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Barry Swim Tells Of Woodstock Double Murder

Woodstock, March 28—"It's awful what a woman will bring a man down to," Bennie Swim in a conversation so expressed himself this afternoon when visited in his cell at the jail here. He talked freely concerning the awful crime of yesterday when two persons were sent into eternity with tragic suddenness. He is rather a good looking chap and was twenty-one years old last October. In his story of the affair, he said: "It was all over ten minutes after I arrived at the house." Olive Swim was not his wife as has been reported, but had lived at his home all winter and they were engaged.

Married to Trenholm.

One day she left and he next heard of her at Harvey Trenholm's, at Benning Bridge, where he said he went to her two weeks ago and asked her to come back. About this time the girl was eighteen years of age, was married to Harvey Trenholm by Rev. Mr. Worden, at Meductic. Swim's story is that Trenholm had the revolver which he used to kill the two persons yesterday. Swim took the revolver away from him, the prisoner says, and shot him, killing him instantly. The girl came to the door and Swim asked her for his ring. She made no reply, refusing to give it to him, when he shot her in the breast, and on her turning into the house he followed and shot again, the bullet going through her heart. He then went to a sheep pen about five rods from the house and shot himself, the bullet going in near his ear and lodged over his right eye. Tonight he is suffering considerable pain and the doctors decided to operate tonight and try to extract the bullet. The revolver is a "five shooter." Swim had another cartridge in the chamber, but he evidently lost his nerve and did not finish the job on himself. He bled considerably and started away, going a distance of seven miles, when he arrived at a house in which a man named Larr lived. He asked for something to eat which was given him. He then went on a mile further when he came to Doherty's house, almost exhausted, as he was bleeding from the self-

inflicted wound and was easily tracked through the snow by the blood spots.

Arriving at Doherty's house Sheriff Albion Foster went upstairs and found him in bed, when Swim exclaimed: "Sheriff, this is awful, I will hang for this." He was cautioned to not make any statements that might be used against him. When asked about the revolver he said he threw it away. The officers took him to the spot where he said he left it and after some delay he showed them where it was concealed. "I loved this girl and would die for her," he said, when talking about the affair. He was brought before Police Magistrate Comben this afternoon and remanded until next Monday at two o'clock. Both bodies are at Henderson's undertaking rooms where an autopsy will be held. The inquest will be held tomorrow before Coroner W. W. Hay. Harvey Trenholm is a returned soldier and has discharge papers from the 26th Battalion. His father lives in Baie Verte, Westmorland county, and efforts are being made to get in communication with him. Arrangements for the burial of the bodies are not yet completed.

A large representation of citizens met at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon to consider the Prohibition Act and its relation to the province of New Brunswick.

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CHILD'S PATHETIC STORY OF DEATH OF HER PARENTS

"Mamma Got Good and Mad and Hit Papa Hard and He Lay Still"—Both Adults Dead and Child Almost Overcome by Gas.

Philadelphia, March 28—"Mamma told me that I couldn't kiss my papa good-night or kneel beside him to say my prayers. She tossed about in bed and kept me awake all night, but papa did not wake up. Then I smelled something and fell asleep."

Lying on a small white bed in the accident room of the children's homeopathic hospital, little seven-year-old Frances Marie Porter told in her own way the events which transpired in her home from Saturday afternoon until her step-mother and father were found lying on their bed dead, with the little daughter in an almost unconscious condition from gas. The family lived on the third floor at 928 Poplar street.

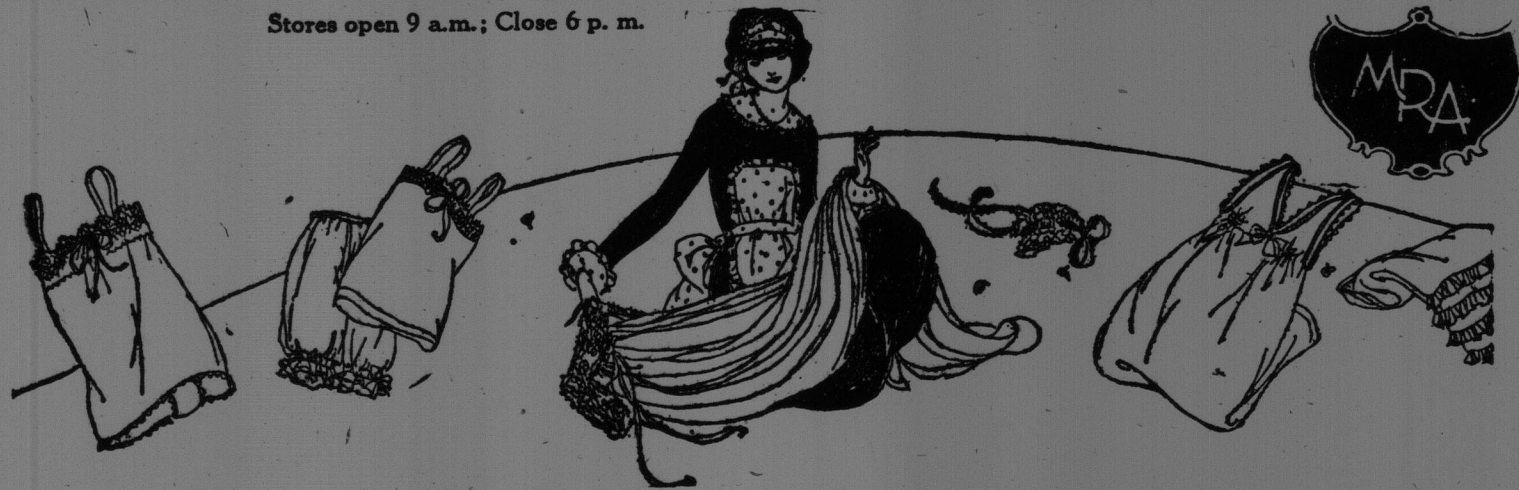
The father, James Porter, a plumber, when found, appeared to have been dead twice as long as the step-mother. His head and face were covered with blood, which has led the police to believe that the father was killed by the mother, who then sought to cover up the crime by killing herself and her step-daughter. "Mamma and papa were always hitting each other," continued the girl. "Papa went to work every day, but always drunk, and this made my mamma mad, and she sometimes cried, but papa never minded that, so papa went to work Friday and came home and was drinking again. Saturday he stayed at home. In the afternoon he drank something he had in a bottle and started arguing and fighting with mamma again. He ran around the room and hit her several times."

