

EIGHT YEAR OLD CARLETON COUNTY GIRL VICTIM OF ATROCIOUS CRIME; THE CULPRIT IN JAIL

WAS ARRESTED BY
SHERIFF FOSTER

Victim of Assault a Daughter of Edison Stairs, Who Lives Near Centreville — Her Assailant Son of Gaius Steeves, Who Figured Recently in an Albert County Murder Trial.

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

Woodstock, Nov. 12.—One of the most horrible cases of assault came to light with the arrest last night at Centreville of Curtis Steeves, charged with a crime the details of which are unmentionable in which a little girl eight years of age is the victim.

The child is a daughter of Edison Stairs, a farmer living about four miles out of Centreville town. Sheriff Foster and Deputy Sheriff Moores drove to the place last night, a distance of forty-eight miles and arrested Steeves, bringing him here early this morning.

The child is in a very serious condition and the prisoner will be remanded pending the result of her injuries.

Steeves is from Albert County and is a son of Gaius Steeves who was recently tried for the murder of his wife and six children. He drifted here in the early fall and has been employed in different places picking potatoes.

PURDY STILL ON ROUTE.

Weather Mild and Ice Running—Close of Navigation Not Yet.

The steamer D. J. Purdy left this morning for St. John at her usual hour with a heavy freight. The weather here is mild with the river full of floating ice. There is no prospect of the river closing in the immediate future.

The tug Annie Currier which was to make an attempt to run from Oromocto this morning, did not make the trip.

The weather today is mild with the snow melting steadily. There is little expectation of the close of navigation for some time.

Shot Gun Seized.

A double barreled shot gun seized by Warden David Verner in St. John County has been forwarded to the office of the Chief Game Warden here.

New York Motorists.

A motoring party composed of C. M. Clay, Jr., H. Saper and J. Tinkelpaugh of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was registered at the Queen yesterday. The party left this morning.

Died at St. John.

Mr. R. B. Emerson a well known business man of St. John and member of the firm of Emerson & Fisher died yesterday aged 73 years. He is survived by a family of three sons and one daughter.

Special Meeting Monday.

The City Council will meet in special session on Monday night for the purpose of considering the matter of the Rural Cemetery Annex and the objections to it.

After Big Game.

Walter Moffatt, C. L. Keene and Walter Bower of New York left last evening to hunt big game on the Miramichi with James Somerville as guide. G. B. Goerner of Boston left for Minto also after big game.

Lots of Snow

Mr. Charles Cremin, the well known guide has returned from a trip to his camps on the headwaters of the Nepisiquit. He reports two feet of snow in that section at the present time.

WANT REFEREES STATEMENT ON PROTEST MATTER

No Decision Reached at St. John Last Night — Quick Settlement Expected Now.

St. John, Nov. 12.—No decision was reached in the matter of the U. N. B. Mount Allison game in Fredericton on Friday last by the committee of three faculty representatives from U. N. B. Mount Allison and Acadia, who met in the Dufferin Hotel here last evening to consider the allowance of Mt. Allison's protest. The meeting was postponed until an official statement could be had from J. W. Allen of Halifax, who refereed the game. Mr. Allen, it appears, had not been officially notified of the protest and was not in attendance at the meeting. Provision was made for calling the meeting together again, if necessary, after Mr. Allen's statement was received, one of the members of the committee said last evening, and he added that it was possible that the matter would be settled in time to have the play-off between the winners of the western and eastern sections of the league in Truro on November 17, which has been the generally accepted date of the game to decide the maritime intercollegiate championship.

Decision Re-Trophy.

It is possible that even when the decision of the committee is finally given that one or other of the parties to the dispute may appeal the question to a committee composed of representatives of all the colleges of both sections of the league it was said however by Professor John Stephens, of U. N. B., that, in so far as the awarding of the Clark cup for the winning of the western section of the league was concerned, the decision of the committee would be final. The committee consisted of Professor Stephens, Professor H. E. Bigelow, of Mount Allison, and Rev. Dr. H. T. DeWolfe, of Acadia, who are the trustees of the Clark cup, which is for competition between these three colleges.

The whole question of the protest arose out of the fact that Appleby a Mount Allison half-back, collided with a spectator who was alleged to be on the field of play when the Mount A. player was within a few yards of U. N. B.'s goal line. Mount Allison maintains that the player would have scored if he had not been interfered with and that the referee, according to rule should have awarded them a try U. N. B., on the other hand, appears to be taking their stand on the ruling of the referee, whose decision is final in all matters of fact. They contend that the referee, by awarding a free kick, took the view that Appleby would not have made a try, but he should award the penalty of a free kick against U. N. B. for allowing spectators on the field.

R. D. Mitton and Austin Taylor, a player on the Mount Allison team, appeared at the hearing, and H. H. Trimble, captain of the U. N. B. team, also was in attendance.

