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THE ASSASSIN'S DOOM.

The miserable wretch whose bullet sent President McKinley out of the world will answer with his own life on the gallows at Auburn prison tomorrow, and his exit will be followed by imprecations rather than regrets.

The crime for which Czolgoez is to die in the electric chair shocked and stupefied the world. Its commission was regarded with horror in the remotest cottages and hovels of all civilized countries, for everybody who had ever heard of McKinley respected and esteemed him as an able, fearless and honorable public man. There was no justification whatever for his assassination. He had not aroused either party or personal hate, but he was a Ruler, and that seems to have been sufficient excuse for the Anarchist cattle to aim at his life, and to select an agent to commit the monstrous crime of killing an amiable and beloved man, a wise and popular president of a great republic.

It seems probable that the details of plot which culminated in the assassination of McKinley will never be known, at least no evidence has yet been made public of any facts that may have come to the knowledge of those investigating the inception and development of the nefarious scheme to take the president's life. Very few people believe that Czolgoez was alone in planning and executing the plot. He is known to be a member of the Anarchist society, and even with death staring him in the face, declines to renounce the damnable doctrines though told that the consolations of his church will be withheld from him if he refuses to recant. If, as is probable, the assassin was selected by his associates to shoot McKinley, the same oath which bound him to commit the deed, closed his mouth as to the details of the plot, even though its execution led to the gallows. The true anarchist believes that in killing kings or presidents he is doing an admirable service. The tenets of the society school him up to that conclusion, that indeed is one of the prime reasons for the existence of the society, and it is not likely that its exponent in the person of McKinley's assassin will reveal the innermost plans which resulted in the society's most successful plot in recent years.

The prompt execution of the assassin may for a time strike terror into the Anarchists, but more active measures than have hitherto prevailed for the suppression of the society will have to be taken by governments if the lives of rulers are to be free from attack. This is true particularly in the United States, where Anarchists have been permitted to publicly proclaim their doctrines, to keep up organization, and extend their teachings without interference from the authorities. So long as Anarchist bullets brought down only European kings, emperors and presidents, there was little complaint in the United States, and less effort to suppress the hated society, but when McKinley fell, public feeling was aroused to the necessity of action that it is hoped will make the neighboring republic too hot a country for the plotters of murder in high places.

DECLINED THE HONOR.

A Halifax despatch declares that Governor Jones, of Nova Scotia, absolutely declined the honor of knighthood offered him by the King, that he was given two opportunities to accept it but resisted the alluring offer.

Governor Jones is not the first Canadian

to decline knighthood. The late Alexander McKenzie refused a title, and there is a suspicion that Edward Blake could long ere this have written "Sir" before his name had he cared to.

It is noticeable that the gentlemen, who have declined Imperial honors, are all Liberals, and there is not on record the name of a Canadian Conservative who was offered knighthood and failed to accept it.

There will be much discussion and difference of opinion over Governor Jones' refusal. Perhaps he acted properly, but the Herald does not agree with that position. It was not only the Governor but his province that was honored by the proposed decoration, and in that sense, the Governor should have accepted, laying aside whatever personal prejudice he may have had.

THE WINTER PORT TRADE.

There is every reason to expect a large winter port trade here for the coming season. The circumstances are favorable and the hindrances which were placed in the way last year have been removed. The mail steamships which are to go on the route are first class boats, affording good passenger accommodation, and carrying large cargoes. Other lines will probably furnish better boats and more sailings than in any previous year. —Sun.

This is pleasing news, especially as it comes from a paper that a year ago was asserting that the winter port trade of St John was being destroyed by Hon. A. G. Blair, who was then seeking to represent that constituency in parliament in opposition to Hon. G. E. Foster. Mr. Blair was elected, and none of the awful things predicted by the Sun appear to have happened. Instead we have the testimony of the Sun itself that this winter's export trade is going to be the biggest yet. Some of the Sun editorials of one short year ago would prove interesting reading in the face of the extract from its columns quoted above.

The news regarding the arrest at Halifax of a former bank manager of this city has created a painful impression here, and it is hoped by his friends that there may be some explanation which will be in his favor.

The spread of smallpox in St John is somewhat alarming. In less than a week nine cases have developed in that city, with a prospect of more. The Telegraph charges the local health authorities with neglect.

The corporation of Trinity University, Toronto, is trying to raise an endowment fund of half a million dollars, and five gentlemen have already subscribed \$60,000.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Oct. 22.—The weather is very pleasant for the time of year. We had a snow storm today. This is the second one but they both disappeared as quickly as they came.

The men have all gone to the woods again and the place seems very lonesome and quiet.

Mrs. John Kelly, of Belle Vue, has returned home after spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. Thomas Fraser.

The many friends of the Rev. A. D. McLeod will be sorry to hear that he is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe. Mr. McLeod had not altogether recovered from the painful accident he met with, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Moore, of Stanley, we hope to see him better soon again.

FIRE AT HAMPTON.

Nine Buildings Levelled to the Ground.

Hampton, N. B., Oct. 28.—The most disastrous fire which ever occurred in Hampton Village broke out Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock and, when the last wall fell in at 9 o'clock that night, eight buildings had been burned to the ground and lay a mass of burning embers, and one building had been torn down to stay the progress of the flames. This act had the desired effect.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It had gained great headway in the house occupied by Allen W. Hicks before being discovered and quickly leaped to adjoining house owned and occupied by Mrs. Dann, and for a time it looked as if every house in the square would go. There was no fire apparatus of any kind to fight the flames with, and they had full swing. The buildings burned were the two

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and a half story building owned by A. W. Hicks, who occupied the upper portion, the lower floor being used as a post office, Mr. Hicks being the postmaster, and as a clothing and boot and shoe store by the G & G Hlewelling Manufacturing Company; the one and a half story dwelling owned by Mrs. Fanny E. Dann, and occupied by Jonathan Titus; the one and a half story dwelling owned and occupied by Mrs. Fanny E. Dann; the one and a half story building owned by A. Clark and occupied on the upper floor by him as a barber shop and the lower floor as a beer shop; the one and a half story dwelling owned by A. W. Hicks and occupied by David Hutchings and Manford Roberts; the two and a half story dwelling owned by J. J. McLean and occupied by Wm. Nichols and Jas. Riley, jr.; a small one story building owned by J. R. McLean and occupied by him as a photo studio was torn down to stop the progress of the flames; the one and a half story dwelling on St. James street, owned and occupied by Henry Hicks.

For a time the fire looked so threatening that fully a dozen families whose houses were not burned moved out and a large amount of furniture was thus broken and destroyed.

Nearly all the losses are covered by insurance.

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