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RIGGS ATTEMPTS SUICIDE TWICE

Despondent Over Four Years' Sentence for Threatening Miss Clark

TRIED POISON FIRST

Then Beat Head Against Cell Bars--Farewell Letter Left for Girl Whom He Annoyed--Rev. Mr. Rideout Performed Four Marriages Wednesday--Other News of Fredericton.

Fredericton, N. B., June 29--(Special)--George Riggs, who was today convicted and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, for writing threatening letters to Miss Besie Clark, made a desperate attempt to end his life in the county jail this evening by swallowing a dose of horse powder, containing morphine which he had concealed upon his person.

Fortunately he was discovered before the poison had the chance to work, and taken out into the jail yard and given exercise. Dr. G. J. McNulty was called and administered medicine which had the desired effect.

The prisoner, on being returned to his cell, made a second attempt to kill himself by pounding his head against the bed post. He said that he was tired of living and was bound to commit suicide. Upon being searched by the jailer lances used for bleeding horses were found concealed in his clothing.

Before swallowing the poison he wrote a touching note to the young lady he has been annoying, in which he bade her farewell and stated that he was giving up his life for her.

The prisoner will be removed to the penitentiary tomorrow and in the meantime a sharp watch will be kept on him. It seems to be that general opinion that the fellow is mentally unbalanced.

Weddings Galore.

At the Free Baptist parsonage on Wednesday Rev. A. A. Rideout united in marriage Alexander McFarlane, of this city, and Miss Mabel Edney, of New Brunswick.

At the Free Baptist parsonage on Wednesday, June 29th, Rev. A. A. Rideout performed a ceremony which united Thomas E. Mitchell, of this city, and Grace Munn, daughter of Samuel Mitchell, of Marystown. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, after spending a week in Calais, will make their future home in Marystown. They left for Calais last night.

At the Free Baptist parsonage on Wednesday Geo. S. Lacey, of Clarendon Station, Queens county, and Mrs. Miss Humphrey, of this city, were united in marriage. They will live at Clarendon. Rev. A. A. Rideout performed the ceremony.

At the home of Miss Alice Pond, Needham street, Otis Carr and Miss Vina Till, both of Burton, were united in marriage. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. A. A. Rideout. Miss Louise Till was bridesmaid, while Howard Harvey performed the duties of best man. Mr. and Mrs. Carr left last evening for their home in Burton. Dr. James Henry will leave here next week to commence his work in connection with archives of the maritime provinces. Dr. Hagmy will go to Halifax, where he will be for two or three months. From Halifax he goes to Sydney, and thence to Prince Edward Island. He will return to Fredericton for the session of the legislature, which it is understood will open in February. In April he expects to go to England to continue his work as archivist.

At the Cathedral last evening John Edgar Kirk, son of the late John Kirk, led to the altar Miss Gertrude Hazlett, daughter of John Hazlett, Queens Park. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Dean Partridge. The bride was becomingly attired in cream crepe de chene, with applique trimmings. She wore a bridal tulle veil with orange blossoms, and was unattended.

The assessors have made up the roll for the ensuing year. Per hundred dollars this year on property and income is \$5.31 and the poll tax is \$6.69. The amount assessed is \$100,000. Fred B. McGeorge is the heaviest individual taxpayer, his assessment being \$928.23.

MONCTON LADS NABBED ON STEALING CHARGE

St. John and Moncton Parties to Tour British Isles--Y. M. C. C. Ball Team to Play Halifax.

Moncton, N. B., June 29--(Special)--Miss Barton, of Victoria school, and Miss Bertha Lewis will leave tomorrow night for Rimouski where they take a steamer en route for England on a tour of the British Isles. They will be joined here by Andrew Gibson and daughter, of St. John, and Mrs. Macnamara, of Albert. The party will visit the leading places in Great Britain together, being absent about two months.

Two lads named McDermott and Thomas were arrested this afternoon on a charge of stealing goods from C. Elliott's gunshop.

