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FARMER'S WIFE MURDERED FOUND BY HER SON IN CELLAR OF HOME NEGRO DRUNK BESIDE HER

Tragedy Near Stratford—Frank Roghmond, a Vagrant, Accused of Having Choked and Assaulted Mrs. Wm. Peak.

ALONE IN THE HOUSE WHEN CRIME OCCURRED.

STRATFORD, Sept. 30.—(Special)—A terrible tragedy occurred this afternoon at the rural home of William Peak, a farmer living at lot 11, con. 1, Downie, about two miles from this city.

While the husband and two sons were absent from the house a tramp negro named Frank Roghmond entered the house and, it is believed, outraged Mrs. Peak, she being found about four o'clock lying dead on the cellar floor.

Roghmond was also lying in a sleeping condition in the cellar, his hands, face and clothing spotted with blood, while blood covered the face of the victim. Marks would indicate that a woman had been choked and that a hemorrhage resulted.

The tragedy happened between noon and four o'clock, Mr. Peak had gone to the Herman farm a mile or two distant, while the boys, George and John, went to work in the fields about 300 yards from the house. About four o'clock, John returned to the house to get a jug of cider, and arriving at the cellar he saw the form of the sleeping negro and, in the dim light, what he mistook to be the form of another negro. Rushing to the field he informed his brother that two negroes were asleep in the cellar. Both returned to the house, where the discovery was made that their mother was lying dead with a portion of her face covered with blood.

George hurried across the road to neighbor Robert McIntosh, saying "Hurry over, Bob, I believe mother is dead." Other nearby neighbors were soon on the scene, while John Peak was despatched to Stratford for Chief McCarthy.

Before the chief arrived, however, the negro awakened and tried to escape from the house. He was pounced upon by the brawny and incensed farmers, while Robert Fuller placed the noose of a heavy rope around his body, pinning his arms to his side.

He was securely bound and carefully watched until the arrival of the chief. The crowd of farmers, being perturbed by pretensions of innocence by the captive, who told them a very unlikely story to the effect that he had been carried to the cellar by three men and a woman.

When found the body of Mrs. Peak was flat on the back, with limbs outstretched. Indications pointed to her having been criminally assaulted after she had been thrown to the floor.

There were no marks of violence, the blood on her face evidently being the result of hemorrhage. It is stated that she had heart trouble, and this gives rise to the supposition that death may have followed the sudden attack. She was more than 60 years of age.

Roghmond lay within a few feet of Mrs. Peak's body, and when he awoke he showed symptoms of either having been drunk or feigning drunkenness. He was dressed in blue coat, light trousers, black leggings and a wide cheap hat, and carried a rather "sporty" appearance. He is about 32 years of age, and while he was in this city this morning posed as a fortune-teller.

He was found loitering around last night and failed by the police and arraigned this morning on a charge of vagrancy. He was given a couple of hours to get out of town, but before he left he purloined a coat belonging to one of the police officers, which he wore when caught. The farmers who gathered at the Peak household were in an infuriated state, and there were murmurs of lynching before Chief McCarthy and Constable Atchison arrived at the farm.

Roghmond was brought here and lodged in jail, pending the result of the coroner's inquest.

The Peak home is a two-story white brick house, a short distance off the Stratford-Michigan road. It is a few minutes' drive from other farms to prevent any cries being heard that may have been uttered.

SHOULD PROTECT PASSENGERS
When They Are Incapable—Coroner's Jury's Recommendation.

In the inquest conducted last night on the death of Alexander Wood, who fell from a Church-street car while ill, the following verdict was returned:

"We find that Alexander Wood came to his death from accidentally falling from a street car Sept. 18, 1908, and find that some rule or rules should be posted for the use of conductors giving them power to deliver such passengers to the proper authorities."

Medical evidence submitted showed that Wood was a sufferer from tubercular meningitis and that he was incapable of taking care of himself for that reason.

ICE FAMINE NOW
Brookville and District Finds Supply is Short.

BROOKVILLE, Ont., Sept. 30.—(Special)—The a supply larger than usual was harvested last winter, the source of the local ice supply is well nigh exhausted.

The excessive hot dry summer increased the demand and in addition to this much melted away from the storehouses. The hospitals have the first call on what is left and the stock is leaving little for these institutions.

The same conditions are said to prevail in many places of this district.

BREAK THE CANAL AS ROOM FOR THE GOVT.

Hon. Mr. Graham Tells Cornwall Audience That it Showed Business Capacity—Sir Wilfrid Well Received.

CORNWALL, Sept. 30.—(Special)—The Liberals of this county opened their campaign here to-night with some very heavy artillery.

