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Another Murderous Attack, While Police Still Search Vainly For H. L. Williams' Assassin

Bullet Fired at Young Man in Cranston Avenue Missile Barely Missed Him, Passing Through His Trousers—Search Made at Torryburn For Stranger Reported to be Lurking Around Bishop's Picnic Grounds

Six days have now elapsed since Harry L. Williams, a well known young grocer and butcher of the North End was murdered, but the assassin is still at large, and the mystery surrounding his death becomes deeper and more vague. The city is filled with rumors of all kinds, many of a startling nature, but how they originated is a baffling problem in itself. The authenticity of many has been disproven and it is thought they have either been conceived in the mind of some irresponsible person, or else have been told by some alarmist.

It was reported today that a well known merchant of the North End received a type-written letter from some unknown person warning him that he was the next in line for assassination, but upon enquiry it was learned that he had only heard the rumor and had not received any such communication.

A report which caused no small amount of alarm among citizens, especially in the North End, was heard yesterday and was to the effect that, while a young man was returning to his home somewhere in the rear of Fort Howe at three o'clock Sunday morning, some person fired at him. The bullet went through his trousers but did not strike the young man.

The story comes from the father of the young man and was in part as follows: His son was employed on the elevator and was going back to work Saturday night. He remained at work until about three o'clock in the morning when he started for home. He was going along Cranston Avenue when the report of a revolver rang out and at the same instant he felt something strike his leg. He did not wait to ascertain who his would-be assassin was but started to sprint and kept running as hard as he could until he arrived home. It was then that he discovered that a bullet had passed through his garments.

This, coupled with the appalling murder, the burning of a summer cottage owned by William J. Crawford on the Loch Lomond road, the murder of Robert Harris, Jr., and several burglaries have aroused the citizens to a pitch which is unparalleled in the history of St. John and they are beginning to clamor for some drastic steps on the part of the police officials. Many citizens feel that the police have not been over-diligent or else are helpless in the present crisis and that

help should be solicited from larger cities where they are more experienced in criminal matters of this kind. Two murders in such a short space of time and other serious crimes have caused an uneasiness and nervousness which will not be mitigated until the culprits have been brought to justice. From appearances during the last few days the police have been actively engaged running down the assassin, but unless they can obtain results and bring the guilty person or persons to justice the anxiety of the citizens is not likely to become less.

Mrs. Wilkins Questioned.
Mrs. John Wilkins was summoned to the Chief of Police's office this morning, where she was questioned regarding her actions on the night of the murder, but nothing of importance was learned that had any connection with the case.

Will Look for Him
The man who accosted the three girls in Rockland road last Wednesday night and who made statements which caused considerable comment, is being sought by the police and, it is understood, he will be made give an account of his actions and statements. He told the girls about murders having been committed and the assassin coming, also spoke about a code he had on a piece of paper which made many homes unhappy, especially one, and later, when two of the girls became frightened and started to run away, he said he could stop them with a pressure of a finger. The Times learned this morning that a stranger, presumably the same man, was seen again Thursday night sitting on the side of Rockland road and his presence there terrified women who had to pass along to get to their homes. Whether or not the man will throw any light on the mystery is yet to be known. Citizens expressed surprise that he was not rounded up several days ago after the report appeared in these columns.

Search at Torryburn.
Chief Simpson received a report that a strange man was seen wandering about the Bishop's grounds at Torryburn, and in company with some of his men, he went to the scene on Saturday. A careful search was made but no trace of the man could be found. It is not unusual for strangers to be seen about the grounds of the Bishop's grounds, and they are not inclined to believe that the murderer, having sought refuge there, would, however, was a wise precaution to settle the fears of the more timid.

