

# SCOTLAND THEORY THAT RYDER WAS MURDERED

Coroner Lamb, of Havelock, Says It's a Clear Case of Suicide

FIRE THREE BULLETS

All the Missiles Went Through Body and the Man Was Seemingly Able to Take Off His Shirt After Firing the Three Shots.

Tuesday, Oct. 17. Strange circumstances were developed in connection with the death of William Ryder, of White's Mountain, Kings county, whose body was found near Jordan Mountain on Friday. That he came to his death through foul play is not accepted by Coroner A. S. Lamb, of Havelock, though the theory of foul play followed the discovery that there were three bullet holes in his body, and that his shirt had been removed after the shots were fired.

Speaking of a Times reporter yesterday, Coroner Lamb said that there was no evidence to indicate that the man had been murdered, and that all the circumstances pointed to suicide. In explanation of the seeming impossibility of a man putting three rifle shots through his own body so near to the heart as to cause death and still be able to remove his shirt, Mr. Lamb described the incident as he had reconstructed it from the evidence found after the body had been discovered.

"Everything pointed to a carefully planned suicide," he said. "The unfortunate man left his home on the rifle, saying that he was going out to hunt. When he reached a lonely spot he seated himself on the ground and arranged the rifle with the muzzle at his breast. To pull the trigger he held the muzzle of the rifle against his chest, and the length of the gun barrel, and by placing the fork on the trigger and pressing the stick from him, he could easily discharge the rifle.

The stick used for this purpose was found beside the rifle.

"The first two shots fired in this way entered his breast and, passing through the chest, made their exit through the back. Neither of them was in a position as to be fatal, and I believe that he would still be able to arrange the rifle for the other shot, and fire again.

"From the examination made there was nothing to show that this shot had entered the heart or that it would be instantly fatal, and from the marks on the ground it is apparent that the man had moved from the spot where he sat when the rifle was discharged."

In explanation of the fact that when the body was found there was no shirt on, and the garment was found by with holes in it corresponding to the three rifle shots, Mr. Lamb said, "It is my theory that, after the man had fired the shirt took fire from the close proximity of the muzzle to the body. When he felt it burning, Ryder must still have been able to tear it off and throw it from him before sinking back dead."

"When the rifle was found there was an empty shell in the breach and another shell was found in the unfortunate man's pocket."

"While I can quite understand that anyone hearing or reading of the case would find it hard to believe that the man committed suicide, it is equally impossible for anyone who visited the spot and examined the evidence to believe anything else."

When questioned regarding the doubt as to whether the man would be instantly fatal and whether this would be explained by a post mortem examination the coroner said that there had been no post mortem examination and that the boy was buried on Sunday.

Mr. White also said that there was no known motive for murder while the suicide could be explained by domestic trouble. There was a quarrel between the man and his wife on Monday, and the coroner said that the acts were so evident that no inquest was necessary. He will report that the man was killed by his own hand.

Mr. Ryder, who was a middle aged man of a sober and quiet disposition but was said to be over bright. He was in Kingston on Monday, and returned home on the same night. On Wednesday he left home with the Snider rifle which was found beside his body. He had intended to return to his home on Friday when a party of hunters found the body in the woods near Jordan Mountain. The body was then taken to Havelock where Coroner Lamb took charge of the case.

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## NORTON'S REVIVAL

Norton, N. B., Oct. 16.—The revival is in Norton—a revival of noise and demonstration, but a real revival of God's power. A revival which magnifies Jesus the Son of Man, and which indicates the influence of these meetings, under the leadership of Rev. C. P. Goodson, of New York City, extended to all churches within a radius of ten or twelve miles. They are coming from Bloomfield, Hampton, Apohaqui, Sussex, Bellville and Middlefield. Among those who have made definite decisions for Christ, and indicated the churches into which they are going, are people from these nearby towns.

Rev. Mr. Goodson's preaching is a noticeable and refreshing contrast to his previous preaching. His nightly appeal is "I present Jesus."

A great feature of the services is the no-chance choir under the direction of Mr. J. H. Lennox, with the young people's choir of nearly a hundred voices which Mr. Goodson organized for this campaign. The services will continue into next week.

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# BRADGON GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Jury Recommends Him to Mercy

Will Be Sentenced Next Tuesday by Judge White

F. B. Carvell Made Strong Appeal for Prisoner, Claiming Justification—Presiding Justice's Charge Was Favorable to the Defendant.

