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FAIR AND COLD

TWO CENTS

QUARRELS IN STEEVES' HOME WERE COMMON

So Frequent That When All Was Quiet He Was Startled One Witness Declares

FATHER-IN-LAW SAYS LIFE THREATENED

Mother Victim of Tragedy Declared, So Father Said, She Was Much Abused

Special to The Standard
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 18.—Great interest was manifested in the preliminary examination of Gaius Steeves, arrested last night on the charge of murdering his wife Lucy Steeves on Tuesday morning last which began this afternoon before John W. Gaquin, J. P., in the public hall at Middle Covedale.

The hall was crowded with spectators from the surrounding country and the evidence given by the witnesses called was told with keen interest. Nothing particularly new was brought out today but the testimony was more in the nature of investigating some of the stories in circulation since the tragedy.

Quarrels Were Common

One of the witnesses, the nearest neighbor, who lives just across the road, swore that quarreling was so common in the Steeves' home that he paid little attention to it. In fact he heard so much noise from that quarter that when there was a full he was inclined to look around and see why things were so quiet.

Left Sugar Outside

Another point brought out was the fact that some sugar and other stuff brought home by Steeves from Moncton the night before the fire was left on the sled outside all night. The Attorney General was represented by Clerk of the Peace Lester Smith and James C. Sheran, while James Friel, K. C., appeared for the prisoner.

Father-in-Laws Speaks

Joseph Steeves, father-in-law of the accused and the complainant in the case, was first called. He stated that his daughter, (Mrs. Steeves) had been living at Pine Glen (Niagara Road) some years. He had not been a frequent visitor to his daughter's house, but had no particular reason for going. Steeves had no objection to him. He said his daughter used to come to his house badly abused, and often complained of being abused and showed him on different occasions bruises which she said had been inflicted by the accused.

Claimed Life Threatened

A few days before Christmas he had complained. He did not see her alive after that. Witness said his daughter warned him that he was taking his life in his hands when he went out alone in Moncton. Witness said he had built the house in which the Steeves family lived. There was one room downstairs and one room upstairs and the house was not plastered. Mr. Steeves was stood aside to be called later.

Peter Roberts, of Moncton, testified to the effect that the accused had come to his home on Albert street, Moncton, the evening after the fire and borrowed his horse to bring the accused—said he wished to get some pens and other things at his house.

He did not see Steeves again until after the fire and when asked about the tragedy the accused replied that he had had luck.

Albert Munroe, who lives about eight or nine rods from the Steeves home on the Niagara Road and was the nearest neighbor, said he first saw Steeves on the morning of the fire on the road in front of his (witness') house. The accused was not about eight or ten rods from his own house.

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Honeymoon Trip To The Bermuda Islands

Special to The Standard
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 18.—Word was received by friends in Moncton today of the marriage of Mr. Robert Michael Wyse of this city to Miss Jessie Wilson Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Grant of Calais, Me. The marriage took place Wednesday last at Calais.

The bride and groom sailed yesterday from Halifax on a honeymoon trip to Bermuda. Mr. and Mrs. Wyse will be at home in Moncton next April.

Mr. Wyse is one of Moncton's most prominent citizens and a well known merchant.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—Daily compilation of the Hudson Bay Railway is indicated by assurances which have been received from the Dominion Government, states Premier T. C. Norris, in his annual report as railway commissioner of Manitoba, which was submitted to the legislature this afternoon. The line will be operated by the Federal Government as a portion of the Canadian National system.

Norris Government Wins in Division

By Vote of 26 to 22 Manitoba Liberals Are Sustained on Labor Amendment.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—In the first division of the provincial session today the Norris Government was successful. The Liberals' resolution for the unconditional release of the strike leaders, three of whom are members of the legislature, was defeated, by 25 votes to 22. The vote resulted thus in practically a straight fight between the Liberals and Conservatives on the one hand, and the Laborites and the Independent Farmers on the other. As a result of the division—the House was on record as urging the release of the strike leaders on condition that they ask for parole.

BANDIT STARR SHOT DOWN IN BANK ROBBERY

Notorious Oklahoma Outlaw Likely to Die from His Wounds.

BANK CLERK GOT BUSY WITH RIFLE

Always Expected to Die With His Boots on His Feet.

Harrison, Ark., Feb. 18.—Henry Starr, notorious Oklahoma bandit, was probably fatally wounded yesterday when with two companions, he attempted to rob the People's Bank of Harrison. When the robbers hacked employee of the bank to death, he fired a shot at a rifle that had been hidden there and shot Starr down. He then opened fire on the other two, but they escaped.

Starr underwent an operation at the jail, performed in an effort to save his life. He was shot through the body, but below the heart.

He dictated a telegram to Dr. T. H. and his son, Harry Starr Jr., at Oklahoma City, telling them that he was dying.

Expected to Be Killed

"I always expected to die with my boots on," Starr told officers. He later was said to have given the names of his companions as Buck Davis and Tom Jones.

The three bandits entered the bank shortly before noon and driving rifles ordered officials to open the vaults to the vault. W. J. Meyers, a former prisoner and one of the stockholders of the bank entered at the time and found a rifle that had been hidden there and shot Starr down.

Mr. Meyers had concealed a rifle in the vest, and in the darkness was able to obtain it and open fire before his intention became known.

The two bandits who escaped fled in an automobile, but after driving a mile south of the town they set the machine on fire and escaped into the hills.

New Regulations To Control Combines

Premier Meighen Forecasts Legislation in Message at the Government Caucus.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Olive Thomas in "Everybody's Sweetheart."

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Tom Mix in "Desert Love."

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—Vivian Rich in "Would You Forgive."

