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BLUTH PASTOR ASKED TO TAKE FOURTH TERM

BLUTH, Feb. 19.—The Adult Bible Class, members and officers of the Methodist Sunday school drove out to St. H. Smith's on Wednesday evening and spent a social time in games of various kinds, having an enjoyable time.

A deputation from the various agricultural societies of North Huron waited on A. H. Musgrave, M. P. E., at Wingham, for the purpose of discussing the proposition of the Ontario government discontinuing the grants to agricultural societies. President Wm. Pollock and Secretary William Jackson represented the Bluth society. At the regular meeting of the Methodist Quarterly Board, Rev. G. Jewitt was invited to remain a fourth year, which he accepted, subject to the action of the stationing committee. Rev. Mr. Richardson, of Kippen, preached a splendid preparatory sermon at the Presbyterian Church here on Thursday evening. Sacrament will be dispensed next Sabbath morning. The induction of the three new elders, Henry Young, R. E. McGowan and Duncan Laidlaw will also take place. St. Michael's congregation held a very successful patriotic supper at the Commercial Hotel last night. Many

from the town and vicinity took advantage of this means of assisting the Red Cross movement. The receipts amounted to \$85.

A. M. Curfew, manager of the Bank of Hamilton here, spent Thursday in his former home, Palmerston, and visited the MacDonald Lodge there.

KINCARDINE FARMER FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

[Special to The Advertiser.]
WALKERTON, Feb. 19.—David Robertson, a middle-aged farmer and bachelor, of Kincardine Township, was today sent up for trial by Magistrate Totton on a charge of attempted rape on Ethel Gulliver, a girl under 14 years of age, from the Barnardo Home. The girl lived across the road from Robertson, with a neighbor named McKenzie. McKenzie was away from home on January 15 last, and Robertson, according to the girl's story, came to the house, and finding the girl alone, made advances.

The government put the case in the hands of Constable Joseph Armstrong. O. E. Klein defended the prisoner. No evidence was given by the defence. The prisoner was allowed freedom on bail of \$2,000.

Inspector Hodgins, of the home, took the girl back to Toronto with him until the trial.

MANSLAUGHTER LIKELY TO BE CHARGE LAD

Sharkey Claims Slain Indian
Altman Attacked Him—
Many Witnesses.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

SARNIA, Feb. 19.—The charge that will probably be laid against Sidney Sharkey, now in Port Huron jail for killing Archie Altman, an Indian, on Russell's Island, opposite Algonac, Mich., on Wednesday night, will be manslaughter. Sheriff Maines spent Thursday at the scene of the crime, investigating the details which led up to the tragedy.

According to a statement made by an officer today, Sharkey was employed by the Detroit concern which purchased Russell's Island, as caretaker. It also appears that in winter for many years the Indians residing on Walpole Island have been accustomed to make a short-cut across the island on their way to Algonac over the ice.

Told to Keep Indians Off.

Owners, who recently plotted and placed it on the market, it is alleged, instructed Sharkey to keep the Indians off the island and shanty built near the path which was used by the Indians. It is further alleged that the Indians did not take kindly to the order, as they had been accustomed to cross the island for several decades. Sheriff Maines has placed together the details of the tragedy, and has heard that Altman had been in Algonac during the day and was partially intoxicated when he started across Russell's Island, and passed the shanty occupied by Sharkey.

Ahead of Altman were two squaws, one of them the wife of Altman's brother. It is alleged that the Indian was playing shovels the squaws about on the trip across the island, and when they reached the Sharkey shanty the latter stepped out.

There had been bad blood between Sharkey and Altman, it is alleged, due to the fact that several years ago Sharkey appeared as a witness against Altman when the latter had been arrested for a misdemeanor.

Sharkey, it is alleged, ordered the Indian off the island, and the latter refused to go, making the statement that they had been accustomed to cross the island during the winter for the past fifty years. Warm words followed, and the two squaws, who had stopped when the altercation started, hurried on their way to Walpole Island.

