

SENSATIONAL MURDER AT JOHNSTOWN, PENN.

Woman Placed Under Arrest Charged with Causing the Death of Her Infant Child - Said to Have Chloroformed the Little One While Riding in a Cab and Stowed its Body Away in a Suit Case - Cab Driver Notified the Police.

Johnstown Pa., Dec. 5.—Mrs Adela Robinson aged 66, as well known resident of Hollidaysburg Blair County is under arrest here charged with the murder of her daughter's infant child by chloroform and following a story which she related to the police her husband Samuel Robinson and Dr. E. M. Duff also of Hollidaysburg have been detained as witnesses. The circumstances of the case are unusual. Mrs. Robinson was arrested just as she stepped from a cab at the Pennsylvania station Thursday evening when the cab driver, John Shultz called an officer and declared he had seen the woman administer chloroform to the child while riding in his carriage and then place the infant in a telescopic travelling bag. The police alleged that Mrs. Robinson confessed to this when brought to the jail and when the dead child, was taken from the bag the woman collapsed. Fannie Robinson, 34 years old was boarding with a private family here as Mrs Frank Hughes when the baby was born last Wednesday evening. She said her husband had left her. The Robinsons at Hollidaysburg were notified and the mother of the young woman hurried here to see her daughter. Shultz the cab driver told the police that he was called to the boarding house where the young Robinson woman was stopping. Saturday afternoon, and the elder Mrs Robinson told him to drive hurriedly to the railway station. He noted a baby in her arms particularly because the infant cried all the way and he said as he glanced through the glass shade in the cab he noticed that the woman was holding a wad of cotton to the nose of the baby. Worried about the unusual circumstances Shultz soon looked into the cab and this time he saw the woman place the baby in the telescopic and close the case. Hurrying his team Shultz drove to the station and after opening the door for the woman to alight noticed that she carried nothing but the suitcase. As the woman walked up the steps into the station, the driver searched the cab and finding no baby was convinced that it was in the suitcase. He told an officer and had the woman arrested.

STOCKS CONTINUE SLUGGISH ON MODERATE TRADING

New York, Dec. 5.—Wall Street—The feature of the opening dealings was the initial sale of 100 shares of U. S. Steel at 73½. Later on it sold down to 73, compared with 73½ Saturday. The market otherwise opened practically unchanged, but soon developed a drooping tendency. Reading, Lehigh Valley, American Smelting and Amalgamated Copper falling ½ to 1. (Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange)

	Open	Close
Amalgamated,	64½	64½
Atchafalaya,	99	99½
Brooklyn,	74½	74½
Smelters,	74½	74½
Great Northern, Pfd.,	121½	121½
Northern Pacific,	112½	112½
Pennsylvania,	127½	127½
Reading,	145½	145½
Southern Pacific,	113½	113½
Union Pacific,	169½	169½

U. S. Steel, com., 73½ 73½
Quebec Railway, 59½ 59½

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Quebec Ry. — 25 @ 59½; 75 @ 59½; 300 @ 60	
Iron — 25 @ 60; 50 @ 60	
Cement Com. M 25 @ 22½	
Cement Pfd. — 75 @ 85½	
Ogilvy's — 15 @ 125	
Bank of Montreal — 75 @ 244	
Detroit — 25 @ 52	
Colored Cotton Pfd — 9 @ 72½	
Colored Cotton Com. — 8 @ 24	
Crown Reserve — 20 @ 270; 100 @ 269	
Montreal Power — 210 @ 136	
Can. Car Pfd. — 10 @ 101	
Textile — 50 @ 62½	
Eastern Township Bank M 25 @ 162½	
Illinois — 125 @ 91	
Woods — 75 @ 128; 50 @ 128½; 85 @ 131; 25 @ 131½ 25 @ 131½; 75 @ 178½; 100 @ 129	

NAVIGATION CLOSED ON LOWER ST. JOHN

St. John, Dec. 5.—(Special).—Navigation on the lower St. John River is about over for this season. There is considerable ice from Gagetown down to Oak Point and it is expected that teams will be crossing by tomorrow night at Hamstead and Wickham. The river is frozen over a few days earlier than last year. When on December 9th the tug boat Joseph made the trip down from Fredericton.

SYDNEY MAY HAVE SHIP BUILDING PLANT

Sydney, C. B., Dec. 5.—(Special).—The city council are considering a proposal from Mr. A. C. Ross on behalf of a local company to assist a project for the establishment of a shipbuilding plant and dry dock in this city.

MURDERER MAKES TIMELY CONFESSION

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Charles Jones, of Miami, today confessed he murdered Timothy, a Syrian pedlar, for which Steve Scott is to be electrocuted on December 31st.