They held a rally in the auditorium, the speakers being Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. G. P. Graham, Hon. Charles Murphy, Col. R. Smith, the Liberal candidate in Stormont; John A. McMillan, ex-M.L.A., the Liberal standard bearer in Glengarry, and W. J. McCarthy. The latter acted as chairman.

A great effort was put forth to make this meeting a success and excursion rates were offered on the railways. A special train was run from Brockville and intermediate stations, carrying a crowd of Hon. George P. Graham's supporters, who were accompanied by the 41st Regiment Bugle Band.

There was a crowd of 4000 people in the Victoria Auditorium.

Sir Wilfrid and his party arrived about 8.35 in the premier's private car. Several hundred, accompanied by the National Band, welcomed him. Reeve O'Callaghan read an address of welcome.

The first two speakers were Col. R. Smith and J. A. MacMillan.

Mr. Murphy on Scandals. Then came Mr. Murphy, the new secretary of the special sub-committee. His greatest claim on them was the record of the Liberal Government. He made light of the charges of scandal against the government and ridiculed the Conservatives for talking of purity in elections.

Sir Wilfrid, who is always quite a personal favorite in Cornwall, was introduced thru the medium of an address from the Stormont Liberal Association. This was followed by three little maids with bouquets.

This was his fourth visit to Cornwall, and while all were pleasant, he hoped this one would be followed by better luck for the Liberal candidate in defeat of the Liberal candidates who followed his previous visits.

If the Liberals had got into trouble it might have been because they kept too many Tory offices in office.

As to Foster. Referring to Mr. Foster's charge of extravagance, he claimed that while Mr. Foster had a surplus of deficits, his government had no surplus after another, the last amounting to \$19,000,000. He regretted the financial depression in neighboring countries had prevented him from having his way in the matter of deepening the Welland Canal.

He expressed his appreciation of Hon. G. P. Graham and Mr. Murphy, the youngest member of his cabinet, and took into consideration the credit for selecting food men, among them being the late Mr. Blair, the late Mr. Tarte and Mr. Fielding. He concluded with a few remarks in French.

Hon. Mr. Graham pointed to the quick work in fixing the break of the Cornwall Canal as an evidence of the businesslike administration of the present government. He also defended the government's policy in regard to transportation, and expressed the hope that the Welland Canal would be deepened to 22 feet.

A recent development in the local political situation is the withdrawal of the contest of George Kerr, ex-M.L.A., who has decided to support Mr. Pringle. This leaves R. A. Pringle, Conservative, Col. R. Smith, Liberal, and A. F. Mulhern, Independent Liberal, in the field.

STRIKE STILL ON
But Prominent Canadian May Become Intermediary.

MONTREAL, Sept. 30.—(Special)—There has not been any new move in the present efforts to end the strike on the C.P.R. to-day.

It was, however, stated this evening by James O'Connell, president of the metal workers' section of the International Union of Railway Mechanics, that a prominent Canadian was now interested as intermediary between the men and the company, and that he would very speedily open negotiations.

"BACK TO LAND" FOR JAPS
IS ADVICE OF CONSUL.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Sept. 30.—(Special)—Yada, Japanese Consul here, who has been touring the Northwest Provinces, writes to a Japanese newspaper urging his countrymen in Vancouver to enter the promised openings for stock raising in Manitoba, sugar beet farming in Alberta, or dairying or cattle raising in Saskatchewan.

ALFRED AUSTIN'S POEM.
The latest poem of Alfred Austin, poet laureate of England, entitled "Up to the Last," has been secured by The New York Independent and will be published to-day. These are three of the seven verses:

When the plover flaps
O'er the idle plough,
And the woodpecker taps
On the rotting bough:
When the starved rook pecks
At the tight-packed grain,
And the tattered nest
Creeds the leafless lane:
Then—then will you love
Me, and still no less
When the grass waves above
My dreamlessness?

Fourteen new cases of cholera were reported at Manila. One hundred and party were greeted by Irish societies at Chicago.

THE RIVAL MISSIONARIES



BIG CHIEF CANUCK: Ugh! If they hated political sin half as much as they hate each other, what a heap of good they'd do among the lodges.

SUBURBAN SERVICE MEETING.

A second letter of notification was sent out yesterday to members of the special suburban service committee along the railways radiating from this city.

The commissioner of industries department has applied itself to this matter and will co-operate with the committee in whatever manner may be necessary to ensure results.

The meeting takes place at the City Hall at 10.30 a.m. next Wednesday. On this occasion a large representation from the railways may be expected because of the meeting of the passenger officials in the city next week.

THOUSANDS ARE DEAD FROM INDIAN FLOODS

One Village Entirely Engulfed in Mud—One Estimate Places the Fatalities at 10,000.

