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TRAGIC DEATH OF DUCK HUNTER.

Careless Handling of Weapon Costs
One Man's Life and Serious In-
jury to Another.

Venice, Que., April 13.—A fatal shooting accident occurred on the lake shore near here on Monday afternoon, in which William A. Hall, aged about fifty-four years, was instantly killed, and William Elliott seriously injured.

The two men are fishermen and occupy a fishing shanty on the lake shore, between here and Clarenceville. Shortly after lunch hour Hall chanced to look out of the window of the shanty and saw a duck alight in a glade near shore. He seized his gun and fired at the bird, wounding it, but not disabling it. The two men then went out to try and capture the bird, but after repeated trials failed to do so. They then got their boat and again gave chase. Crossing the open water they drew their boat onto the solid ice on the other side, and in attempting to re-embark the unfortunate accident occurred.

Hall told his companion to get in to the boat and he would shove it off. Both men started to their allotted stations, when Hall, in placing his gun, a double-barrelled shot gun, the boat, struck both men on one of the seats, discharging both barrels. The effect was terrible. Hall was shot through the body and killed instantly, and Elliott's arm was literally shot in pieces from the forearm to the shoulder.

Both men were removed to their shanty, where the coroner, Dr. Mitchell, of Bedford, viewed the remains of Hall and attended the wounded man. Elliott will probably lose his arm and possibly his life as a result.

Hall had over \$400 in cheques and cash on his person when killed. The cheques were from parties in Boston and Montreal, and represented his spring fishing returns.

Coroner Mitchell disposed of the case without summoning a jury, as Hall was clearly a victim of his own carelessness.

A TYPERITER RECORD.

Miss Fritz Wrote 2887 Correct Words in Half an Hour.

Toronto News.

In spite of the unpleasant state of the weather, a large number of interested spectators were present at St. George's Hall last evening to witness the typewriter speed demonstration of Miss Rose L. Fritz.

Miss Fritz was the winner in a contest held recently in Chicago, her record being 2,289 correct words in one half hour. Last night she endeavored to break her own record, and how far she succeeded is shown by the fact that she wrote 2,887 correct words in the same limit, thus exceeding her record by 598 words. It might be said that the copy from which Miss Fritz wrote was entirely new to her, being taken from a newspaper of recent date.

It was noticeable that the operation of the typewriter seemed to depend on the action of the fingers and wrist, the muscles of the arm, apparently, not being brought into play. This, no doubt, accounted for the smoothness and lightness of her touch, and, although the machine was manipulated with marvellous rapidity, it was singularly free from that nerve-racking click that accompanies the operation of the majority of typewriters. Her finished copy, which was handed to the audience for inspection, was marked by an evenness and smoothness in its typed letters, which gave the impression that each key was struck with the same degree of precision and force.

Miss Fritz allowed herself to be blindfolded, and wrote from dictation a letter comprised of one hundred words in fifty-five seconds. She also still blindfolded, wrote a second letter of one hundred words, and having omitted a word, after the handage was removed from her eyes, inserted the word in its proper place before taking the paper from the machine. This was accomplished in fifty-nine seconds. In fact, in many different ways, Miss Fritz proved herself to be a thoroughly capable mistress of the machine.

FINGER PRINTS TO DETECT CRIME.

Pudd'n Head Wilson's Famous Discovery Put to Official Test by Police.

New York, April 13.—For the first time since the Police Department began its experiments with finger prints as identification marks of criminals, as exploited by Mark Twain in the

tale of "Pudd'n head Wilson," a practical and official test has been made, and upon the result to a large extent will depend upon the introduction of the system here. The subject of the experiment is Henry Johnson, who describes himself as an engineer, of No. 517 Hudson Street, but who is under arrest under suspicion of being the perpetrator of bold robberies in the Waldorf-Astoria and who is suspected of having stolen money and jewels valued at \$75,000 from Lady Parker, wife of Sir Gilbert Parker, a distinguished English novelist, during the early part of January at the Carlton Hotel, London.