WEALTHY MERCHANT EXPIRES SUDDENLY

New York, Dec. 5.—Isaac Sterne, dry goods merchant, died suddenly of heart failure at his home here early today. Four days ago he announced his retirement from active business as the head of the firm of Sterne Bros., which he founded nearly 50 years ago. The firm was recently incorporated at a capital of \$10,500,000. Mr. Sterne was 63 years of age. He was active in charitable work and a member of numerous charitable and educational organizations.

LEFT LARGE ESTATE TO 14 YEAR OLD GIRL

Chicago, Dec. 5.—John H. Barker, owner of extensive car manufacturing interests of Michigan City, Ind., who died on Saturday, is reported to have left an estate of approximately \$30,000,000, the bulk of which is bequeathed to his daughter, Catherine, fourteen years old, making her one of the richest girls in the world. It is understood that Mr. Barker, by his will made a Chicago trust company her guardian and manager of her estate.

Mr. W. A. Gibson of St. John is in the city.

A ROYAL MARRIAGE



Turin, Dec. 3.—The marriage of Prince Victor Napoleon Bonaparte, pretender to the throne of France, and cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, to Princess Clementine, daughter of the late King Leopold, of Belgium, which has been looked forward to with so much interest, was celebrated at Moncalieri. The ceremony took place in the royal castle erected in the fifteenth century, to which Princess Clotilde, sister of King Humbert, and mother of Prince Victor Napoleon, retired after the overthrow of the second empire.

The streets were decorated profusely, bands played in the square and flags waved from the castle, the municipal buildings and many private houses. All the members of the Savoy and Bonaparte families were present, including Prince Louise Napoleon, the younger brother of the pretender, who, for some time, had not been on good terms with the bridegroom, but who agreed to a reconciliation on this occasion chiefly through the efforts of his mother.

THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS CONVENED THIS AFTERNOON

Washington, Dec. 5.—Congress re-assembled at noon today in a session of more than usual interest and importance because in three months it will expire by constitutional limitation and control of the house of representatives will be surrendered to the Democratic party. An impelling curiosity to see how men long in the public, statesmen of commanding influence would bear up under the crumbling of their political fortunes, drew to the capital at an early hour a crowd of unusual proportions.

Early work on appropriation bills has opened the way for prompt consideration of these measures on the floors of the two houses. The bills appropriating many millions of dollars for the Indian service for the legislative executive and judiciary departments of the government generally and for the district of Columbia whose expenses are borne jointly by the federal and municipal government are well advanced and one or more of them may be reported to the house this week. The avowed intention is to hurry these bills along to avoid any hitch in providing for the expenditure of the government and strenuous efforts have been made by President Taft and other administration leaders to keep the budget down to the lowest point possible. It was understood early today that today's session of both the senate and house would be brief. Almost invariably the first day's business has been perfunctory. Today was no exception for all that was expected was that the two houses would be called to order, invocations delivered by the chaplains resolutions adopted by each house notifying the other of its convening appointing of the joint committee to notify the president that the first congress was ready to resume business in its final session and adjournment as a tribute to members of the two houses who have died during the recess. The president's annual message to congress is expected to be withheld until tomorrow.

LeBLANC MURDER TRIAL IS DRAGGING ALONG

Cambridge Mass. Dec. 5.—The second week of the trial of Miss Marie LeBlanc for the murder of Clarence F. Glover started today with another victory for defence in the exclusion of the girls statements at the police station after her arrest. The prosecution tried successfully to show that the lawyer Samuel Elmore attorney for the widow and other witnesses that the girl understood English and answered three questions asked her in English without the aid of an interpreter. Other questions however were through an interpreter. Judge Bond stated that he did not think the girl knew the exact import of the questions asked her in English. Lawyer Elmore resumed his testimony and was asked why he wanted \$4,153 from the widow the day after the murder. He said it was for expenses. When pressed by the district attorney for a specific answer he replied "to meet a plot partially formulated."

Attorney Johnson for the defence sprang to his feet and demanded that the remarks be ruled out. Judge Bond agreed.

Mr. C. M. Hall, purchasing agent for the Toronto Construction Company, left on Saturday evening on a trip to Ottawa.

INVITED TO ATTEND BISHOPS' CONSECRATION

St. John, Dec. 5.—(Special).—Mr. J. J. McGaffigan, tea importer, has received an invitation to attend the consecration of the Rev. M. T. Morris as Bishop of the Philippines. The ceremony will take place at St. Augustine, Florida, on the fifteenth inst. Mr. McGaffigan, wife and daughter, are included in the invitation.

