

FIVE GIRLS IN SUICIDE PACT

Girl-Comrades Unable to Stand World's Rough Usage Seek Death.

New York, March 14.—A startling story of how five girls who came to New York from St. Paul, a year ago took their own lives was told today by 17-year-old Helen Baxter, after she had made a vain effort to commit suicide also. Helen said she was one of the party of six girls who came to New York to make their fortunes after receiving a course of training in a business school in the Minnesota city. She turned on the gas in her furnished rooms in Forty-third street last night, but was resuscitated this morning.

When asked why she had tried to end her life, the girl replied: "Why should I not be allowed to die? My five girl friends who left St. Paul with me a year ago after we left school have all committed suicide. I want to die as they did and join them."

"Was it a suicide pact?" she was asked. "My five friends are all dead, and they died as they chose," was her reply. The girl said she and her five friends decided while in the business school in St. Paul to come to New York together, thinking there was more of a future in the metropolis. She refused to give the names of any of her friends. A short time after their arrival in New York, she said, one of the girls married. She did not live happily with her husband, however, and killed herself a few months after she became a bride. In the meantime, another girl had been seeking employment without success. She sought death and found it by the same means her friend had used. The next to go in the same way, according to Helen's story, was one of the girls who had fallen a victim to a man's false friendship. With three of their companions dead, the three that remained worried constantly, and when hard times came and employment was hard to find, they voluntarily followed their friends to the grave. That left Helen alone. "Then a man came into her life. The man was represented to her as immensely wealthy, she said, and for a time she was happy. Then he suddenly sailed for Europe. She had nothing more to live for after that, she said, and decided to join her five friends in death."

Helen said her father is dead, but her mother still lives in St. Paul. She refused to give her mother's address. When it was found that the girl would recover she was taken to a police station and locked up, charged with attempted suicide. In the girl's room were several picture postal cards from South Bend, Ind., and one from Revere, Mass.

CAN'T KEEP THEM BACK

Annual Rush of Finest American Farmers to Canada Is On.

Winnipeg, March 14.—Despite the fact that the American newspapers have done everything in their power to stem the tide of migration from that country to the Canadian prairies, the influx for this season has already begun, and promises to be the greatest on record.

It has already been announced that a colony of sixty American farmers is located at Roblin, a town in the extreme northwest of the province. These settlers are all experienced prairie farmers from Iowa and adjoining states, and have the capital to launch out into extensive farming. It is said out into extensive farming. It is said that steam plows will be an important part of their agricultural outfit, and they will speedily have a large area of land under cultivation.

From the Middle Country in Saskatchewan comes reports of American immigration as already in full blast. This district has been largely settled by Americans, and the experiences of those already there seems to be of a character to induce their friends to come along and try their fortunes also.

Everything points to an early and warm spring, altogether unlike that of last year.

Godrich friends presented G. T. R. Ticket Clerk Chester Farrow with a suitcase and dressing outfit ere he left for his new post as day operator at Guelph.

Twenty Ripley citizens took turns drawing the rough box containing the coffin of the late Anne B. McLeod through the fields to Huron Cemetery.

WHAT THE KIDNEYS DO

WHAT BOOTH'S KIDNEY PILLS ARE DOING FOR LONDON, ONT. PEOPLE.

All the blood in the body passes through the kidneys every three minutes.

The kidneys filter the blood. They work night and day to daily remove about 500 grains of impure matter. If they fail, some part of this impure matter is left in the blood, bringing on pain in the back, headache, dizziness, irregular heart, hot, dry skin, rheumatism, gravel, dropsy, deposits in the urine. Booth's Kidney Pills make the filtering right and overcome kidney trouble. Hundreds of Middlesex County residents have found this out.

Mrs. Geo. Beawarick, 211 Clarence street, London, Ont., says:

"The pains and tortures from backache that I have endured are too many to relate. I have doctored and taken many remedies to relieve the same, but have always had to endure the sufferings until I used Booth's Kidney Pills procured at The W. T. Strong Drug Store. This fine remedy gave me relief from the malady in a very short time, and I feel truly grateful that I had the curing power of Booth's Kidney Pills brought to my notice. This remedy has a strong endorsement from me."

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WE MUST GIVE UP THE STORE BY THE FIRST OF APRIL.
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Pay Us 1-3 For Our Wall Papers

That is at the rate of 33 1-3c on the dollar. Did you ever hear tell of Wall Papers sold at such tremendous reductions?

