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TEN THOUSAND LITTLE CZARS

London, May 28—Chancellor Lloyd George, at a meeting in favor of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill at Swansea tonight, attacked the landowners and declared that pre-Reformation church property "vested consecrated to the sanctuary," were still on their sideboards. "The meal dedicated to the altar," he said, "stocks their larders and the very flowers adorning their buttonholes were plucked from land consecrated to the service of the altar."

ask that money belonging to the poor be returned, to charge us with robbing God."

The chancellor accused certain Welsh landowners of turning their tenants adrift because they were Non-conformists. There was no monarchy in the world, not even Russia, he said, that could do that.

"I will tell you what is the matter with this country," said Mr. George. "There is one limited monarchy, and 10,000 little Czars holding absolute sway. We mean to examine into this. It is a fight full of hope for democracy."

ELLIS WAS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL TO BE HEARD AT AUTUMN ASSIZES SELF-DEFENCE PLEA CONTRADICTED

The official preliminary hearing of the Ellis case came up this morning at the Court House before County Police Magistrate F. D. Moore. The evidence was obtained through the direction of County Crown Attorney A. P. Devlin, Mr. T. E. Stinson, of McLaughlin, Peel, Fulton & Stinson, but principally Inspector Reburn, who in his evidence stated that Ellis' first confession made to him before being placed under arrest, was that the deed was done deliberately and because of Porter's treatment of Ellis' sister who is his wife.

The first evidence taken was that of Mr. Porter, sr., father of the deceased, who stated as follows: "My son, Louis D. Porter, bought my gun from me and was down on Sunday and said he would help me cut some wood as soon as everything was all right at home. He came down on Tuesday. We came home to tea about six and left our place about sundown. When I was outside he took my gun, which is the one you are showing me. I call it a Ballard but some a Remington. I don't know what it is. It shoots a 4 ball, but I am not sure that the shell you have is one.

Louis told the little girl my grandchild that he would be back on Thursday. He did not come, so we went to look for him on Saturday as Friday was bad weather, and found him on Sunday near the Cameron road while searching with Chester Kellett and others. The body was left until Coroner Pogue and Constable Welch arrived.

The man who is charged with the crime is married to my daughter who died four years ago. I am not on friendly terms with Ellis. I saw Ellis before he was arrested at his home, and near the scene of the murder, while with a couple of reporters. Ellis had said to me "Suppose we look for the gun."

Mrs. Tripp—who was Miss Anne Jane Porter) Lochlin in Snowden township. Had seen the prisoner at his own home and he would not go as he said he had chores to do and had to go to Minden the next day. He was afraid they might think that he did it, but I said I went down on Inspector Reburn's instructions. Some years ago Ellis had said that he would think no more of pulling a gun on Lew Porter than he would a dog. This was over a chain stolen.

The hard feeling had been caused earlier by an alleged neglect of Porter to his wife.

Jas. Wesley Hounsell of Lutterworth, lived near the prisoner about two miles distant. I saw the prisoner at his place about six o'clock and gave him his mail. I saw the school inspector coming, and as a trustee I talked to him. About dark I saw the prisoner again, at my place. He came to the door and called me out and said, "I am in trouble; will you help me out?" He said, "I shot Lew Porter, but of course it was in self defence. He shot at me first." He had met Porter at the swamp, and asked if he had seen any cattle. Porter said, "Is it cattle you are looking for? I thought it was me," and shot at me, but I (Ellis) dodged behind some balsams.

Mr. Hounsell said Ellis was going to give himself up, and he said it was the right thing to do. Later he (Ellis) said he would not give himself up. I saw him again on Sunday evening when he wanted me to go over to his father's on Monday. I told him I would not go as I did not want to be drawn into it by having him hanging around.

The witness became so much involved in his story that it was difficult to get the trend of events.

Chester Kellett said he had searched the one day and had found the body Sunday. He described finding the blood and later discerned the body lying on its left side in a hollow some distance from the road. Ellis stopped when on the way to look for his cattle and talked some time.

Dr. White of Kinmount described the body, how it was stained with blood and mud, but there were no marks of violence except the three bullet wounds. The course of the bullets was explained minutely by the doctor. The bullets were exhibited, being over an inch in diameter in their flattened state.

Chas. Wood lives about 5 miles by road from Ellis' place. I heard five shots when going from my place to another's, at just about half past seven or eight. I heard two shots closely together (1 minute apart) and then a pause of three minutes. The last three were pretty quick.

