

HUSBAND MURDERED WIFE THEN BLEW OUT OWN BRAINS AWFUL TRAGEDY AT LEAMINGTON

Floyd Dresser, Aged 20, and His Wife, Aged 19,
Found Dead in Bed in Their Home in
Western Ontario Town.

INFANT PRATTLED MID SCENE OF DEATH

Baby, Spared by the Crazy Husband, Cried and Laughed by
Turns—It Is Said Husband and Wife Had Had Many
Quarrels of Late.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Leamington, Ont., May 13.—The most horrible tragedy in the history of Leamington was discovered this morning when Mrs. Floyd Dresser, aged 19, was found murdered in bed, and her husband, aged 20, the supposed murderer, a suicide, on the floor in the room.

Tightly clutched in his hands were two revolvers, the implements of death. The citizens of Leamington were shocked beyond expression when the news of the dread tragedy spread like wildfire. The couple were well known in Leamington, and in the township of Mersea.

INFANT IN THE BED.

Both bodies were cold in death when found. A tiny infant, 6 months old, was in bed with the dead mother, and in turn cried for the care and attention only a mother can bestow, and then laughed with childish glee, not realizing the fearful tragedy.

Dresser was about town as usual last night. He was in Jeffrey's billiard room until 10 o'clock, and seemed to be in the best of spirits. He laughed and chatted his companions, and there seemed to be no sign of care or worry. He left the place shortly after the hour named, and, bidding his companions good night, went home.

Early this morning, Mrs. Dresser's father, John Oliver, went to the home, and found the house locked up, with no sign of life. He went home and told his wife, who went at once to the scene.

Mrs. Oliver got into the house.

The first was out, and there was not a sign of life anywhere. She went to the young couple's room and almost dropped with fright when she saw the awful sight.

A HORRIBLE DISCOVERY.

On the bed lay Mrs. Dresser with a ghastly wound in the left temple. On the floor, face downwards, near the bed, lay the husband in a pool of blood on the floor.

The tiny infant laughed and cried in turn on the bed beside its dead mother.

Mrs. Oliver ran from the house with a scream of horror. Mr. Oliver rushed to the place and Constable Booth was notified.

Several physicians were hastily summoned also, but man and wife were rigid in death.

Mrs. Oliver took the baby, and was removed to her home by neighbors.

MURDERED WHILE ASLEEP.

Mrs. Dresser was evidently murdered while lying asleep. She was lying on her back, with the clothes drawn up around her and an arm about the baby.

A horrible wound in the temple showed where the bullet had sped on its arched death. A black, jagged wound it was, with powder marks and scorched flesh, proving beyond peradventure that the man, with malicious fury, had made sure that his victim would not escape his anger.

The woman apparently never moved after the fatal shot, and lay as if in a sleep.

TWO REVOLVERS IN HANDS.

Dresser was fully clothed, and lay on his face, with the revolvers clasped with the grip of death in his hand. One in his right hand, a 32-calibre revolver showed two empty chambers. The other lay under his body, covered with his life blood.

From all appearances he had come into the room, placed the revolver near his wife's temple and shot her as she slept.

Making sure that the wound was fatal, he turned the weapon upon himself. The bullet struck him on the forehead, close to the top of his head, and crashed into his brain. He fell, striking the side of the bed, leaving an imprint of blood, and lay on the floor, where he was found.

SPARED THE BABY.

There was no evidence that he tried to kill the baby, nor that he took any interest whatever in the little infant.

As they died they were found. The dread tragedy had evidently taken place shortly after he came in from the billiard room, or at least quite early in the night.

There is no motive known for the deed. Mrs. Dresser bore a good reputation, and was well liked by her neighbors. Dresser had been living very fast of late, however, drinking, and staying away at nights. This led to many quarrels, it is alleged, when Dresser neglected his wife considerably. She upbraided him for his conduct, and violent quarrels are said to have marked their domestic life of late. Dresser returned home late last night, after spending the evening in the poolrooms, and the theory of the crown is that a violent quarrel took place on this score. Dresser evidently determined upon murder in his anger, and waiting until his wife had retired and gone to sleep, he slipped into her room, killing her as she lay.

Coroner Was Notified.

Constable Booth took charge of the case, and summoned Dr. King, the coroner. A careful investigation of the case was made by the officers and it was decided to hold no inquest.

"The facts are quite plain," said Dr. King. "Dresser shot his wife, and then committed suicide. The revolver was found in his hand, and the bullet entering the brain. In falling he evidently struck the side of the bed, as there was a blood stain on it. He fell on his face, and was in the position when found. He had two revolvers, one in each hand. One had two chambers empty, and the other was in his hand and under his body."

Shot His Wife.

