

ARCHIE McLAUGHLIN GUILTY OF MURDER.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury—Miss Nix and Miss Charter Tell Their Story.

Uxbridge, Ont., Nov. 24.—That the said Mary McLaughlin came to her death from poisoning by strychnine administered by her husband, Archibald McLaughlin, and that Harold McLaughlin and Gordon McLaughlin came to their deaths from poisoning by strychnine or gas fumes and smoke from the fire in the residence in which they then were at the said town of Uxbridge. And we hereby charge the said Archibald McLaughlin with murdering his wife, the said Mary McLaughlin, and his sons, Gordon McLaughlin and Harold McLaughlin, and setting fire to the said dwelling house.

This was the unequivocal verdict returned by the coroner's jury shortly after 9 o'clock this evening, after less than one hour's deliberation. It was after midnight on Oct. 29 that the tragedy in which this young mother and her two little boys lost their lives occurred, and the inquest under Coroner Bascom has extended over three weeks and occupied six sessions.

The proceedings to-day were of peculiar interest, as the young lady upon whom McLaughlin was supposed to have bestowed his affection, Miss Alma Nix, was called to the stand. Young, pretty and self-possessed, she gave the lie direct to the stories that had been circulated as to her intimacy with McLaughlin.

She admitted having written two letters to the prisoner, and that on two occasions she had gone out driving with him in the village of Sunderland. Apart from what little conversation she may have had with the prisoner while she was a clerk at the store in which McLaughlin was employed, she affirmed this was the extent of her relations with him. Miss Nix stated positively that McLaughlin had never given her reason to believe that he liked her better than anyone else.

HER TESTIMONY CORROBORATED. There was a striking similarity between the evidence given by Miss Nix and her friend from Sunderland, Miss Bernice Charters. This witness is also young and pretty, and markedly self-possessed. There was decided emphasis in her reply, "Certainly not," when asked respecting the alleged champagne supper and other matters pertaining to McLaughlin. Both girls admitted that they introduced McLaughlin to several people in Sunderland, including Miss Charters' mother, as Arthur Anderson.

McLAUGHLIN DELAYED RESCUE. Evidence of an important nature was given by Rev. A. Bedford, pastor of the Methodist church. His residence is in proximity to the McLaughlin house, and from his bedroom window he could look down into the dining room of the McLaughlin home. His attention was attracted to the fire in the McLaughlin home shortly after it broke out. When he saw it first the flames were confined to the floor in the dining-room.

On this particular Saturday she missed the train. "Did you purposely miss the train?" "I didn't hurry." "Didn't you arrange that McLaughlin should meet you in Sunderland on Sunday?" "I knew Mr. Annis was coming from Uxbridge to visit Miss Charters, and sent word to him to bring McLaughlin along, as I desired to talk with him respecting the rumors. Annis was ill, and McLaughlin came alone. Miss Charters and myself went for a short drive with him."

Starting with McLaughlin's professed love for Miss Nix, and his statement that he would get her yet, as a possible motive, he studied neglect of his wife and the fact that he had purchased strychnine on the Friday preceding the tragedy, explains in a measure the nature of the verdict. It was the opinion of the medical witness that the bed clothes had been placed around the woman after her death, and that the two little boys, who were found under the bed, had not been in the bed with their mother.

MISS CHARTERS' STORY. Miss Bernice Charters, the intimate friend of Miss Alma Nix, gave her testimony in a very positive manner. She had met McLaughlin first in Alexander McPhail's store here, while on a visit to Miss Nix. She was at Mr. Nix's on the night of the last dance, but McLaughlin had certainly not been at the house. There she met a traveler named Dennis, whom she understood was a cousin of Mrs. McLaughlin. She had never

ally the line of conversation, he said: "Did he say to you that the suspense was killing him?" asked the coroner. "That was the impression he made upon me."

"Did you think he would commit suicide?" "I never thought of that."

Bert Lott, whose sister testified yesterday, stated that he knew McLaughlin pretty well, and was in his company considerable during the past month. "Did he tell you anything about Miss Alma Nix?" asked the Crown Attorney. "Yes."

"What did he say?" "One night he told me that she had been talking a lot to him. I asked him why he did not take her for a wife, and he said he did not want the people to start talking about them and did not want to cause any hard feelings between himself and his wife."

"Did he say anything that led you to believe that he had affection or admiration for her?" "That was the impression I gained."

"Did he say anything further?" "One day later he spoke about the talk going on about himself and Miss Nix, and added something about going away with her and making talk. I told him I did not think she was worth while going away with him."

"What did he say?" "That she was not a bad little girl, or something like that."

"Did you go for a drive with him to Sunderland?" "Yes; to see Miss Nix."

"Do you know if he saw her that day at Sunderland?" "He told me so."