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 16.—The sensational murder case of Wm. Bradgon, charged with causing the death of Woodman McCluskey by shooting on May 3 last in Woodstock, was concluded this afternoon. The jury, which was impaneled on Tuesday, will pass sentence next Tuesday. The jury retired at 3:30, were absent an hour and through their foreman, Charles Wilkinson, they said: "We find the prisoner not guilty of murder but guilty of manslaughter and we give a strong recommendation for mercy."

In the absence of Hon. H. P. McLeod, who had left for Fredericton, Clerk of the Circuit, L. E. Young moved that sentence be pronounced.

Justice White thanked the jury for their attendance and stated that he would pronounce sentence when the court resumed its session on Tuesday afternoon at 10 o'clock. The trial was resumed at 10 o'clock. Mr. Carvell addressed the jury for one hour and forty minutes. Hon. Mr. McLeod stated the address of Bradgon as closed at 12:30. The judge then began charging the jury and at 1:30, after a court adjournment, the case was not completed.

F. B. Carvell said that there was no doubt that Woodman McCluskey met his death in the yard of Bradgon's house. There was a mass of evidence to show that McCluskey had been intimate with Bradgon's wife. Bradgon repeatedly warned McCluskey to keep away, telling him that he was making his home a hell upon earth. McCluskey promised but he never kept his promise. Bradgon not only failed to keep his promise, but he would get hurt if he continued these visits.

Mrs. Bradgon did not expect her husband home that night. McCluskey did not expect him either. He had not arrived at McCluskey would have remained at the Bradgon home that night. Bradgon acted as probably all would have done and as has been done since the time of Adam and Eve. The outraged husband, losing his head, after a scuffle the shooting took place. Bradgon had a perfect right to shoot McCluskey, and in the interests of morality and the home the jury should grant justice.

Hon. Mr. McLeod said a human life had been taken. Was there willful murder, or was it manslaughter? He had not arrived at a decision since the time of Adam and Eve. The outraged husband, losing his head, after a scuffle the shooting took place. Bradgon had a perfect right to shoot McCluskey, and in the interests of morality and the home the jury should grant justice.

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# FEAR FOR MISSIONS IN CHINESE REBELLION

Buildings in Hankow in Great Danger from Bombardment

Reports Conflicting About Extent of Rebel Success as Strict Censorship is Maintained—Foreign Warships Ready to Take a Hand if Necessary in Protecting Aliens' Interests.

Canadian Press. Peking, Oct. 19.—The foreign legations in Peking have received no despatches from Hankow since 6 o'clock last evening. The last message from the American consul-general, Roger S. Greene, stated only that the fighting had begun.

It is believed, however, that the concessions in Hankow are safe, and that the foreign consuls and gunboats in the harbor are ample protection, even from the joint Chinese army and navy. But it will be impossible to prevent stray shells from threatening the foreigners, also from communications and looting by the rabble. It would be difficult to cordon the concessions because they are not surrounded by a wall. Only narrow streets cut them off from the densely packed Chinese city.

It is hoped that all the women and children have already been safely removed from Hankow, as it is feared that the defeat of the revolutionaries may be followed by excess on the part of the mob, care and vigilance being necessary. It is believed that the Chinese have more sympathy for the revolutionaries than for the foreigners.

The German legation at Peking made denial today of the report that German troops had been engaged in the fighting in the street of Hankow.

The board of communications early last evening received two despatches. One mentioned that the German legation at Hankow had been captured by the rebels; the other was interrupted while being transmitted.

Imperial Troops Mutinous. A report has reached here that imperial troops have refused to detain at Hankow. Other reports state that the Chinese gunboats took little part in yesterday's fighting. Their inactivity is explained by the fact that a direct fire would have endangered their own troops, while a flank attack would have involved a bombardment of the foreign concessions.

Some of the discontent at Hankow are said to have been yesterday's night. The rebels who retreated from the city, were followed by the imperial troops, and the arrival of government reinforcements, retired in a southerly direction. Some of them re-entered the native city of Hankow, while others made the way toward Wu Chang. The loyal troops were not sufficiently strong to press home any advantage they had gained.