While Johnson was arrested by Central Office men upon general principles, they found upon his person pawn tickets calling for a diamond pin stolen from Mrs. M. Latimer, a patron of the Waldorf-Astoria, on January 19 last, and a diamond pin stolen from Mrs. McClurg, head housekeeper of the hotel, on February 24. Pawn tickets for other jewels were found and the owners are now being sought.

As the English have adopted the finger print system of identifying criminals, Detective Sergeant Faurel in charge of the Bertillon system, at police headquarters, took the imprint of Johnson's ten fingers, and the prints have been forwarded to London with the "Rogues' Gallery" portraits of the man.

While the system has not yet been officially adopted here, it is believed that the Johnson incident, if successful, will contribute largely to its adoption. The London police have the imprint of the fingers of the man who robbed Lady Parker.

COMMONS FAVORS EDUCATION BILL.

Liberal Government's Measure Formally Passes its First Reading.

London, April 12.—The Education Bill, the main measure on the Liberal programme for the present session, was formally passed on first reading in the House of Commons.

Mr. Birrell, president of the Board of Education, who introduced it, unfolded his efforts to arrange a compromise. At the outset he said he recognized his difficulties by a reference to the "icy blasts of sectarian tenets, which prevented progress and peace."

Mr. Birrell said the Act of 1902 had thrown too heavy a task upon the county and city councils, and therefore their autonomy would be restored. In the smaller area only the schools provided by the local education authorities would be recognized after January 1, 1908, as public elementary schools, and not a single penny of public money would be spent on any other schools.

Present voluntary schools conducted by different denominations, if continued, would receive government grants. The local authorities would have power to take over the existing voluntary school buildings by arrangement with the proprietors, and there would be no religious tests for teachers, who would be appointed by the local authorities.

Under the proposed scheme religious education may be given in hitherto unprovided schools two mornings weekly by consent of the local authorities, but not by the regular staff, nor shall the attendance of pupils be compulsory, and no part of the expense thereof shall be borne by the rates.

This bill provides for a further annual grant of \$5,000,000 from the Imperial exchequer for educational purposes.

Lord Robert Cecil said the Church took little for justice, but did care about interference with the religious teachings of children. The bill provided for the establishment of undenominationalism, which proposal was marked by a profound intolerance which not only is unjust but works to the secularizing of schools.

SALOON KEEPERS TRIED TO WRECK OHIO BANK.

Washington Court House, O., April 13.—Because the cashier allied himself with the temperance element, saloon keepers at Lynchburg tried to wreck the Lynchburg Bank.

The temperance people have been trying to enlist enough voters to hold a local option election, but failed until William Stautener, cashier of the bank became actively identified with the "dry" movement. The saloon keepers warned him not to become involved in the fight, threatening to ruin him if he worked against them. He turned a deaf ear to their warnings. Saturday the saloon keepers withdrew \$4000 of trust funds carried by the Bank. The saloon keepers and their friends withdrew their deposits until \$20,000 was taken out.

A hurry-up call for money was sent to Cincinnati, and \$50,000 arrived in time to prevent a crash. The saloon keepers threaten to renew the run on the bank.

EVENING WALK ENDS IN DEATH

Irate Husband Shoots Man Whom He Meets Walking with his Wife.

Wetaskiwin, Alta., April 13.—A man by the name of Storkey was shot and killed Thursday night about 8.30 o'clock by Wm. Brock, of this town. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the murder, as Storkey has been warned several times by Brock to keep away from his (Brock's) wife.

Storkey and Mrs. Brock were out walking, and when near the Merchants' Bank they were met by Brock, who at once fired four shots. One shot pierced Storkey's ear, the other three entering the body. After the shooting had been done Brock went home, where he was found about fifteen minutes later by Sergeants Phillips and Nunnally.

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