

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 O. 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. Gaudin, J. P., in the public hall at Middle Coverdale.

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

Quarrels Were Common.

One of the witnesses, the nearest neighbor, who lived just across the road, swore that quarrelling was so common in the Steeves' home that he had heard so much noise from that quarter that when there was a fall he was inclined to look around and see what things were going on.

Left Sugar Outside.

Another new 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 shed outside all night. The Attorney General was represented by the Peace League Society and James C. Sherran, while James P. K. C. appeared for the prisoner.

Father-in-Law's Story.

Joseph Steeves, father-in-law of the accused and the "daddy" 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 not going. Steeves had never spoken to him. He said his daughter used to come to his house badly abused, she 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 she 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 up stairs and the house was not placed as called later.

Peter Roberts, of Moncton, testified to the effect that the accused had come to his home on Albert street, Moncton, the evening before the fire and borrowed his horse as he had accused—said he wished to get some pans and other things at his house. He did not see Steeves again until after the fire and then he 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 then 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 Nelson, son of Mrs. Wm. Nelson, and Miss Mabel Wilson Grant, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Grant of Calais, Me. The marriage took place Wednesday last at Calais.

The bride and groom sailed today from Halifax on a honeymoon trip to Bermuda. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will be at home in Moncton after April 1st. Mr. Wilson is one of Moncton's most prominent citizens and a well known merchant.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—Early completion of the Hudson Bay Railway is indicated by assurances which have been received from the Dominion Government, stating that the Government's annual report as railway commissioner of Manitoba, which was submitted to the legislature this afternoon, will be operated by the Dominion Government as a part 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 Liberal resolution for the unconditional release of the strike leaders, three of whom are members of the legislature, being defeated by a vote of 26 to 22. The vote resulted in a straight fight between the Liberals and Conservatives: on the one hand, the Liberals and the Independent Farmers and the other, as a result of the division, the House went 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 He Declared.

Harrison, Ark., Feb. 18.—Henry Starr, notorious Oklahoma bandit, was today fatally wounded when with two companions, he attempted to rob the People's Bank of Harrison. When the robbers lacked employees of the bank into the bank, a bank of their seized 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 hospital in an effort to save his life. He was shot through the body, just below the heart.

He died last night. Starr, who was always expected to die with his 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 drawing pistols ordered officials and employees to the vault. W. I. Meyers, a former prisoner and one of the stockholders of the bank entered at the time and they was put into the vault.

Mr. Meyers had concealed a rifle in the vault, 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.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The creation of new machinery to control combines in restraint of trade was forecast by the Prime Minister at the Government caucus today. It is understood that the new law will take the place of the abolished Board of Commerce and the Combines and Fair Prices Act and will be much more effective than either, it is stated.

Fear Three Perished in Newfoundland Snows

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

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 18.—Searchers today found the body of Michael Donahue, 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 has been bucking snow drifts for 15 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 Mr. Balfour, concerning the government's policy with regard to the treaty of Versailles. The vote was 181 to 45.

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 of subscribers and obtain 200,000 EXTRA vote ballots. For each and every Club of 200 worth of subscriptions secured by midnight tonight, one of the bonus ballots good for 200,000 EXTRA votes will be given. In view of the fact that votes will win the Big Debates and the other prizes, it is hoped each and every person who expects to be in the prize-winning list to be securing every possible subscription today.

Full details of the 3 offers which will be given, will be found in today's contest ad.

Closing Rules of the Offers.

1. The Starr Photograph Offer: The last of the 200,000 EXTRA vote ballots offer end tonight at midnight.
2. All contestants, whether residing in St. John or out of town may work up to the last minutes of the three offers.
3. The office of the Automobile and Motor Star Department will be open until 6 p. m. only tonight. City contestans may bring in their returns up to 6 p. m. Monday night, Feb. 21st.
4. City contestants who are unable to bring in their returns by the above mentioned hour may mail their returns, but their letters must reach us 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 offers with the city contestants and then mail off their returns to the contest department any time on Monday, Feb. 21st.
6. The postmark of Monday, Feb. 21st, must be on all of their letters even though their letters do not reach us until the following Tuesday or Wednesday.
7. 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.
8. New contestants who have not time for receipt books to reach them before the close of the Three Big Offers may list out the names of the subscribers on a sheet of paper and send that in with sufficient cash to cover the subscriptions. Contestants already enrolled who run out of receipt books, may do likewise. Do not list anything unless you have cash to cover the 200,000 extra vote ballots. One of the extra ballots will be given for each \$20 worth of sales.
9. All personal checks sent in to cover a receipt book must be cashed at the contest department, assistants.
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.

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, Hollywood's largest and most important Moving Picture Company.

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 "peeing."