HYDERABAD, India, Sept. 30.—It is feared that pestilence will follow the floods that have occurred in the Hyderabad and Deccan Districts as a result of the unprecedented rainfall of the past few weeks.

The waters subsided yesterday and the country is strewn with unburied bodies estimated to number not less than 1000.

Most of the corpses are those of women and children. They are decomposing already, and as it will be impossible to get them under ground promptly, an outbreak of illness is feared.

Many elephants are at present employed in removing the dead.

Later reports from the flooded districts point to a much heavier mortality than was at first supposed.

The rescuers up to the present time have only touched the edge of the desolated area, but from the numbers of bodies already found it is feared that the fatalities will total several thousand.

One report places the death toll at 10,000. The Village of Ghouligooda which consisted of one thousand people on the bank of the River Musi, has been entirely engulfed in the mud.

The catastrophe that overwhelmed Hyderabad, the capital of the Nizam's dominions, was one of the most sudden and most appalling of many visitations in India.

In the Nizam's dominions are many tanks or lakes, the largest of which communicates with the River Musi. Tremendous rains caused the lake to overflow into the river, which in turn burst its banks.

A flood of water sixty feet high swept down upon the city, carrying everything before it, and completely devastating several quarters of the city. The flood actually wiped out a district a mile long and half a mile wide.

CREIGHTON IF CRAZED KNEW OF HIS CRIME DEFENCE EXPERT SAYS

Evidence All In and Verdict Will Be Reached To-Day—Medical Men Differ as to the Extent of His Irresponsibility.

OVEN SOUND, Sept. 30.—(Special)—The evidence for the crown at the Creighton murder trial to-day led up to practically no new developments other than were given at the coroner's inquest and the preliminary hearing before the magistrate.

The empanelling of the jury occupied a much shorter time than was anticipated. For the crown only three were challenged, while for the defence 13 were rejected.

The final selection was Wm. Cooke, Angus McColeman, John A. Jarrett, Firman Irish, John Halliday, William Halliday, John Carnin, James Morrison, H. S. Neelands, Gregor McGregor, John Padden and John H. Hart.

George Taie Blackstock, K.C., referred to the tragedy as one of the most terrible in years. While the prisoner had afterward expressed regret and remorse that he had killed the two girls, he had not expressed any regret with reference to the death of his wife. The plea of insanity would be put forward, but the jury must remember that even an insane person was responsible to the law if he knew right from wrong. He warned them against being humbugged. All that was wanted was the truth.

When Brought In Confessed. George A. Wright told how when he was working in his garden he observed the prisoner looking out of the window and shouting to someone. Going over, witness was joined by William Heigles, also a neighbor, and Creighton stated that he had shot his whole family and himself, and asked for something to drink. Upstairs they found the prisoner wounded and also the gruesome spectacle which horrified them. He heard the prisoner's confession.

David Christie, hardware merchant, told of selling the revolver which prisoner owned. Prisoner had not paid for the revolver and when it was found it was labeled "this belongs to Christie Bros—no paid for—take it back."

Dr. Hoxey told of having visited the prisoner the night previous to the tragedy. Prisoner was lying on the bed dressed and was angry with Mrs. Creighton for having sent for the doctor, and refused at first to consult the doctor. Later witness felt the prisoner's pulse and it was normal.

Dr. Hoxey told a positive when it was suggested, saying that it would be all over in the morning.

Brother Gives Evidence. After lunch the defence called George P. Creighton, a brother of the prisoner. He said the prisoner had been drinking for a number of years. He had met with an accident about 30 years previously in which he received a wound in the head.

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Toronto is Placed on Coast Line

MONTREAL, Sept. 30.—The transcontinental schedule of the C. E. R. is now being prepared and will contain some radical changes as compared with the winter schedules of previous years.

For the first time there will be a double daily service between Montreal and Vancouver, maintained throughout the winter.

It is extremely probable, however, that instead of both trains being run over the whole of the main line, each way each day, one train each day will run out from Montreal via the Pacific coast, by way of Toronto, and thence by the new Toronto-Sudbury line to the main line, with a similar service eastward.

By this means far better connection than in the past will be given to all C. P. R. territory east of Winnipeg.

CONTE DE RUDIO FOUND

Involved in Plot to Kill Napoleon III—Said to Be in Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—According to a story published here to-day, Conte Camillo de Rudio, the Italian exile who threw one of the bombs that shattered the carriage of Emperor Louis Napoleon III, and Empress Eugenie, killing 10 persons and injuring 150 others in Paris on the night of Jan. 14, 1858, is living quietly in Los Angeles with his English wife, who aided him to escape the scaffold and has been with him ever since.

