

A STRANGE HALUCINATION.

REMARKABLE INTERVIEW BY
MRS. FRANK CHESNUT.

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Mr. W. B. Woodruff of Minneapolis, father of Mrs. Frank Chesnut, who committed suicide at 29 Matilda street Thursday night, will arrive in the city Sunday when some light may be thrown on the cause which led to the young wife's suicide.

A Strange Letter.
The letter which Mrs. Chesnut left addressed to her husband and which was kept from the paper last evening:

THURSDAY MORNING.

My Own Darling Husband,
When you read this I shall be no more. There has been a scene in my life that has been like a sword lunging by a single hair over my head for 15 years. I have always felt that some day the blow would fall, and then I would not be able to live.

I am innocent of all wrong, but the victim of cruel circumstances. If I could only die with your dear arms around me, and your kisses on my lips! But I must meet it alone. My God, it is terrible!

This letter and its contents are for your eyes alone. Try, if possible, to keep from the world that I did my own hand. My dear, my dear one, a last good-bye. God keep you and bless you always is the prayer of your wife, FRANK CHESNUT.

I have always had a horror of being buried alive. See that all is right before I am laid away forever.

Probably Self-Deceived.
All sorts of conjectures have been entertained as to what the "strange" referred to in the letter is. Her husband, who first met his future wife about 10 years ago, or five years subsequent to the occurrence referred to, knows nothing of it.

Dr. King thinks that Mrs. Chesnut is perfectly sane and that there may possibly be something in her past life that accounts for it.

Coroner Johnson, however, does not agree with this. In his experience he has met with many cases where women have entertained somewhat similar hallucinations, and yesterday instanced half a dozen to the world.

Dr. Johnson believes that, like the wife of Commodore Truncheon spoken of by Tobias Smollett in "Ferguson's Place," Mrs. Chesnut was possessed of a lively imagination, and actually believed what she wrote was true.

The report that the father resided in Hamilton is incorrect. The Chesnut family, however, formerly resided in Toronto.

PATENT RIGHT BUTTER.
A Father's War With His Daughter.
Dropped Out of \$75.

Douglas A. Thurston, 72 Yonge street, and Charles Ralston, 81 O'Leary avenue, were committed for trial yesterday on a charge of defrauding W. J. Kearns of Peterborough of \$75 by fraudulently connecting with a patent right for the making of butter.

Defendants claimed that under the process, a certain quantity of butter was placed in the hands of the milkmaid, and would yield thereby be augmented, but the quality would be improved.

Kearns tried to get the milkmaid to put 35 pounds of milk and a churn with 700 pounds of milk and the net receipts therefrom were 75 cents, and he had been sold and had defendants arrested.

Dead Game Sports Dine.
The Mansell Fisher Wilson-Gordon hunting party entertained a score of friends to a hunters' dinner at the Tremont House last night. The host gave them an excellent supper. Harry Gordon was in the chair and Major Fisher of North Toronto presided. Among the guests were Inspector Morrow, Editors Allen, Wilson, Maclean, Assessor Burke and Ball, Charles Morris, Thomas Moore, Joshua Baird, J. B. Carley, Mr. Bowes and ex-Adl. Pines. Song and story filled a pleasant evening.

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Moreno Ignorant of Spain's Demands.
London, Nov. 10.—The Madrid correspondent of The Daily News says that the Sultan of Morocco is ignorant of Spain's latest demands entailed by her strong expedition to Meville, and there are some doubts whether he will be so yielding when he shall learn of the large sums of money involved.

The Andrews Case Adjourned.
At the Police Court yesterday, Irwin R. Andrews, his wife, Del Andrews and Cassie Andrews, charged with the murder of Lucy Denning, were further remanded pending the next day's inquest. Meantime an attempt will be made to secure the release of Del Andrews and his wife on bail.

DOMINION FINANCES.

Statement for the Past Month—A Toronto Applicant for the Queen's Bounty.

Ottawa, Nov. 10.—The statement of revenue and expenditure for October shows the former to have been \$3,002,476 and the latter \$2,844,332. This is a decrease of revenue of \$27,739 and an increase of expenditure of \$212,213 as compared with October of last year.

The expenditure on capital account for October was \$413,233, and for the four months of the fiscal year it has been \$1,863,498, an increase of \$1,408,765, nearly the whole of which is in Canada caused by the rushing of the construction of the Soo Canal.

No Will Yet Issued for Ottawa.
No writ has as yet been issued for Ottawa, and it is said it will probably not be issued for a few days. Meantime the Conservative Association will call a convention, and it is believed that both the young and old Conservatives will be willing to unite on Sir James Grant for the balance of this parliament.

On Oct. 31 the amount of Dominion notes and fractional currency in circulation was nearly \$5,000,000 in excess of the amount required by the government.

Application has been made to the Secretary of State for "the Queen's bounty" on behalf of Mrs. Sidney of Toronto, who recently gave birth to a triplet.

TOOK ACID BY MISTAKE.
Adam Noble of Eliza Frank Cancer Medical Institute, Nov. 10.—Adam Noble, blacksmith, Eliza, a bachelor about 45 years of age, living alone last night got up to take a drink of liquor from a bottle standing on a table in an adjoining room, but in the darkness he got hold of a bottle containing cancer medicine, which he had been using on his lip and which is a powerful caustic. His mistake may cost him his life.

MRS. PILEY TO BE CREMATED.
Her Ashes Will Be Brought to London, Ontario.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—It has been learned that Mrs. Piley (Miss Annie Piley), the daughter of the late John Piley, who was cremated at Work on Monday and the ashes will be taken to London, Ontario, to be buried in the family vault.

Will Restore Queen's Hill.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Today's Cabinet meeting lasted several hours. Secretary Gresham, at its conclusion, reported the decision reached several weeks back in regard to the restoration of Queen's Hill.

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ASKED LOBENGULA TO SURRENDER.

England Guarantees His Safety if He Will Surrender.

London, Nov. 10.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Buxton of the Colonial office replying to a question asked by Mr. Labouchere, said he understood a message had been sent to Lobengula, King of the Matabels, asking him to submit to the British in order to end the war and guaranteeing his safety and good treatment if he would surrender.

In reply to questions asked on the subject, Mr. Buxton said that the warships now building in the Black Sea were completed the Russian fleet would consist of five first-class battleships, twelve cruisers and torpedo boats. England, he added, in the meantime had no cruiser equal in size or speed to the Russian cruiser. But, he said, a powerful cruiser was about to be commissioned to the British Mediterranean fleet which would have greater speed and a heavier armament than that vessel.

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