"There was no other conclusion to come to than Dresser had first shot his wife as she lay asleep, and then turned the revolver on himself. Death had taken place some hours before the bodies were found, as they were quite rigid."

No Motive.

"As to the motive, there is none, except, perhaps, his conduct of late. Mr. Oliver, father of Mrs. Dresser, stated that they had quarrelled somewhat of late. She had upbraided him for his conduct as he was staying out late, and had been spending his money very freely of late. This, he thought, was the cause of the tragedy."

Dresser was about 22 years of age, and his wife was a year or two younger. He was the son of Mr. Thomas Dresser, a farmer living on the fourth concession of Mersea township. He is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of that district. He was notified of the tragedy at an early hour. Mrs. Dresser was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, Leamington, Ontario.

MR. NUTTER NOT FAVORITE WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION

City Engineer Graydon Wants
to Know Why City Architect
Has Been Overlooked.

City Engineer Graydon and the board of education are again in a controversy over the services of City Architect Nutter.

For some time it has been reported that Mr. Nutter has been at work on plans for the new Colborne street school.

Mr. Nutter declares that he has not been given any details of the proposed building, and that consequently he is not preparing any plans for the building.

Mr. Graydon took up the pen on Mr. Nutter's behalf, and in a letter to the board asks why it is that outside architects can be furnished with the details while the city architect has not been given them.

"We should at least be given the same consideration," said Mr. Graydon. "I cannot understand the action of the board whatever."

FATAL EXPLOSION IN TOY-PISTOL FACTORY

Barrel of Cap Making Material
Goes Up in Smoke—Boy
Killed—The Factory
Wrecked.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13.—When a barrel of cap-making material exploded early today at the plant of the Pittsburg Cap and Pistol Company, in Homestead, black powder so violently exploded that J. Johnson, aged 42 years, that when found his identity could not be ascertained for some time. A young boy also working in the plant was badly injured.

The factory was wrecked and windows for two blocks about the place were shattered.

The workmen had been working night and day to fill Fourth of July orders for toy pistols and caps.

FIVE BLUEJACKETS KILLED

Disastrous Results of German Naval
Manoeuvring Off the Coast.

Berlin, May 13.—The report from Wilhelm that a fatal explosion has occurred while the mine-laying division was manoeuvring off the coast, was officially confirmed today.

Five bluejackets were killed and two others were injured.

YUKON RIVER OPENED

Ice Broke Up in Front of Dawson—
Boats Start Saturday.

Dawson, Yukon, Territory, May 13.—The ice on the Yukon River broke up in front of Dawson yesterday afternoon and thousands of dollars were expended on the time of this event changed hands. One hundred tons of supplies were caught on Lake Labarge, and as the ice is too soft to permit the use of horses, dog trains are being used to carry them off before all the ice goes out.

The first of the steamers from the Upper Yukon for Dawson will start on Saturday. The fees of the small boats bringing the advance guard rushing in for spring work, passing through the narrows, are said to be very high.

The Dawson provision market is depleted.

MONTREAL-CHICAGO ALL-WATER ROUTE

Inauguration of a New Freight and
Passenger Service.

Chicago, May 13.—New freight and passenger service entirely by boat between Montreal and Chicago will be inaugurated today with the arrival of the steamer City of Montreal from the Canadian city. This is the first all-water service has been operated from the St. Lawrence River to the great lakes via the Welland Canal. Several years ago the experiment failed on account of high insurance rates, but an arrangement has been made by which shippers are not required to insure their freight, and it is supposed to operate three boats on schedule for both freight and passenger throughout the season.

SITUATION IN NICARAUGA

Threatened Battle May Not Take Place
for Several Days.

New Orleans, May 13.—The threatened battle between the Estrada and Madrid forces in Nicaragua may not take place for several days, according to a dispatch received here. It is reported that the largest division of the Estrada forces is now stationed at a point about eight miles south of Bluefields.

It is believed the Madrid forces are awaiting the arrival of the steamship Venus. That the Venus has put into a port of Central or South America to change its register is not denied by the Madrid representatives in New Orleans.

According to a proclamation of Estrada, each volunteer in the insurgent army will receive 125 acres of land for his services, the same to revert to the government of the east coast if it is not in cultivation within six years.

FATAL FIRE IN MAINE.

Jackman, May 13.—Fred Gillette, a lumber camp cook, was burned to death, Henry Hays was seriously burned, and Harry Landry, a hotel employee, received slight injuries in a fire which today destroyed the Armstrong House, the principal hotel here, and the Canadian Pacific Railroad station.

Several of the eighteen men sleeping in the hotel jumped from the windows or came down a telephone pole which stood close to the building.

DOG FINES.