It is stated that before Sharkey went out of the shanty to intercept Altman, he loaded his revolver, and an Indian, who was sitting in the shanty with Sharkey, advised him not to take the weapon.

First Fired in Ground.

Sharkey, it is alleged, began to push Altman towards the Canadian side onto the ice, and at the same time fired one shot, presumably into the ground. A scuffle ensued, and two more shots were fired by Sharkey, and one of them pierced Altman's heart. While the altercation was in progress two more Indians and a squaw passed the quarrelling men on the way to Walpole Island. After hearing the shot they hid in the grass, and witnessed the tragedy. According to their story Altman must have walked about fifty feet after receiving the bullet. The shanty was then given, and later Sharkey was placed under arrest by Marshal Cunningham, of Algonac. The Indians who were hiding in the grass say they saw two flashes, but could not distinguish the aggressors. Sharkey is not considered of the brightest mentality.

Lost Life Saving Brother.

KINGSTON, Feb. 19.—Walter Babcock, aged 22, son of Ira Babcock, living at Bath, lost his life in endeavoring to save his brother Oscar, aged nineteen. Oscar ventured out on the lake on some thin ice and went down. In his attempt to save him Walter went down, but Oscar was pulled out by some other young men who were cutting ice.

Duke of Manchester Ill.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—1902 p.m.—The Duke of Manchester, who had been ill for some time, was reported as slightly improved tonight.

BORDEN DEFENDS ARMY SOCK SUPPLY

Says Canadians Are As Well
Clothed As the British
Soldiers.

PEEVED AT SUGGESTION

Action Indicates That He
Does Not Agree With
Mr. Perley's Plea.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Because the Canadian soldiers have socks, Premier Borden grew testy today. Hon. George H. Perley, writing from England, asked for voluntary contributions of socks for soldiers; Mr. J. G. Turfitt, a Liberal member, called the Government's attention to the request; Sir Robert Borden, head of the Government, hotly replied that the Canadians had as many socks as the British soldiers.

It looked as if the Liberal member had stumbled into a difference between two distinguished members of the Government. Of course, Mr. Turfitt made a reference to boots which may have been the provocative element in his remarks. He called the attention of the House to an article in a Montreal paper under the heading, "Our Soldiers' Socks," recited an appeal to the Canadian public for comforts for Canadian soldiers, especially heavy woolen socks and shoes. Mr. Turfitt declared that socks should be supplied and it should not have been necessary to appeal for them; certainly our soldiers should not be compelled to go without socks wearing the kind of boots which had been provided for them.

Same as British Army.

Sir Robert Borden, obviously disturbed, declared that if Mr. Turfitt had taken the trouble to inquire, he would have learned that Canadian soldiers were provided with clothing and comforts on the same scale as the British army. However, it would perhaps serve his purpose better to cast discredit on the Canadian Government. Mr. Turfitt should be aware that in Britain as in Canada, private individuals and associations were supplying comforts and necessities of clothing for soldiers. Under the difficult conditions of the war, it was desirable that the soldiers should be supplied with all the comforts they could get. No one should find fault with private contributions; Mr. Perley's appeal was for entirely patriotic and voluntary donations.

When Mr. Turfitt sought to reply to the Premier the speaker intervened and declared that the rules did not permit of further debate.

Extended Zone for Ships.

Enlargement of the radius of coasting voyages by Canadian craft was proposed by a bill introduced by Mr. Sinclair, a Liberal member from Nova Scotia, who pointed out that on the Atlantic the limit was the Amazon River and on the Pacific it was Portland, Oregon. He stated that it was desirable to enable Canadian shipping to take full advantage of the Panama Canal and to participate in the big South American trade which was developing. He stated that Canadian coasting craft should be allowed to clear for ports further to the south than those now open to them.

The Minister of Marine replied that Canada, at London last summer, had become party to an agreement for the safety of life at sea, which provided that vessels sailing more than 200 miles off shore must be regarded as foreign-going vessels and qualify as such. A vessel sailing from Halifax to Brazil would be 200 miles from land, and therefore could hardly be called a coasting vessel.