Y. M. C. C. base ball team will go to Halifax tomorrow to play two games Saturday with the Crescents.

In the local league tonight the Trojans defeated the Frankies 4 to 1.

Pictou Conservators Choose Candidates.

Halifax, N. S., June 29--(Special)--At a Conservative convention held at Pictou today to select candidates to contest the county at the next provincial election, C. E. Shaw, Geo. E. Munro and J. M. Bell were chosen.

MUTINEERS BOMBARD ODESSA; CZAR PROCLAIMS TOWN IN STATE OF WAR

TERRIBLE WORK OF GEORGIA MOB

Drag Nine Prisoners from Jail and Shoot Eight Dead

ALL VICTIMS NEGROES

Seventy-five Men Overpower Jailor and the Rest Was Easy--Two of the Men Were Only in Jail for Minor Offences, But the Other Six Were Charged With Murder of Man and Wife.

Watkinsville, Ga., June 29--A mob entered the jail at Watkinsville this morning at 2 o'clock and took nine prisoners, eight of whom were shot to death and the other escaped only by being thought dead by the mob. The prisoners killed were Lon J. Aycock, white, charged with the murder of F. M. Holbrook, and wife, of Oconee county.

Richard Robinson, Lewis Robinson, Claud Elder, negroes, charged with the murder of the Holbrook couple.

Sandy Price, a negro, charged with attempt to assault Mrs. Weldon Dooley.

Richard Allen, a negro, convicted and under sentence of death for murder.

Gene Yerby, negro, charged with theft, and Bob Harris, a negro charged with shooting another negro.

The mob of seventy-five men, heavily masked, came into Watkinsville quietly. The men went at once to the house of Town Marshal L. H. Aiken, overpowered him and took him to the jail. The jail was opened by the town marshal under the cover of pistols and, inside the jail, the mob held up Jailer Crow and secured his keys to the cells. Jailer Crow begged hard for Aycock on the same ground that Aycock was not charged with any crime, but they told him they were going to clear out the whole jail.

They got every prisoner in the jail except Ed. Thresher, a negro, charged with gambling. The mob then carried the prisoners to a point some 100 yards from the jail and tied them to fence posts by their necks. Aycock protested his innocence, but they told him they were going to clear out the whole jail.

The other prisoners, who did not speak during their march to their doom. After the prisoners had been tied to the fence posts the mob lined up and fired five volleys into their bodies. All died without a struggle with the exception of Joe Patterson, a negro who was charged with pointing a gun at Albert Ward. He was shot several times in the body, but was alive after the mob left and will recover.

The mob left quietly after doing its work.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FINISH SESSION

Mrs. McLean of Lorneville Elected President--Next Place of Meeting Likely St. John.

Fredericton, June 29--At this morning's session of the St. John Presbyterian, resolutions expressing sympathy with Rev. J. A. McLean and family of Harvey on the death of Mrs. McLean and with Miss Stevens, of St. Stephen, on her illness, were adopted.

Papers on home mission work were read by Mrs. Melrose and Mrs. James Ross of St. John. The balance of the forenoon was taken up by a discussion over home and foreign missionary work. This afternoon the delegates were entertained to a drive about the city.

At this afternoon's session a delegation from the sister missionary society of the Methodist church attended and presented fraternal greetings. Mrs. F. P. Thompson acted as spokesman and Mrs. King replied. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. J. Hunter Boyd, Mrs. McLean of Lorneville, and Miss Jessie Cummings.

The visitors were entertained on a ladies' picnic drive about the city by the ladies of St. Paul's Auxiliary this afternoon.

This evening's session wound up the business of the meeting. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. McLean, Lorneville; vice-president, Mrs. Macdram; secretary, Mrs. Hunter Boyd, Wascovic; treasurer, Mrs. McFarlane, Nashwaakias.

The usual standing committees were appointed and a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies of St. Paul's church for hospitable entertainment provided for the delegates was heartily adopted. A pressing invitation was received from St. John for the next meeting and will likely be accepted.

