

Distressing Attempt at Suicide By a Young Lady in N. Y. Hotel

She Refuses to Say Who She is and Letters Found on Her do Not Give Any Clue to Her Identity---The Rash Act Seems to Have Been Committed Because She Found it Impossible to Succeed in New York Without Abandoning Her Respectability.

New York, Aug. 30.—While surgeons in the Flower hospital were making every effort today to save the life of a fashionable dressed young woman who shot and seriously wounded herself in the waiting room of the Hotel Astor late last night the attempts of the authorities to obtain a clue to the woman's identity were unrewarded. She still persisted in refusing to answer questions. Whenever an effort was made to get her to say who she was she would bite her lips and shake her head negatively.

Surgeons said today the young woman's condition was serious and that an operation probably would have to be performed during the day. In the black silk handbag which was picked up in the waiting room of the Astor were found a manuscript and three letters, bearing the date of August 18, and showing from the discoloration of the envelopes that they had been carried for several days. They were addressed "Dearest Blanche," "Dearest Sister," and to "Mother Dear" but from each the signature had been scratched so carefully as to be practically illegible although the police thought that they could read "Nora" in faint strokes in one of them.

"It is regally deplorable that a girl cannot get along honorably in New York" ran the letter to her mother. "In some things I might have suc-

ceeded had I acceded to the wishes of man, cultured usually, moneyed, but minus morals, never reproach yourself for what I am about to do. I can hear you saying, "Now, my dear, it is very wrong for one to take ones life whatever the incentive may be,"

The typewritten manuscript carried the title "Thessalia" and under it, in her own handwriting was scrawled "My pet story, which I want buried with me. I wish I could take books as companions into the other world with me."

It was a long story and dealt with the adventures of two young men in Europe.

After their preliminary questions, the doctors at the hospital feared to ask her further as to her identity because of her condition. The bullet had pierced the left lung. Along with the letters in the handbag were found a dozen cartridges. She walked into the hotel shortly before midnight last night seated herself in the women's room and a moment later shot herself in the breast. She was conscious when taken to the hospital.

"I did it myself" was all she would say, steadfastly refusing to say who she was or where she lived. She is about 25 years old, of medium height and light complexion, wore no jewelry and had only a small amount of money with her in a handbag.

METHODIST CONFERENCE TURNS DOWN PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Which Expressed Regret at the Teaching in the Church of Certain Doctrines Which Were Unsettling and Injurious.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 30.—(Special)—At the Methodist Conference Rev. Dr. Cleaver moved relative to the teaching of Rev. Dr. Jackson in Victoria College, a series of resolutions which briefly are that it was regrettable that since the last Conference there had been in the College of the Church teachings orally and written which were unsettling and injurious.

Dr. A. D. Watson of Toronto mov-

ed in amendment that the Conference was not fitted for a court of trial in such cases and it had provided a proper method for trying all such matters. That the Conference reaffirms its allegiance to Christ as King and Saviour and God, and its faithful adherence to "The word of God which liveth and abideth forever."

Dr. Watson's amendment was carried by 125 votes to 84 for Dr. Cleaver's resolution.

THE DOUKHOBOR COMMUNITY GETS STARTLING SHOCK

Langham, Sask., Aug. 30.—(Special)—The Doukhobor community of Ceeple was startled yesterday when the announcement came that four members boating on the Sasvatchewan River had been drowned. There were seven in the boat at the time of the accident. The boat when nearing a shallow part of the river struck on a rock and was turned around in the current upsetting the occupants into the water. Three managed to cling to the boat until rescued but four were drowned. Three of the bodies have been recovered.

PELLAGRIAS FIRST VICTIM

Washington, Aug. 30.—Pellagra claimed its first victim in this city today in the person of Miss Sadie Graham aged 55 of Warrenton, Va. Miss Graham was brought to the hospital here from her Virginia home two weeks ago supposedly suffering from skin trouble. Examination however, showed that she had pellagra.

