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SUDDEN DEATH AND SUICIDE:

AILSA CRAIG, Jan. 14.—Yesterday morn. a Miss Walker, sister of Mr. John Walker of the Brecon mills, suddenly dropped dead apparently of heart-disease. Her betrothed Mr. Edward Cousins, of Lobo, hearing of the disaster, cut his throat, and, to complete the horrible story, Miss Walker's mother, who arrived here in the afternoon, on seeing the corpse of her daughter also dropped dead. Cousins' throat has been stitched up, and slight hopes of his recovery are entertained.

WHEAT IN MANITOBA.

Says the Scottish American :- ' The evidence accumulates every year that Manitoba will ultimately become one of the first wheatgrowing countries on this continent. The crops grown in the Red River Walley last year amount to about three million bushels, while the land broken and ready for crops next spring is over three hundred thousand acres, and should produce upwards of five millions bushels of wheat. There are some remarkable large and flourishing farms in the province. At one of these, 3,500 acres in extent, 42,000 bushels of wheat and 9,000 bushels of other cereals were harvested last season, the machinery used comprising forty ploughs, sixteen seeders, forty harrows, sixteen harvesters, three steam threshers, and three portable engines. Another farm contains 6,000 acres, ready to be sown with wheat next spring. The largest farm in the valley contains 39,000 acres, having a frontage of four miles on Red River. Over 4,000 acres were in crop last year, and produced 100,000 bushels of cereals, two thousand bushels of potatoes, and twelve hundred tons of hay."

SPREADING DIPTHERIA BY KISSES.

From the report of the physicians in attendance upon the grand ducal family of Hesse-Darmstadt during the recent outbreak of diptheria which resulted in the death of Princess Alice, the range of the disease appears to have been sharply limited. From November 6 to the 14th six of the family were attacked; on the 6th, Princess Victoria, aged 16; in the night from the 11th to the 12th Princess Alice, aged 6; on the 12th Princess Mary, aged 4; in the night from the 12th to the 13th, Princess Irene, aged 12; in the afternoon of the 13th, the Hereditary Grand Duke Ernst Ludwig, aged 10; and on the 14th the Grand Duke himself. Of the entire family, the Grand Duchess (Princess Alice of Great Britain) and one daughter (Princess Elizabeth) only were spared at the outbreak of the disease. The Grand Duchess, however, was attacked afterward. Immediately after the first member of the family (Princess Victoria) had fallen ill she was seen by a physician and at once separated from all the others. The same caution was observed after the falling ill of the other princesses, but without preventing the outbreak of the disease in the rest of the family. In all cases there were large patches of false membrane on the tonsils, and in most of them swelling of the lymphatic glands in the angle of the jaw. All the patients recovered with the exception of Princess Mary, in whose case the disease from its very beginning had shown a very insidious character. No member of the household (in all 60 persons), no nurse. no physician was infected. It is, therefore, clear, the British Medical Journal asserts, that "all the cases were produced by direct infection doubtless by kisses." The physicians ascribe the intensity and limited extension of the epidemic to these conditions: 1. To the intensity of the infection carried from outside, because the membrane in the case of the first patient (Princess Victoria) looked from their very first appearance discoloured and echymosed; 2, to the direct transference of the infections matter by kisses; 3, to the condition of the mucous membrane of the tonsils and of the pharynx of the infected persons, all of them having suffered very frequently from acute and chronic affection of these parts.

The lesson to be derived from this not ex-

ceptional experience is very clear. As every physician knows, it is no uncommon thing for adults to have diphtheria so mildly that it is mistaken for an ordinary sore throat resulting from cold; yet such a person can easily infect a child, and the child become a centre of malignant infection. In view of the fatal prevalence of diphtheria, therefore, the kissing of a child upon the mouth by a person with a sore throat is hazardons, if not criminal; and scarcely less so is the practice of allowing children to kiss their ailing playmates. It would be wise to exercise great caution in this matter if not to discontinue the practice of kissing upon the mouth altogether .- Scientific American.

