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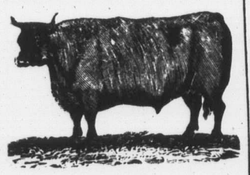

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ANOTHER DOUBLE MURDER.

Port Arthur Piggery Case Solved After Nine Months.

Oliver Prevost, Alias Gauthier, Sentenced to Penitentiary for Seven Years for Theft, Tells How He and His Mistress Poisoned Rena Dabin and Fred Corriere Last February at Port Arthur and Burned Their Bodies.

Port Arthur, Ont., Nov. 26.—On the morning of the 11th of February last there was great excitement caused in the town when it was discovered that two Frenchmen named Rena Dabin and Fred Corriere, had been burned to death in a piggery which they had been building on the outskirts of the town. As there were suspicions of foul play at the time, the Provincial Government sent up a detective, who thoroughly investigated the matter, but was not satisfied as to the cause of the fire.

Coroner Beck held an inquest, and, after thorough investigation, the opinion was that a crime had been committed, but the guilty parties, if any, could not be discovered. It transpires now that one Oliver Prevost, who was living in town at the time with a woman suspected to be named Rosannah Prevost, and who was recently living in Pembroke under the name, it is alleged, of Gauthier, are reported to have quarrelled, and have made very serious statements.

The story upon the streets, which, as far as can be substantiated, is that the two Frenchmen were first poisoned by some person or persons and then carried to the piggery and put in the building, which was then set on fire.

The supposed guilty parties are said to be in jail in Pembroke, and will likely be brought here and an inquiry reopened. The names of those suspected of actually committing the offence are not yet divulged.

The Sequel at Pembroke.

Pembroke, Ont., Nov. 27.—Oliver Prevost, alias Gauthier, sentenced by Judge Armour to seven years for stealing pork and furs at Renfrew, has made a terrible confession to Crown Attorney Metcalfe here. Some time ago he left his wife and went off with a Mrs. Gauthier from Valleyfield, Que. Assuming Gauthier's name, they went to Port Arthur, and started hotel-keeping.

Two men named Rena Dabin and Fred Corriere lived in a shanty near the hotel. The men called on Pervost Feb. 10 last to trade some pigs, and they remained for supper. Prevost says the woman (Gauthier) put poison in the tea for the men, but would not give him any tea. Both men left the table before the meal was finished.

One dropped dead in the house, the other immediatly on entering the door.

Realizing they would be arrested for murder, and to screen themselves, they placed the bodies on a sleigh, took them to their shanty, laid them on their bed, after stretching them, and taking what money they found, they set the place afire and cremated the bodies.

DELIBERATE MURDER.

One of the Most Dastardly and Bloodthirsty Crimes Stands Revealed in Its Appalling Horror.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—Of all the bloodthirsty and deliberately contrived crimes recorded in this province, yesterday's developments around the Poirier murder case at St. Canute, give it the first place. The facts are these: Poirier, the victim, was an easy-going man, a carpenter by trade, and his only fault appears to have been an appetite for strong drink. He was about 68 years of age and his wife some eight years younger, and, although she was considered somewhat frivolous, Mrs. Poirier was supposed to be a fairly good woman, and this opinion of her seems to have been shared by the parish priest of St. Canute, as she had been engaged for some time past as organist of the village church.

It has been common gossip amongst the villagers that Madame Poirier had an intimate friend in the person of Sam Parslow, who resided at St. Canute, but as the woman's husband at all times extended Sam a warm welcome to the house, nothing of a very criminal nature was expected.

On Sunday morning, however, the whole country was startled by the discovery of Poirier's dead body lying across the bed, his throat cut from ear to ear, and a bloody knife near at hand.

The first thought was suicide, although the people of the village shook their heads and mentally connected both Parslow and the widow with the awful crime.

At the coroner's inquest both the suspects were heard, and they deposed that Poirier had often threatened to take his life, as his business was not going well. However, when Detective McCaskill arrived on the scene he carefully looked over the situation and clapped madame and her lover in jail in very short order. Then the officers began the same tactics that worked so well in the Tom Nulty case over in Rawdon, and with the same success. In a short time the detective had the full confession from their lips.