CRIPPEN SUFFERING FROM AN ATTACK OF NERVOUS COLLAPSE

London, Aug. 30.—Dr. Hawley Crippen jointly accused with Ethel Clara Le Neve of the murder of his wife has suffered a nervous collapse and was removed today to the hospital ward of Brixton jail.

Solicitor Newton states that his client has given him an explanation of the farewell message found among the prisoner's effects by Inspector Dew which will throw a different light on the matter when it is made public. The message was read, in court yesterday at the arraignment of Crippen and Miss LeNeve and indicated that the writer contemplated suicide during his flight to Canada on the steamer Montrose.

DEATH OF MRS. DAVID HERRETT

Sussex, N.B., Aug. 30.—(Special)—Mrs. David Herrett died yesterday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Fred W. Davidson here, aged 79. She left two children, Mrs. Davidson and Geo. W. Herrett of Bridgewater. The burial will take place at Petitcodiac

+ St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 30—S.P. +
+ Welch, a discharged special +
+ agent of the Great Northern +
+ Railway Company, entered the +
+ office of Chief Special Agent Al. +
+ G. Ray today and fired five +
+ shots but missed him each time +

BIG WATERWAY WANTED



"Anything which goes to develop trade and encourage better relations between Canada and the United States appeals to me," Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Nelson, B. C.

Influential Delegations Wait on Sir Wilfrid in an Endeavour to Enlist His Aid Towards the Construction of Big International Waterway--- Premier Promises Consideration and will Have Surveys Made

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 29.—The creation of new international waterways of commerce was the big project presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier today by the Nelson and Revelstoke boards of trade, reinforced by the Associated British Columbia chambers of commerce and a delegation from Oregon and Washington states, headed by United States Senator Chamberlain.

They seek to open the British Columbia river from its source to the ocean with a view of opening a canal to create a route of commerce on a water rate basis from the heart of the Rockies to London, New York and the markets of the world.

The proposed route will cover 750 miles of railway from Kootenay and Okanagan districts to Portland, 150 miles being on Canadian territory.

The United States has already taken action, for some distance, under appropriations by the national and state governments.

The Canadian project contemplates a considerable dredging and the building of three, and possibly, four locks.

Statistics, prepared by the provincial department, were submitted showing the potentialities and rapid

settlement of the district to be served.

The delegation urged the route as a controller of freights, if not a carrier of a major portion of the traffic. They drew attention to the fact that prior to the construction of the railways the pioneers navigated rivers with wagon portages.

WORTH LOOKING INTO

Sir Wilfrid and Hon. Messrs. Graham and Templeman conferred with the large delegation on the data and proposals. Replying, the premier stated that much of what had been presented appealed to him. How the opening of a navigation route north and south would have the full desired effect on railway tariffs running east and west, he was not prepared to say without further information.

"But," said the premier, "Anything which goes to develop trade and encourage better relations between Canada and the United States appeals to me. Our relations are becoming more friendly every day which means better civilization and the welfare of the world. On this ground alone the government has a

call to look into the project with favor.

"It would be necessary to ascertain the improvements necessary and determine their cost."

"It will be my duty and pleasure," said the premier, "to ask the minister of public works to have a survey made from Lake Windermere to the boundary and determine what is required and what it will cost."

Sir Wilfrid pointed out that the Canadian and United States governments could deal with the projects in two ways. Each government could approach it independently of the other.

"But," he added, "if it is possible it seems to me the better method would be to come to an understanding on the work, secure surveys, approximate cost and decide upon a united plan of action by both countries."

"I cannot emphasize too strongly the conviction that anything which tends to develop transportation between the two countries and encourage better relations would always receive favorable consideration from the government of Canada."

BIG BUSINESS MERGER REPORTED ON FOOT

Gibson Lumber Interests to be Absorbed by St. John Concerns---C. P. R. Also Plans Extensions.