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC SPREADING IN MADERIA

Funchal, Maderia, Dec. 5.—The cholera epidemic here is spreading. The total number of cases so far reported is 180 of which about half have proved fatal. There is great destitution owing to the sensation of business.

St. John, Dec. 5.—(Special).—The committee of the common council convened this morning and drew up a report on the recent investigation into the conditions of the market. It is understood some drastic changes will be recommended.

Mr. J. F. H. Teed of St. John is at the Barker House.

RAILWAY WRECK IN ENGLAND

Forty Persons Seriously Injured in a Collision on the L. & N. W. Ry

The Occupants of Cars Were Clerks On Their Way to London—Many Had Limbs Broken.

London, Dec. 5.—Forty persons were seriously injured, a number of them fatally in a collision on the London Northwestern railroad at Wiltsden Junction today. The second section of a train from Waterford ploughed into the first section which was standing at the junction.

London, Dec. 5.—The train was occupied chiefly by clerks who were coming into their offices in the city. The three rear coaches of the standing train were wrecked.

Many persons suffered broken limbs and there were several fractured skulls. In many instances the victims were so pinned beneath the wreckage that there was difficulty in extricating them.

MRS. MARY B. EDDY CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST HAS PASSED AWAY

Boston, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, is dead. Announcement of the passing of the venerable leader, which occurred late last night, at her home, at Chestnut Hill, a suburb, was made at the morning service of the Mother Church in this city today.

Death was acknowledged and recognized by the leaders of the Mother church, and was pronounced by Dr. George L. West, the medical examiner of the district, to be due to "natural causes." Dr. West was called in a few hours after Mrs. Eddy's death and added to his statement today by saying that the more immediate cause was probably pneumonia.

The announcement of Mrs. Eddy's death was made simultaneously by Judge Clifford P. Smith, first reader of the Mother church at the close of the morning service, and by Alfred Farlow of the publication committee, in a statement to the press.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 5.—Arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, who died late Saturday night at her home in Chestnut Hill, Newton, will not be made until the arrival here late tomorrow from South Dakota of Mrs. Eddy's only son, Geo. W. Glover. Mr. Glover, accompanied by his daughter, Florry, and his son, George, started from South Dakota last night upon receipt of a despatch announcing his mother's death. Mr. Glover cannot reach Boston before tomorrow night, making it impossible to arrange for the funeral before Wednesday. In his statement of the death of Mrs. Eddy, Alfred Farlow, of the Christian Science Publication Committee, said that neither the time nor the place of the funeral had been settled.

He added that in deference to Mrs. Eddy's well known desire for simplicity it was likely that the services would be private, consisting probably of prayer and reading from the Bible with selection from her work, only her relatives, members of her household and the officials of the church are expected to attend the burial.

Before leaving his home in South Dakota Mr. Glover said he believed his mother's burial would be at Tilton, N. H., where her husband, Geo. W. Glover, is buried.

A woman in high standing in the Christian Science Church in Concord, N. H., who refused to consent to the use of her name, voiced what has been understood by many scientists here, that Mrs. Eddy's body would be buried in the Mother church.

When asked who would succeed Mrs. Eddy as head of the Christian Science Church, Mr. Farlow said: "I don't know that anyone will succeed her. Everything will go on as usual."

Colonel and Mrs. Mersereau of Doaktown are the guests of Mrs. W. J. Scott.

MR. W. M. AITKEN WON OUT IN BRITISH ELECTIONS

Young New Brunswicker Captured a Sea For the Unionists—Bonar Law, Suffered Defeat—The Polling Furnished Many Surprises and Brought Disappointments to Both Sides—Polling Today in 67 Constituencies—J. Martin Having Stiff Fight.

London, Dec. 5.—A rush of Nationalist members returned unopposed this afternoon again placed the coalition group or "people's party" as some Liberal papers prefer to call it on a numerical equality with the Unionists. This gave each of the opposing groups 81 seats in parliament. At 3.30 o'clock this afternoon the state of the parties was as follows: Government coalition—Liberals 58; Irish Nationalists, 15; Labor members, 8; total 81.

Opposition—Unionists, 81.

London, Dec. 5.—Another batch of unopposed returns in the parliamentary elections today, made the status of the parties early this afternoon as follows:

Government coalition—Liberals 56; Labor members, 8; Irish Nationalists, 7. Total 71.

Opposition—Unionists, 78.

Today's unopposed results show no changes in the political representation of the seats.

There were polling today in 67 constituencies returning its member.