New Legislation Proposed.

In a new shipping bill which was under preparation, it was proposed to introduce a new class of voyage, called "limited foreign going voyages" which would be applicable to trips by Canadian vessels to the West Indies and to South America.

Mr. Sinclair asked if the Government would have the new bill enacted this session; and the minister replied that such was not the intention of the Government, as this was a war session. However, as there was some importance in the proposal by Mr. Sinclair, his bill should be considered by the marine committee, and on his motion it was sent to that committee.

Heavy Penalty Proposed.

That persons committing fraud in filling contracts for military goods should be liable to two years' imprisonment or a \$5,000 fine, was proposed by another bill, introduced by Mr. Sinclair. Contractors doing business with either the British or the Canadian Government are made liable and in the case of corporations, the officers are liable to the punishment. Mr. Sinclair said that he did not know to what extent frauds of this kind were being committed, but if the press and public reports were to be believed, there had been such cases. An amendment to these reports, he quoted the Minister of Militia as having said that he would like to shoot dishonest contractors.

Hon. Mr. Hazen—Do you propose shooting as a penalty?

Alleged Shoddy Blankets.

Mr. Sinclair—No, it would be for the Minister of Marine to propose that if he does not think two years' imprisonment sufficient penalty. The Nova Scotia member stated that he had received a letter telling him that one manufacturer had supplied shoddy blankets to the Government. With the country engaged in a life and death struggle, in his opinion a person who committed a fraud in supplying blankets or boots, was as guilty as a German spy of plotting against the state.

The Minister of Justice told Parliament that he would hesitate to advise condign punishment for the offenses specified by Mr. Sinclair; he was not certain that the criminal code did not provide punishment. On his suggestion, the bill was referred to a committee.

To Insure Dutch Ships.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—2:35 p.m.—The Dutch Government is considering an insurance plan for ships under which shipping companies would take about twenty per cent of the risk, the rest being borne by the Government and insurance companies, according to the Rotterdam correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company.

FUNERAL OF MICHAEL SHEHAN.

INGERSOLL, Feb. 19.—The funeral today of Michael Shehan, the widowed son of a farmer, whose death followed an illness of three weeks of typhoid fever, was the largest ever held here for some time. Interment was made in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, after an impressive service at the Church of the Sacred Heart by Father Gnam. The pallbearers were: Messrs. James Kirwin, William Kirwin, M. J. Williams, M. J. Clear, Thomas Clear and James Shannon.

GODERICH MAN'S BODY RECOVERED FROM RIVER

George Higginson Was Gov-
ernment Employee—Post-
Mortem Ordered.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WINDSOR, Feb. 19.—The body of George Higginson, aged 38, a foreman in employ of the provincial public works department, and whose home is in Goderich, was found floating in the Detroit River today, in the vicinity of the new Government dock. The body bears no indications of violence, but shows it had been in the water for at least a week.

The last time the man was seen was when he left the hotel here in company with a stranger about ten days ago.

Coroner Labelle has decided to hold an inquest to determine the cause of death. The remains now lie at Chapin's morgue.

Higginson was considered a steady employee, and had been in Government service for several years.

SIR WILFRED'S CHOICE
PLEASES OXFORDITES

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 19.—The announcement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier should choose from among all his colleagues, E. W. Nesbitt, of this city, and a member of the House of Commons, as one of the two members to represent the Liberal party in the investigation made necessary by the alleged boot scandal in connection with the supplying of footwear to the Canadian soldiers, was received with great satisfaction and pride by Mr. Nesbitt's supporters, both in the city and throughout the county. Mr. Nesbitt has been in Parliament for three terms, and it is stated that his experience will enable him to conduct the investigation committee before this, and is among Sir Wilfrid's most highly esteemed advisers.

WANT INDIANA DEY.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 19.—Petitions for state-wide prohibition, signed by approximately 20,000 men and women of Indiana, were presented to the Legislature here today. A bill providing for state-wide prohibition has been introduced.