Whatever the attitude of the new party to the parliamentary privileges 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. P. Tolmie, minister of agriculture in the division on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, this Farmer member declined to take any part in the controversy. He said he "preferred to let the other fellows fight it out." It is said that his conferees shared his attitude.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

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

Residence of Carey Steeves, near Moncton, destroyed by fire yesterday. Norris Government of Manitoba is sustained on its first division.

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 Republics.

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.

New York, Feb. 18.—Caruso is convalescent. This was the word which came tonight from the hotel suites in which the tenor has been suffering with death for four days.

It was reported that Caruso, his wife and two young children, were taken by the five attending physicians in which the singer was declared to have a distinct improvement.

To Enrico J. who hastened to his father's bedside from the Indiana Military School, he is attending, was given credit for Caruso's turn for the better.

SON SAVED

"I believe the turning point was reached when Caruso first saw his boy," said Ziroto. The boy's smile, coming at the psychological moment, inspired his father with a "new will to live."

But Enrico did not leave his father to himself. Gloria, fourteen months old today, was taken into the singer's room and delighted her father with a new word she had added to her baby talk.

After having enjoyed a small piece of chicken this afternoon, Caruso slept on a bed of straw and for cereal. He ate a dish of oatmeal with evident relish.

It was announced late today that no more official business would be held when another consultation will be held.

CAREY STEEVES' HOUSE BURNED

Only Ten Miles from Scene of Fatal Fire of O. Gaius Steeves at Moncton.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Feb. 18.—The residence of Carey Steeves, at Stone Creek, Albert county, about ten miles from the scene of the Niagara Road tragedy, was burned about two o'clock this afternoon. Unlike the Niagara Road fire, however, no lives were lost, but Mr. Steeves' residence was totally destroyed. He had no insurance and his loss will be between \$3,000 and \$4,000. The furniture was saved, and the neighbors, who gathered by shoveling snow on the outbuildings, succeeded in saving them. Mr. Steeves is one of the best known farmers on the Hillsboro Road.

TEACHERS STILL OUT

New Westminster, B. C., Feb. 18.—The first move to settle the strike of seventy-five teachers and send 3,000 children back to school, was made today when the school board decided to call a conference of representatives of the teachers, the board and the New Westminster Board of Trade. This is considered to be an occasion on the part of the board.

LADIES' HOCKEY

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 18.—The first ladies' hockey match of the season in this city was played here tonight between the Charlottetown girls and the New Glasgow girls. The visitors won by three goals to one.

STRATFORD EDITOR DEAD

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 18.—William Mark O'Brien, editor of the Stratford Beacon since 1897, 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.

LIQUOR BILL FOR PACIFIC PROVINCE UP

One Price Only for All British Columbia Feature of New Act.

MUNICIPALITIES TO ENFORCE MEASURE

If They Refuse or Neglect to Do So Provincial Commission to Act.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 18.—Further light was shed upon the coming liquor control bill in the legislature here this afternoon when Premier O'Leary discussed in committee some of the salient features of government control, and gave his views with regard to the best method of handling certain features of the question.

The Premier said the municipalities will be obliged to enforce the Act, and failing this, the commissioners would have power to enforce the law; that in his opinion fifty per cent. of the revenue to the municipalities would be a fair division; that a commission of one or three subject to removal for cause would be appointed with full powers and control of the operations in the liquor department.

Uniform Liquor Price. A uniform price for liquor sold by the government will prevail all over the province, but he did not state how many government stores there would be. It was made as easily as possible, however, for any one to take advantage of the provisions of the act, the Premier said. Every town will not necessarily have a government liquor will be the same to all, with express charges paid by the commission where necessary. Special regulations will be made governing the sale of liquors by doctors, dentists, veterinarians and manufacturers.

MOTHER BURNED TO DEATH WHILE SAVING FAMILY

Perished With Her Little Babe After Putting Four Children Through Window.

RESCUED NEARLY FROZE TO DEATH

Two of Them May Die as a Result of Thirty Below Zero Weather.

Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 18.—Two lives were lost in a sudden and complete disaster in the residence of Mr. Ted Baker, situated on Hawke's farm, about four miles west of Melfort.

The fire is supposed to have caught from the kitchen range while the family was still asleep. Mr. Baker managed to escape and succeeded in rescuing four of their children. Mrs. Baker handed them out of a window. Before the fire and the baby were able to get out the roof fell in and they were burned to death. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

Rescued Suffered Terribly. In a temperature of thirty below zero, dressed only in night clothes and severely burned, Baker managed to harness his team, wrapping up his four remaining children as well as possible, drove to his nearest neighbor, half a mile away. They now lie in the Melfort Hospital, and it is doubtful if Mr. Baker and one child will recover after their terrible experience.

Taking Baby To The Canal To Drown It!

Child Cried All Night So Mother's Boarder Attempted to Quiet the Place.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—"The child kept me awake at nights so I was taking it to the canal to drown it," was the explanation given to the police this morning by the man who was yesterday taken into custody for carrying a small naked baby in a suit case along St. James street. The discovery was made by a passer-by, who heard the child's cries and had the man arrested.

