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30TH YEAR.

POLICE BATTLE 3 HOURS WITH DESPERATE NEGRO; THREE OF FAMILY DEAD

William Withers Murders Wife and Mother-in-Law and Shoots Himself in Head After 200 Shots Had Been Fired By Police in Effort to Dislodge Him From Elliett Street House.

POLICEMAN MORRIS IS WOUNDED IN LEG IN ATTEMPTING ARREST

CAPSULE STORY OF THE CRIME

The time-2.15 to 5.15 yesterday afternoon.

The time—2.18 to 5 is yesterday afternoon.

The place—27 Elliott-street, the home of the victims.

WILLIAM WITHERS, negro, 39 years, a worker about horses at the Dufferiu track murdered his wife, MRS. MATILDA WITHERS. alias Washington, 25 years, and her mother, MRS. THOMAS DAVIS,

POLICEMAN MORRIS was shot in the leg while going unarmed into the house to arrest the man, who suicided after a pitched battle with more than 50 policemen and detectives, during which more than 200 shots were fired and the house riddled with bullets.

* Inquest to be opened Wednesday night at the morgue by Chief Coroner Johnson, who will also hold inquest on Withers. The affair shows that police should carry revolvers night and day, and that more police and better means of mobilization are needed.

was quite dead.

and Guthrie, followed almost immedi-

ately by Detective Murray and Police

men Hoag, McKay and Reg Lundy Detectives Wallace, Tipton, Newton.

Croning, Moffatt and Armstrong were

Irspector of Detectives Walter Dun-

Detectives Murray, Twigg and Gutil-

rie made entry by the side door. They followed the trail of blood left by the

unarmed and wounded policeman, came to the body of the dead woman

in the lower hall and then Murray and Twigg took the back and Guthrie

the front stairs. The negro above opened fire at once and the officers re-

from above they decided to rush the

back stairs, believing that the man

had only one gun and had emptied it.

MRS. WASHINGTON

further fusilade of five shots, which

they returned, but they also withdrew.

By this time Policeman Hoag, with In-

spector Miller and Policemen McKay and Yule, had driven in the front door.

with a post. They carried out the body of the Washington woman and

then called to Withers to come down

and they would not shoot, but that if

he did not come down he would surely

His answer was a further fusilade,

and they emptied their guns and went

whistled across Hoag's face. Police-man Lundy now arrived with his heavy

double-barreled shotgun and they re-

paired to the back yard. Lundy opened

fire with this at the back and side

out thru the crazy frame side of the

housed Lundy answered with his shot-

gun, but the bullets still came fitfully

Detective Cronin then made entry

and gained the first floor. Withers had

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from the rear windows.

out for more ammunition. One bullet

be killed.

When ten shots had come

can, with 150 rounds of ammunition.

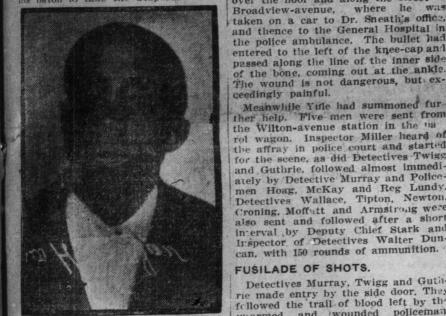
also sent and followed after a interval by Deputy Chief Stark and

FUSILADE OF SHOTS.

Perhaps the most dramatic and sen- | turned to run upstairs. A bullet had sational crime in the criminal annals entered just under the left eye. of the city was perpetrated yesterday afternoon when, following the murder OFFICER MORRIS SHOT. home, 27 Elliott-street, William With- of the home, 27 Elliott-street, William Withers, alias Hannigan, held the house with three revolvers for three hours against 59 police and detectives and committed suicide before he was taken.

Office the first which assumed the course of the rooms downstairs, and, Morris heading, they started, unarmed as they are but with the unscruteble wisdom of police regulations, to ascend to the next flat, which was very dark. Morris had got up about five steps when he heard a voice above him. "Get out," it said. Almost instantana-

During the fight which assumed the proportions of a pitched battle, one policeman was shot as he, unarmed, went into the house with nothing but his baton to take the desperate man.



