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## Unrequited Love Blamed For Murder Of Canadian Girl In Biddeford, Maine

### Former Cap de la Made- leine Man Held in Slay- ing of Young French- Canadian Woman in Biddeford, Me.

BIDDEFORD, Me., August 26—The slaying of a comely French-Canadian mill worker which police believed had unrequited love as its motive, has brought a charge of murder against Alexander Cloutier, 25 year old saw-mill hand, who formerly lived at Cap de la Madeleine, Que.

The body of the girl, Florence Grenier, 17, her skull split with a heavy instrument, was found partially buried in dump refuse five miles from this city. She had been missing since last Tuesday morning.

#### Was Attentive to Girl

Officers said Cloutier had been attentive to the girl for some time. He was arrested and, rapid questions flung at him in French elicited only meagre answers. Beyond a glance at the body as he entered the mortuary, Cloutier held his eyes tightly closed. Returned to the cell, he was so near unconsciousness from the ordeal that officers abandoned their questioning for a time.

They planned, however, to bring Cloutier's mother to him, in hope that he might talk.

The accused had indicated in the few words he spoke to police a desire to talk with his mother.

County Attorney Robert Seidel said Cloutier would be arraigned in Municipal Court on the murder charge.

The Greniers came here a number of years ago from Disraeli, Quebec. Horasidas Grenier, father of the girl, told the police that "she was the quietest daughter I had. She never went out nights except with one of her sisters or with Roger."

"Alec (Cloutier) was never in the house that I saw. He came to the back steps twice recently."

The victim's fiancé, Roger Thibodeau, said he went to the police station on Thursday night, "and pleaded with Alec to tell me what he knew about Florence. He said the last time he saw her was Monday night."

The body was found by a group of officers. It lay in debris in a dump in a gully at the end of a little-used road.

Beneath the head was a pillow and an iron pipe a foot long, embedded in a small square of wood and a club were found nearby. Strands of hair were on the wood attached to the pipe and the club also bore hair which State Patrolman Tristram Eaton declared came from the girl's head.

Both bore stains officers believed were bloodstains. Police said stains were on the cushion of Cloutier's car, found in an Alfred sawmill where Cloutier's father was employed. The youth said the upholsterer had been burned when he fell asleep while smoking a cigarette. State chemists planned to analyze the stains.

Dr. George R. Love, of Saco, medical examiner, said the girl died of a fractured skull, probably on Tuesday morning. So powerful was the blow which killed her, he said, that it fractured her skull from the left eye to behind the left ear. Her left jaw was fractured, he said. He said the girl died instantly, and that there was no evidence of criminal assault.

The pretty victim was a native of Disraeli, but had been educated in Biddeford schools. She had worked in the blanket department of the Peperali Mills until about a month ago.

### Former Fredericton Printer Injured By Automobile

SAINT JOHN, N. B., August 26 — Severely injured when struck by an automobile at the foot of Waterloo Street, early yesterday morning, George Rutter, 77 Mecklenburg Street a member of The Telegraph-Journal composing room staff, is a patient in the General Hospital. Reported to have stepped backward into a car operated by Robert Beers Bayside Drive, East Saint John, Mr. Rutter suffered broken ribs, a badly wrenched knee and severe head and facial lacerations as well as other injuries. His condition is not considered critical by hospital authorities, although no X-rays have been taken yet.

While crossing the foot of Waterloo Street about 12:15 o'clock, Mr. Rutter is said to have passed in front of Mr. Beers' car. Stepping backward quickly to avoid another auto, he was struck by the bumper and fender of the Beers' car and thrown forcibly to the pavement. Mr. Beers rushed him to the General Hospital immediately.

Mr. Beers reported the accident at police headquarters shortly after he took the injured man to the hospital. Inspector Spinney examined the brakes of the car. The driver stated that Mr. Rutter passed in front, then stepped backward quickly.

He is 59 years old. In addition to external injuries, authorities think there are internal injuries.

## Crime, Pictures and Stories

The news stands are full of magazines which have for their sole topics and stories the horrid crime of murder. The situation is getting to be, in fact has been for some years past, an absolute orgy of slaughter. The effort to pile thrill on thrill is going farther and farther, and one murder in a story is now thought to be tame. Seven or eight murders is the rule, and lately, whole rooms full of people, whole buildings full of people, are killed off by wholesale release of gas or whole brigades of machine guns, before this story has proceeded a few pages. The slaughter is related with every possible detail that a depraved imagination can suggest. Bodies writhe and twist, hot lead is poured through the stomach, and dead men lie around the premises in every grotesque attitude that can be expected to horrify or startle the reader.