Sam Prevost declared that he was passionately in love with Mrs. Poirier, and that she had time and again wished him to kill her husband. Some six months ago he bought a revolver in Montreal to do the deadly job, but the woman said that the report would be heard and that they would be caught in the act. He said that he sharpened a butcher knife, and that when Poirier was asleep on the bed Saturday night, his wife held her husband down while he (Parslow) cut the man's throat.

Labor in Britain.

London, Nov. 29.—The engineering conference apparently bodes ill to trades unionism. The essence of the provisional agreement is that the "Masters' Union" (Employers' Federation) is to be free to introduce into any of the federation workshops the conditions existing in any other workshop, without reference to the wishes of the trades unions. The employers have in mind the system of piecework in which the unions have no voice, prevailing in certain workshops, and it is the right to substitute individual agreements for collective bargains which the masters are asking the union to sign away. If this is accomplished, it involves such vital changes in the methods upon which industry has hitherto been conducted as to menace every trades union in the country. Indeed, the situation is regarded as being so critical that there is talk of summoning a national convention of representatives of all organized labor to discuss the matter.

Masters Have the Best of It.

New York, Nov. 29.—The London correspondent of The Tribune says: The conference of the engineering trade has settled the most difficult question under discussion. This relates to the management of shops, piecework and machines. The masters have carried their main point, and can well afford to be generous in dealing with the question of hours.

BRITISH AND FRENCH FIGHT.

Serious News, If True, From the Dark Continent.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—A despatch to The Frankfort Zeitung from Rome reports that a sanguinary conflict has taken place between the French and British at Nikki, in the Lagos Hinterland.

A conflict between the French and British forces in the Lagos Hinterland has been anticipated for some time past. Both countries have sent surprise troops into the disputed territory. The trouble is of about 30 years' standing, dating from 1868.

Its Accuracy Doubted.

London, Nov. 27.—While the accuracy of the statement contained in the Rome despatch to The Frankfort Zeitung, announcing that a conflict has taken place between the French and British troops in the Lagos Hinterland, is doubted, the London morning papers yesterday pointed out the imminent danger resulting from the proximity of the two forces in the contested territory.

The Colonial Office late this evening received a cable message from Lagos, West Coast of Africa, stating that a rumor is current among the natives there of a collision between 400 British and French troops.

MAP OF DISPUTED TERRITORY.

The report, it is believed, will prove to be founded on a conflict between the French and some natives.

The Report Denied.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa, Nov. 27.—The report of a collision between British and French troops near Nikki is unfounded. The French expedition from Porto Novo has reached Nikki without any trouble.

Danger of Roving Expeditions.

London, Nov. 28.—In spite of the cheery optimism of the Colonial Offices of both Great Britain and France the rumors of a conflict at Nikki between French and British forces is a matter of the greatest gravity. The reasons for disbelieving the reports are far from convincing. Since the initiation of the policy of sending armed bands from Dahomey and Lagos, led by officers, to assert the authority of their respective nations and grab anything in sight which might still be unoccupied, it has been obvious that a collision was bound to occur sooner or later. Both Governments have repeatedly been warned to recall these roving expeditions and await the settlement of the delimitation commission now sitting at Paris. It is difficult to apportion the blame for this state of affairs. That the French initiated the system of raiding the contested territory in West Africa is indisputable, but the Colonial Columbus as Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the Liberal leader, has nicknamed Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, made what some think a false step in following suit.

VICTORIA JUBILEE BRIDGE.

Chief Engineer Hobson Expects It to be Ready for Traffic Next August—

Montreal, Nov. 26.—"We are working to have it completely finished by August," was the information given out by Chief Engineer Hobson of the Grand Trunk system when asked about the progress of the new Victoria Jubilee bridge. Thirteen of the 24 piers have been completed, and work is proceeding on the fourteenth. All this has been done, Mr. Hobson said, without an accident, not as much as a finger being jammed since the beginning of the work.

"Will you continue the stonework during the winter?" he was asked.

