerful, so penetrating—makes such a good all round household remedy that for nearly fifty years thousands of bottles are used every day.

ENGINE EXPLODED.

One Man Was Killed and One Fatally Injured.

Nelson, B. C., March 9.—The boiler of C. P. R. engine No. 1,381 exploded shortly after midnight yesterday, while at the water tank at Farron Station, above the Columbia River, going into the Boundary country, just west of Nelson. Donald McQuarrie, brakeman, aged 26, was fatally scalded, and died here in the hospital at 2:30 o'clock. He leaves a widow here.

The fireman, Francis Glover, aged 26, single, of Trail, was fatally injured, and his death is expected at the hospital any moment.

TIRED OF LIFE.

A Morton Villager Bound to Shuffle Off This Mortal Coil.

Morton, March 9.—E. Young, a resident of this village, at 4:30 p. m. yesterday attempted suicide by jumping from an upstairs window to the ground below. Failing in this, and forced into the house, he secured a knife, with which he tried to cut his throat. The knife being taken from him, he secured a pair of scissors, and before these could be taken away he succeeded in inflicting a deep wound in his neck. His condition is reported favorable. Young has for some time been in poor health, which accounts for his acts.

BROKER SENTENCED.

J. Davis, Cobalt Broker, Goes to Jail For Six Months.

Ottawa, March 9.—J. Collins Davies, the Cobalt stock broker, who did business here for the past year, and was arrested last week for misappropriation of funds, was sentenced at Barrie today by Judge Wismer to six months in the county jail. Davies was agent for Stewart & Lockwood, Toronto, who recently got into financial difficulties. A lamentable loose system of bookkeeping made it impossible for Davies to make any clear statement of where the money went. It is said that a number of small investors here are involved and that the total amount short is a few thousand dollars.

Davies entered a plea of guilty, and prominent citizens testified to his previous good character, and on this account his sentence is lighter than it otherwise would have been.

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Winnipeg Methodists' Views.

Winnipeg, March 9.—The Methodist Ministerial Association had a lively meeting when the Carman-Jackson controversy was the subject of discussion. It was the general opinion of the ministers that Dr. Carman had acted too hurriedly, and that he acted only on newspaper statements. A resolution was passed of a pacific nature and deprecating the discussion of such serious questions in the press.



One of the most prominent of the New York contingent that will be here for the first night of C. W. Bell's play, "A Medical Mountebank," at the Savoy on March 29th, is Mrs. H. C. DeMille, well known through the writings of her famous husband, who collaborated with David Belasco on a long line of metropolitan successes. Mrs. DeMille has since his death achieved almost equal distinction through her work as author's representative. Through her instrumentalities "The Lion and the Mouse," "The Road to Yesterday," "Strongheart," "The Vengeance of Virginia," and a dozen of other brilliant plays have been given to the public. Mrs. DeMille, who is sole representative for Mr. Bell's work, writes the Savoy management that she is confident "A Medical Mountebank" will make a hit.

AT THE SAVOY.

The Selman Stock Company presented "Sherlock Holmes in the Sign of the Four," at the Savoy last night before another large and fashionable audience. Mr. Selman scored a triumph in the display of his artistic talents. The entire company rendered full and appreciative support. Miss Marie Pettes was a winsome and likable Mrs. Watson, and was well received by the audience. Miss Claudia Lucas was a stunning Mrs. Sholto, and had a chance for wonderfully effective dramatic moments. She wore some strikingly handsome gowns. Miss Pearl Gray was a dainty Miss Watson, and was played with excellent effect. Miss Edythe Tressider aroused much hearty laughter by her witty interpretation of the good-natured landlady, Mrs. Hudson. More than passing word is due Cecil Owen. In an unpleasant role he was forceful, his convincing and his performance of Major Sholto was one of the most clean cut bits seen at the Savoy this season. Thaddeus Gray has the melodramatic role of Jonathan Small, the wooden-legged man. Fortunately Mr. Gray has acquired no melodramatic tricks; his methods are quite quiet, legitimate and none the less effective.

This play is made unusually palatable by the brightness of the dialogue, the cleverness of the situations and the ability of the company at the Savoy. AT BENNETT'S THEATRE.

A bill of excellence is that provided by Manager Applton for Bennett patrons this week. Music lovers will find much to please them in the splendid work of the Majestic Musical Four, whose artistic selections are a delight to the ear. The comedy work of the comedian of the comedies creates much hearty laughter, especially his imitation of an Italian musical director. A little skit that is most pleasing is the offering of the stunning Irene Hobson, assisted by a decidedly clever comedian, Charles DeLand. It is the old-time story of mistake identity, but so well and artistically done in this case that the audience is kept in continual roars of laughter. Miss Hobson wears a most striking gown, which she imported from Paris, and is wearing for the first time this week.

This unique gown appeals strongly to the feminine portion of the audience. That clever character song artist, Irene Jermon, is a decidedly popular favorite this week. She sings four selections in character and the refrain of each of her songs is taken up by a large portion of the audience, while the dainty artist is making her costume changes. Foster and Foster have perhaps the real novelty of the bill. The piano solo of the comedy member of the team is almost marvellous. Ruby Raymond and her dancing specialty, entitled "The Amateur Rehearsal," win much favor. This clever little lady and her assistants were obliged to the west soon.