"Did he tell you why he wanted to see her?" "No particular reason."

"You know Miss Charters. Did you see her there that day?" "No."

ROSEBERY ON BUDGET.

He Cannot Support Lord Lansdowne's Motion.

Warns the Lords That They Are Making a Mistake.

Better Let the Country Have a Taste of the Budget.

London, Nov. 24.—On the resumption of the debate on the Finance Bill in the House of Lords this evening Lord Rosebery, who was Liberal Prime Minister in 1894-5, but who has recently declined to support the budget introduced by his party, arose and spoke from the cross benches, which are reserved for neutrals. He said the situation was the gravest since 1832. He was faced with difficulties personal to himself and also connected with the line of policy proposed by the Opposition.

Lord Rosebery said he had given utterance to opinions about the House of Lords, more especially in regard to its relation to financial questions, that in his opinion prevented him from giving a vote for the amendment of Lord Lansdowne or even from giving an opinion favorable to the policy urged by the leader of the Opposition.

The budget, Lord Rosebery continued, would poison the sources of Great Britain's national supremacy, and it was vital. But, in view of the immediate and even remote future there was something which was more vital to this country, and that was the strength and security of the Second Chamber.

The budget had the aspect of being crude and vindictive, he added. Never had such a mass of raw material been dumped down at one time upon the country. It had already done incalculable mischief in destroying confidence. It had spread over the country like one great prevailing miasma of fog-breeding diseases, want of confidence, want of credit, and the fatal stagnation of the country, and that was the danger to which Europe was hurrying headlong to bankruptcy by the insane competition of armaments.

Lord Rosebery said he would rejoice if there was any constitutional means of getting the opinion of the country on the budget, and the right of the Second Chamber without its being mixed up with other issues. They would never arrive at a final adjustment of the differences between the two Houses without some form of referendum. If that existed he, Lord Rosebery, would gladly vote for the amendment of Lord Lansdowne, but they had no referendum in going to a general election.

General elections, Lord Rosebery declared, were not conducted in a palace of truth. He looked with considerable apprehension to the result of an appeal to the country on an unreformed Second Chamber, mixed up with such other issues as would be raised. He doubted whether they were choosing the best battlefield on which to risk the existence of the House. He suggested that the Opposition should elect 150 peers specially qualified and depute to them the right of voting on the amendment. The result of that vote would, he said, carry much greater weight than mere numerical forces.

The peers, Lord Rosebery declared, were playing too heavy a stake. They were risking the very existence of the Chamber. A winning policy would be, in his opinion, to allow the budget to pass and give the country six months' experience of its onerous imposition of bureaucracy and loss of capital and employment. They would then achieve, when next they approached the polls, a victory that would surprise themselves.

Lord Rosebery admitted that by the letter of the law the House of Lords was competent to reject financial bills, but since 1832, to which time the Lords had no practical control of the House, it was not possible that the Commons should send up a budget which the House of Lords should to the length of rejecting. He considered that the only possible circumstances justifying the Lords in exercising such a dormant power would be the direct authority and condemnation of the nation itself. Such a circumstance might arise if a budget were presented which lowered the defenses of the country to a point which the nation considered dangerous.

"I do not speak of menaces," he added. "The House of Lords have lived on menaces ever since I can remember, and it is still thriving. But the menaces now used by the men bent on having a single chamber. Their efforts are revolutionary in essence, if not in fact."

"Disregard that maxim," he said, "lost us the United States of America, and we are not likely to offend against it again."

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THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCES.

Mr. Foster Asks For Correspondence of Defence Meetings.

Mr. Duncan C. Ross Introduced to the House.

Mr. Maclean Complains of Inadequate Train Service.

his speech, that the House of Lords should delegate 150 of the most distinguished peers to vote on Lansdowne's motion, as being a method more likely to impress the country than a large vote of a heterogeneous gathering of peers, many of whom have no claim to distinction, and but seldom attend the debates, is commented upon almost with ridicule.

The prolongation of the debate in the House of Lords deranged the Government's plans and no decision has been reached as to what course shall be followed regarding the prorogation and dissolution of Parliament. A movement has been started in favor of a great peaceful demonstration of Londoners outside the Parliament on the night the House of Lords rejects the budget, as a protest against this action.

The debate on the second reading of the finance bill in the House of Lords will be adjourned from November 25 to November 30.

Canada is the most progressive country in the world to-day, and the most progressive men and women in Canada are wearing Catspaw Rubber Heels. That's why they are alive in the game.

New Publications. The December Century is a magazine of promise of notable artistic and literary features in the first paper of "The Holy Land" series by Robert Hichens and Jules Guerin, in the beginning of Helena Modjeska's Memoirs, and in the second instalment of May Sinclair's "The Creators: A Comedy"—in color reproductions of Guerin's marvellous paintings of "The Temple of Bacchus, Baalbec," and "The Columns of the Sun, Baalbec," and of two notable paintings by American artists, Mrs. J. Francis Murphy's "Eleanor" and Ernest Blumenmich's portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Parker Butler and child.