33c for \$1.00 Papers.
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Plain Crepe Papers

These were formerly 60c roll. If you buy quickly you can have them at 20c

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On a special line of combinations, panel effects, crowns and upper thirds, for parlors, sitting, dining and bed rooms. Formerly sold up to \$1.00 roll. Your choice now at 25c

German Leather Papers at 50c

Greens, browns, reds and blues. Formerly sold at \$1.50 roll. Now 50c

Room Moulding and Plate Rails

Are now marked down to Half-Price

Lace Curtain Prices Hammered Still Lower

You might think we had a spite on these Lace Curtains, from the way we've ruthlessly slashed the prices. The truth is, however, that we have still a pile of Curtains on hand. We had such an enormous stock in the first place that even such tremendous sales as we have had have failed to by any means clear us out. The prices quoted are just examples of the kind of savings we have in store for you.

Nottingham Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long. Regular \$3 pair, now \$1.50; regular \$2 pair, now \$1.00; regular \$1 1/2 pair, now 65c.

Special Lot of Colored Linen Taffetas. Read On:

Handsome colors—just the kind of fabrics that make up into attractive bedspreads, valances and curtains. Regular price was \$1.25. They are now down to just 60c

Drapery Silks Two Yards For Price of One.

You can now buy those fine Moire Silks, which are employed for artistic drapery work and superb furniture coverings, at the rate of two yards for what one formerly cost. \$2 yard for \$1; \$2.50 yard for \$1.50

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Immense Stock of Carpets Yet to Clear

Good a Choice as Ever. Prices Lower Than Ever. Come! See!

Only two weeks left in which to dispose of our immense stock of Carpets. Just as good a choice as ever. A big consignment was held in bond, and it's only been lately that we have had the space for placing them in stock, so many of the very newest patterns have scarcely been displayed as yet. But all are reduced still lower in price. Away with them, regardless of cost—that's our slogan now. You'll never meet with savings like these again in years. Now is your chance. Just notice these amazing examples of how you can save:

65c for \$1.35 Brussels

New Goods, good color combinations. Borders and stairs to match. Sold formerly up to \$1.35. Now 65c

One Lot Brussels Stair Carpet

Good assortment of colors and designs. Formerly \$1 1/2 yard. Now 50c

Half Price on Jap Matting

Regular 20c Matting, are now 10c

Regular 30c Matting, are now 15c

Price Wonders in Brussels Rugs

The most remarkable offerings in High-Grade Rugs, that have ever been brought to the attention of the citizens of this city. Don't let the opportunity get by you. It will soon be too late—better buy now. Select patterns in greens, fawns, browns and reds. Reduced as follows:

9 ft. by 10 ft. 6 in. Formerly \$17.50. Now \$10.50
11 ft. 3 in. by 12 ft. Formerly \$24. Now \$15.00
9 ft. by 12 ft. Formerly \$19. Now \$12.50
11 ft. 3 in. by 13 ft. 6 in. Formerly \$27. Now \$16.50

Brass Extension Rods, Etc., Less Than Half

Brass Extension Rods, with ends and brackets complete. Were 25c each, now 10c

White Enamel Cornice Poles

With nice ends, brackets, etc., complete; were 35c each, now 15c

Prices on similar goods are marked correspondingly low.

Still a Rich Line of High-Class Furniture

This furniture cannot be classed with that found at ordinary furniture stores. It's both superior in design and quality. We will sell the remainder of our stock at

STILL FURTHER REDUCTIONS

Wilton Carpets That Were \$2.25 Yard, Made and Laid For \$1.10 a Yard

These are all fresh and new. A splendid lot. No old designs or "off" colors. Handsome greens, reds, blues, rose and browns.

\$2.00 Axminsters Down to \$1.10

A splendid line of fawns, greens, blues and reds. Off they hustle at \$1.10

Filled Bobbinet Now at Half-Price

It really does seem uncalled for to sell such dainty goods at half-price, but we must face the fact that we have to give up the store in two weeks, so we must be prepared to make big sacrifices. These are yard wide. Various pretty designs.