John Hulbig had searched on Sunday and went to Mr. Porter, sr.'s home and came to the blood on the

road. Soon we heard yelling, and went and saw Porter's body where Kellett was, who had done the calling.

Mrs. Porter, wife of Louis D., saw Mr. Porter, sr., the Sunday after the shooting. He said he had heard a shot on the right hand side.

Constable Welch, of Minden, told of going to the body on Sunday and the circumstances. He had a rig with him to take it to the court house, and had met the accused but had not talked with him. Later he and Inspector Reburn had gone to Ellis' house. The Inspector had obtained a confession in half an hour and he (Welch) had placed him under arrest. Ellis made then a statement how he had killed Porter, saying how he had met him in a swamp and had been shot at. And then how Porter shot again later and he (Ellis) had killed him. The scene of the tragedy had been visited and the details given.

Ellis' gun was exhibited at this juncture and the message to his father also. The shell that was extracted from Porter's gun was shown.

Henry Reburn, Inspector, who has carried on the whole case in such a skillful and satisfactory manner, went into the box and gave evidence that clearly contradicted the self-defence plea of Ellis. This is the gist of the story the shrewd Inspector told, that when he arrived on the scene he looked over the ground, and then went to Ellis' house with Constable Welch. There he found "Heck" working and so he asked to see him inside the house, Constable Welch being outside.

Mr. Reburn told him that as his house was right near the tragedy it was certain he must have heard shots. At first Ellis denied everything, but finally said he had done the deed. He had seen Porter walking past his house and had followed behind and hidden in a tree. When Porter returned Ellis shot him three times and killed him. He did because he had blamed Porter for the death of his sister (Mrs. Porter) through ill treatment. Then Reburn took Ellis outside and Constable Welch arrested him.

The case then closed until some time in the fall.

KAWARTHA SPECIAL SATURDAY TRAIN TO LINDSAY AND CAYGEON SATURDAYS

The Post is in receipt of the following:

On Saturday, June 15th, the C.P.R. will inaugurate a special service to Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and immediate stations, leaving Toronto 1 p.m., arriving Bobcaygeon 3.40 p.m.; leaving Bobcaygeon 7.00 p.m. Sunday, arrive in Toronto 9.40 p.m.

This train is Saturday's only, and has been put on at the special request of many Toronto people who have summer residences in the Kawartha Lakes District.

The service has long been wanted, and as its continuance will depend on the patronage it receives we feel that every effort should be put forth

to make this Saturday special a great success.

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This Saturday train will prove of great advantage to tourists visiting this district as well as others who desire to spend Sunday in Lindsay and Bobcaygeon.

This district is becoming more widely known every year as a tourist centre, and the inauguration of a Saturday special by the C.P.R. in order to cater to the tourist trade is sufficient proof of this fact.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN AT PORT PERRY DARING BURGLARY ON THURSDAY LAST

Port Perry Star.—On Thursday night of last week Mr. W. Willard's store at Port Perry, was entered by burglars and the safe blown open and robbed of about \$15.

That \$15. represented but a very small fraction of the loss caused by the burglars. The safe door was literally blown to pieces, and those pieces were shot from one end of the store to the other. The ceiling, walls, shelves and front door were spattered with wet plaster of paris. Nobody will ever know how the safe door was blown out (unless the parties are caught and tell their own story) for there was not enough left of a clue.

The theory is that the door was drilled, the explosives and fuse put in the hole, water poured in and then the hole plugged, and the fuse fired. Most safes are packed with plaster of paris and what appears like solid steel or iron is in reality but a shell. This safe was of that character, and the water soaked into the plaster of paris, making it like mortar. Directly in front of the safe was a huge refrigerator which was smashed to pieces by being struck by the safe door.

It is not known exactly what goods the thieves took, aside from the small amount of cash, although one or two raincoats were missing. The big loss was in the damage done to the property. It is hard to realize the way in which the plaster of paris was spattered over everything, unless one

saw for himself. There was certainly a gross waste of explosives as a much smaller charge would have accomplished the purpose of tearing open the safe door. Had the design been to rapidly plaster the store and stock, the burglar was an expert, but if he merely wished to rob the safe, he gave evidence of being a dirty bungler who was not accustomed to using explosives.

It is thought that someone may have secreted himself about the store premises before it was closed for the night, or else that a key was used to open the front door. There was nothing to show that entrance had been effected forcibly. The back door was barred, and apparently exit was made by lifting down the bar from the inside and walking out through the door.