THE MURDERER

Later, members of the force were summoned and revolvers were brought. more than two hundred shots were fired and dusk was falling before he suicide closed the tragedy. The exact details of the terrible affair are known only to the dead, and the story of the rapidly moving action can be gleaned in sections only from those who were witnesses of the varlous acts of the tragedy.

TOUCH OF HUMAN FEELING.

Mrs. Lillian Sheppard, lives in the house and was there when the trouble began. She was sitting in her room, the front one on the first floor, nursing her two months old child. She heard voices at the door and then it closed. moment later she heard a shot and the sound of feet upon the stairway She rushed to her door calling to Mrs. Davis, who had jsut reached the head of the stairs. Mrs. Davis replied, "Run for your life, I'm shot." The woman slammed her door and two shots followed in rapid succession and she heard Mrs. Davis drop.
Then Withers, whom she did not know,

irst in her door. Hugging her child o her breast she pleaded with him. For God's sake, do not shoot," she

The man had the two nickeled guns You have a baby," he said. showing the only spark of human feeling which he displayed thruout the whole affair. "Get out of here."

Still covering her with the revolvers, smoking from the two cowardly murders, he led her down the back stairs the body of Mrs. Davis, which ay on its face, to the back door. There he thrust her into the yard and slam ming the door, shot the heavy bolts and retreated up the stairs.

POLICEMAN SUMMONED.

The first word heard outside the house was brought to Policeman Mer-ris (303) on his beat by a little boy, who ran up to him crying he had seen Withers go to the door, which was answered by Mrs. Washington, as she was known in the neighborhood. "I want to see the old woman," he had "You shan't see her," she had Withers went inside and the Morris was not altogether sure that

sked at the house next door, where straightway a stream of bullets poured shots had been heard? Just then ris was joined By Policeman Yule and together they went to the of the house, the front door being Modow, and walking into the front bell, almost stumbled over the body the Washington woman. It was face downward, with the head retreated to the attie and was now enthe foot of the stairs, and from the door, as if she had

Mayor Guerin of Montreal Outlines Big Program-Prominent Citizens Give Support to New Order

of Things.

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.-(Special.)-A crally in and around the city hall. the inaugural address of Mayor Guerin to-day was delivered amid great pomp and ceremony,

Many of the leading citizens were regent, and for the first time for many years the Roman Catholic Archbishop and the Anglican bishop were in attendance, thus giving their supin attendance, thus giving their support to the new order of things. First the mayor-elect spoke, followed by ex-Mayor Payette, who said that he wanted to continue to work for one city, tho he was not elected. His worship, Dr. Guerin, sald:

The efforts of the members of the civic board of control will be directed along the following lines:

1.70 administer the affairs of the city in a thoro businesslike manner to see that every dollar of revenue is

There was no one to be seen in any to see that every dollar of revenue is expended in such a manner as to give full value.

2. To take such steps as may be necessary to give a pure water supply.

3. As the revenue will justify, to improve the city streets and sidewalks and properly maintain the same and provide that they be properly cleaned and watered, and to that end maintain an effective system for the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse from the city's lanes and yards.

4 To make provision by contract, or otherwise, for an economical efficient and effective system of street lighting 2. To take such steps as may be ne over the floor and along the street to Broadview-avenue, where he was taken on a car to Dr. Sneath's office, and effective system of street lighting thruout the city; to secure and provide additional parks and playgrounds for the children; to make sufficient provision for the care of indigent citients of the control of the care o and thence to the General Hospital in the police ambulance. The bullet had entered to the left of the knee-cap and passed along the line of the inner side of the bone, coming out at the ankle. zens suffering from advanced tubercu

The wound is not dangerous, but exwhile Yule had summoned further help. Five men were sent from layout of streets, parks, sewage and rol wagon. Inspector Miller heard of the affray in police court and started water systems.
6. To make more ample provision

for rapid transit within the limits of the city to meet the increasing dr-mands of the population, particularly by establishing additional street car surface lines or overhead or underground systems.