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LIBEL SUIT.

WHAT HON. G. F. FOSTER DEMANDS OF REV. MACDONALD.

Charges Were Specific—Counsel Says Defendant Should Not be Allowed to Scuttle to Cover.

Toronto, March 10.—The Master in Chambers heard yesterday morning argument by Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., in reply to that advanced by Mr. I. F. Hellmuth, K. C., at the previous hearing on his motion for an order striking out certain paragraphs in the statement of defence filed by Rev. J. A. Macdonald in the libel suit against him by Hon. George F. Foster.

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If the defence were unable to substantiate their allegations at the trial then the plaintiff would have a right to apply to the court for an order of the pleadings. In the meantime he held it was proper matter to go before the jury and that defendant was allowed to use it by way of mitigation.

"We want to be tried," said Mr. Hellmuth in reply, "on the specific charges made by the Globe. 'Did we try to get a rake-off on the Swan River land deal?' Did we try to encroach on the reserve funds of the Foresters? These are the charges. The defendant chose the fighting ground and we have gone to meet it."

"In all these pleadings there is not a single attempt by defendant at justification. Instead, a lot of irrelevant matter is introduced which it would take us ten years to go over. The grounds to which we wish to limit the defendant are his own. Is my client obliged to defend his character over a number of years, when the slander is specific and we are prepared to confine ourselves to it?"

"When you can get an editor as in this case who dips his pen in gall, and we say 'all right, we will meet you on your own ground,' he should not be allowed to scuttle to cover. It is important that those making attacks upon public men should be brought to book when they make specific charges, but they should not be allowed to use the opportunity to take a drag net through a man's life."

Mr. Hellmuth closed by claiming that all he wanted was a fair trial on the specific charges complained of and offered to limit his statement of defence to that purpose if the master considered it necessary.

The master remarked that the specific charges were laid without any circumlocution. It did not therefore seem fair that a man having made specific charges on being nailed to them should try to wriggle off and say, "I may not be able to prove those, but I could prove many other things."

GAS POISONING.

Lady Delegate to Chosen Friends' Convention in Danger.

Toronto, March 10.—Miss Lily Duncan, of Campbellton, Nova Scotia, a visitor to the city, narrowly escaped death by gas poisoning on Monday night. Miss Duncan, who came to the city to attend the convention of members of the Chosen Friends, registered at the Palmer House on Monday night. Early yesterday morning a bellboy reported that he could smell gas issuing from Miss Duncan's room. Entrance was effected, and Miss Duncan was found lying unconscious in bed. The unconscious woman was hurried to the General Hospital. Last night she was reported to be out of danger. It is supposed that in turning off the gas jet she accidentally turned it on again.

SITE FOR CENTRAL.

To be Provided by the Government.

Toronto, March 10.—That this session of the Legislature will see provision made for the purchase of a property for the new location for the Central Prison was the intimation made last night by Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, at the annual meeting of the Prisoners' Aid Association in Trinity Methodist school room. He said they would seek to get some accommodation to meet their immediate needs, and hinted at the employment of from fifty to a hundred of the prisoners at laboring work on the undertaking, as an experiment that would be tried, he expected, with considerable success. Mr. Hanna also intimated that the likelihood of the House of Commons by the only Conservative who so far had had the courage to lay aside his mask. (Hear, hear.) Free trade was not in danger. The assault could be repelled again, as it had been repelled before. (Applause.)

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of

ARCHBISHOP'S MISSION.

Mgr. Langevin Reported to be Asking for Separate Schools.

Ottawa, March 9.—Archbishop Langevin, of St. Boniface, was in Ottawa yesterday, and it is understood that he approached several members of the Government with the object of presenting the claims of the Roman Catholics of Manitoba that in any northerly extension of the boundaries of that Province provision should be made for the protection of the interests of separate schools.

The result of his interviews is not officially known, but it would not be surprising if his Grace had been told that the matter was one which must be settled with the Provincial Government, which has the right to establish separate schools if it so desires.

The Archbishop is also understood to have made overtures to certain members of the Opposition in Manitoba. Mr. R. Borden, for support when the Manitoba boundary bill comes before the House, but the result will not be known until that measure makes its appearance.

Archbishop Langevin went to Montreal last evening, and will return to Ottawa on Friday next.

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Superb assortments are here now ready for your Spring gowns and suits. Their beauty, richness and good value will be best appreciated when you see them. Let us show you these exclusive sorts to-morrow.

Silky new chiffon broadcloths

An elegant satiny finish in a chiffon weight that is particularly fine for spring tailored wear and dresses. Beautiful all-wool quality that is unspottable and unshrinkable; full 54 inches wide. Pretty new, soft spring shades in wistaria, taupe, grey, reseda, champagne, fawn, mode, browns, navies, greens, French blues, old rose, etc.

Right House prices \$1.50, \$1.15, \$1.25, others at \$8.75, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$16.00 the costume length.