A Double Hanging

Lancaster, Pa., June 29--Lee Parman and John O'Brien were hanged here today for the murder of Samuel Rosler, an aged toll-gate keeper on the night of July 1, 1904.

Water Front in Flames; Sailors and Strikers Prevent Attempts to Stop the Conflagration

Cossacks Shoot Down Hundreds With Machine Guns, and the Dead Are Hauled Away in Wagon Loads--Another Ship Captured by Crew--Part of Squadron Ordered to Relief of Odessa Reported to Have Mutinied--Orders Are to Sink Battleship if She Will Not Surrender--Mysterious Delay About Fleet Leaving Sebastopol.

Odessa, June 29--The crew of a government transport which arrived here today from Nickolief mutinied, seized their officers, and joined the crew of the battleship, to whom they turned over the captain and other officers of the transport. It is reported that the foreign consuls have applied to their respective governments to send warships to Odessa.

MUTINEERS STILL HOLD THEIR SHIP

St. Petersburg, June 29--8.05 p. m.--Another untimed despatch received this evening from Odessa, and which may have been delayed by the authorities, says: "The mutineers of the battleship Kniaz Potemkin still hold the ship. Admiral Kruger's squadron has not arrived here."

"Another fire is destroying the shipping in the harbor and the buildings along the shore; and in the streets a continuous rattle of small arms is heard. The military are shooting into the crowds, which are panic stricken, and rushing hither and thither for shelter. The number of victims is large."

CZAR PROCLAIMS STATE OF WAR

St. Petersburg, June 29--The emperor has issued the following ukase, addressed to the ruling senate:

"In order to guarantee public safety and to terminate the disorders at Odessa and neighboring localities we have found it necessary to declare a state of war in Odessa and district and to invest the commander of the troops in the military district of Odessa with the rights of military authority and special rights of civil administration for the defence of order and public tranquility."

SURRENDER OR SINK ORDERS

St. Petersburg, June 29--It is reported that the volunteer fleet cruiser Saratoff has been burned at Odessa.

Admiral Kruger's squadron is expected to arrive at Odessa tonight. His orders are to summon the Kniaz Potemkin to surrender and on refusal to sink her, after which he is to assist in restoring order in the town.

A DESPERATE SITUATION

St. Petersburg, June 30--2.50 a. m.--The Russian government, which has been almost paralyzed by the terrible events at Odessa and the news that the sailors at Libau also have mutinied, is making desperate and even frantic efforts to meet the situation and to stamp out the flames of revolution before they can spread to the army, which is now the last bulwark of the monarchy.

With Poland red with the spirit of revolt, the Caucasus already almost in a state of civil war, agrarian disorders spreading rapidly; the whole country profoundly stirred and the intelligent classes solidly arrayed against the government, and conditions seem ripe for the long-predicted revolution.

The last act of the government, after dispatching Admiral Kruger's squadron from Sebastopol, whose mutineers have now been joined by the crews of the two torpedo boats which accompanied it to Odessa, to surrender under the threat of firing upon and sinking the vessel. This was followed by the declaration of martial law at Odessa and Libau and the closing of the military commissars with plenary powers.

Great fear is expressed that many regiments are homebound with sedition and there is grave doubt of their loyalty should they be called upon to fire on the revolutionists.

What effect the news of the happenings at Odessa will have upon the troops and the people in general is problematical and is puzzling the press. The precautions taken by the authorities to keep the news from the public have been in vain, the revolutionaries and the Liberals everywhere spreading it by word of mouth, and within twenty-four hours, it will be known in the uttermost confines of European Russia. When the news reaches the armies in Manchuria, it is bound to create a deep depression.

At the actuality, where the temper of the Black Sea sailors is known, the orders sent to Admiral Kruger's squadron were by no means unanimously approved. Among others, Vice Admiral Skrydloff openly expressed the opinion that the blue jackets of Kruger's squadron would not fire on their comrades on board the Kniaz Potemkin, but that on the contrary they might revolt should they be ordered to shoot.