Royal Dutch Oil Company in West

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 18.—The Royal Dutch Shell Oil Company have filed oil claims on fifteen townships and the Wapiti River, south of Grande Prairie. Such is the news given by one of the leading Edmonton financiers in the oil fields of the north.

NO EVIDENCE OF GUILT

New York, Feb. 18.—Suspicion that Charles T. Davis, wealthy Brooklyn surgical instrument maker, who yesterday shot and killed Detective Joseph Pedregotti and wounded two others, had withheld \$1,000 insurance collected on a stolen automobile, afterwards recovered was removed today by Assistant District Attorney Caldwell.

Mr. Justice Newlands Lieutenant Governor

Succeeds Sir Richard Lake as Ruler of the Province of Saskatchewan.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Mr. Justice Newlands of the Appeal Court of Saskatchewan has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan. It was officially announced tonight. The new Lieutenant-Governor succeeds Sir Richard Lake, whose term shortly expires.

MILNER FAVORS SELF RULE FOR EGYPT AT ONCE

Special Report by Former Colonial Secretary Strongly Urges Such a Step.

BRITISH INTERESTS TO BE SAFEGUARDED

Immediate Action Suggested to Bring Peace and Order to the Whole Land.

London, Feb. 18.—Negotiations with the Egyptian Government for the conclusion of a treaty, according to which the British Empire, are strongly urged in the long-awaited report by Lord Milner, former Colonial Secretary on the Egyptian question, presented to parliament today.

The negotiations should be entered upon by the British Government without undue delay, Lord Milner declares. The self-government grant, according to recommendations of the report would be accomplished by the necessary reservations upholding the essential British interests and protecting a hostile people is a difficult and disagreeable task.

Some Big Troubles

There are formidable difficulties, however, in a sudden and complete transfer of all powers of government to Egyptian hands, adds the document. It is essential to ensure that independent Egypt does not pursue a foreign policy hostile to the interest of the British Empire. It is also imperative to ensure the safety and protect the rights of foreign residents.

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Not Ripe for Freedom

"We do not attempt to conceal our conviction that Egypt is not yet in a position to dispense with British assistance in her internal administration. We are greatly fortified in the belief that the Egyptians will acquiesce by Egyptian view by our own experience in dealing with representatives of the Egyptians, with whom we have come in such intimate contact. We are not discouraged by the fact that they are not all as yet prepared to commit themselves unreservedly to every point in a settlement they collaborated with us in devising."

Asks If Dominion Will Sell Vessels

Wm. Duff, K. C. Hears That 35 C. G. M. Ships May Go to Norway.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Whether or not the Canadian Government has been negotiating with the Norwegian Government for the sale of thirty-five ships of the Canadian Government merchant marine, is being asked by Wm. Duff, Lunenburg, N. S.

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TURGEON SAYS N. B. AGAINST MEIGHEN MEN

Taunts Government With Attempting to Hold Power in Violation of Pledges.

ROWELL IN DEFENCE OF NATIONS' LEAGUE

Claims United States Will be Forced to Join the Council Soon.

House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 18.—O. Turgeon (Gloucester, N. B.), entering the debate on the address this evening, declared as a resident of New Brunswick, that when the people were given an opportunity they would show their disapproval of a government which, elected for a specific period of the war and demobilization, was using all its efforts to hang onto power for the full term of five years.

Cites Carvell Case

When Hon. F. B. Carvell accepted the portfolio of minister of public works, he had gone down to New Brunswick and invited the people to support Union Government, not for a five year term, but until the war was over, and the work of demobilization complete. When that work was done, Mr. Carvell declared he would return to his own party, and he had withdrawn from the Government.

Hon. J. A. Calder had made the same statements to the people of Saskatchewan, but it was noticeable that Mr. Calder still hung on to office with the rest of a discredited Government. Six Unionist Liberal ministers had left the ship, and the prime minister had gone also.

Chosen By Remnant

Mr. Meighen had been chosen as prime minister by the remnant of the Borden followers, instead of by the people; therefore he had no right to claim the confidence of the electors. The member for Moncton declared it would have been far better for Mr. Meighen had he gone before the people when he was chosen as leader, instead of holding off as long as possible. Then they would have rejected him, and while he would have been better off, he would have come back as a strong opposition leader.

All Want Election

As it was, everyone was clamoring for an election, and would voice their disapproval of the Government tactics. Mr. Turgeon warned the leader of the Opposition that if he became a leader of the Government with Mr. Meighen as Opposition leader it would be necessary for the Government to proceed carefully and correctly, for they would have a watchful Opposition against them.

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Meighen Followers Must Be Available

Premier at Caucus Tells Them They Must Guard Against Snap Divisions.

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