THE EXECUTION OF FARRELL.

the District jail. Farrell is a man of wonderful nerve, and exhibited little feeling at the parting with his family, while the conduct and suffering of his wife may be better imagined than described. At half past seven the jailer and hangman proceeded to pinion the felon in his cell, and at a quarter to eight the large bells of all the Roman Catholic Churches in the city began to toll. At eight o'clock, the hour of execution, His Grace the Archbishop performed a solemn mass in St. Patrick's Church, for the soul of the deceased, at which a large congregation assisted. The service was exceedingly solemn and impressive. At half-past seven, also the members of the press, officers of the court, medical men, and a few others who had obtained tickets of admission from the Sheriff, were passed into the jail yards in front of the scaffold. The cove, fields, and plains surrounding the jail were crowded with two or three thousand people, tumbling over each other in their anxiety to witness the execution. Their efforts were all in vain, however, for every side of the gallows was boarded in but that which was turned towards the wing of the jail, and in the enclosure thus formed stood the hundred or so of spectators who had gained admission. At two minutes to eight the black flag, as required by law, was hoisted upon the summit of the jail, and about the same time the hang man, covered in black linen from head to foot, and looking, as he afterwards so badly proved to be, an awkward, clumsy and ignorant blunderer, made his appearance, and slipped the end of the rope through a hook in the top beam, leaving the loop daugling in the air. About seven minutes past eight the unhappy man made his appearance, led by Fathers Winn and Burke, with whom he had spent the last hours of his life. He walked steadily, and the three knelt on the scaffold, where one of the rev Fathers uttered a solemn prayer. Farrell said nothing to the spectators, and scarcely looked at them. He shook hands with his spiritual advisers and stood on the drop. The rev. gentleman again knelt to pray for the departing spirit, after holding a crucifix to Farrell's lips. The drop should have fallen, but very many seconds elapsed before the stupid executioner could get the bolt to work, and the murderer turned a painfully suplicating look on him, as if to say' 'How much more of this suspense?' His pinioned hands caught in the rope instinctively as he felt the drop falling, and thus he hung between life and death, presenting an awful spectacle, one gentleman amongst the spec tators fainting at the sight. The poor unfortunate uttering a piercing cry, and by continued shaking the hangman righted the rope and the body fell another foot, but not lifeless, for the body was convulsed with pain for several minutes after the fall, and death was not pronounced until nearly twenty-five minutes past eight. The body was left hanging the customary time, when it was cut down.

THE LATEST ENOCH ARDEN CASE.

SINGULAR CONDUCT OF A DARTMOUTH HUSBAND

This time Dartmouth is the happy town which is the scene of the turning up of a husband who was supposed, and ought, to have been dead. A ship-carpenter met his fate in the shape of a blooming young lady. They were married, and for a few months all went merrily. Then a cloud came over the matrimonial sky, and there was weeping and wailing where once all was bliss. The cloud came in this manner:-The husband found it necessary to go somewhere in the country on business. The wife did not hear from him, and on enquiry, found that he had never arrived at his destination. Weeks slipped by, then weeks became months, and no tidings of the lost husband could be o'tained. Over two years passed, and the deserted wife mourned the loss of the departed, and felt that there was a hiatus in her young life which could never be filled. She was wrong. Adjoining her pew in church was one occupied by a gentleman who had long regarded her with admiration. After a long time it was noticed that often both were in the same pew, and soon it became evident they were more than friends. Two years and a half had passed away : surely number one could not be still in the land of the living. Of course no one else could ever quite fill the blank left by him ; but then the entleman who went to church such sweet wo ds of comfort. They married