St. John, N.B., Aug. 30.—(Special)—Another big business deal is reported in view. A merger of the Gibson Lumber interests at Gibson, N.B. with the Partington Pulp & Paper Mill and Cushing Lumber Mill here. Nothing definite however is available at present.

It is learned that the C.P.R. has a two months' option on the Cold Storage Co.'s property here. The annual meeting of the latter Co. will be held here tomorrow. D. McNichol of C.P.R. is expected here this week.

FRAGAS BETWEEN SOLDIERS

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Private Perry McGee of 10th U. S. A. Cavalry who shot and killed Private Turner and Corporal Jones of the 24th Regiment, all negroes, at Watertown, last night, was captured at Boonville, 25 miles north of here this morning and in a running fight with civil officers before he gave up was probably fatally shot.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY THE MARKET LEADER TODAY

New York, Aug. 30.—Wall Street—Canadian Pacific made an opening jump of 2, otherwise natural gains were shown throughout the list. Union Pacific and American Beet Sugar rose $\frac{1}{2}$. The volume of business was very moderate.

New York, Aug. 30.—Wall Street—The movement towards recovery in prices lost its force in the course of the morning. The reduction of the short interests deprived stocks of their principal factor of strength. Most of the first hours gains were lost in the second hour. Operation was professional and uninfluenced by news of conditions. Sloss Sheffield Steel rose $\frac{1}{4}$. The American Smelting stocks lost $\frac{1}{4}$. Bonds were irregular.

ELECTIONS INVALID BALLOT BOXES LOST

Lisbon, Aug. 30.—The disappearing of the ballot boxes has invalidated the elections at Sabuga.

A priest who was directing the voters was arrested. The Count at Braga and Bovila has not been completed.

Mr. Samuel Owen has gone to Toronto to attend the Exhibition.

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Laurentian Power—25 @ 145 $\frac{1}{2}$.
C.P.R.—10 @ 192 $\frac{1}{2}$; 100 @ 192 $\frac{1}{2}$; 125 @ 193; 150 @ 193 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Eastern Townships Bank—10 @ 161 $\frac{1}{2}$ 20 @ 161.
Bank of Montreal—50 @ 246 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Toronto Railway—25 @ 118 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Quebec Railway—75 @ 40 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Soo—100 @ 129.
Cement Common—50 @ 18.
Bell Telephone—25 @ 143.
Twin City—10 @ 109.
Dominion Iron—25 @ 62 $\frac{1}{2}$; 125 @ 62 $\frac{1}{2}$; 30 @ 63.
Illinois pfd—110 @ 90.
Cement pfd—9 @ 106.
Montreal Street—55 @ 248 $\frac{1}{2}$; 158 @ 248; 6 @ 247 $\frac{1}{2}$; 30 @ 248 $\frac{1}{2}$; 183 @ 249.

CRUISER RAINBOW REACHES ST. VINCENTS

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 30.—The cruiser Rainbow arrived on schedule time at St. Vincent this morning. She sails tomorrow across Atlantic to South America touching for coal at Buenos Ayres, en route to Vancouver.

Miss Josie Gratton and Miss Stella Power of Chatham arrived today to attend Normal School.

A Legless Negro Found Dead Under Suspicious Circumstances

Niagara Incline Railway Destroyed by Fire the Origin of Which is Shrouded in Mystery---The Negro was Found Stabbed in the Ruins---The Damage to Property Estimated at \$50,000---An Inquest Will be Held and the Whole Circumstances Investigated.

Niagara Falls, Aug. 30.—(Special)—Coroner Kerr will hold an inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Richard Sims, a legless negro alleged to have perished in a fire that destroyed the Whirlpool Rapid incline railway early yesterday morning. A rumor is current that Sims was stabbed in the chest and

that the building then caught fire. It is said that considerable money was kept in the place there being a thriving souvenir stand carrying stock valued at thousands of dollars. It is thought an attempt was made to rob the building after Sims died. The loss is estimated at \$30,000. Woodward's grist mill also fell a prey to the flames.