The language of description gets coarser and coarser. Dozens of revolvers bark and flash and "burn men down," and when the criminal is caught—which he often is not—for he is, you see, the hero of the piece—we are told that he expects to be "fried," meaning that he will be put to death by electricity—unless he is brave and manly enough to make his escape, pouring hot lead as he goes, and at last defeating all effort to hold him. Or, in some cases, he thrusts a poisonous powder into his mouth, and dies by his own hand, but in death defeats his enemies, the forces of law and order.

This bloody rubbish has found its way into the motion picture business and young people and children are seated before a screen whereon gangster heroes and their murderous and other criminal activities are portrayed with all the adjuncts of highly developed photography to add to the attractiveness.

But do these pictured murderers present themselves to the youth who see them as heroes. In many cases they certainly do. The bravery, the good looks, the smartness, the willingness to take a chance, are the points that are emphasized. The gangster is pictured as generous too, in a class of pictures. He steals from someone, perhaps killing a few people who get in his way, and hands the plunder over to poor people or to a hospital.

Now, is all this sort of thing a serious menace to the untrained minds of the young? It certainly is. Teachers who see the childish mind at its daily work, the police who see the grown and half grown man about the streets and places of resort later on, are agreed that the kind of stuff that is dished up in these matters is breeding criminals. That is an undoubted fact. The rights of the citizens are forgotten in the excitement of the thrilling action. The State is pictured as a power which hunts down a hero who is brave and handsome, and clever, and generous with the money he takes from others, a hero, too, who is engaged to marry a nice girl, who is often dragged in to save her sweetheart at the last of the story.

There is another class of story which introduces humorous incidents into a crime story. The burglar is a humorist in his conversation and in his actions. Crime is covered up with humor. This is one of the most dangerous kinds of criminal story. It is made to seem to be all a joke.

While we are cleaning up the salacious picture, with its scenes of impurity, we must not overlook the crime pictures, and the crime stories. We do not wish to be understood as saying that murder is altogether an unfit matter for a story; not at all. But when murder is made to seem a matter of course; when criminal organizations are made to seem mere adventure in competition with the law, everybody being as free to choose sides as at a horse race; when the murderer is held up as a hero, and his brilliance praised while the police are made to appear as cruel, relentless persecutors of bright and enterprising young men—why, then we say it is time, and long past time—that this sort of operation were stopped, and stopped for good, not merely till the offence is forgotten.

Yes, the gangster picture must be cleaned up or cleaned out.

### Citizens Swelter, Freeze Within Week

The capital was plunged into a severe temperature over the weekend, affording a sharp contrast to last week, when the mercury was as high as 102 degrees, citizens striving vainly to become cool. Yesterday the mercury was as low as 43 degrees and this morning it was 40 degrees. The extremes of temperature within a week is most unusual, and many people have contracted colds as a result of it.

The capital presented a picture of autumn yesterday, even the trees putting on an appearance of the fall season which is only a short time away. Many of the citizens resorted to topcoats, whereas earlier in the week it was impossible to escape from the terrific heat. Rainfall on Sunday afternoon amounted to .74 inches. The rainfall was heavy for several hours.

### Dionne and Rudy Unlikely To Meet

TORONTO, August 26—The world's most famous father doesn't care at all whether he sees one of the best-known figures in the entertainment world. He is more interested in agricultural products.

Certainly "Papa" Oliva Dionne, father of the quintuplets, has heard of Rudy Vallee who brought his band to Toronto yesterday, but Dionne said he wasn't at all anxious to see the great master of the crooning voice.

Dionne's interests are agricultural, he told a reporter at the Canadian National Exhibition where he and Mama are appearing at a booth that sells pictures of the babies.

Why shouldn't he be more interested in farming than anything else? He pointed out he has a 300-acre farm back at Callander, supervised by a hired man in his absence. On that

### HON. MR. STEVENS IN FREDERICTON EARLY NEXT WEEK

Head of Reconstruction Party Will Address Meeting and Help Complete His Organization In This City—Committee Busy.

Hon. H. H. Stevens, head of the Reconstruction Party in Canada, is expected here early next week to address the electors on the political questions of the day and to help set in motion the active campaign of the Reconstruction Party in the joint constituency of York and Sunbury.

The local committee under the chairmanship of E. C. McDonald and secretaryship of Ernest H. Coy, is busy preparing for organization work and have opened up their committee rooms on York Street, where the active organization of the campaign will be carried on. The committee rooms are at 91 York Street in the store formerly occupied by J. J. Weddall & Sons. The committee is exhibiting considerable energy and enthusiasm.

On Saturday evening there will be a general meeting of the nominating committee for York and Sunbury counties.

### PEOPLE OF ARCTIC ARE LAW-ABIDING

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, August 26—Arctic citizens, white and native, of Canada are decent, law-abiding people, well worth working for, Right Rev. A. L. Fleming, Bishop of the Arctic and a former rector of Saint John, N. B., said a few days ago on his arrival from the East over Canadian National Railways.