He had been living all the time in Hants County, working at the shoemaking business. She was in a dilemma most confounding. She loved them both, and oh! " how happy she could be with either were t'other dear charmer away" beyond the possibility of returning. Number one, not being one of those lovely, self-sacrificing men, embodying all that is good and noble in humannature, didn't come to look at his wife by moonlight through the parlour window, and then weep tears of sorrow and steal away, to die alone, like the Enoch of the poem. Quebec, January 18.—The execution of No, this Enoch wanted to know how she Farrell occured this a. m., in the precints of could have been so unfaithful to him as to marry again, and insisted on her coming tohim at once and never looking on the sorrowing countenance of number two again. She took legal advice, and then separated from number two. For a time the two separate pews were again occupied. Then both were empty, and it became known that: she had decided in favor of number two, was: living with him and had some big brothers who promised to punish number one if he ever gave them practical evidence of his existence in this world. Thus the matter stands, and further developments are anxiously awaited .- Halifax Chronicle.

more in that Dartmouth household. Thens

another cloud put in an appearance, in the-

shape of a letter from husband number one.

He was very much alive, and wanted to.

know what his wife meant by her conduct.

AN AVENGER.

A YOUNG MAN ON A MISSION OF VENGEANCE:

A young man of remarkable physique named Robert L. Mitchell, who belongs to the neighborhood of Fitchburg, Mass., was in Montreal for a couple of hours yesterday and during his stay purchased two massive navy revolvers, two large dirk knives, and some other warlike instruments. Mitchell is going to Denver, Colerado, on a strange mission. About a month or so ago two men named Mitchell and Ketchum were burned at the stake in Custer county, Col. by a mobof masked men. It appears that Custercounty is a great stock-raising district, and these men had taken up homesteads there, very much to the chagrin of the ranchers, who want all the country to themselves to. feed their cattle on, and they took this cruel; means of punishing Mitchell and Ketchum for their offence (?) This outrage was the means of arousing the people of the whole State, and the Executive offered a large sum of money for the capture of the perpetrators of it, dead or alive. The young man Mitchell is a nephew of the victim of the same name, and he is going out to Colerado to see if he can do anything towards avenging his uncle's cruel and unnatural death. He says that he is in receipt of information to the effect that one Oline, the leader of the cattlemen, has been arrested, and lynch law is strongly advocated by the people out there. However that may be, young Mitchell says that if he gets there in time, he will make it. lively for some of the fiends in human form. The death these men met with made the hair of every journalist in the United States. stand on end, and many were prone to disbelieve ituntil it was proved beyond a doubt. It is expected that it will furnish the subject of a big debate at the present session of Congress; at all events, it will be fully discussed in the Colerado Legislature.

The Stratford Herald gets off the following on a subject that will apply to the staff of every wealthy newspaper :- To numerous. correspondents we can only answer sternly, 'No!' The editorial staft of the Herald are not permitted to receive holiday gifts from an admiring public, lest their judgment in reporting and discussing public men and; public affairs should be warped to partiality Politicians who have made free use of print-. ers' ink are particularly requested to abstain from any indication of their gratitude, as: there is a law against bribery and coruption; church people who have longed for puffs forbazaars and reports of sermons must bear in mind they can have nothing to do with worldly affairs, except all they can get for their pious projects; and people that don't. pay anything for their reading matter should recollect that their only duty is to criticise. every typographical error that they stumble upon in the columns of the newspaper. Thanks for efforts to serve and please will be accepted and handed over to the poor."

BURGLARS broke into the Paris post office on the 26th ult., and blew open the safe.

They only secured a little silver. Two ONTARIO M. P. P.'s walked from Manitoulin Island to Toronto on snow shoes

the distance being 374 miles. THE Chatham Planet says more pork has been brought into that town lately than into

any other Town in Western Canada. Two Elderslie, Ont., sportsmen have paid \$40 each for two shots fired into a horse supposing it to be a fine buck while out on a

dear hunt lately. THE cold snap of Sunday night appears to have been general, and also very intense. The lowest reported reading of the thermometer was at Parry Sound, were 301 degrees below zero was observed.

During the year '78 there were 2637 births was a nice man, so agreeable, and offered | 325 marriages and 1,468 deaths in Toronto city, being an increase of 516 births and 39 and for a month or so happiness reigned once | marriages and a decreased of 125 deaths.