The American attaches, Lieut.-Col. William D. Beach and Major H. H. Reeves, returned to Peking last night because they were not permitted to accompany the troops to Hankow. They say that the Chinese army, which was made up of 10,000 troops, is being sent southward in admirable. The food supply sent to the troops is abundant and the troops were in good spirits. The rapidly with which 3,000 men have been dispatched to the south has surprised the military attaches. The Chinese army, they declare, seems to have learned the lessons of modern tactics well, but the discipline is evidently still lacking in the rear.

Both Armies Disaffected. The fact that the rebels did not advance along the railway prior to the arrival of the imperial troops may not have been owing to the lack of initiative but to the unwillingness of the revolutionaries to do a deed of open revolt. The rebels, who are in the hands of the revolutionaries, the imperial gunboats will be precluded from taking up a position in the river between two fires, and in favor of the rebels. The rebels from the north. In this case the American Boone University and the American Swedish Wesleyan and London mission hospitals and schools will all be in a direct line with the firing.

Dr. Somerville says that a French doctor, who is prominent in the present outbreak, carried on a revolutionary propaganda at the club connected with Boone University, several of whose students were executed because of their connection with him.

Dr. Sproule for Speaker. Dr. T. S. Sproule, the veteran representative of the commonsense party, is the government's choice for speaker in the commonsense party. His elevation to the speakership was definitely decided upon this afternoon. Dr. Sproule, who is now in the capital, is already receiving the congratulations of his friends.

The choice will meet with general approval. For thirty-three years he has been continuously a member of the commonsense party, and his record is well known. He is personally popular on both sides of the houses, and so men have a better knowledge of the rules of procedure and debate.

His reason of seniority and long party service, Dr. Sproule had a right to cabinet preference, but did not press his claims, nor, in fact, did he seek the speakership. The honor has been thrust upon him. His appointment, apart from his personal fitness for the post, is also politically expedient. Dr. Sproule represents the faithful old guard of the party in Ontario, and is frankly critical of some of Mr. Borden's cabinet selections, particularly in regard to the large Nationalist representation and the speakership of the commonsense party.

Dr. Sproule's election to the speakership will strike an average between Orangist and Nationalist.

Auto Driver Killed. Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 19.—Billy Pearce, automobile driver, was instantly killed this afternoon when his Colby automobile crashed into the fence while he was speeding at Woodland track. Pearce was practicing for the race meet which will open tomorrow. His home is said to be in Indiana.

Schooners Make Quick Passage. City Island, Oct. 19.—Schooner Lawson (N.S.), from Port George (N.S.), and schooner Jost (N.S.), from Spencer's Island (N.S.), made a quick passage of seventy hours to City Island.

Next World's S. S. Convention in Zurich. Philadelphia, Oct. 19.—At a meeting here today of the executive committee of world's Sunday School Association which was attended by Sabbath school leaders from Europe, Africa and America, it was voted to hold the world's seventh Sunday school convention in Zurich, Switzerland, July 8-15, 1912.

Schooner Renown Sunk in Mid-Ocean; Crew Rescued. Halifax, Oct. 19.—(Special)—A. B. Crosby received a message from Bremen, Germany, this afternoon: "Renown sunk mid-ocean, crew rescued."

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Rowdy New York Ball Players Warned and Fined. Manager McGraw Threatened With Severe Penalties, and Merkle to Pay \$100. New York, Oct. 19.—The national commission today censured John McGraw, manager of the New York National League Club, for his conduct during the Athletics-Giants game in this city last Tuesday, and notified him that a repetition of his misconduct would result in removal from the field, a disbarment from all further world's series games, and the infliction of a heavy fine. First baseman Merkle, of the New York club, was also fined \$100 for improper language.

Lloyd George to Push Insurance Bill. Makes Concessions to Friendly Societies, and They Withdraw Opposition. London, Oct. 19.—It is officially announced that as a result of final conference today between Chancellor Lloyd George and the representatives of the friendly societies at which concessions were made by the societies' opposition to the chancellor's national insurance bill, which has been a most serious obstacle, has been withdrawn and the support of the societies pledged. The bill will be taken when parliament reassembles on October 24 and pushed through.

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# GIANTS ARE STILL VERY CONFIDENT

Next Contest Will Be for Blood

Bad Feeling Between the Teams Over Spiking of Baker

Christy Mathewson, in Fore-cast of the Next Games, Says the National League Champions Will Remedy Past Mistakes, and Put it All Over the Athletics.