Fire Sweeping Odessa Water Front

St. Petersburg, June 29--A state of rage has been declared in the city. The conflagration is sweeping along the harbor front, the sailors and strikers refusing to permit attempts to extinguish the flames. Three uninsured ships of the Pan-Russian Company have been destroyed.

The office of the port administration, the stores of the Pan-Russian, Kekhkin and Russian companies and many private establishments and a great number of wood yards have been burned and the fire

SOLDIER IN QUAD IN CAMP SUSSEX

Private Under Arrest Charged With Insulting His Superior Officer

FINE WEATHER AND BUSY DAY

The Various Arms of the Service in Active Work Thursday--Veterans of Many Battlefields Among the Redcoats--The Work of the Signalmen and Army Service Corps.

Sussex, June 29--(Special)--This morning was radiant, but the dark shadow of insubordination rested on the camp.

Private Walsh, of the 73rd Regiment, North Shore, is in the guard tent, charged with an offence for which other men have stood blindfolded before a firing squad, at break of day. But Private Walsh's hair is short, and that fact may serve to mitigate the seriousness of his transgression.

The commandant will doubtless perceive this, and also realize that the highest degree of justice is always tempered with mercy; so it may not be rash to indulge in the hope that the prisoner's days are as yet unnumbered.

He is charged with insulting his superior officer--always a monstrous violation of regulations, when in face of the enemy. He was evidently unable to comprehend the beauty of discipline, which is unusual, for he claims to be a veteran of the Boer war.

So far from becoming a victim of his officer's enjoinment of orders, that he cast his serflet jacket on the grass, and intimated his anxiety to immediately engage in mortal combat.

A Busy Morning.

Last evening's promise in the skies was not a far after all, and the cessation of the rain has stimulated every rank. The morning was crystal clear. The green slopes and levels swarmed with life. The washed spaces echoed the mellow, winding music of the trumpet, and the piercing call of the bugle. The field artillery clanked across the grounds, the white helmeted Hussars, in curving leather-creaking lines, sedately paced their horses, the red regiments over by the infantry lines were learning how to stand.

"Don't throw your head back, and don't let your shoulders that way," screams the drill instructor. "Don't, I tell you." But he isn't angry. He is merely following out the good, old formula. He is not even a delusion, if he believes him infuriated.

This afternoon the infantry were on outpost duty, and, as laid down in regulations, the strength required to hold the main outpost cannot be determined by any fixed rules. The ground may be favorable in some parts, and unfavorable in others. By day, if there are mounted troops in advance, a few companies will generally suffice as supports, but by night, except in open country, the enemy can advance only by roads or tracks, and these should therefore be carefully watched. A simple method is to assign a certain amount of the line of defence to each outpost company, the limits being marked by features such as trees, houses or streams. Care should be taken that each company knows what roads it is expected to guard, and also the limits to either flank of the ground it is expected to control. When this method of distributing the outpost companies is adopted, the commander of each company provides for the safety of his command by sending forward pickets or detached posts. The remainder of the company forms the support, and the officer commanding the company is responsible for the whole front allotted to his company. An alternative method is to detail a certain number of pickets, but this should be adopted only when the companies are exceptionally weak.

Warriors of Bloody Fields There.

There is a lavish sprinkling of old service men in camp. On scores of breasts you see the ribbon of South Africa, and of other regions in which Downing street has seen fit to make war.

There's Sergt-Major Kilburn, of No. 1 Company Canadian Engineers, commanded by Major Tompkins. Across the left breast of the sergeant-major's khaki coat stretches some thing resembling last night's rainbow in miniature. The vivid bits of cloth tell of the Sudan and Transvaal, and many additional events sandwiched in between the campaigns of '81 and '01. He's had more than twenty-one years of continuous service, looks young and lithe, seems engrossed in his profession, belongs to the I. S. C. C. hills from Cham-ham (Eng.), and runs no danger of losing his accent. The whole story is summed up in his general pose, the crown on his sleeve, and the colors on his coat.