"No, I do not suppose much more will be done on the piers this fall, although Mr. Gibson, the contractor, would like to complete two or three more, and the superstructure, that is about will made, and we have as much of the 20,000 tons of steel on the ground as we can find room for. We are putting up one span this fall, and getting everything ready for pushing the great work to completion as soon as the spring opens. We are calculating on having a completed bridge by August next."

Mr. Hobson also stated that the contractor was doing excellent work, and being then asked as to the amount of accommodation the immense structure would offer, he replied that there would be a double track for the railway and a foot and carriage road on each side.

"Will it be a free bridge?" Mr. Hobson was then asked.

"Oh, I know nothing about the financial part of it," was his reply, "but it seems to be understood that the Victoria Jubilee Bridge will have no accommodation for an electric tramway unless the cars use the railway track, and this is not probable."

THE THANKSGIVING BATTLE.

Despite the Bad Weather the Citizen Soldiers Had a Useful Day.

Toronto, Nov. 26.—The Thanksgiving Day sham battle here yesterday was participated in by all the city regiments and the 13th Battalion, Hamilton. Only partially was the program laid down carried out, but that was done right nobly through the mud and slush. The western force was the defender of the city, and the easterners made it hot for the enemy. Gen. Gascoigne will give his decision later, but has said that the manoeuvres were very useful under the circumstances. About 3000 troops were engaged in the exercises.

Revolt Against Turkey.

Vienna, Nov. 26.—A despatch received here yesterday from Belgrade, Servia, announces that 5000 Albanians, belonging to the districts of Ipek and Diakova, are in full revolt against Turkey. A fight occurred between the Ottoman troops despatched to Usub from Salonica and Monastir and the Albanians. The engagement took place near Diakova and both sides lost heavily.

A Deadly Implement of War.

Portsmouth, Nov. 29.—Hiram Maxim's new quick firing gun was tried here Saturday, with remarkable results. With twenty pounds of cordite it showed an effective range of 16,000 yards.

"God Save the Queen."

Perhaps an odd feature of the services at St. Paul's has not been reported in America. Sir Walter Parrat, who presided at the organ, played the national anthem, and the choir sang the rejected second verse, that from sheer shame the people have refused to sing for the last thirty years. The first verse and the third everyone knows, I will give the second:

Send her victorious
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

SECOND VERSE.

O Lord our God! arise,
Scatter her enemies,
[illegible] them fall!
[illegible] their politics,
[illegible] their knavish tricks,
[illegible] hopes we ex-
[illegible] fail.

And [illegible] hold adds: "It will not [illegible] sweet to observe that [illegible] Queen's own wish that [illegible] text of 'God Save [illegible] maintained."—

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

Important Events in Few Words For Busy Readers.

The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape For the Readers of Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment in Paragraphed Information.

BUSINESS.

The commercial failures in the United States for the week just closed were 256, as compared with 200 in the corresponding week last year.

POLITICS—IMPERIAL.

Archives have been found in Georgetown, British Guiana, which establish Great Britain's right to all the territory for which she contended.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Pierre Desroslers, a Yamaska farmer, lost his barn and crops on Saturday. Value about $1000; no insurance.

The Stratford City Hall was burned down last week, and once it was thought that the blaze was beyond control of the firemen, and a most disastrous fire was feared.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The conference between the delegates of the striking engineers and the representatives of the employers is still in session. The control of workshops without the interference of the union has been debated for two days, without any conclusion having been reached, but it looks as if the masters were getting the best of it.

THE DEAD.

Mr. Thomas Lowrey of Hamilton is dead.

Admiral Sir Augustus Phillimore, K. C.B., retired, is dead. He was seventy-five years of age.

Mr. Arch. Cameron, one of the oldest residents of Vaughan Township, died suddenly at his residence on Thursday, aged seventy-two.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

Archbishop Cleary has celebrated at Kingston the seventeenth anniversary of his consecration.

Rev. Father Fitzmaurice of Williamsport, Pa., has been appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Erie, Pa.

Rev. P. L. Chapelle, Archbishop of Santa Fe, N.M., has been appointed by the Pope as Archbishop of New Orleans.