MAY INTERN HOLGER

Argentina Considering Holding German
Steamer.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 19.—The Argentine Government is considering the matter of warning the German steamer Holger and the auxiliary cruiser Adonia to leave this port within 24 hours or be disarmed and interned. It was announced today. The Holger arrived here yesterday, having aboard the crews of several merchant ships sunk during January and February by the German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm.

PUBLIC-SPIRITED MAN DIES IN INGERSOLL

Richard Butler Passes Away in His
Eightieth Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

INGERSOLL, Feb. 19.—Richard Butler, prominent in the life of Ingersoll for many years and one of the town's most respected residents, died today after an illness extending over several years. He was in his 80th year, and survived by a widow. Prior to coming to Ingersoll, 25 years ago, he conducted a sawmill at Dereham Centre. He came to Canada from England when a child. In many ways he has left a lasting impress. For several years after taking up his residence in Ingersoll, he exported apples and turkeys, and in this way became widely known in the rural districts. He was a generous supporter of the Methodist Church, and up to the time of his death was a member of the board of trustees and the official board.

He served several terms as a member of the town council, his administrative ability being appreciated by ratepayers generally. He was a strong advocate of temperance, and in many respects gave assistance to movements calculated to benefit the community.

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JAPANESE DEMANDS CONSIDERED EXTREME

Chinese Minister Asks For
Discussion On Twelve
Points At Issue.

[Canadian Press.]

PEKING, Feb. 19.—Lu Ching-Hsiang, the Chinese foreign minister, yesterday paid a visit to Eki Hiroki, the Japanese minister to China, and inquired whether the minister was willing to discuss with him twelve of the demands Japan has made upon the Chinese Government which China has agreed to consider. It is stated in Chinese circles that Lu Ching-Hsiang took the initiative in the matter in order to refute accusations of the Japanese newspapers that the Chinese Government was delaying the negotiations.

According to information from Chinese sources the Japanese minister told Lu Ching-Hsiang that he was awaiting further instructions from Tokyo. It is stated that the Chinese Government cannot accept even the twelve demands unless they are materially modified.

"The Chinese Government agrees that no island port or harbor along the coast shall be ceded or leased to any third power," is one stumbling-block. The word "third," it is declared, which Japan has insisted upon, is a violation of the principle of communication to the powers.

That the number of "foreign" Japanese advisers in political, military and financial affairs, which Japan has insisted upon, is a violation of the principle of communication to the powers. This was the foremost question which the Chinese declared to have declined to discuss.

STANDARD OIL STEAMER DETAINED BY BRITISH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The Standard Oil Company today reported to the state department the detention of a British ship by British authorities of the British steamer Onaka, which sailed from New York January 2, laden with her cargo of American oil, part of which was destined to Dedegatch, Bulgaria. The oil company contends that the oil shipped to Bulgaria was for the Bulgarian Government, but British suspicion was aroused because of the close proximity of Turkey.

That the ship was detained for Greek permits, and the British authorities permitted the ship to make those deliveries upon promise that it would return to Bulgaria, according to Bulgaria. In the meantime, it was said, Great Britain would determine whether the Bulgarian cargo should be permitted to proceed, or go to a prize court.

The owners of the cargo are seeking the delivery of the oil without prize court proceedings.

BIBLE CLASS OFFICERS.

INGERSOLL, Feb. 19.—At the annual meeting of the Truth Seekers' Bible Class of the Methodist Church, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Mrs. A. J. Harris; president, Mrs. S. G. Zurbrig; vice-president, Mrs. William Thompson; secretary, Miss Myrtle Lundy; assistant secretary, Mrs. W. E. Manzer; treasurer, S. G. Zurbrig; pianist, Mrs. W. E. Manzer; teacher, Mrs. J. W. Meyer; convener of committees, Devotional, Mrs. Gray; social, Mrs. J. C. Barrett; membership, Mrs. J. C. Barrett; auditors, Messrs. B. Russell and L. Pickard.

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