Another Aspect.

Another aspect of the question is whether or not Appleby was in touch at the time the collision with the spectator occurred. U. N. B. is said to have an affidavit of Frederick Johnson, of Fredericton, who was standing at the intersection of the goal and touch lines at the time. Mr. Johnson's testimony was to the effect that Appleby was in touch when the collision occurred. On the other hand Mount Allison had affidavits from two or three players and one or more spectators to the effect that Appleby was not in touch when the incident occurred.

Slightly Incorrect.

On Poppy Day a prominent store in Queen street had as the central decoration a portrait of King George wreathed in poppies. "Lloyd George, eh!" said a passer by looking at it. The man did not belong to Fredericton.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE MAY BE TURNING POINT IN HISTORY OF HUMAN RACE

Delegates on Disarmament From All Civilized Nations Meet Today—Press and Public Barred from the Opening Session—The Real Work of the Conference Will Start on Tuesday—Delegates are Optimistic.

Washington, Nov. 12.—While Washington yesterday bowed over the bier of America's unknown soldier, the chief actors in the great drama prepared their respective parts. The opening session of the disarmament conference, barred to press and public, was more of a character of a spectacle than of a parliamentary assembly to take up the problems of the conference. There was the customary intercession for divine guidance, a benediction from President Harding, a polite exchange of international civilities, a general profession of desire to beat swords into ploughshares, and then adjournment. The real work of the conference will come on Tuesday.

THE MATTER OF PUBLICITY

Then the delegates will decide upon procedure, upon the extent to which its deliberations, debates and decisions shall be made public, and what is of considerable moment as to what questions upon the existing tentative agenda shall be dealt with first.

To Canadian observers, and, indeed, to the Canadian public these decisions will be of interest. They will be of interest because they will in large measure indicate, if not determine, the precise character of Canada's representation here, as well as the probable influence that representation is likely to exert upon the conference's course and determinations. For those here who believe that Canada's stake in the conference, as well as her part in making it possible, entitled her to speak in its councils with weighty voice, the first step taken in the striking of committees if it may be taken as a mirror of what is to come, is not encouraging.

These committees, announced this morning are to determine the conference's programme and procedure, one to deal with the limitation of armaments and the other with Pacific and Far Eastern questions.

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MEETINGS HELD IN INTEREST OF COL. OSBORNE

The campaign for Col. W. J. Osborne, Liberal candidate in York-Sunbury which had been going on for some time, took the form of public meetings Friday night. The meetings were held at Fredericton committee rooms, McKeen's Corner, Bear Island and Prince William. There was a large attendance at all meetings with great enthusiasm for Col. Osborne's candidature. Tonight there are to be meetings at Burt's Corner and Poklok. Col. Osborne and P. J. Hughes will speak at Burt's Corner and G. T. Feeney and J. B. Dickson at Poklok.

A. H. VanWart was in the chair at the Fredericton committee rooms which were filled to the doors. The rally was the best yet held locally. The speakers were G. T. Feeney, E. C. Atkinson and J. Alfred Dewar. The latter who was particularly well received is a returned soldier, having served with the 1st Mounted Machine Gun Brigade, C. E. F.

The candidate spoke at McKeen's Corner last night and was given a great reception. J. B. Dickson also was a speaker there. The chairman was Barry McCullough a well known farmer of the locality.

At Prince William Albert Smith occupied the chair and the speaking was by E. Allison MacKay and J. J. F. Winslow.

At Bear Island Leverett Gunter took the chair and speeches were made by P. S. Watson and P. J. Hughes.

In the rural districts the feeling against the Meighen government is particularly noticeable and echoes of the by-election of last May are heard everywhere.

Forty First Year.

The University Monthly, the student publication of the University of New Brunswick has entered upon its forty first year. The year is also the one hundred and twenty first year of the university.

TALK OF A GENERAL ELECTION IN THE OLD COUNTRY REVIVED; MAY DEPEND ON IRISH PROBLEM

ARTHUR W. HILL DIED SUDDENLY AT DEVON TODAY

Well Known Resident Taken Ill While Preparing for Work—Died Shortly Afterward.

Arthur Wilmot Hill a well known resident of Devon died at his home early this morning after an illness of very short duration. Mr. Hill who was employed by R. T. Baird rose at his usual hour and attended to his horses. He then complained to his wife that he was feeling unwell. A physician was summoned but before he arrived Mr. Hill was unconscious and death occurred soon afterward. The deceased was aged forty years. He is survived by his mother Mrs. Jane Hill of Nashwaaksis, his widow and one son Lloyd. Other surviving relatives are two sisters Mrs. Peter McFarlane of Nashwaaksis and Mrs. Joseph Thompson of Minneapolis also four brothers Charles, John and Joseph of Nashwaaksis and Thomas of Minneapolis.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon Rev. Dr. Sutherland will conduct the service and interment will be made at St. John's Churchyard, Nashwaaksis.