The engineers, to which the sergeant-major is attached number 192 men and 30 horses, Odette Layton, Pure and Stearns of the Kingston Military College, are also attached, and the officers of the corps and Bearer Corps officers' mess together.

The Signal Corps.

Lieut. Powers' signalling corps have had a strenuous morning. They teach you how to signal in a variety of ways, and men proficient in the art can converse with each other, though miles apart. The telescope, however, might be considered a valuable adjunct. The instructor of the corps is Sergeant Leavitt, formerly of the 2nd Contingent, and the first lesson he teaches you is the lesson of learning (Continued on page 10.)

HINTS AT STATE LIFE INSURANCE

Sir Richard Cartwright Says Government May Have to Consider It

DEBATE IN SENATE

McMullen Withdraws Bill to Restrain Life Companies from Investing in Trust Company Securities, After Assurance That Hon. Mr. Fielding is to Take Up the Question During Recess.

Ottawa, June 29--(Special)--In the senate today Mr. McMullen moved the second reading of the bill to amend the insurance act as regards the investment of funds of life insurance companies in securities of trust companies. He did this to protect insurers, in view of the facts connected with companies on the other side of the line. Life insurance was one of the most important matters and the laws pertaining to them should be amended as necessary from time to time. Canadian societies were well guarded.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell thought Mr. McMullen's speech might give wrong impression as to the value of the securities held. There was no more important matter than life insurance, but Mr. McMullen's bill would not reach its object. There were no more solid companies than the Canadian trust companies. The danger was not in allowing shareholders in life insurance companies to become shareholders in trust companies, but in life insurance companies forming themselves into trust companies which had been done before in the past.

Sir Richard Cartwright said it was impossible to exaggerate the importance of the question of life insurance. He believed the present amount of insurance was some \$700,000,000 or \$800,000,000, three or four times the amount of the national debt. Every government had carefully safeguarded the insured.

He believed that Mr. Fielding intended to look into the whole matter. He believed the attention of the government had been called to recent events arising from the accumulation of large funds by certain companies investing in trust company funds, he drew attention to the very wide range of stocks, etc., in which insurance companies might invest. He would call the colleagues' attention to the matter and asked that the second reading be not pressed.

In view of this statement the bill was withdrawn.

The bill giving running rights to the I. C. R. over the C. A. R. was read a third time.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL HEAR ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs. Thomson, the President, Alludes to Benefit Obtained by the Organization--Lady Aberdeen Sends Regards.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 29--(Special)--At the meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada, the president, Mrs. Thomson, presented her address. She said that the council filled the need felt everywhere of systematic organization. Much had been done towards forming societies for the improvement of sanitary conditions and general health of communities, especially with respect to infants and children.

Among the events of the year was an invitation to the national council to attend the convention at Washington, D. C. A cable was read from Lady Aberdeen extending affectionate greetings and expressing sincere regret at her absence.

The corresponding secretary reported that an earnest attempt had been made during the year to have the same ladies apply to women working in factories extend to offices. Much had been done towards the betterment of the poor. It is expected that bureau registration for wards improvement of the marriage laws.

The vice-presidents of the province reported the establishment of consolidated schools at Tryon and Hillsboro. Mrs. McNaughton, for Quebec, said that the French and English ladies worked harmoniously together, doing much towards obtaining instruction in domestic science in schools, succeeding in having one young lady sent to Paris each year in order to be fitted for instruction.

A long discussion followed re-necessity of a public clothing for the poor. An animated discussion took place over a resolution brought in by Mrs. Duggan, president of the Women's Art Association of Canada, asking the council to request the dominion government that Miss Wallace's pictures be obtained in the next purchase of pictures for the Ottawa art gallery.

Appointed Organist at Dorchester Penitentiary.

Ottawa, Ont., June 29--Miss Lucy McGowan has been appointed organist of the penitentiary at Dorchester (N. B.).