CHAPLAIN HOOPER TELLS OF HIS WORK
Miss Ethel M. Turner, Sandy Point road, has received a letter from Chaplain E. B. Hooper, acknowledging the receipt of \$20.50 which was sent to him by the ladies of St. Barnabas' church, Sandy Point road. Rev. Mr. Hooper writes:

"It is curious that only last evening I said to my wife: 'Is it not surprising that I never hear from you?' and then your letter came this morning with your generous gift of \$20.50. Nothing that I have received has pleased me more and with all my heart I thank you. You already know how I spend the money sent me for my 'wounded soldiers' fund; getting many more cigarettes for the men who use them; taking weak and crippled men for drives in motor cars with tea before coming back. The dear lady appreciate it all so much and I always tell them the names of those who send me money for these things. It interests them greatly and they so enjoy these outings and they do them a great deal of good. I still love St. Barnabas and its little congregation and you may be sure that, if I am spared to return to Canada, I will spend one Sunday afternoon with you all and preach. No, I never preach now; I just will talk to you of real things and things worth while, which will interest you as no thing ever has done. Give my love to all my people out there. My present trip is wonderful in its blessedness, usefulness, and yet so filled with blessedness and happiness. Mrs. Hooper and the girls send their love. My boy is still at the front with my machine guns. I would that every able bodied man of military age in St. Barnabas church had enlisted. If they could only see what I have seen they could not help coming. I do so much appreciate your affections for me. I shall never forget your good words, helping my dear lady putting together this money you sent me."

pending sentence. The boy admitted taking the milk, but owing to his youth, the strong plea of his relations and the fact that he is awaiting his discharge from military service, the court refrained from sending him to jail.

GOOD OFFICIAL RESIGNS AFTER MANY YEARS

Peter E. Miller, Chief American
Immigration Inspector Here

ILL HEALTH CAUSES RETIREMENT

His Term Here Has Been Step
by Step With Growth of Passenger
Traffic—Inspected First
Vessel With European Passen-
gers Here—A Faithful, Popular
Officer

Peter E. Miller, inspector in charge for the U. S. Immigration Department in this district, has resigned his important post to retire to private life. That his resignation was learned by a Times reporter today and the news will be received with regret by many who have met Mr. Miller in social life or have had dealings with him in his official capacity.

He resigns because of ill health. It will be remembered that about a year and a half ago Mr. Miller fell on Chipman Hill and severely injured his spine. Just so soon as he could, however, he resumed his duties, but his health has not been restored, and on advice of his physician he decided to give up the position he has so well filled and retire to private life at his native place near Rochester, New York.

Mr. Miller entered the service of the department twenty-seven years ago, starting in New York. He was one of the first inspectors transferred to Canada for duty and was first stationed at Quebec, then Halifax and finally, twenty-two years ago, was appointed to St. John. He has since then covered the territory between Eastport and Fort Kent, Me. At that time Mr. Miller was only thirteen years of age and he has since that time ago served in the department in a fair manner, often even at personal inconvenience. Mr. Miller, a few years ago, married Miss Bell of this city. St. John will be sorry to lose them both, but will send with them to their New York state home the best wishes and the hope that they will make this city a frequent place of visitation.

ANOTHER BREAK IN THE NORTH END

The north end is getting its full share of sensation today, yesterday afternoon or last night the biscuit factory and offices of Hamm Bros. in Main street, and the establishment of the Blue Ribbon Beverage Company, adjoining were entered, presumably by boys, and so thoroughly ransacked that the thieves evidently took their time about. Very little was taken, except some loose cash, chewing gum, candy and soda water; but drawers were pulled out and searched and everything disarranged. No attempt was made to force the safes open. It is reported that several boys were seen climbing over a nearby fence about six o'clock in the evening.

The Work of Boys?
The fact that Hamm Bros' bakery and confectionery store, which was broken into last night, is only a short distance from the scene of the murder, leads some people to believe that perhaps some youthful burglar was hiding in the little back room, or else in the meat store and, while either holding up or attempting to break into the bakery and the weapon may have been discharged accidentally. Youths have been caught in so many daring breaks recently that people are beginning to look in this direction for a clue to unravel the gruesome murder mystery.

VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE G. T. P. R.

W. P. Hinton has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway with headquarters at Winnipeg. Mr. Hinton, a Donalson, resigned on account of ill health. The appointment is effective from August 1.

AT THE HOSPITAL

Edith Clark is reported to be showing steady and marked improvement at the General Public Hospital.



LIEUT.-GEN. R. E. W. TURNER, Officer in Charge of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in England is assisted by Lord Beaverbrook (Sir Max Aitken).

