

DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT NORWOOD FARMER KILLS HIS DAUGHTER

Thomas Willoughby Accidentally Shoots to Death His Eight-Year-Old Daughter and Then Dies From the Shock.

Norwood, Aug. 17.—A most shocking fatality, which has aroused the countryside to a high pitch of excitement, occurred near here about 2 o'clock this afternoon, resulting in the death of Thomas Willoughby, aged 37, a well-known farmer, living on the boundary between the township of Dummer and Asphodel, about a mile and a half from Norwood, and Stella May, his 8-year-old daughter. The details of the tragedy are decidedly indefinite, and just how it occurred is still a matter of conjecture.

The facts as far as they could be learned by your correspondent tonight are these: Mrs. Willoughby, wife of the dead man, came into Norwood on business this afternoon, and left at home her husband, Stella, the girl who

was killed; Harry G., 6 years of age, and Alma Grace, a 9-months-old infant. It appears that Willoughby was seated on a platform in the wooded clearing a double-barrelled shotgun, which he kept on the premises. Stella was standing near him, according to the statement of little Harry, who is unable to give any definite information. The lad himself was minding the baby. It is supposed that the gun was discharged accidentally. This is the theory of Drs. Pettigrew and Sutton, of Norwood, who were on the scene shortly after. At any rate, the gun was fired, the lead of buckshot passing through the girl's body around the heart, tearing a great hole in her breast and coming out behind, scattering into a woodpile behind her. She

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A NEW SCHEME TO DEVELOP POWER

Water of the McGregor Wells Is To Be Used for This Purpose.

DETAILS ARE LACKING

But the Story Is That a Patented Device Is To Be Experimented With at Once.

A power scheme with the McGregor wells furnishing the motive power, is the latest.

The details of the scheme are lacking, and it is almost impossible to obtain the particulars of the proposition, but it is stated on the best of authority that a certain individual with considerable backing is considering a power scheme which it is claimed will furnish power much cheaper than Niagara power.

A shaft is being sunk on the McGregor farm at the present time, and it is from this that it is expected that power will be developed cheaper than it can be developed from any other source.

These facts are known, but it is extremely difficult to obtain any information on the subject, from any person supposed to be connected with it.

A Patent Appliance.

It is said that the McGregor wells, because of their elevation and the abundance of water available, will furnish water to generate power sufficient for London's needs at a much cheaper cost than Niagara power or any other power.

The idea is to experiment with this, and at the present time construction work is under way to develop this latent power.

Experimenting Begun.

Driller Barrett is at work, drilling the well for the purpose, and it is expected that it will be ready within a reasonable length of time.

Who are behind the scheme, or the device by which power is to be developed are not known at this writing.

A large number of the citizens are awaiting with interest the outcome of the experiment, as the success or failure of it will have considerable to do with London's future as a power centre, it is said.

A New Move.

If electricity can be developed within the city at a cost less than Niagara power London will be able to cope as a manufacturing centre with any city in Ontario, and will not be handicapped by the increase of distance between the city and Niagara Falls.

The experiment is creating not a little interest, and the McGregor wells may once more be a centre of attraction.

RUN OVER BY HAND-CAR

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Dorchester Station, Aug. 18.—Mr. Benjamin Johnston, of Mossley, a member of the section gang, at Havelock, met with a bad accident yesterday. He was manipulating a hand-car on the C. P. R., carrying a number of railway men, when the handle collapsed, throwing Mr. Johnston backward on the track. The car passed over him, breaking his collarbone, and found his patient terribly bruised.

AT LONG BRANCH

Weather Conditions Point to Good Shooting Today.

Long Branch Rifle Ranges, Ont., Aug. 18.—The second day's shoot of the Ontario Rifle Association opened with the sky overcast and with indications of rain. The weather is cool, compelling those not participating in the targets to don their coats. A slight southeasterly wind is blowing, but it is so light that the range flags scarcely stir and everything points to high scoring today. There are three main features on today's card, the Bankers match at 500 and 600 yards respectively, and in the afternoon the Macdonald at 500 yards, and the MacKenzie at 600 yards, besides extra series.

PREYED UPON CORPORATIONS

Montreal, Aug. 18.—It became known here today that the secret service department of the C. P. R., under the direction of Mr. Dunlop, the claims agent, had unearthed a gigantic swindling system, by which it is claimed, large Canadian corporations have been systematically preyed upon for years. Immediate action will be taken by the company to break up the organization, and some sensational developments are expected within the course of a few days.

The heads of the organization are said to be a number of wealthy Hebrews, and their system is to employ people to take up accidents and put in claims to large Canadian corporations, themselves getting a certain share of the profits, but the organization getting the biggest slice in return for supplying paid witnesses, doctors and lawyers.