At this morning's session of the police court, John Scott, James McLean and Robert Johnston each paid \$2 for allowing their dogs out without muzzles. Seven wheelmen, who took to the sidewalks, paid \$1 each.

Watch For The Advertiser's New Story

Saturday there will appear in The Advertiser the first installment of "The Message," a story by Louis Tracy. The author's name is sufficient guarantee of its entrancing interest. It is a story which teems with thrilling incidents—a snappy, gripping tale of romance and adventure. Mr. Tracy is the author of "The Wings of the Morning," "The Wheel of Fortune," and other popular stories, and is one of the cleverest of present day writers. Don't miss the opening chapters on Saturday.

LONDON PEOPLE IN A BAD ACCIDENT AT THAMESFORD AUTO PARTIALLY WRECKED

Mr. J. L. Secord, of Euclid Avenue, and Party Suffer Severe
Hurts in a Mishap by Which All Were Thrown Out
and Two of the Occupants Went Under Car.

Spinning along the road at about fifteen miles an hour, near Thamesford, on a trip from Brantford to this city, at 10:30 last evening, a touring car driven by Mr. J. L. Secord, the owner, of 105 Elmwood avenue, who was accompanied by Miss Alice Bloom, also of Elmwood avenue, and Mr. Secord's brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. W. E. Brown and Mrs. J. A. Wolf, both of Tacoma, Washington, skidded, as the rear wheels left a bridge, faced about and turned turtle.

The fact that the top was down over the back at the time saved the lives of the passengers, all four escaping with cuts and bruises, with the exception of Mr. Wolf, who sustained more serious injury. Two ribs were broken, and she was otherwise badly shaken up.

Under the Car.

Mr. Secord was driving at the time, and was accompanied in the front seat by his sister-in-law. Both were thrown under the car, but Mrs. Wolf was easily extricated.

The steering post rested on Mr. Secord's leg, but Mr. Brown, who with Miss Bloom, was thrown from the tonneau unhurt, was able to hail a taxi.

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EMPLOYER CHARGES UNION MEN ARE NOT PLAYING FAIR

Claims That Vega Gaste Company Is Being Asked to Pay More
for Same Class of Work Than Union Demands From
Other Places—It Looks Like a Strike Monday.

Members of the local cigarmakers' union expect an organizer to arrive in the city this afternoon, and state that it is certain that the strike will be officially called on Monday.

A meeting of the committee will be held on Sunday afternoon.

It was stated today that there are about 300 members of the union in the city, and that all will go out. Several have already, in anticipation of the strike, left the city. Five from one shop went in a body last night to Toronto.

Local manufacturers are paying the men up to tonight, and are making arrangements that all who come to work tomorrow will be paid up till tomorrow night.

Employer Objects.

One of the most interesting situations has occurred in the case of the Vega Gaste Cigar Company. Mr. Gaste has agreed to practically every demand the union has made, except that of paying \$12 for a certain line of Havana cigars. He has been paying \$11 per thousand for this class of work right along, as against \$10 paid by other manufacturers. Now the union demands that he pay \$12, and the other shops \$11.

"I think this is simply an imposition on me," said Mr. Gaste to The Advertiser this afternoon. "I simply can't pay that for the reason that I am not a manufacturer. Why they should single me out to pay \$12, and only ask other manufacturers \$11, is more than I can tell. I am willing to leave this question to a board of arbitration in the case of Walter Ross, the North Bay murderer, who was to have been hanged on Friday next."

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STOP TEAM WORK.

"The union also want me to stop the team work, that is, letting two girls work together."

"At the present time girls are making \$50 a thousand by working together. The men make \$11 for the same work. I do not feel justified in turning the girls out."

"They have always worked well and make good cigars. My proposal to the union is that I cut out the team work and pay girls and men exactly the same scale, that is, \$11 a thousand. This it seems to me is the fairest thing I can do, and if the union won't accept it I will close the shop. I have also told them that if things can be arranged satisfactorily I will take on 35 more men as quickly as I can get them."

Mr. Gaste at the present time employs 100 people.

Manufacturers Interested.

Local manufacturers are keenly interested in the case.

"It looks as though Mr. Gaste has been too good to his employees," said one man this afternoon.

Other manufacturers spoken to in regard to the situation stated that they will not grant the increases asked. "They say they cannot afford to do so under present trade conditions."

The Cost of Living.

One of the union men who go out stated to The Advertiser that the sole reason for asking for the 10 per cent increase is the increase in the cost of living.

"We make good wages and have steady work," he said, and have no objection to the 10 per cent increase to make up for the advance in everything else."

RENNICK AVE. MEN
BURIED THE HATCHET

Appeared in Police Court, But Made
Up the Trouble.