DELEGATES FROM FRANCE WILL GO TO STOCKHOLM

Socialist Party Has Decided In
Favor of Movement

Arthur Henderson Expected To
Make Statement in Commons
Today—German Comment on
Approaching Conference

Paris, Aug. 12.—After a prolonged discussion the permanent administrative committee of the French socialist party has adopted a resolution stating among other things, the French socialist delegates will go to the Stockholm conference to demand that the government which will refuse to make known their aims and whether they are prepared to make reparation in accordance with the rights of the people be made to do so by socialist action. The declaration says:

"The (socialist) party does not go to Stockholm in search of a peace compromise which would leave the fate of the peoples in suspense and at the mercy of fresh wars. It goes to declare that it respects the rights of the people and its duty is to demand an engagement to the justice of nations, can alone constitute an acceptable peace."

Henderson's Resignation
London, Aug. 12.—A statement by Arthur Henderson, the labor leader and minister without portfolio in the British war cabinet, who resigned on Saturday, was expected to be made this afternoon in parliament and it was assumed that Premier Lloyd George would reply immediately. It was reported that Henderson would demand the production of all communications between the British and Russian governments and the Russian telegram he quoted in a letter to Mr. Henderson. If the House of Commons endorses the demand, a secret session is likely to be held in the communication of certain documents, reference being made in morning newspapers to a telegram which, it is stated, Mr. Kerensky, the Russian premier, sent to Albert Thomas, French minister of munitions, declaring that the Russian government not only was not interested in the Stockholm meeting but that Premier Kerensky himself hoped the conference would not be held.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT REFUSES PERMISSION

London, Aug. 12.—Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman in the House of Commons, today told the members of the lower house this afternoon that the government had decided that permission to attend the international socialist conference

FIRM MEASURES ARE ADVOCATED IN PETROGRAD

Deporation of Non-Production
Population
AN ECONOMIC MEASURE

Petrograd, Aug. 12.—A partial evacuation of Petrograd by idle and non-productive elements of the population in which daily is becoming more acute, was favorably considered by the government at a conference yesterday and the question referred to the minister of justice for his approval. In order to ameliorate the food shortage such a measure is absolutely necessary, according to the conclusions reached by the government.

The order of evacuation, if promulgated, and it is likely that it will be, will provide for the transfer of all idle and non-productive elements of the population to the front and cannot participate in the elections.

A special permit designating the business of the holder will be required of those entering the city.

Petrograd, Aug. 12.—The general council of Cossack troops has addressed a memorandum to the Russian government to defer the election for the constitution assembly. The plea of the Cossacks is made on the ground that "a population weakened by a long disorganization of power generally shows signs of inertia" and because a third of the Cossack population is at the front and cannot participate in the elections.

Change in Commands

Petrograd, Aug. 12.—General Baloedoff, commanding the southwestern front, has been appointed to the command of the Russian armies on the western (Russian) front. General Dinkov, at present commander on the western front, has been transferred to the command of the southwest front.

ON YACHT CRUISE

The yacht Winogone, flying the colors of the Royal Netherlands Yacht Club, left her anchorage yesterday for a week's cruise along the St. John river. On board were Joseph Gibbons, Edward S. Hansen, Stanley F. Mesley, Dr. W. J. Krundy and William Murphy. The party planned on going as far as Fredericton.

FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN ATTACKS

Enemy Sustains Losses and Obtains No Results—Air Craft Brought Down—Two of German Flying Squadron Pay Penalty For Raid on English Coast

Paris, Aug. 12.—The Germans attacked last night on the Alsace front in an effort to recapture trenches taken by the French on Saturday. Today's official statement says they were repulsed with losses.

The announcement follows: "Between Cerny and Craonne the enemy's artillery developed pronounced activity, especially in the sector south of Allas. The Germans attacked in vain at the point at which we captured trenches on Aug. 11. They were repulsed with losses and obtained no results. In the Champagne, east of Rheims, in the regions of the Casque and the Teton, and on the left bank of the Meuse there were spirited artillery actions. Two surprise attacks by the enemy, at Caurieres Wood and Bezonvaux, were repulsed by our fire. Elsewhere the night was calm. Two German airplanes and a captive balloon were brought down yesterday by our pilots. Three other enemy machines were forced to land having been severely damaged."