To take into consideration the advisability of the placing of al electric wires, cables and hig's voltage transnission wires undergreum. 8. All the above improvements,

clanges and additions suggested should be carried out with great care and with due regard to the city's income, and with a view of not unduly increasing the funded debt of the city or the taxes payable by the citizens. 9. To urge the consideration of plans for the abolition of railway crossings harm would come if they had to go a

on the street level. 10. To safeguard morality and temperance by the strict enforcement of the law, and by the enactment of bylaws to encourage and promote the

noble cause of temperance. 11. To improve the efficiency of the olice department in the city and along the harbor where many deaths lave occurred of a suspicious nature.

DUNNVILLE WAKES UP Bylaws to Establish Two New Industries Carried.

DUNNVILLE, Feb. 14.-Two bonus was successful by 434 to 34.

telephones and telephone appliances, at Montreal.

of \$45,000, employing 50 men the first tia coal if they could get it. They were surprised to run into a

DANDURAND MAY NOT AC-CEPT PORTFOLIO.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—(Special.) It is understood that Hon. Raoul Dandurand, formerspeaker of the senate, has re-fused to accept the portfolio of marine and fisheries, which will include control of the Canadian

The government has still hopes, however, that he may alter his decision. Hon. L. P. Brodueur, is much better to-day, and he hopes to

go south next week. It is learned that Hon. A. B. Aylesworth at the urgent request of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has reconsidered hi sdecision to get out of politics immediately and that he will remain at the head of the justice department until the end of the present session. He will retire into private life after the fisheries case has been dealt with at The Hague.

HE "INTERFERES"



GOVERNMENT SNOWSHOER: I wonder if it's much farther?

formulation of a general plan for the future development and the growth of the city in all directions including the

Says Finance Minister Fielding.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14 - (Special.)-Those who imagined that the Georgian Bay Canal would be a government undertaking of the immediate future were disillusioned this evening by Hon. W. S. Fielding, who announced at the conclusion of a debate on a motion by Gerald V. White of North Renfrew, ton papers in connection with the scheme, that it was "not good finance, not good politics and not wise at present." No

little slowly. He granted that the project of a deep waterway, all British, all Canadian, proposition and important as a matter of military and naval defence. He gave it his cordial support as a question of the future.

the future. Hon. William Pugsley would not commit himself to the principle that it should be government owned and practically advocated company ownership.

Canada Behind. Mr. White said Canada was not keeping up with Europe in the matter of

water transportation, and cited Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Sir William Van bylaws were carried here. The bylaw Horne and J. J. Hill as authorities for to authorize a loan of \$30,000 to the the statement that the development of Canadian American Gas and Gasoline navigation would not militate against Engine Co., was carried by 460 to 21, and the bylaw to provide \$10,000 to purchase a site and building for the built for \$100,000,000 in ten years and building for the built for \$100,000,000 in ten years and building for the built for \$100,000,000 in ten years and building for the built for \$100,000,000 in ten years and building for the built for \$100,000,000 in ten years and built for \$100,000,000 in ten years and builting for the built for \$100,000,000 in ten years and builting for the built for \$100,000,000 in ten years and builting for the built for \$100,000,000 in ten years and builting for the builting fo Wilhelm Telephone Manufacturing Co. could be operated for \$900,000 annually. a letter he had received from a young The latter company promises to em- season would be short, he said it would his sweetheart, Alva McLean, aged 21, The latter company promises to entry season would be short of the sweetneart, Alva McLean, aged 21, ploy 25 men in the manufacture of be as long as the St. Lawrence season of Hensall, Ont., stood in front of the

has agreed to commence at once Jas. Arthurs (Parry Sound) met the mirror in his room at 131 O'Connorand has agreed to commence at once to blace its machinery in the building secured for it.

The Canadian American Gas and Gasoline Engine Co. agrees to erect Gasoline Engine Co. agrees to erect Gasoline Engine Co. agrees to erect loaded with Nova Scotia coal. There a foundry and a machine shop and to was no reason, he said, why Ontario young lady rooms in the house, but she was alone and too frightened to

which would grow all along the route. Welland Canal First.