POLITICS—FOREIGN.

The decrees granting autonomy to Cuba and Porto Rico have been published at Madrid.

A disgraceful fight took place in the Lower House of the Reichsrath. The Badeni Ministry has resigned.

There is much opposition in Spanish commercial circles to granting autonomy to Cuba, but the Ministry is resolved to carry out its program.

THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD.

The export live stock season in Montreal was one of the worst on record for the shippers.

The Department of the Interior is being urged to have artesian wells sunk in the more arid districts of the Northwest.

Dr. McEachran, Dominion Veterinary Inspector, will open a station at Outremont, near Montreal, for investigating tuberculosis and other ills of cattle.

The Government dairies in the Regina district have had a successful year, having made about three hundred and fifty thousand pounds of butter, which will net in the neighborhood of sixteen cents a pound.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Offers are being received for the street railway franchise of Stratford.

Mr. Thomas Tait, Manager of the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is seriously ill.

The Grand Trunk is considering the question of double-tracking its line from Hamilton to Niagara Falls.

The Canadian Pacific Railway reports a good outlook for shipments via St. John, and a growing confidence amongst shippers in the all-Canadian line.

Mr. A. White, District Freight Agent of the Grand Trunk, will probably succeed Mr. A. H. Harris as Division Freight Agent of the Grand Trunk in Montreal. Mr. Harris having accepted the position of General Traffic Manager of the Intercolonial.

POLITICS—CANADIAN.

The Cabinet discussed the sealing proposals from Washington, but no decision was arrived at.

Turtle Mountain, Man., returned on Saturday Mr. James Johnston, Conservative, to the Local House.

It is reported at Winnipeg that Lieut.-Governor Patterson of Manitoba will succeed Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh in the Northwest Territories.

The Ontario Legislature opened Tuesday. His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen were present. The portrait of Sir William Meredith was presented to the House at the close of the opening proceedings and was received by the speaker and the leader of the Opposition.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Hon. W. S. Fielding sailed from Liverpool on the steamer Campania.

Prince Bismarck's health is again causing anxiety to his family, he having had an attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone arrived on Sunday at Cannes, France, where they are the guests of Lord Stuart Rendel.

Lord Mountstephen was married in London to Miss Tufnell, who was a lady in waiting to the late Duchess of Teck.

Lady Ann Coventry and Prince Dhuleep Singh are to be married on Sept. 29. The Indian Government has agreed to settle upon the bride the sum of $10,000 annually.

A. E. Lewis, the Montreal real estate man, whose mysterious disappearance aroused suspicion of foul play, is alive and well. Judge Dugas states that he left Montreal of his own accord and will not return.

FOR MEN OF WAR.

It is reported that a contract for four new ironclads for Turkey will be given to Herr Krupp.

The Austrian flag was saluted in Suda Bay by Turkish gunboats and honor is now satisfied.

Gen. Lockhart, with the brigade of the British punitive force, has reached Datoi with twenty-ten men.

A new quick-firing gun by Mr. Hiram Maxim, was tried at Portsmouth. It showed effective range of 16,000 yards.

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At the official dinner, which followed the Thanksgiving sham battle in Toronto, Major-General Gascoigne spoke in the highest terms of the day's operations.

It is reported that the powers have decided to blockade Constantinople if Turkey refuses to withdraw her troops from Crete and to accept a European Governor.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Now Thorn has published a statement accusing Mrs. Nack of the murder of Guldensuppe.

A provincial detective has gone to Pembroke to take charge of the Port Arthur murder prisoners.

Gus Clarke of Toronto, who came into prominence in the Westwood murder case, has been arrested at Hamilton and charged with stealing the clothing of his brother Caspar.

At Dublin, Georgia, William Connell, who had a murder charge hanging over him, was taken to the woods by a mob and hanged, his body being also riddled with bullets.

At Brampton Wm. Dennison, convicted of stealing horses, wagon and harness from different farmers in the county, was sentenced to three years in the Kingston Penitentiary.