De Rudio says the idea back of the plot to kill the French Emperor was a hope that an uprising in France would be followed by one in Italy, in which the monarchy would be overthrown. De Rudio, in his story, connects Francesco Crispi with the plot, declaring that he saw him in conference with Orsini a few moments before the bomb was thrown.

WIDOW'S SUICIDE.

RENFREW, Sept. 30.—In the presence of her 11-year-old daughter, Mrs. Boucher, a widow of Ottawa, threw herself in the river. Her husband died here two years ago.

140 DROWN

SMYRNA, Sept. 30.—A Turkish steamship ran down the steam ferryboat Stambul outside the harbor to-day. One hundred and forty persons were drowned.

BORDER CRACKS AT LEWIS BOUNTY

Reminds Perth Farmers That They Are Entitled to Rural Mail Delivery as Right, Not as a Favor.

ST. MARY'S, Ont., Sept. 30.—(Special)—Into the home of J. H. McIntyre, South Perth's representative in the last parliament, came R. L. Borden and his platform colleagues to-day.

The meeting was held in the opera house, which was full to the doors at 7.30, and overflowing at 8 o'clock, when the Conservative chief arrived.

South Perth gave Mr. McIntyre (Liberal) 144 majority four years ago, and although he has the same opponent this year, the Conservatives say the riding will be in opposition to the government after Oct. 26.

Mayor Willard was chairman and introduced Dr. Steele, the candidate, who made an excellent impression. He described Mr. Borden as a clean man who is fighting the grater and the plunderer. He was sure that there would be a change and that the spirit of true Canadianism was going to assert itself for honest government.

There was a visible change in sentiment. The questions dividing the parties were not as much of policy, but questions of right or wrong. Four years ago it was difficult to criticize the government, for the first eight years the government had done well, but the exposures of the past four years were enough to condemn any government.

Dr. Steele condemned the extravagance of the government, pointing to an expenditure of \$44,000 in the riding of Bonaventure, as a sample. Much of this sum was spent for improper purposes. The \$4,000 postage on St. Mary's was also an example of money, improperly spent.

The candidate said the ministers at Ottawa had tried to throw the blame for the scandals on the marine department on the under officials, but when Mr. Borden went to Europe he spent \$800 in a few weeks.

The Work of Parliament. The Conservative leader received a warm welcome. At the outset he accused his failure to visit South Perth earlier by the growing length of the session, due to the incapacity of the ministers who delayed their important legislation for four or five months and kept parliament in session for seven months. In this connection he quoted in German some words of Schiller, which describe the onerous work of parliament.

"It never will rest nor from travail be free. Like a sea that is laboring the birth of a sea."

Mr. Borden discoursed on the duty of true Canadians to maintain the principles of honest government. There would be differences of opinion as to the tariff or public ownership, but in the matter of morality in public life, honest and capable administration, there could be no two opinions.

The government had wretchedly, and audaciously misused the money of the people of Canada and outraged public decency.

It was no answer to the people of Canada to say that the opposition were much ruckers. Describing his own efforts to have the marine department investigated, and Sir Wilfrid's characterization of his allegations as "froth and wild talk," Mr. Borden exclaimed: "That is the man who is the guardian of the honor of Canada and of the public treasury as well."

Mr. Borden was particularly effective when he gave probably a dozen examples of corrupt expenditures.

Money Wasted. Near here, at St. Joseph, the government spent \$15,000 on a wharf that was never used and he showed that the postal business of the port was less than \$10,000 a year.

So far the free rural mail delivery plank in the Halifax platform was concerned the government had

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OCTOBER.

Month of a thousand falling leaves—
Fretful winds that will not rest—
Yours are the days I love the best.
When they are come, my spirit finds
Freedom to lose itself in space,
Yearning the winds to keep apace.

Month of a thousand falling leaves—
"Tinted by Nature's master skill—
Long have I gazed across the hill,
Craving the joys my heart receives
When you have come to be with me,
Season of woodland gaiety.

Month of a thousand mystic dreams—
Tinged by a leaves of red and gold—
What is the magic spell you hold?
Is the charm less than what it seems?
Ah, 'tis a secret passing strange—
The mystery of what it is—
—Roscoe Gilmore Stott, in Lippincott's.

THE HAT THE KING WEARS.

His Majesty's Patron of Health—Dineen's Are Canadian Agents.

Henry Heath, London, is England's most famous hatter. His Majesty King Edward VII. is a patron of Henry Heath Dineen's, at Yonge and Temperance streets, are Canadian agents of the famous firm, and they have recently received a shipment of the newest fall styles. The genuine Heath felt hats sell at four dollars. The silk hats at eight dollars. The particular dress cannot do better than have a Heath Hat. Dineen's is headquarters for hats in Toronto and the newest ideas of all the leading makers may be had at their establishment.

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