OPERA HOUSE TODAY—Vaudeville and feature picture.

TWO OF THE PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY IN THE STANDARD'S BIG CONTEST ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME MOVIE STARS WITH THE UNIVERSAL FILM COMPANY, FILMSTON'S LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT MOVING PICTURE COMPANY.

Fear Three Perished in Newfoundland Snows

Body of St. John's Watchman Is Found Under Huge Pile of Snow.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 18.—Searchers today found the body of Michael Dauplant, watchman at the city power plant, under a great mass of snow which overwhelmed him in the storm of Wednesday. The other men were reported missing, and it was feared they also perished in the blizzard. The express train with mail and passengers from the United States and Canada which had been breaking snow drifts for 13 days in working its way slowly across the island, arrived here today.

Sustain Lloyd George

London, Feb. 18.—The House of Commons today defeated the amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne proposed by Hon. Dr. S. F. Tolmie, minister of agriculture in the division on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, this Farmer member decided to take an active part in the controversy.

He said "I wanted to let the other fellow fight it out." It is said that his colleagues shared his attitude.

THREE GREAT AUTO CONTEST OFFERS ENDING

Midnight Tonight Brings to Close Last 200,000 Extra Vote Offer.

SUCCESS DEPENDING ON STEADY WORK

Returns Can be Brought or Sent to Contest Department Monday.

Never again after today will it be possible to group together clubs of subscribers and obtain 200,000 EXTRA vote ballots. For each and every Club of \$20 worth of subscriptions secured by midnight tonight, one of the bonds balls good for 200,000 EXTRA votes will be given. In view of the fact that there is with the big Studebaker and the other prizes, it becomes each and every person who expects to be in the prize-winning list to be securing every possible subscription today.

Full details of the \$ offers which end tonight, will be found in today's contest.

CLOSING RULES OF THE OFFER.

1. The Starr Phonograph Offer; The last of the three offers to be offered, and the highest regular vote subscriber offer and tonight at midnight.

2. All contestants, whether residing in St. John or out of town may work up to the last minute of the three hours.

3. The office of the Automobile and Movie Star Department will be open until 6 p.m. on Monday night, Feb. 21st.

4. Other contestants who are unable to bring in their returns by the above mentioned hour may mail their returns, but their letters must reach the department on the first delivery of mail Tuesday morning, Feb. 22nd.

5. Out-of-town contestants can work up to the last minute of the three big hours with the city contestants and mail off their returns to the contest department any time on Monday, Feb. 21st.

6. Friends of contestants working in the out-of-town communities will be governed by the rules pertaining to out-of-town contestants. Friends of contestants working in St. John or suburbs will be governed by the rules set forth for city contestants.

7. New clubs and individuals can not obtain receipt books to reach them before the close of the Three Big Offers, may list out the names of the subscriptions on a sheet of paper and send them in with sufficient cash to cover the subscriptions.

Contestants already enrolled who run out of receipt books, may do likewise. Do not let anything cause you to lose out on the 200,000 extra vote ballots.

One of the extra ballots will be given for each \$20 worth of sales.

8. All personal checks sent in to cover a bunch of subscriptions must be marked "accepted" by the banks on which they are drawn.

9. Kindly keep your receipt forms in order and bring them to the contest department, assistance.

10. Contestants must have their middle receipt forms fully filled out before presenting them to the Contest Department Cashier on Monday, otherwise they will lose their turns at being waited upon.

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Farmers Taking No Part in House Fight

Let the Old Parties Fight it Out" is Attitude of Agrarians at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The Progressives, better known as the Farmers, in the House of Commons are preserving an impartial neutrality, while the two big parties in the House are settling their difficulties on the subject of "protectionism."

Whatever the attitude of the new party to other parliamentary divisions, its attitude in this is disclosed in the action of one of the Farmer members.

When approached two days ago with the request that he "pair" with Hon. Dr. S. F. Tolmie, minister of agriculture in the division on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, this Farmer member decided to take an active part in the controversy.

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STRATFORD EDITOR DEAD

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 18.—William Mark O'Brien, editor of the Stratford Beacon since 1891 and first president of the Dominion Press Association, died at his home here tonight following a lengthy illness, aged 67. He was born near Durham, Ontario.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Witnesses at preliminary hearing of O. Gaius Steeves, of Moncton, N. B., accused of killing wife and five children, ten of many family, quarelled.

Rewards of \$1,000 were offered yesterday for the capture of Carey Steeves, now Moncton, destroyed by fire yesterday.

News Government of Manitoba is sustained on its first division.

Mr. Justice Newlands, born in Nova Scotia, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan.

UNITED STATES

Henry Starr, notorious Oklahoma bandit, probably fatally injured in attempt to rob bank.

SOUTH AMERICA

The Argentine Republic refuses to take any steps to prevent Germans exporting war stores in violation of the treaty of Versailles.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Viscount Milner reports in favor of more home rule for the Egyptians.

Lloyd George is sustained in a division in the House on German issues.

CARUSO ON WAY TO RECOVERY IS DOCTORS' BELIEF

Distinct Improvement Shown by Great Singer During Last Day.

TURNING POINT WHEN SON CAME

Caruso Took on "New Will to Live" and Will Likely Recover.

SON SAVED DAY

New York, Feb. 18.—Caruso is considered to be the man which caused the most trouble in the world in which the tenor has been wrestling with death for four days.

It is spoken by Enrico Zirato, his manager, and following call has been made by the five attending physicians that the singer was declared to have shown a distinct improvement.

To Enrico Jr., who has been at his bedside from the Indiana Military School, he is attending, was given credit for Caruso's turn for the better.

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