Hicks Price, a negro, was taken from jail at Starke, Ga., on Saturday night, and hanged, after which fifty bullets were fired into his body. He was charged with assaulting a woman.

A negro named Henry Abrams was lynched by three other negroes near Birmingham, Ala., on Thanksgiving Day. The negroes took the prisoner from the sheriff and shot him to death.

John Ratza was found guilty at the Pembroke Assizes of manslaughter in causing the death of Anthony Kurz and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. Joseph Gauthier, an old offender, was sentenced to seven years for stealing.

CASUALTIES.

Mr. Edgar Ryan of Fournier was drowned while skating.

Mr. Walter Pulley of Little Britain died as the result of injuries received at a barn-raising.

Mrs. J. C. Armstrong of Lindsay nearly lost her life by taking a dose of the wrong medicine.

J. Savage, a London laborer, was nearly buried in a sewer cave-in on Saturday. His injuries are painful.

A farmer named Spice, living near Thorndale, was killed by a trolley at London on Saturday night.

Mr. J. MacMaster of Vancouver, while duck shooting on Lulu Island, was stepping out of the boat when his gun went off, killing him instantly.

Mrs. Joseph Tully of Florence was drowned at Smith's Falls by being thrown from a raft on which she was crossing the river. She leaves two children—girls of 5 and 3 years of age.

John Neil McMillan, aged twenty, son of a farmer living near South Finch, Ont., was found dead on the track of the Ottawa and New York Railway. It is thought he fell between the cars.

Mr. George Cole and Mr. James Morden are believed to have been drowned while duck shooting near Northport. Their boat and their hats were found in the water.

Mrs. Lewis Johnson, wife of the caretaker of Ainslie Park, between Dundas and Hamilton, was nearly killed by a buck deer on Saturday. The exhibition animal trampled and bunted her for 20 minutes, finally running his horn through her right hand before help came.

UNCLASSIFIED.

Good sleighing is reported in the vicinity of Barrie.

There were two severe earthquake shocks felt in Bucharest last week.

The by-law in favor of the civic ownership of the waterworks was carried in Winnipeg by a vote of 1346 to 83.

New Yorkers last week celebrated two holidays in one. It was not only Thanksgiving Day, but Evacuation Day as well.

Col. Blackburn, a candidate for Congress in Georgia, is an advocate of lynching, because it was necessary to keep Southern homes pure.

Hon. S. C. Wood and Hon. A. M. Ross will act as financial and municipal experts in the case of Toronto Junction's financial arrangement with its bondholders.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling made a happy speech at a medical dinner in London, in which he gave some remarkable examples of the heroism of members of the profession.

The plant and property of the Guelph Norway Iron & Steel Company were sold at the mills for $9,700 to Mr. John Taylor, who has been employed in the yard.

Mr. C. L. Spanard, a wealthy resident of Three Rivers, shot himself dead in the restaurant of the Quebec Parliament buildings while the opening ceremonies were in progress.

Another case of smallpox has been reported to the Montreal Health Officer. It is that of Sister MacDonald of the Pensionnat Ste. Catherine, where there have been four cases of the disease lately.

The Dominion Government has arranged for a three-cent postal rate on mail matter up to one ounce throughout the British Empire, instead of as hitherto five cents for half an ounce to the United Kingdom, and a larger sum for most other parts of the empire.

CLAIMS CONFIRMED.

Work of the Venezuela Arbitrators Made Easy by Discovery of Old Memoranda.

London, Nov. 26.—A letter received here from Georgetown, British Guiana, announces that Great Britain's legal experts have unearthed in the colonial archives there a series of volumes containing memoranda, giving a running history of the Dutch settlement of Guiana from the middle to near the close of the seventeenth century, fully confirming British boundary claims.

The memoranda, it is added, are written or dictated by the commandant of the settlement, the seat of government being on the River Essequibo. They contain frequent references to trading expeditions to the Dutch depots on the Upper Cuyuni, to the Moruca and to the northwest country which the Venezuelans assert the Dutch never possessed. It is claimed that the discovery settles the question and will greatly facilitate the work of arbitrators.