The new soft finished fancy serge suitings

Soft, pleasing grey tones with light and dark grey stripes; grey and white overchecks; also dark and light indefinite stripe effects in taupe, brown, green, etc. Nice, fine qualities in a soft finished serge weave. These are fashionable for spring tailored wear. Right House prices \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.25, others at \$8.75, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$16.00 the costume length.

Fashionable plain wool satins at 85c

A very rich, highly lustrous, satin-finished all-wool weave for spring dresses and suits. Pretty shades of wistaria, French blue, myrtle and brown; a splendid value. Right House price 85c a yard.

Shantung silks are all the rage

French Dyed and Natural Shantung Silks are favorites of fashion for spring suits, dresses, blouses, wraps, driving and motor coats. We are showing a beautiful range of new shades, cream, banana, sky, pink, old rose, steel, slate, taupe, elephant, French blues, resedas, browns, amethyst, wistaria, moss, myrtle, Burgundy, navy, helio and white and black, as well as natural.

French dyed sorts at 60c and \$1.00. Natural, in 34-inch width, 55, 75c, \$1.00 to \$2.25.

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This season we are showing the largest, finest and most exclusive assortments you ever saw, and values are simply splendid, in comparison with those to be found elsewhere. Take, for instance, the big showing at 35c a yard—Sole Plisse, a fine crepe effect; Bordered Modras, Fancy Striped Piques; silk-finished Rajah Suitings; handsome Scotch Gingham; Silk-finished Cordellines and a whole lot of others. All the new shades are represented, too.

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HER LIFE BLOOD

FURNISHED BRITAIN BY FREE TRADE, SAYS MR. ASQUITH.

Consists of Cheap Food and Cheap Raw Material—British Capital Has Exploited British Industry at Home and Built Up the Empire.

London, March 8.—Speaking to-night at a free trade meeting in Queen's Hall, Mr. Asquith referred to the allegations that capital had been driven abroad to the amount of £3,000,000,000 to the empire and foreign countries. Britain, he said, had gained the thing she needed most, a cheap, abundant, world-wide supply of food, which forms the life-blood of our working population, and materials which form the life-blood of our trade. Where was the capital gone? What was it going for? He referred to Canada, which in 1908 took £40,000,000, and quoted the Globe to the effect that for railways, power, light and heat the public and municipal services of Canada must apply to London, and world's financial centre. He contended that owing to the free trade system, British capital had not only exploited British industry at home, but had built up an empire abroad. More than two-thirds of the total capital sent abroad has been invested in countries from which Britain's only imports were food or raw material.

Continuing, the Premier asked what the proposed tariff was actually going to be. (Laughter and cheers.) They found that in the new tariff subject, no doubt, to certain exceptions, moderate duties were to be laid on imports from foreign countries and lower duties on corresponding imports from the colonies. That was substantially a new departure from the original scheme. They had always understood, and, in fact, he thought it had been explicitly stated by Mr. Chamberlain, that under his proposals colonial produce was to be admitted free. He said that the proposal had been already repudiated in the House of Commons by the only Conservative who so far had had the courage to lay aside his mask. (Hear, hear.) Free trade was not in danger. The assault could be repelled again, as it had been repelled before. (Applause.)

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Young Man at Madoc Tries It With Strychnine.

Madoc, B. C., March 9.—Arthur Cronk, who has been in charge of a delivery wagon for J. Whytock & Sons, grocers, for some time past, attempted to commit suicide this afternoon. He purchased ten grains of strychnine at Alexander's drug store, stating that he wanted it to poison rats. He then went to the St. Lawrence Hall and procured a glass of water, emptied the strychnine into it and went into a back sitting room, already occupied by two or three other people, and there declared his intention to poison himself. One of the men took the glass from him, emptying the contents upon the floor.

Cronk then drained what he could get out of the bottom of the glass and scraped up what he could get off the floor on his hand and licked it off. He then threatened that he would get a revolver and shoot himself.

He has just recently recovered from smallpox. Since attempting to drink the strychnine he has been in a state of hysteria. No reason has been assigned for the attempt.

Another Sensation

Has been caused by Laxa-Food Cookies coming on the market. Why dose your body with drugs when Laxa-Food will regulate your system so much better? Try the Cookies, leading grocers.—A. W. Maguire & Co.

DIED FASTENED TO BED.

Terrible Death of Nova Scotia Woman With Fractured Leg.

Halifax, March 9.—With a hip broken and anchored to her bed with a heavy weight, used to keep the broken limb in place, Mrs. Wm. Bell, of Wallace Ridge, was burned to death last Thursday. Neighbors had been in the habit of seeing that she was fixed up for the night, and one of them stayed with her, but through some misunderstanding no one stayed Thursday. Her house is some distance from the neighbors, and, after the flames were seen, help was some time coming. She was dead when found.

The Grand Trunk Railway authorities have laid special information before Police Magistrate O'Leary, Stratford, for theft. All kinds of petty thieving has been going on recently around the yards there, in some cases dead engines being practically stripped of all the portable fixtures.

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