London, Dec. 5.—The second day's polling in the parliamentary elections opened with more spirit and under improved weather conditions. The closeness of the results already announced brought out a greater number of voters and workers today. In some divisions voters who had removed since the last register was made, spent the night in their old constituencies in order to vote early and get back to their work. The rush at many booths was great. Interest centred largely in the seventeen contests in London borough. Of these seats nine voted Unionists and eight Liberal last January. Most of the Unionist seats are quite safe, being held by large majorities. The Liberals have a hard fight to hold their own notably in east Finsbury, the four divisions of Islington, and in the east division of East St. Pancras where Joseph Martin, former premier of British Columbia, has a woman suffragist as well as the Unionist candidate against him, and in West St. Pancras where Sir William Collins Liberal, won by ten votes over R. E. Dickson, Unionist, in the last elections. The Unionists are also making a great fight in Liverpool and expect to win the only Liberal seat there, that of the exchange division. They have no hopes however of defeating T. P. O'Connor, who has a strong hold on the Scotland division. Most of the others polling today are held by good majorities by the sitting members.

In some parts of the country, particularly in Huntingdonshire, floods are interfering seriously with the campaign and many planned meetings have been abandoned. The two seats in Huntingdonshire are held by Unionists, having been carried at the last elections by majorities of about 400 each.

In the old parliament the Unionists had 35 seats, the Liberals 33, Laborites, 6, and the Nationalists 1. The fight was renewed with more energy this week, following the close results of Saturday and as a consequence a heavier vote generally was recorded.

London, Dec. 3.—Including those unopposed, 125 members have been elected to the new parliament, at the close of today's pollings. The standing of the parties is as follows:

Government coalition: Liberals, 51; Labor, 7; Irish Nationalists, 5; total, 63.

Opposition Unionists, 62.

The Unionists gained six seats, five from the Liberals—Salford, (South), Ashton-under-Lyne, Warrington, Darlington, Kings Lynn and Grimsby—and one from the Laborites, Wigan. The Liberals won four seats from the Unionists—Manchester (Southwest), Rochester, Exeter, and the Peckham division of Camberwell. So the net gain of the Unionists is three seats.

This result is not quite up to the expectations of the Unionists, but even at that, if the current continues to run in their favor as it has started, the government would be placed in a very awkward position, and in all probability would resign.

Neither party received the lead from London and Manchester that it desired, although on the whole the

government came off the better, as it succeeded in holding the northwest division of Manchester against Bonar Law, one of the chief exponents of tariff reform, who was greatly assisted in his campaign by Mr. Balfour's pledge to submit the question of protection to a referendum.

The Unionists yesterday reported the return of a majority of Unionist free traders, of which there are many in Manchester, to the Unionist party, but from the result of Mr. Law's attempt to capture the northwest district of the city, the free traders seem to be fighting shy of the party whose chief plank they so greatly opposed.

LIBERALS GAINED A LITTLE IN LONDON.

In London the Liberals held their own and a little more. Peckham, which left the party on a great by-election during the controversy over the licensing law, has been regathered into the fold, and in the other London boroughs which polled there was little change. Capt. C. Norton, Dr. T. J. McNamara and C. F. G. Masterman, junior members of the government, all held their seats, and they helped to win Peckham. In addition the Liberals held Haggerston, which many believed the Hon. Rupert Guinness would succeed in winning over to Unionism.

The Right Hon. Augustin Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, and the Right Hon. C. E. Hoare, financial secretary to the treasury, maintained their own positions in Bristol, but were unable to improve conditions for Liberalism.

W. MAX AITKEN WON.

Two Canadians, Sir Gilbert Parker, an old member of the British parliament, and W. M. Aitken, a younger man from the Dominion, took seats in Westminster to represent Gravesend and Ashton-under-Lyne respectively. Both are Unionists, and Aitken for a novice, accomplished the unusual. During the election he had to contend against the cry that he made his fortune in cornering cotton, he having spent the greater part of his life in the southern states, Cuba and Porto Rico. Aitken's majority was 186.

Another Unionist gain must be credited to Sir G. Doughty, who won back Grimsby, which was lost last January.

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FRENCH PAPERS PLACED UNDER BAN IN THE WEST

St. Boniface, Man., Dec. 5.—(Special).—Considerable excitement was created here by the action of His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface in placing under the ban four of the most influential French newspapers of the province of Quebec. The papers concerned are La Canada, La Presse and La Patrie of Montreal, and La Soliel of Quebec.

While condemning these newspapers strongly he recommends to his people La Devoir of Montreal and La Association of Quebec. This drastic move on the part of His Grace was made public by means of letters to priests in the provisions of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The publishers of the newspapers placed under the ban are all prominent churchmen and it will be interesting to watch their course in the present instance.

Seattle, Wn, Dec. 5.—Tommy Burns former heavyweight championship pugilist, announced his permanent retirement from the prize ring in a letter here last night. An injury to his knee received in a game of lacrosse some months ago, is given as his reason for retiring.