"I have a great admiration for the white men of the North," Dr. Fleming said, "not because he is a religious man. Some of them are. Many are not. But because he is a real man, facing hardships with courage."

The health of the Eskimo, due to a combination of causes, is better than it was, Dr. Fleming said. In the first place, missionaries, the Hudson's Bay Company, or the R.C.M.P., were all able to give out destitute rations in time of epidemic or shortage of food, and the Dominion Government would refund the expenditure. In the old days the natives simply died without care. Increase of hospitalization and better medical superintendence gave the natives a better chance at healthy survival. Trading and police post staffs had some knowledge of medicine which was available to the sufferer, where there was no hospital.

In Dr. Fleming's diocese, which includes all of Canada within the Arctic circle and dips down to the 54th parallel at Fort George, two hospitals are operated under his supervision, one at Pangnirtung, Baffin Land, and the other at Akivik, at the mouth of the MacKenzie River.

Eskimo youth graduating from mission schools were being absorbed into the growing life of the North. But they "must be trained in the North," said Dr. Fleming. He told of boys from the Anglican residential school at Shingle Point, Mackenzie River, being taken on as apprentices in herding the reindeer recently brought to that part of the country. He saw a future for Eskimos in this work.

### YOUNG MAN DIES

The death occurred in the Victoria Public Hospital at an early hour yesterday morning of John L. Hewey, a popular and well-known young man of this city at the early age of 26. The late Mr. Hewey was born in Fredericton, son of the late Walter Hewey and Mrs. Hewey, and is survived by his wife and one son, John Robert, his mother Mrs. Maude Hewey and two brothers, Andrew of this city and Patrick of River Glade. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from his late home while prayers will be held at 1:45 o'clock. Service also will be conducted at the Parish Church at two o'clock interment to be made at the Rural Cemetery. Venerable Archdeacon A. F. Bate will officiate.

### HIS ARTICLE PUBLISHED

"Churches in New Brunswick" an article dealing with the ecclesiastical and historic significance of religious architecture in this province appears in the latest issue of the Family Herald. The author is Fred H. Phillips of this city, who has had articles published from time to time in various magazines. Mr. Phillips' article is very interesting, well written and informative.

farm are 14 purebred Durham cows. The babies, however, don't drink milk from those cows. They consume the canned variety.

Unless approached for autographs, the Dionnes remain seated, for the most part hidden in the rear of the booth.

Newspapermen were told the Dionnes felt United States tabloids portrayed them in an unfavorable light, so an attempt is being made here to show that they are a typical, average Canadian family.

## Ottawa Report Says Conservatives And Stevens May Unite

### WEEKEND RAINS IMPROVE N. B. FIRE SITUATION

Ninety Per Cent of Fire Fighting Strength is Reduced—Danger Still However—Estimate Last Week's Fire as Worst Since 1825.

New Brunswick's forest fire situation, which threatened annihilation of several settlements during last week, and made many people homeless, abated abruptly over the weekend.

Pouring rains in many of the fire-stricken areas decided the issue, and where there wasn't a quantity of rain there was enough to temporarily check the blazes.

As a result of the improvement ninety per cent of the fire-fighting strength was reduced. In northern New Brunswick, where the fire situation was generally the worst, heavy rains blotted out the worst of the fires, and there was scattered rainfall in all other portions of New Brunswick as well. The average fall as half an inch.

It was estimated today that last week's gigantic fires did damage almost to the extent of the catastrophe of 1825.

#### Gagetown Fire Still Burns

The fire was still burning in the Gagetown area where spruce and fir groves still blazed flame and smoke to the sky today. The fire was burning two or three feet down in the soil, which makes it more difficult to combat by the firefighters. Even the rains were not enough to extinguish these completely.

While crews are still on the job they are greatly skeletonized and the Forest Service reports that the danger has lessened a great deal.

Where relief has been necessary to stricken families who were forced to flee from their homes, it has been looked after by the province, the Red Cross and various social service organizations. Prompt and humanitarian work has been accomplished.

The fire caused painful stress in many portions. Cattle wandered wild, frightened by the fire; settlers lost hard-earned homes; crops were parched and blackened to death, and cattle was lost or destroyed.

#### Well in Hand

T. A. MacDonald, superintendent of colonization, said that the relief situation in the devastated area of eastern Gloucester County was fairly well in hand. All the homeless people, numbering about 450, had been housed, either in tents which, together with blankets were sent to the scene from Saint John by the New Brunswick division of the Canadian Red Cross Society, arriving in Tracadie before daylight Saturday or in the homes of neighbors. The remainder of the tents were distributed Sunday, said Mr. MacDonald, who arrived here yesterday. It is understood that a shipment of clothing will arrive at Tracadie Tuesday, also sent by the Red Cross.