N. B. Pens Entered.

There are sixty pens taking part in the third Canadian egg laying contest which opened at Ottawa in November. The list in Barred Rocks belonging to Mr. B. B. Tait of Dorchester and the Invicta Farm of Oromocto.

There Are Others.

Betty has attained the joyous age of three. Her mother told her to stop playing about the sewing machine for she said you might get your fingers caught and have to have it taken off "Oh well," replied Betty cheerfully "I have other fingers."

Small Market Today.

The week end market today was small considering conditions. Prices showed little or no change from those quoted for the mid week market of last Wednesday. Meats were abundant and butter was also. Eggs were in demand. Potatoes and other vegetables were plentiful.

He Was Quite Right.

Little brother and sister in the city were trying to catch brother in questions of History the other day. Well now you know so much said smaller brother suppose you tell us who built the tower of London; Who built the Tower of London, said big brother, why you poor fish a gang of English men.

Going to Hopewell Lodge.

A party of sportsmen from the United States and Canada were at the Barker House Friday on the way to Hopewell Lodge on Quin's River. They left last evening by C. N. R. in the party were I. W. Small, D. C. Clemens, James Clemens and F. E. Bryant of Boston, A. C. Heffernan of Montreal and A. S. Foster of Toronto.

M.P.; Government, Dr. O. B. Price; United Farmers, A. E. Trites.

Kent—Liberals, A. T. Leger; United Farmers, Alexander J. Doucet.

Northumberland—Liberals, Hon. J. Morrissey; Government, Government, E. A. McCurdy.

Gloucester—Liberals, O. Turgeon, M. P. Government, J. Edward DeGrace.

Restigouche-Madawaska — Liberals Plus Michaud, M.P.; Government, W. S. Montgomery.

York-Sunbury—Liberals, Lieut. Col. W. J. Osborne; Government, R. B. Hanson, K.C., M.P.

Carleton-Victoria — Government B. Frank Smith; United Farmers, T. W. Caldwell.

Charlotte—Liberals, W. F. Todd; Government, R. W. Grimmer.

MEMBERS LEAVE FOR THEIR HOMES

Article in Yorkshire Post declares that the Unionists are Bound to Support Ulster if She Refuses to Make any Further Concessions—Bonar Law Unionist Dark Horse.

London, Nov. 11.—Among a certain number of the parliamentarian rank and file who today returned to their constituencies or at any rate left Westminster till the end of January, there is certainly some apprehension whether they will see the inside of Westminster again. Vague forebodings of a general election are revived in several quarters and will undoubtedly be settled one way or the other solely by the Irish developments. Nobody speaks boldly for an election. The Laborites have openly voiced an unwillingness at present to consult the country.

The Liverpool Conference.

The Free Liberals, despite Mr. Asquith's assertion this week that the 1918 election was "passing the now much regretted wave of temporary bewilderment and confusion" and his declaration that the coalition was breaking up, have been counselled by other influential advisers to be content yet a while to preach the "pure gospel of the old faith," which means going quietly for the time being.

The immediate political interest centres upon the national Unionist conference in Liverpool next week when Austen Chamberlain will speak with Lord Derby as chairman.

There is much fluttering among Unionists today concerning an article in the Yorkshire Post, one of the most influential papers outside of London which hitherto has given support, not however without occasional hardly concealed misgivings, to the coalition policy.

Voice of Bonar Law.

The authorship of the article is ascribed to Bonar Law himself. Briefly, it urges that Unionists, by all their pledges in the past, are bound to support Ulster if she refuses to make any more concessions.

Bonar Law is undoubtedly the Unionist dark horse of the moment but even the Unionists doubt, assuming a party split assured, whether Law is politically and physically able to lead a Conservative secession against the whole influence of his former colleagues in the cabinet. Whether Bonar Law will attend next week's conference in Liverpool is unknown yet, but the meeting in any case is bound to be interesting. It is admitted in Unionist quarters that opinion concerning the resolutions then to be submitted concerning the Irish position is sharply divided.

A WEIGHTY ALDERMAN

New York, Nov. 12.—As a result of the election of Frank J. Dotzler, Republican to the Board of Aldermen from the Sixth district his mammoth chair with a seat of one yard square will be returned to the Aldermanic chambers in the City Hall.

Mr. Dotzler weighed 400 pounds and is credited with a record of eating six pounds of beefsteak at one sitting. When he became an alderman some years ago none of the chairs in the chamber were adequate to hold him. George McAneny, President of the board had a special chair made. When Mr. Dotzler retired from the board the city believed it would have no more use for such a piece of furniture and needing the room it took sold it to the Alderman for \$1. It has since been his home.