TWO HUN MACHINES DESTROYED.
London, Aug. 12.—Two of the German machines which yesterday evening raided the English southeast coast watering places, were destroyed by British naval airplanes. The official statement issued by the government today says that one of the machines was a Gotha airplane and the other a seaplane.

"NOTHING TO REPORT."
London, Aug. 12.—"There is nothing special to report from the Franco-Belgian front," says today's official communication.

TO LOOT JERUSALEM.
Cairo, Egypt, July 20.—(Correspondence of the A. P.)—The situation in Palestine this summer is the most serious since the war began. A scheme for the looting of Jerusalem is already being executed and, throughout the countryside, the Turk has embarked on a calculated policy of plundering and killing the native inhabitants, so that if they are forced to vacate the country they will leave behind them a desert. The only thing which can save them, the only hope that buoy them up, is that the British armies now hammering at the gates of the Holy Land may soon drive out the Turk.

Spanish Railway Struck.
Madrid, Sunday, Aug. 12.—The news today from the province indicated that railroad trains were running under almost normal conditions, following the strike of railroad employes on Friday night. Premier Dato says the government has taken all measures to avoid a general strike, which, it is reported, the workers wish to undertake.

Situation Dangerous.
London, Aug. 12.—A despatch to the Times from Odessa, dated Saturday, says the diplomatic body at Jassy, Romania, was expected in Odessa yesterday, the situation being regarded as dangerous. It is not thought the diplomats will stay in Odessa long. It is believed they will go either to Kherson or to Ekaterinoslav.

Want Aeroplane Stock.
Portland, Ore., Aug. 12.—Members of the allied aircraft commission are in Portland today to confer with lumber manufacturers relative to increasing their production of spruce lumber for airplane stock. The commission includes Lieut. Col. L. W. B. Ross of the British army; Major Haffield Perfield, of the French army; and P. T. Allen of Portland, representing the national council of defense.

AMERICAN JEWS VILELY TREATED

Refugees From Palestine and Syria
Arrive in Switzerland After Terrible Trip—"None so Miserable"

Geneva, Aug. 12.—The Swiss press is indignant over the condition of American Jews from Palestine and Syria who have arrived in Switzerland after eight weeks of constant traveling under terrible conditions. La Suisse says: "We have seen many unfortunate refugees of several nationalities pass through our country but never have they been so miserable as the Americans. The Zurich Zeitung says the old men, women and children among the refugees had been unable to change their linen for eight weeks and that the majority of them were covered with vermin. The American consular service in Switzerland is taking care of the refugees, many of whom will not be able to continue their voyage to America for some time owing to bad health. The blame for the condition of the refugees is placed on the Austrian and Turkish governments."

MORE FOOD FOR THE GERMAN NEWLY-WEDS

Berlin, via London, Aug. 12.—The municipal food bureau of Strasbourg announces that newly married couples will be entitled to draw double the amount of food indicated on the food cards. The privilege is accorded them for a period of six weeks.

FREE VACCINATION

Thirty-nine boys and girls were vaccinated at the local board of health tonight by Dr. G. G. McDevin, chief medical inspector.

FERDINAND OF BULGARIA TALKS

Discusses Desires For Expansion
in Russia and Economic Future
of His Own Country—Looks
to Asia Minor

Berlin, Aug. 12, via Amsterdam.—In the course of an interview with a Stuttgart editor, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who has been visiting the King of Wurtemberg, said he believed the desire of expansion would come to assist themselves in liberated Russia and also that the smallest states must constantly be on their guard.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Since Saturday morning rain has fallen in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, while in all other parts of Canada the weather has been fine and warm. Ottawa Valley—Light winds, showery tonight and on Tuesday. Fine and Warm. Maritime—Light winds, continued fair in New Brunswick, elsewhere clearing. New England—Increasing cloudiness. Tuesday, light winds, fine and warm. Tonight—"Usual," probably showers, light variable winds.

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