Mr. Dunlop says that the organization has a regular salaried staff of expert witnesses, who are sent from place to place throughout the country, giving evidence of false accidents, and also employs a large number of dishonest doctors and lawyers, the medical men swearing to the effect of imaginary injuries.

The organization is said to have branches in all the large cities of the Dominion from Halifax to Vancouver, and has preyed upon the street railways and steam roads operating in these places, the operations all being directed from Montreal.

COMMISSION USING FRAUD SAYS CANADA LAW JOURNAL

Declares That Hydro-Electric Commissioners Are Indulging in Misrepresentation to Secure Easements Over the Land of Farmers for the Niagara Power Line.

The Canada Law Journal, in the August issue, attacks the method employed by the hydro-electric commission to secure easements from farmers over their lands for the transmission line and towers.

The Law Journal quotes the notice served on the farmers, which says: "If you refuse or fail to convey the said easement to the commission, the question will be submitted to arbitration as provided in the act respecting public works of Ontario."

Alleges Misrepresentation.

The Law Journal says: "Here, of course, is a clear misrepresentation—for there can be no such arbitration. The commission by this notice pretends it has a power which it knows it has not (for that has been admitted), and the only reason for such pretence can be the seeking to force a settlement which it had not been able to effect, and presumably could not effect except by means of some such device as this. The notice claims that a right exists, which the issuer knew did not exist. Surely it is not unfair to suggest that the reason for this claim is to mislead and deceive. In effect agreements thus obtained are obtained by fraud and duress, and probably therefore voidable."

The Other Side.

To offset this article, the Toronto Telegram (Conservative) says: "If the Canada Law Journal blows the dust off its revised statutes of Ontario, it will find that section 29 of the public works act says: 'The commissioner of public works may acquire the reasonable value of any land, or the appropriation of which is in his judgment necessary or expedient for any public purposes authorized by the Legislature, and to whatever department of the Government the same may pertain.'"

Section 47 adds: "Where the owner or occupier refuses or fails to agree to convey his estate or interest in any land, the commissioner may tender what he deems the reasonable value of the same, with notice that the question will be submitted to arbitration; and in every case the commissioner may, three days after tender and notice is made and given, authorize possession to be taken of the land."

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PICKED POCKET OF LONDON MAN

Mr. McNece, of the North End of City, Robbed at Ingersoll.

THIEF MADE HIS ESCAPE

Although Mr. McNece Had Seized His Arm and Shouted Lustily for Help.

An old gentleman named McNece, living in the North End of the city, was robbed of \$12.50 at Ingersoll last evening while getting on a train.

McNece had been attending the Old Boys' Reunion, and had spent the day in the town.

He boarded a train for London, and while getting into a seat he felt a man's hand in his pocket. He made a grab for the arm, and yelled, "Robber," but the culprit quickly withdrew his hand and jerking away, was soon lost in the crowd.

He obtained \$12.50, all McNece had. A search was made for the pickpocket, but no further sign was seen of the man.

TWO FUNERALS FROM ONE HOUSE

Victims of Sunday's Drowning Accident Held Today to Mount Pleasant.

A SEA OF FLOWERS

Sent by Friends of the Bereaved Families—Impressive Services Conducted by Two Ministers.

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WANTED AT TILBURY, ONT. WAS CAUGHT IN CALIFORNIA

Notorious Crook Who Is Charged With Robbing a Sovereign Bank Messenger Run Down at Los Angeles and Will Be Extradited.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 18.—All doubt as to whether the man detained in the county jail under the name of Frank Chapman is "Fritzie" Diehn, the notorious diamond thief and bank crook, was removed Monday, when R. A. Stentop, a lieutenant of the Detroit police, positively identified him.

Diehn, Stentop came to Los Angeles for the purpose of assisting Charles Mahoney, an Ontario police officer, who is endeavoring to extradite Diehn for a Canadian robbery.

Diehn was taken into custody at South Pasadena on a charge of attempting to pick a diamond stud from the shirt of a listless Elk. This charge will be dropped, if he can be extradited. He was yesterday turned over to the Federal authorities preparatory to extradition.

"Fritzie" is one of the cleverest men at his game I have ever seen," said Stentop. "He is wanted in Tilbury, Ont., for robbing P. L. McArthur, a messenger of the Sovereign Bank of Canada, of a grip containing \$1,572.75. It was on the boat when Diehn and his partner were going into Canada to work this game. They got on a train they knew the messenger was on, Diehn's partner went up to McArthur and handed him a package, asking him to give it to the station agent further down. While the partner was doing this for a stall Diehn switched grips with the messenger. He had worked the game many times before, and there was never a cooler man. He had been discovered trying it in one or two instances, and was so clever in making explanations that he was not suspected."