Dr. Reid (Grenville) urged the govwith the Welland Canal first, and when when he took up rooms on his arrival it was finished then the work of the in the city on January 20 last. It is Georgian Bay Canal could be entered thought that the suicide was caus upon. He said that vessels would have thru a disappointment in a love affair to run very slowly on this long canal, that they would not make the time being withheld. The only communithe Welland Canal was completed ves-sels of large capacity would have only and were postmarked Toronto. Deceastwelve miles of canal and would be ed was a science graduate of Toronto able to make good speed. However, he University in the 1907 class. thought the Georgian Bay Canal would success, as would also that from Port Arthur to Edmonton. He emphasized that the work should not be un-

government Better Than Navy. F. D. Mc d Georgian Bay Canal is constructed Canada would stand infinitely iferior

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BRITISH CABINET CHANGES.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The following appointments were an-

general elections, But it is expected that a safe seat will be found for him in Lancashire. Herbert Louis Samuel is under secretary of state for the

The most important change is that of Mr. Churchill, from the board of trade to the important post of home secretary. It marks another stage in the career of this young politician, whose rise has been one of the most remarkable in recent British history.

Mr. Buxton, who succeeds him as president of the board of trade, has been very successful as postmaster-general, and is associated with several important improvements and extensions in that department. The changes do not indicate any alteration in the composition of the cabinet, or in the policy of the government. As they stand, they rather strengthen the moderate section of the cabinet.

IN FRONT OF MIRROR Slew 17 Children

After Receiving Letter from His Sweetheart.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14 .- "God in heaven Replying to criticisms that the canal lady in Toronto, who is thought to be T. A. Low (South Renfrew) thought Shortly after five o'clock the reports the day was coming, and coming shortly, when Canada would cease to export wheat, but the canal would transport the wheat to manufacturing centres which would grow all along the conscious form of the reports of three additional shots were heard. A policeman was then summoned and the door, which was found to be locked on the inside, broken open. The unconscious form of the reports of three additional shots were heard.

found stretched out on his bed. Death occurred about fifteen minutes later. Nothing is known of the young man ernment to proceed as fast as possible here, he announcing himself a student which some had mentioned, whereas : cations or letters the young man re-It Is Your Time Now.

Men, this day is yours—you have the start on the ladies this time in the dertaken by a private company, but by the government, and the traffic should be controlled absolutely by the before the feminine end of the season' styles are delivered. The Dineen Company have received all the advance blocks for men, including those by Christy and Hillgate from England. and from the largest makers in the

Says Witchcraft

Hensall Man Suicides at Ottawa Father of 20 Ascribes the Long Train of Deaths to Woman's Demoniac Arts.

READING, Pa., Feb. 14.-That seven teen of the twenty children of Mr. and is still the budget first. as the result of witchcraft was the despite the sensational developments, startling statement made to-day by the he still believed this parliament parents. A daughter, twenty-eight would last for two years. ears of age, died and was buried the bill restricting the veto powers last week. The majority of the child-

ren died when quite young. The parents have never been ill a This would retain the Irish vote for single day, while their children wasted the government. The Labor party almost to skeletons. Attending physicians said several of the children immediately, and would probably were afflicted with marasmus, a wasting of the flesh without, any fever or doctors declared that the little ones the veto and the budget. apparent disease, while "powwow were bewitched by an aged woman. Several of the children in their illness scratched their mother on the neck and face, screamed for hours and manifested other queer symptoms until Straight Liberals Have Majority of

While physicians declared that sev eral of the older children died of tuberculosis, Mr. Carl believes all were

"Little Hero of Don" Buried. The funeral of Frank Corrish, known

ed with having saved 18 lives. The funeral was held from his home, 122 1-2 Hamilton-street. Four weeks ago he was taken to the General Hospital suf- 273, Irish Nationalists 22, Laborites 40, fering from pneumonia, brought on by the frequency of his dips in the chilly waters of the Don. Corrish was only 17 years old. He supported his widowed mother and two small brothers.