MARVELLOUS ESCAPE FROM INSTANT DEATH

Calumet, Mich., Aug. 30.—One of the most remarkable escapes from deaths in the annals of Lake Superior copper industry occurred yesterday at the Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet and Hecla mine when Mike B. Sunrich, a timberman in stepping from a repair cage to the main cage, fell into the shaft. He fell one hundred and fifty feet before he grasped the rope, saving himself from a fall of a mile to the bottom of the shaft. His hands were badly burned on the wire rope but otherwise he was unhurt.

Sunrich was dangling from the cable when rescued.

CONDITIONS IN FIRE ZONE, VERY DISCOURAGING

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 30.—Conditions in the fire scourged forest of western Washington last night were less encouraging than they have been at any other time this season.

Yesterday a rain served only to give the fire fighters a brief breathing spell. Today the fire broke out with renewed fury. One of the most serious fires broke out in the Snoqualmie River district.

It is reported from St. Marys, Idaho, that only three fires are burning in the region tributary to St. Marys and that all of these are practically under control.

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS BACK FROM WESTERN TRIP

Speaks in High Terms of the Efforts of the People to Develop the Traffic of the Lake Ports---Talks also of other Matters.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 30.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, is back in the capital today, having returned from an extended tour of inspection of the public works and harbors of Western Ontario. He left Ottawa on August 4th, and since then has travelled 1,300 miles and visited 20 Canadian lake and river ports.

It was Mr. Pugsley's first trip over this section of the Dominion and he was much impressed with the progressive lake port towns and the plans all are making to participate in the grain carrying business. Mr. Pugsley confirms the report, that the department will this year confine its dredging operations strictly to the amounts voted by parliament. In a number of instances work has already been discontinued on account

of the appropriation having been exhausted. Only in cases of extreme emergency says Mr. Pugsley will this rule be departed from.

Questioned as to the probability of the government acceding to the request of the Campbellton deputation made recently to have the government pay the interest on the indebtedness of the municipality for a number of years, Mr. Pugsley said that he personally was in favor of the proposal.

The matter will be dealt with by the cabinet, he said, in the course of a short time. Mr. Pugsley leaves on Thursday for St. John, where he will confer with Sir Robert Perks in respect to the site for the proposed dry-docks at St. John, N.B. He will also be in St. John for the opening of the Dominion Exhibition on Saturday next.

KING'S COLONIAL YEOMANRY TO TRAIN IN SUSSEX NEXT YEAR

Toronto Aug. 30.—(Special)—The Globe today prints the following special from Aldershot. "It is announced that the King's Colonial Yeomanry Regt proposes to visit Canada next summer to train with the 8th Princess Louise's New Brunswick Hussars (with headquarters at Sussex N.B.) with whom they are allied."

THE BISLEY TEAM.

Capt. W. E. Forbes, of Richibucto, is second waiting man on next year's Bisley team. He is the only Maritime man who stands a chance of going to Bisley next year. New Brunswick has not been represented on the team for several years.

ANGLICAN CLERICS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN

St. John, Aug. 30.—(Special)—Archdeacon Madden of Liverpool, and Rev. Dr. Hanson, of Belfast, arrived here today. They have come to Canada in the interests of co-operation and promotion of unity in Christian work and are here under the invitation and auspices of the Evangelical Alliance.

The distinguished visitors were taken up river this afternoon by Commodore Thomson of the R. K. Y. C., on the flagship Corinthia.

EARTHQUAKE AT ROME

Rome, Aug. 30.—A strong earthquake shock was felt throughout the department of Calabria at 3.13 this morning. The inhabitants rudely awakened from their sleep fled panic-stricken into the streets. No casualties have been reported.