Regular 30c yard, now 15c
Regular 40c yard, now 20c
Regular 50c yard, now 25c

Colored Madras Muslins

Lowest Prices Ever Quoted
Even if you don't desire any new Draperies just at present it will pay you to buy Colored Madras now and put them on the shelf until required. Such prices as these on high-class goods only happen once in a lifetime.

Regular 50c Madras, now 20c
Regular \$1.00 Madras, now 40c
Regular \$1.25 Madras, now 65c
Regular \$1.50 Madras, now 75c

French Velours

Still a splendid line of these handsome goods, various patterns. Single face, regular \$1.50. Now 75c
Double face, regular \$2.25. Now \$1.45

We Will Part With These Wool Art Squares For a Great Deal Less

For instance, our Wool Art Squares, that measure 3x3 1/2 yards, and that sold formerly at \$8.00 each, are now \$5.00
3x4 yards, formerly \$8.50, now \$5.50

ANOTHER CUT IN WILTON AND AXMINSTER RUGS
These are elegant goods. Many just fresh from customs house. Lowest prices you ever saw.

Furniture Coverings

In this line of goods the Lang Company were especially happy in their selections. No choicer lot of Furniture Coverings have ever been shown in London. Still a wide range to choose from. Prices have reached their lowest ebb.

Beautiful French Tapestries and Silks. Regular \$4.50 yard, now \$2.50; regular \$6, now \$3.50.

WOOL TAPESTRIES

Regular \$5.00, now \$3.50
Regular \$3.50, now \$2.50
Cotton Tapestries, Regular \$1.00, now 50c
Cretones for bedroom, boxes, sofas and draperies. Regular 25c to 35c yard. Now selling at 10c to 25c

CANADIAN

Grey county is the happy hunting ground of 15,538 hogs.

Walkerton's share of the provincial tax on railways is \$123.18.

Georgetown Council refused, 3-2, license pool and billiard room.

Hanover is to build a \$4,000 skating rink, a clear sheet of ice 60x160, without posts.

New steel bridge over Thessalon River on the Government road is now open to traffic.

Lowville—Kilbridge private telephone line has been hooked up with the Bell system at Milton.

Bruce County is the home of 23,556 horses, while Grey County leads the province with 30,734.

Stationmaster W. H. Stinson, Tillsonburg, retired on pension after 30 years' service with the G. T. R.

Clinton's industrial future was discussed by leading citizens at a businessmen's supper the other night.

Sombra was the burial place of Miss Lucy Bishop, a trained nurse, who died of typhoid at Marine City, Mich.

C. P. R. had to sprinkle 2,000 feet of portable snow fencing along the right-of-way from Guelph to Goderich.

Tara Leader opens the big egg season with reports on a luscious sample of hen fruit 9x7, really two eggs in one shell.

The Meaford Mirror was started 25 years ago and has appeared regularly ever since, without a change of proprietorship.

The G. T. R. train leaving Toronto at 1:45 the first Sunday in March was snowed in and covered the journey to Bradford in 18 hours.

Simcoe County farmers are quitting their pastoral landscapes and retiring into Alliston so numerous that the town is having quite a boom.

Red Wing, near Thornbury, did not attend church first Sunday in March, the pastor, Rev. Mr. McNeill being quarantined with scarlet fever.

A Manitoulin Island elm, cut at

Maple Point, measured 5 feet across at the butt, and 45 inches at the top, and cut up into 2,425 feet of lumber.

The C. P. R. has asked H. Strathey, K. C., to suggest new names for stations at Vesper and Utopia, and Barrie Canadian Club has been called in to help.

Half the money needed for erection of a new Methodist Church in Meaford has been subscribed and work will begin as soon as the snow goes off the ground.

Sarnia Council passed a by-law, empowering the police to compel any driver to weigh his load of coal on the town scales. Fine of \$50 if the weight is short.

A property including three frame dwellings and vacant lots has just been purchased by Morris Saxe, who landed in Acton four years ago from Russia.

Galt is the home of J. Lockston's Plymouth Rock, "mentioned in the dispatches" as being responsible for the champion egg, 8x5 1/2 and weighing 4 1/2 ounces.

RUSSIA WITH BRITAIN AS TO MACEDONIA

Willing to Agree as to Governor, But Sultan May Object.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—The British note sent to the powers by Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, proposing virtually the appointment of a permanent governor of Macedonia, has been received here and is being carefully considered.