Widely varying interests are aroused by Charles Johnson Post's story of "A Little Paradise in the Dutch West Indies" (Curacao), Caroline Thurber's entertaining narrative of "A Motor Invasion of Norway," and Agnes Deans Cameron's stirring "Sentinels of the Silence." Canada's Royal Northwest Mounted Police. The other good things of this beautiful Christmas issue are many and varied.

In the Red Book Magazine for December Rupert Hughes has a story that for utter irresponsibility on the part of its characters, a quartette of college club members, surpasses any college story one recalls ever before having read. Its title is "The Lady and the Quinine Quartette."

Westover

Mr. Robert Raynor wears a broad smile because of the arrival of a boy at last, weighing eleven pounds.

Hynlop & Co. have finished packing apples in this vicinity.

Mr. H. Westover has finished his new cow stable.

Mr. H. Jamieson and Mr. Downs have dug wells this fall.

Mr. Crickmore, sen., got his wrist strained in a fall last week.

The long looked for telephone reached this village at last.

Mr. Fisher has finished a big season of thrashing with a record of ten barns a week.

A Black Prince yearling colt was sold for the high figure of \$85 last week.

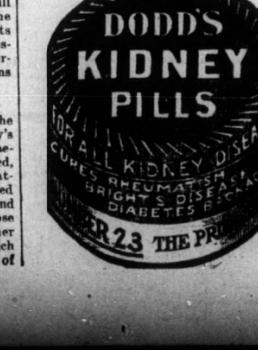
Stoney Creek

Last week Miss Hattie Tweed, formerly of this village, was married in Alberta. Her many friends here extend their heartiest congratulations.

Mr. Dalton and wife, of Burlington, are coming to the village this week, where they will reside.

On Thursday evening there is to be a tea meeting in the Methodist Church. A good programme of local talent has been prepared.

The recent rain has done considerably good in this vicinity.



TINY PATIENT.

Appendix Removed From Babe Six Months Old in Detroit.

Detroit, Nov. 24.—For the first time in local surgical history, and possibly in this country, a baby six months old was operated on for appendicitis here today. The operation was performed by one of the leading surgeons in the city at (Garce Hospital, with the result that the infant's life was saved. The wee patient was Ralph Thorne. The case was diagnosed last night as appendicitis, and when the tiny abdomen was opened this afternoon the wisdom of the hasty operation was demonstrated. The appendix was found to be greatly inflamed and abnormally large, being six inches in length, the size of an adult's. The doctors say the babe will undoubtedly recover.

WANTS FACTORY.

Berlin to Bonus New Furniture Industry.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—Mayor Hahn and Mr. Edward Smythe, President of the Board of Trade, headed a Berlin deputation which waited on Sir James Whitney yesterday and asked to be relieved of the regulation in the Municipal Act under which it is necessary to secure the consent of existing manufacturers before granting a bonus to a new industry. Dr. Laekner, M. P., introduced the visitors.

Berlin is anxious to secure a new furniture factory and in order to do so is prepared to grant a bonus. The town, however, is unable to secure the consent of existing furniture factory owners to the proposed plan.

The Premier told the visitors that the proper course to pursue would be to secure the introduction of a legislative bill to cover their requirements, in which case it would get the consideration of the House. He would make them no promises.

THE PEOPLE FEARED.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—It is surprising to see how the Hydro-Electric agents swing around from right to left. A year ago they were very anxious for the ratepayers to decide the power question. It is as you say, they have put their ear to the ground and what they hear is not pleasing. It is my humble opinion the City Council should not sign a 30-year contract until it is endorsed by the people. The ratepayers have voted on things of less importance. The Hydro hirelings are bound to keep up the fight until they are properly beaten, and the sooner it comes the better for the city. They won't get another chance to stuff the ballot box. There was a special meeting of the City Council a month or so since and a final effort was to be made to draw up a contract that would suit the Hydro-Electric concern and the city, and there was only three citizens in attendance. So much for the Hydro. Yours respectfully, John Mitchell.

COLD BROUGHT ON KIDNEY DISEASE

Brantford Lady Suffered Till Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. A. H. Thomson Had Heart Disease, Lumbago and Rheumatism, and Tells How She Was Restored to Health.

Brantford, Ont., Nov. 24.—How Colds, LaGrippe and other minor ills settle on the Kidneys and develop Rheumatism, Heart Disease, Bright's Disease and other terribly dangerous ailments, and how any and all of them are cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills is fully shown in the case of Mrs. A. H. Thomson, whose home is at 48 Albion street, this city.

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