In the police court this morning, Frank Cotton, of 7 Renwick avenue, charged his neighbor, Fred Leslie, of 5 Renwick avenue, with using threatening language towards him.

The trouble started some time ago. It was stated that a sister of Mr. Leslie was going to get married, and asked Mr. Cotton if he saw "anything green," and he told her to shut up and go on.

On Saturday afternoon last Mr. Cotton said he was sitting on his back doorstep with a pipe in his mouth, and a neighbor, Miss Leslie, he told her to stop. Mr. Leslie, he said, came to a window and wanted him to come out and fight and threatened him.

"I want you two men to shake hands and be friends, and live peacefully together as neighbors should," said Magistrate Love. "There will be no costs if you do that."

Mr. Leslie said he was willing, and Mr. Cotton and he shook hands and left the court together.

CHAUFFEUR GETS 20 YEARS

Shot a Man in Dispute Over Right of
Way.

Kingston, N.Y., May 13.—For killing Martin D. Fallon during a dispute over his right to drive an automobile on a path in front of Fallon's house at Marlborough, Henry Craft was sentenced today to Dannymore prison for a term of 20 years.

Craft was a chauffeur, 23 years old. He shot Fallon on May 23 last year in front of Fallon's home. The victim had previously had trouble with Craft's father and brother. Craft was indicted for murder in the first degree. A jury found him guilty of second degree murder last night.

Death of William McDonald.

Mr. William McDonald, an inmate of the Aged People's Home, died at that institution this morning in his 76th year. He is survived by three sons, James, of Cobourg, one in Winnipeg, and a third in New York State. The deceased had been at the home for the past three years, and previous to that time resided in the county.

WATT COMPANY COMES HERE WILL EMPLOY FIFTY HANDS

Patterson Auto Company Will Also Locate Canadian Branch in
This City—London Appears To Be in for a
Big Industrial Boom.

London, after resting on her oars for a couple of years, while other municipalities with fewer advantages than the manufacturer, obtained industries from all sides, is developing a first-class crew of boosters, and today the announcement is made that another big manufacturing plant is to locate on the Higgins farm, east of the Empire Brass Works, on Dundas street, near the inter-switching line, has been safely landed.

The R. Watt Company, Limited, now located in Ridgeway, has secured the deal, the deal is closed, and within the next two weeks work on a factory covering 30,000 feet, ranging from one to two stories in height, will be commenced.

At the outset the firm will employ about fifty hands, but within the year it is expected that over a hundred names will be on the pay roll. Twenty families are being brought from Ridgeway alone.

The building will be rushed to completion this summer and within a short time dozens of residents of Ridgeway and other places will trek for the leading manufacturing centre of this part of Ontario.

Patterson Auto Company.

With the news of the Patterson Automobile Manufacturing Company, of Flint, Mich., that has decided to locate a Canadian plant in this city.

Mr. W. A. Patterson's representative, a Mr. Sullivan, of Flint, was in the city a few days ago.

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EXPULSION OF JEWS TO BE RESUMED

They Must Leave, Kiev, Russia,
Before June 14—Order
Applies to Other
Cities.

Kiev, Russia, May 13.—The expulsion of Jews residing illegally in Kiev will be resumed tomorrow. In some instances a delay has been granted to permit a settlement of their affairs, but all of these marked for expulsion must leave the city before June 14.

The order of expulsion was issued as a result of an agitation which began in the Duma and originally provided that the expulsion should take place on April 28 last. Subsequently the order was suspended by Premier Stolypin to permit a further examination of Jewish claims of residence.

The order applied to other cities and towns where Jews are residing.

The Kiev commission has considered thus far about 1,000 cases, of which \$50 have been found to be subject to expulsion. The governor-general has reviewed the decisions of the commission and confirmed the expulsion of 700 of those listed.

The Jews remaining in Kiev will be allowed to occupy summer villas outside the city through special permission granted individual cases.

Tashkent, Asiatic Russia, May 13.—The police have given forty Jewish families, declared to be residing illegally here, three days in which to leave the town.

STARVING, BURNED AND NEARLY FROZEN

Terrible Experience of Family
On Thirty-Mile Tramp
in Michigan.

Grand Marais, Mich., May 13.—John R. Elving and his wife, with their young baby, together with their six older children, the eldest of whom is 15 years, have reached here in an almost famished condition after a 30-mile tramp through the forest between here and Upper Brule Lake. It took them five days to cover the distance, and they were almost buried and frozen to death.

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The Product.

The Watt Company manufactures bean threshers, threshing engines and machines, and a new automatic thrasher feeder. The Watts have a monopoly of the latter line, and as beans are raised extensively in this part of the country, particularly in Kent and Essex Counties, the field is a fine one.

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