SHELLEY INSISTS HE IS INNOCENT

The Mystery of the Shooting of Aged Michael Hall.

GREER IS INVESTIGATING

Trying Experiments to Determine Power of Rifle Boy Carried.

Simcoe, Aug. 18.—"Don't worry mother, I did not do it," were the words of Emory Shelley, the young boy who is charged with the murder of Michael Hall, when he was roused from his bed and placed under arrest on Monday night. The case presents many interesting features and as the investigation proceeds it becomes more and more evident that the factor of accident must be eliminated. The boy himself maintains an attitude of unconcern. His defense has been undertaken by Mr. W. E. Kelly, of Simcoe, who, it will be remembered, made such a strong fight on behalf of Malone, whose murderous attack on a fellow-constable was the last sensation that Norfolk County had. Mr. Kelly visited the boy this morning, and no doubt will appear on his behalf both at the inquest on Thursday and at the preliminary police court proceedings on the following day. Shelley is in the most cheerful spirits, and spends his time whistling and singing, and reading a little. In the statement which he made he denied all knowledge of the affair.

The Boy's Explanation.

"I was in the bush shooting squirrels and birds," he said, "and I shot at one bird twice and missed it, and then killed it with a third shot. They're good birds to eat when they are stuffed."

"What did you do with it?" was the query. And his reply was to the effect that he had taken his quarry home and given it to the cat.

Shelley told the constable that he remembered him that he obtained the rifle—an ordinary single-shot Stevens .22—as the result of a trade with an Englishman at Avon, 30 miles away, giving in exchange an old gray coat and a dollar and a half.

A representative of the press visited the scene of the occurrence this morning, and it must be confessed that so far as the evidence available goes there is nothing to connect Shelley with the shooting of the farmer. The boy is known to have purchased a quantity of .22 rim-fire cartridges, of the type manufactured by the Remington-Union Cartridge Co.

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MAYOR STEVELY WAS AGAIN THE CALIPH

Dispensed Justice in the Carling Street Mill This Morning.

Mayor Stevely again presided at the police court this morning. There was a comparatively small list, and the cases were soon disposed of.

John Howe, another Indian hater, who fell from the path of rectitude, was charged \$10, or the opportunity of spending the next twenty days in jail.

Walter Colby who has been up before on the charge of insanity, was again remanded for a week.

Arthur Kenney was given till the 26th to get his dog tax paid, failing which action the future seems dark for him.

The case of Jacob Fox, charged with using threatening language, was adjourned for a week.

Robert Quait, charged with being drunk, was remanded till the 24th.

Mary Smith also appeared charged with being drunk. Mary has been in court before on a similar charge, but as that was some time ago, and she has been treading the straight and narrow path in this respect since then, the case was discharged.

Walter Cooper was arrested yesterday on two charges, one of having stolen a photographic lens worth \$250 from Cooper, the photographer, for whom he was working, and the other of stealing a ladies' watch from Mr. W. E. French. He was remanded for a week.

Attacked by a Bull.

Mr. James Weil, a farmer of North Dorchester, was attacked by a bull on Saturday, and knocked down. His side was bruised, but he managed to beat the bull off with a club, and make his escape. The animal was deborned.

CITY IS AFTER SEWER RATES

Court of Revision Learns That Many People Are Going Scot Free.

MR. PIRIE'S COMPLAINT

Brought the Whole Matter to the Attention of the Court, and There Will Be a Readjustment.

Sewer rentals are causing no end of trouble at the city hall, and the court of revision will have to adjudicate on the difficulties arising from them. At a meeting of the court held last evening, this matter was taken up and discussed at considerable length.

The decision will investigate the whole business came about through the complaint of Mr. R. Pirie, of the Wellington road, that he was assessed for sewers when he was the only man on the street that would have to pay.

This led to an investigation, and it was discovered that a whole block were not paying any rental for the sewer.

Assess All.

The court promptly decided that every man on the street should be assessed for the sewer, and an order to this effect was made.

From this the board were led to take up the whole question and decide on general law governing the sewer, side on general law governing the sewer.

In the days gone by, if a fine house were erected on a street it was necessary for the property owner at his own expense to put down a sewer.

He had to pay the whole cost of it, and in process of time, with or without the knowledge of the council, this sewer was tapped by other residents of the street and no sewer rental was paid.

It was also decided in the case of Col. Gartsshore, who built the sewer, that he was to be allowed a two-thirds rebate on the cost of the sewer, the remainder to cover the cost of inspection and incidental expenses. All others were obliged to pay for ten years on the sewer.

Survey of the City.

A complete survey of the city will be made as a result of the investigation and every man who taps a sewer in the city will be asked