

MURDERER DOOMED TO D

J. F. Creighton Was Convicted at Owen Sound.

A despatch from Owen Sound says: The trial of James Farish Creighton concluded on Thursday, the prisoner being found guilty of the charges of murdering his wife and step-daughters in May last. The verdict was an unanimous one. In addressing the jury Mr. A. G. Mackay, counsel for the defence, pleaded that he be committed to an asylum for the remainder of his life. The judge, however, summed up against the prisoner, and, after the jury brought in their verdict, said that he would have been greatly disappointed had it been different

from what it was. Creighton terribly affected when he heard verdict and had to be practically carried out of court, weeping bitterly the while. At 8.30 on Thursday evening Justice Riddell sentenced Creighton to be hanged on Dec. 3rd. In giving sentence, he said that the accused had been guilty of one of the most atrocious crimes known to the law and he would hold out no hope of Executive clemency. He must have mercy at a higher tribunal, it was never refused to the defendant.

82,000 DEFENDERS.

Would Cost Australia £100,000 More, Says Ewing.

A despatch from London says: In the Melbourne House of Representatives, on Tuesday, the Minister of Defence, Ewing, moved the second reading of the defence bill, and said that under the bill the Commonwealth would get, instead of 20,000 men, enlisted under the voluntary system, 82,000, costing only £100,000 sterling more than they are now paying. The main duty of the British navy was to protect the heart of the Empire, and Australia ought to be able to say to Britain: "We have a national guard of 200,000 trained men which will enable us to keep inviolate our island continent while you do bigger work with the navy."

CZARINA STILL VERY ILL.

Nervous Breakdown Shows no Sign of Improvement.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: It is understood that the Czarina's prolonged nervous breakdown, arising from anxiety over her husband and children, has not been improved by her long yachting cruise along the coast of Finland. Her physicians insist upon her passing the Winter in the south, but she refuses to do so unless the Czar and her children accompany her. This is regarded as impossible, but the family fear to tell her Majesty, whose nervous condition makes the thwarting of her wishes dangerous. Her relatives are anxious concerning her.

ROUNDHOUSE BURNED.

\$20,000 Damage Done to C. P. R. Building at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: Fire broke out in the Outremont roundhouse on the Canadian Pacific Railway early on Thursday and resulted in damage estimated at \$20,000. Ten locomotives were in the shed when the fire was discovered, and the employees of the company succeeded in getting six out of the burning building. Three were wrecked by falling timber and fire. One locomotive, standing on the track in another part of the structure, was not damaged.

RECORD GRAIN MOVEMENT.

231 Cars Received at Port Arthur in One Day Over C. N. R.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The greatest grain movement so far this year was accomplished on the

Canadian Northern Railway Wednesday, when 231 cars of wheat were received at Port Arthur. Chief officials of the line, who are closely watching the work of bringing the great crops down to the lake ports, are highly gratified the way in which the task is being done.

DIED OF STARVATION.

Man Dropped Dead While Waiting for Bread.

A despatch from New York says: Standing in the "bread line" and clutching in his hand a ticket which within a few moments would have given him the food he so sorely needed, a man of 45, early on Thursday suddenly crumpled up and pitched to the ground and died. He was neatly dressed, but appeared to have suffered from lack of nourishment. The body has not yet been identified.

BRITISH REVENUES DECLINING.

The Year Will Result in Deficit of \$25,000,000.

A despatch from London says: Further evidence of the depression in British commerce and finance is given by the revenue returns from April 1 to Sept. 30. The receipts for that period were £4,481,000 less than during the corresponding period last year. All items, except two, show a decline. It is figured that the year will result in a deficit of nearly £5,000,000.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED.

Lamp Exploded in Home of Kent County Farmer.

A despatch from Chatham says: Mrs. George Jordan, aged 23, wife of a farmer near McKay's Corners, died as the result of burns received in her home when a lamp exploded on Wednesday. She was almost roasted alive, nearly all her clothes being burned from her body. Her husband and one child survive her.

CANADA'S RICHEST WOMAN.

Widow of Late Robert Dunsmuir Passes Away.

A despatch from Victoria, B. C., says: Mrs. Jean Oliver Dunsmuir, widow of the late Robert Dunsmuir, discoverer of the Wellington coal mines on Vancouver Island, died on Friday morning. Mrs. Dunsmuir, who was the richest woman in Canada, was eighty years of age.

Free postal delivery is being inaugurated in St. Thomas.

FARMER'S WIFE MURDERED

Murderer Makes No Attempt to Escape and is Now in Stratford Jail.

A despatch from Stratford says: What bears every evidence of having been a brutal murder was committed on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Wm. Peak, a respectable farmer of Downie, two and a half miles west of this city. The victim was Mrs. Peak, aged 65 years and her alleged murderer is a negro named Frank Runchman.

Mrs. Peak had been left alone in the house while her husband and two sons went to the fields. One of the sons, John, returned to the house about three o'clock to get a drink of water, and found Runchman sitting on a step of the cellar stairs, and his mother lying dead in the cellar, covered with blood, everything indicating that her head had been battered against the cel-

lar floor. The hands and clothing of the negro were also bloodstained. The unfortunate woman had evidently been dead about an hour when found. Peak gave the alarm to the neighbors, then came to the city and notified the police. When an officer returned the neighbor had Runchman tied up, and he was brought here and lodged in jail. He had evidently been drinking.

The prisoner had the day previous just completed a term of twenty days in jail for vagrancy, having been committed from Listowel, and was wandering about the city on Wednesday forenoon. He had, when arrested, a policeman's overcoat, which he had stolen from the men's quarters here. The negro, Runchman, refuses to make any statement.

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