While the foreign office is not willing to state in advance what its response will be it is understood that Russia will announce her willingness to support the proposition of Great Britain. Grave doubts are entertained, however, of the possibility of inducing the Porte to accept the proposition.

GOT MIXED ON SIGNALS

Similarity of Whistles Causes Grounding of a Canada-Bound Steamer.

Woods Hole, Mass., March 14.—A similarity between the fog signal on the new Hen-and-Chickens lightship, and that on the Vineyard Sound lightship, is said to have been the cause of the grounding of the British steamer Silvia, from New York, at Halifax, N. S., and St. John's, Nfld., on the Sow and Pigs reef, at the entrance to Vineyard Sound, just before dawn today.

The steamer Kenosha, which was just astern of the Silvia, was warned of the latter's mistake by the tug Orion, just in time to save herself. The 35 passengers on the Silvia, among whom were the crew of the wrecked schooner Beta, expressed themselves as willing to remain on the steamer, which was also bound out, made a trip to this port for help. Arrangements were made, however, to take them off this noon and send them to Boston.

At the time of the accident there was a thick fog, but the sea was smooth and there was scarcely any wind. The fog cleared later in the day and the sea conditions were favorable for the removal of the passengers and part of the cargo. The Silvia grounded within a short distance of the scene of the wreck of the steamer Fairfax in November, 1898, and it was the opinion of mariners of this place that she would have great difficulty in extricating herself from her position.

WHAT WAR IS THIS?

New York, March 14.—Declaring it is only from the forest rangers in the service of the United States that scouts can be recruited for service in the "great war that is coming," Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the department of agriculture, started his hearers at a dinner of the Campfire Club of America at the Cafe Des Beaux Arts last night by discussing

the war as if conflict were unavoidable.

"In the great war which this country will fight, but which I hope with all my heart it will not have to fight soon," Mr. Pinchot said, "the only quarter to which this Government could look for scouts whose services in war is so essential is to the bureau of forestry. There, and there only, are men being trained in such a fashion that they would be of service."

It is of importance that we preserve the forests and the game, but it is more important that we be in condition to furnish for service in that war the material out of which good scouts can be made. The forest rangers make up this material."

He also said there is in this country now timber enough for less than thirty years and coal enough to last less than one hundred years.

A Ripley invalid had to be removed to the home of a friend in a cutter drawn by citizens, it being impossible for horses to get through the drifts.

ALLAN LINE
WINTER SAILINGS
TURBINE STEAMERS.
Sailings to Liverpool
From St. John, Halifax,
Tunisian, etc., Mar. 21
Victorian, etc., Mar. 27
Cyprian, etc., Sat. Apr. 10
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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.

Arrive from the east—*3:50 a.m., *10:55 a.m., *11:12 a.m., *11:23 a.m., *6:25 p.m., *7:45 p.m., 1 p.m.
Arrive from the west—*12:00 a.m., *3:15 a.m., *11:13 a.m., 1:10 p.m., *4:10 p.m., *6:25 p.m.
Depart for the east—*12:14 a.m., *3:20 a.m., 7:50 a.m., 9 a.m., *11:23 a.m., *2:02 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).
The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations.
Depart for the west—*3:55 a.m., 7:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., *3:05 p.m.
The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.

Arrive—10:40 a.m., *4 p.m., *6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m., *11:27 a.m., 2:20 p.m., *7:55 p.m. (International Limited).

STRATFORD BRANCH.
Arrive—*3:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:25 p.m., 11:10 p.m.
Depart—6:10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2:50 p.m., 5 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.
Arrive—10 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.
Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Depart—5:40 a.m., *6:50 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., *3:40 p.m., 7:35 p.m.
Arrive—8:45 a.m., *12:15 p.m., 1:54 p.m., 4:40 p.m., *9:20 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
*Trains from Walkerville, without change. Trains not * marked to Port Stanley. * Between London and St. Thomas only.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.
Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 6:14 p.m., 9:50 p.m.
Depart—7:15 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 6:35 p.m., *10:25 p.m.

*Runs through to Waterford.
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.
Arrive—From the east—*1:30 a.m., 8 p.m., *11 p.m. From the west—*4:30 a.m., *8:20 a.m., *5:20 p.m., *8:45 a.m., *5:25 p.m., *4:40 a.m., *11:33 a.m., *8:19 p.m., *11:10 p.m.
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