Inquest Adjourned. An inquest was opened at the morgue last night by Coroner Greig on Ralph Piglioso, who was killed Saturday last. The enquiry was adjourned till Wed- the morgue last night. Bones stapped

Mendelssohn Singers Enthralled Audience of Over 3000 People in Convention Hall-On to Cleveland To-day.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14 .- (Staff Special).—Over 3000 people sat in Convention Hall here to-night and heard the Mendelssohn Choir, and as many as the police would allow stood up. The choir repeated its former Buffalo triumphs, while Fredrick Stock, with the Thomas Orchestra, wor new

Dr. Vogt had a spiendid reception, and a huge stars and stripes and a British red ensign betoken the international good-will in the decorations. Encores were not always accepted, but Dr. Vogt accorded two and Con-

ductor Stock one. A capella items were the popular, but the telling climax in the Caractacus epilog lifted the audience into fervid entrusiasm and an encore was insisted on. The chorus was not repeated, the "Bells of St. Michael's" being given instead. The superb tone and clear enunciation in

the latter was unsurpassed.

The patriotic Eritish spirit in Caractacus did not detract from the musical appreciation and the Buffalo audience evidently possesses breadth of view and cosmopolitan feeling as well as musical taste.

Convention Hali in som Convention Hali in some respects gives better scope for the choir acoustically than Massey Hall. Lotti's Crucifixus displayed effects in crescendo excelling anything heard in Toronto. The tenors in the Pontius Pilate passage sang with fine brilliance. In Grieg's Ave Maris Stella the sopranos were absolutely perfect and they were absolutely perfect and they reached the same transcendent delicacy and beauty in the Indian lullaby, "On Himalay." Bantock's chorus was probably the most successful item, being insistently encoyed.

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The second and sixth movements of Secretary for the home department—Winston Spencer Churchill.

President of the board of trade—Sydney Buxton.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster—J. A. Pease.

Postmaster-general—Herbert Louis Samuel.

J. A. Pease, who was the chief Liberal whip, was defeated at the tal elections, but it is expected that a safe seat will be found for the companied, "Christ, When the companied of the companied of the board of trade—Sydney Buxton.

The second and sixth movements of Brahm's German Requiem was splendidly rendered, Claude Cunningham receiving great applause for his solo. The fugal finale was given with greater steadiness than ever, the contraction of the board of trade—Sydney Buxton.

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Chorale drew complimentary com-ments and the phrasing and enuncia-

remark being heard.

The orchestra seemed better appreciated than in Toronto. The Tschaikowsky Polacea, with Ludwig Becker in violin obligato, received great applause, and Mayseder's ball scene with harp feature was cheered. Dr. Vogt is delighted with the reception and great things are expected from Cleveland. A. S. S. S.

VETO FIRST BUSINESS OF NEW PARLIAMENT

Premier Asquith Has Assurances Necessary to Solution of Crisis.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) LONDON, Feb. 14.-The Chronicle ow declares the veto will be taken

The News says Asquith has received all assurances necessary to solution crisis.

The Times says the cabinet's policy

Hardie at Mountain Ash said, that

It would perhaps be the cast that of the peers and the budget would run thru the commons pari passu. support the government in whichever course they chose to take concerning

RETURNS ALL IN

Two Over Unionists.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The last election return is in. It is from the Islands of Orkney and Shetland. The figures show that J. C. Watson, Liberal, received 4117 votes and Hemsley, Unio ist, 994. In the last election the Liberal candidate polled 3837 and the as "Irish," or "the little hero of the oral candidate polled 3837 and the Don," was held yesterday. He is credit-Unionist 1021, so there is no change in representation.

The final standing of the parties is as follows: Liberals 275, Conservatives

Nurse Exonerated. "That George Bones came to his death Feb. 6 at the Toronto General Hospital as the result of a self-inflict-ed wound during the delirium of typhoid fever. We exonerate the nurse from all blame." The above was the verdict returned by Coroner M. M. Crawford's jury at the inquest held at mself with a pair of scissors.

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i the racket and In the meantime his bar to break e corridor. Unable livingstone fired a Strovvens brought selbow, partially aggle followed in the men succeeded in I man into a cell.