"Mamma got good and mad and I got scared and hid behind the table. She hit papa hard and he lay stilling round and hitting his head on a big chair beside him. He lay still for a little while and mamma looked scared. She picked him up and carried him to the bedroom and put him on the bed. He laid still. I called to him and cried, but he did not answer. Mamma then put a cloth over his face and she began crying, too. "So it got dark and I got sleepy and wanted to go to talk to my papa. I love him because he always treated me good even if he did drink. He was a good papa. But she would not let me talk to him. I went over beside him to take the rag from his face to kiss him, but mamma ran over and stopped me. She wouldn't let me kiss papa. I was scared and I cried, but he did not do anything. He always made mamma treat me nice. "Then I knelt down beside the bed near him to say my prayers. I always say my prayers, but mamma ran over again and would not let me do it. I was crying and she said keep quiet. She went to bed and made me lie beside her. She rolled around and could not sleep. I guess it was a long time after that she got up and came back and went to sleep. I went to sleep, too. Then when I tried to get up this morning I was sick. Some policeman got me and gave me to another man and now I'm in the hospital. I don't know what happened but I want my daddy to come to me. Where is he? Mamma hurt him."

RECENT DEATHS

Daniel J. Seely. Daniel James Seely, passed away at the General Public Hospital last evening in the ninety-sixth year of his age and in his death the city and the province has lost a man of outstanding character, who will be deeply and sincerely mourned. Mr. Seely was the son of a Loyalist and was, possibly, the last of the first generation of the Loyalists. He was the youngest of a family of ten and was born at St. George. His father was Josiah Gilbert Seely who came to St. John from Orange (N. Y.), in 1782. After a brief stay in St. John, the family went to reside on the Washademoit, later moved to Nova Scotia, from there

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The demand for two-piece pajamas is on the increase. No wonder either, when you see how pretty they are. Some flesh colored models have boat neck and elbow and knee cuffs of dainty blue; others are in "Billy Budke" style with touches of hand embroidery and ribbon laced front. These are showing in white and a variety of delicate colorings.

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SEEK AUTHORS FOR COUNTY HISTORIES

Possible authors for the histories of the various counties of the province were spoken of at the meeting of the New Brunswick Historical Society held last night in the Market building with the president, Rev. William Armstrong, in the chair and it was agreed to use every endeavor to have these histories written. On the motion of B. E. Peterson, the society extended a vote of thanks to the dominion archives for assistance in securing the muster rolls of the early militia regiments of the province and for binding the muster rolls in permanent form.

The society also expressed its gratitude to the dominion archives for having given storage room for several years to the library and possessions of the society and for clerical and other assistance in the preparation of the index catalogue of the property of the society. A lawyer's precept book, entitled "Supreme Court Record Book" for the years 1818 to 1824, from the library of Ira Cornwall, was presented at the meeting and was the gift of Dr. Chester J. Brown who is the son-in-law of Ira Cornwall.

An inquiry as to descendants of first common clerk of the city, was referred to the corresponding secretary, George Henderson. When the discussion of possible authors for the county histories was in progress reference was made with regret to the recent distribution of a local library of valuable and rare books. The paper of the evening was read by John Willet, K. C., the recording secretary, and was an article published some years ago in the Montreal Star in the series "Sidelights of Canada." It was an account of the hardships endured by the first English speaking man and British subject in New Brunswick, John Gyles, who was taken captive by Malice Indians and spent six years of untold suffering as their prisoner at Fort Meductic, near where Woodstock now stands, later was sold to Louis d'Amours, the seigneur of Chaudiere at Jemseg.

from whom after three years he ran away to St. John and took ship for Boston. John Gyles was the third son of Judge Gyles and was born at Pemaquid, Maine, in 1689.

THE W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. meeting yesterday afternoon was of short duration, as the members went in a body to attend the Bible study class at St. John's (Stone) church, conducted by Rev. Professor H. W. K. Mowll. Mrs. David Hipwell, the president, was in the chair and Mrs. George Colwell, the county union president, led in prayer. The Newfoundland society was granted the use of the union's piano for an entertainment this week. Mrs. Hipwell and Mrs. Seymour reported on taking fruit and flowers to an out-of-town patient in the General Public Hospital. Arrangements were made for attending the annual meeting of the local council of women. It was decided that the union should supply the refreshments for the workers on the Salvation Army tag day, but to ask the army to provide servers.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS GIVEN.

Presentations of life memberships to the founder, Mrs. William Angus, and to the wife of the minister, Mrs. F. S. Dowling, were pleasing incidents at the meeting of the Beneficent Society of St. Andrew's church, held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. D. Walker, King street east. Mrs. Angus, who organized the society eleven years ago, and whose home now is in Montreal, is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. John A. McAvity, and she was cordially welcomed by her former associates. Mrs. Robert A. Watson, the president of the society, made the presentations. The meeting was a delightful social occasion.

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