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Philadelphia, Oct. 19.—Although these two days of illness have helped the Giants materially in their fight for the championship of the world, still there isn't a man on the club who doesn't hope that tomorrow is a fine day. They realize their mistakes now and are keyed up to make the fight of their lives, and they want action, want a chance to do something.

The second consecutive day of illness has changed the situation little except to rest up our pitchers. "Babe" Marquard should be fit to go back at them tomorrow, and let me say that if he is right they will have to go some to beat him.

This Baker-Snodgrass incident and the attitude taken by the Athletics in freely discussing the entire matter of playing "dirty ball" is not going to make the remaining contests any pink tea, and each side will be on its guard, while the Philadelphia newspapers have stirred up the fans, so that they are likely to be trouble at any time. The Giants, in a body, stand by Snodgrass and say that he was well within his rights when he hit into Baker, who was trying to knock him. The whole thing is very regrettable and has produced a serious situation.

McGraw took each of the men aside today and gave him an individual talk, pointing out his faults and how to correct them. He says that the team plunged into the series in an effort to drive the ball away and give him an individual talk, pointing out his faults and how to correct them. He says that the team plunged into the series in an effort to drive the ball away and give him an individual talk, pointing out his faults and how to correct them.

Chief of Police McLeod Examines Scene of Tragedy Again, and Thinks Inquiry Should Be Held.

Special to The Telegraph. Sussex, Oct. 19.—Chief of Police McLeod paid another visit today to White's Mountain to complete his enquiry into the death of William Ryder, found dead with three bullet holes in his body on a swampy piece of ground, about 75 rods from his own home. Chief McLeod, returning to Sussex tonight and is now in a position to make a written report on the details of the tragedy. He is said to have information which, when reported to Hon. J. A. Murray, will result in the body being exhumed and an inquest held. This will be done as soon as the necessary formalities can be gone through with.

Chief McLeod regards the circumstances suspicious of the body being found exactly three feet from where the man first fell to another ground and died from his wounds, and that also the outside shirt was found torn and burned three feet from where the body was discovered. He says that the inside shirt, which he has in his possession, gives evidence of being sopped with blood only on one side, and believes the stains could only have been made when the man was lying on the ground. Whereas the body was found on a sitting position. Chief McLeod made exact measurements today of all distances bearing any effect upon the case, besides interviewing people of the community acquainted with Ryder and his friends.

The discussion of the tragedy is growing very warm as to a motive, if murder was committed.

Confident of Winning Series. I still have every confidence that the boys will win the series. Once they get going as they were, say in Pittsburg on the last trip the club made west, and no team in the country can stop them. Let the club get into base hits in one day and give him an individual talk, pointing out his faults and how to correct them. He says that the team plunged into the series in an effort to drive the ball away and give him an individual talk, pointing out his faults and how to correct them.

I look to see our men steal lots of bases before the last game is played, now that Connolly will be posted on the foul lines the next two contests. And when one club once starts to twirl on another, trouble is going to result.

Bad Feeling. The series now has developed so much partisan feeling that both teams will fight to the last ditch, and each is going to be on its guard for some trick to gain any advantage, however slight.

Of course, if the Athletics want to, doctor their field tomorrow and make the base lines heavy around the bags, they will do it. It would inspire confidence, again, and the machine would get into its old stride and make the Athletics wonder who they were playing.

Nationalist for Deputy Speaker. P. E. Blondin Slated to Help Dr. Sproule Keep Parliament in Order.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—(Special)—P. E. Blondin, member for Champlain, will be appointed deputy speaker. He is practically the only French-Canadian member-elect with parliamentary experience available, who speak English fluently, for the position. Moreover, he is a Nationalist, and his appointment with that of Dr. Sproule will strike an average between Orangist and Nationalist.

Three Nova Scotia Bye-Elections November 15.

Halifax, Oct. 19.—(Special)—The date for the provincial bye-elections has been fixed for Nov. 15. Nomination day will be Nov. 8. There will be three elections—Lunenburg, Annapolis and Digby counties.

Royalists Capture Portuguese Town. Vigo, Spain, Oct. 19.—It is reported here today that the Portuguese Royalists have captured the frontier town of Monte Negro. The republican troops had sixteen casualties.

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