The destruction of the homes and belongings of the 104 families in eastern Gloucester County was termed the worst forest fire disaster in New Brunswick since the great Miramichi conflagration in 1825. Together with W. A. Losier, M. P. elect of Tracadie, Mr. MacDonald made a survey of conditions there, visiting all the settlements and he reported "frightful circumstances" in that thickly-settled and long-established farming community, near Tracadie.

All the buildings destroyed, with the exception of those on settlers' lots at Charnesey, were frame structures, and, in many instances, the farmers lost farm and valuable farming equipment in addition to their life-time homes. Recently harvested hay and fields of grain still standing fell prey to the flames.

Fences were burned and the cattle wandered wildly about many being lost in the fire. Feed will have to be shipped to the locality to make up for what was lost in the fire.

#### Lost Everything

It was considered a miracle that there was no loss of human life or that the entire community was not swept away. At the time of the destruction, the men were away fighting fires and the flames swept down on the houses so quickly that many mothers and their children became separated. In some cases it was said children spent the night Wednesday in the fields, hemmed around by the threatening blazes. In another instance, it was reported, more than 40 persons, including women and children, stayed all night on a scow pushed out into a marsh to escape the flames. The small children were covered with blankets, which from time

### In Event of Results of Election Being Close Both Parties Might Form Union Govern- ment.

OTTAWA, Ont., August 26—It is understood here by political workers in both the Conservative and in the Reconstruction party that in the event of the Liberals carrying the country in the coming Dominion election that the Conservative and Reconstruction parties would unite and form an official opposition if such a thing was to happen that the united votes of the Conservative and the Reconstruction party outnumbered those of the Liberal party in the new House then the two parties might well form a Union government. The general opinion at the Capital is that notwithstanding any personal hard feelings between Premier Bennett and Hon. Mr. Stevens that these two parties will probably get together after the election.

The Canadian Press despatches state that it is undecided whether Mr. Stevens and the Social Credit party in Alberta will join forces for the Federal campaign.

On Saturday Mr. Stevens, while saying he and the Social Credit leader had some "very friendly" talks recently, reserved full comment on the Alberta result pending developments. Tonight the Reconstruction party leader was still uncommunicative as he had not heard from Mr. Aberhart. The latter was quoted in western despatches yesterday as stating negotiations would be opened with Mr. Stevens with a view of joining forces.

The overwhelming support accorded Mr. Aberhart makes it desirable full consideration be given by and federal authority to proposals seeking to carry on the conclusion of his views insofar as they were endorsed by the people," Mr. Stevens said. The proposal of the new Alberta party should in view of the result, receive sympathetic consideration from the federal authorities to the extent the Dominion was affected.

Mr. Stevens expressed satisfaction at the Alberta result. He considered it showed clearly people were thinking on credit and finance. He said, however, he would reserve comment on the possibility of the Reconstruction party and the Social Credit movement in Alberta getting together, until he had heard from Mr. Aberhart.

The proverbial calm before the storm prevailed in political and government circles during the past week with both Prime Minister R. B. Bennett and Liberal Leader W. L. Mackenzie King in Ottawa, and Hon. H. H. Stevens, Reconstruction party leader here for part of the week. All were preparing for the final burst of campaign oratory which will be in full flood by the end of next week.

Mr. King and Mr. Stevens will probably resume their campaign tours within a few days and the prime minister is scheduled to deliver his first political speech Sept. 6. After a series of speeches delivered locally, Mr. Bennett will make a quick tour of the Dominion visiting every province.

Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King expects to leave early next week for the Maritime provinces, and may visit Fredericton and St. John in New Brunswick.

Overwhelming victory of the Social Credit League in the Alberta general elections Thursday, and the possible effect of the new economic order on Dominion credit and finance in general, set treasury officials here on the alert but no announcements were made nor would the prime minister comment publicly on the turn of affairs in his adopted province.

Hon. W. G. Ernst, new minister of fisheries, has been busy with preparations to carry out legislation adopted at the last session of Parliament to bring fishermen within the scope of loaning privileges contained in the Farm Loans Act. He expects to have machinery ready within a few weeks to enable fishermen to secure loans on the same basis they are advanced to farmers.

to time were soaked with water, to protect them from the heat. One man is threatened with pneumonia as a result of that dreadful night's experience.

Mr. MacDonald, while pointing out that the people of Tracadie and elsewhere in the district were doing everything in their power to relieve the harrowing conditions, emphasized the fact that the people were in need of everything that is required for ordinary every-day living, such as clothing, beds bed clothing, cooking utensils, etc. No one he said who had not witnessed the destruction of property, which in many cases had required a lifetime to gather, could realize the appalling situation. Some of the menfolk, unable to control their emotion, had broken down in tears as they surveyed their losses.