A small crowbar, a stone hammer with the Grand Trunk Railway initials stamped on, a hand axe and a chisel were left in the store, which would indicate that the parties were careless of covering their tracks, or clever at making false ones.

Something should be done to put a stop to this business of store-breaking and stealing. None of our people are anxious to become the victims of these night operators.

Utica and Myrtle stores, the Sebert House and now the Willard store robbery should give the police plenty of data to work on, and all that remains is to get busy.

MR. IRL HICKS MENTIONS THUNDER STORMS IN PREDICTIONS FOR JUNE

Prof. Irl Hicks, in outlining the weather conditions for June, refers particularly to the summer solstice during the last half of the month and the stormy period that may be expected then. Prof. Hicks writes as follows:

A regular storm period, within the brace of a Mercury period, extends from the 3rd. to the 9th. The June solstice will impinge upon this period, causing electrical storms to continue and reach a crisis on and touching the 9th. The moon is on the Equator on that day and the annual magnetic crisis extend from about the 8th to the 15th so that thunderstorms will be frequent and violent for several days at this time. These June thunder squalls often prove quite severe, with only moderate fall of the barometer. Heavy, and sometimes abnormal rains occur during the June Solstice, with the barometer little below normal. At such times the hydrometer shows great humidity.

THUNDERSTORMS ABOUT THE 12. A reactionary storm period falls on the 11th, 12th, and 13th, precisely at the crisis of electrical and magnetic excitement. On the 11th. the north magnetic pole of the earth makes its least angle to the sun's equator, thereby intensifying the electric and magnetic forces throughout the earth and its atmosphere. Hence many phenomena of this character will mark this period. Afternoon rains and thunderstorms will be frequent and violent, continuing for days, partly obliterating the interval between the storm periods. New moon the 15th. will keep up the temperature, depress the barometer, and help to prolong threatening conditions. The 12th. to the 18th. is a seismic and volcanic period, central on the 15th.

SOLSTICE STORMS A regular storm period is central on the 16th, embracing new moon on the 15th, on the Equator the 21st and in perigee on the 16th, the central day of the period. A very low readability.

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IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT UNDERDRAINAGE

"If it rains on Ascension Day it will rain for forty days and forty nights," so says the old tradition, and some of the doubting ones are beginning to think there is some- Are you among the wise ones who vey the proper impression. have been spending money on under- drainage during the past few years? If not why? These questions should interest every farmer in the country this spring and every spring, for on underdrained land the seeding is earlier, which this year would mean grain all sown before the rainy weather began.

The benefits of under drainage are as follows: The removal of the surplus water early in the spring allows the farmer to get on the land a week to ten days earlier; the removal of this water allows the land to warm up so that growth will begin earlier; underdrains carry off excess rain fall before the growing grain is damaged; grain on underdrained land will root deeper and should a period of drouth occur, the crop having developed a deep root system, will get sufficient moisture from the sub-soil; the action of under drains on the soil makes it more porous and friable and a better seed bed is procured; water soaking down to the under drains carries before it the air imprisoned among the particles and fresh air follows in its course, thus ventilating and keeping the soil fresh and in best possible condition for plant growth.

From a financial standpoint no investment offers such sure and lasting profits, as money spent in under- drainage. There is land in this country which could be tiled and the increased crop of one season would pay the cost of tiling; again other lands may take two or three years, and what is more this increase in productivity will continue for a lifetime. What better investment could a man want? Plan to do some under drainage this year and if you need advice or assistance drop into the office of the Dept. of Agriculture, Lindsay, and talk it over with your representative.

NO LIQUOR IN MILITIA CAMP

Ottawa May 30—That the regulations concerning the consumption of liquor by men in camps will be rigidly enforced this year was the emphatic statement of Col. Sam Hughes Minister of Militia, when asked if there were any new regulations this year governing the consumption of liquor in the training camps. "Regulations are the curse of the world to-day," was the Minister's statement. They are nothing unless they are enforced and the existing orders concerning liquor will be strictly adhered to this year.

The sale of liquor of any kind is prohibited in camps, and it is said that during this season's camp a strict watch will be kept for any "private supplies" being brought in to the lines. Canteens were abolished last year, and although it is stated that drunkenness in many of the camps adjacent to cities increased, they will not be permitted this year.

That the Minister has a very high standard for the general sobriety of the Canadian Militia was evidenced by his remarkable assertion that "the Canadian soldier does not drink and needs no regulations prohibiting his drinking. I venture to say that more drinking begins on Sunday school excursions and picnics than at military training camps. I know because I have seen it at the picnics," was the Minister's half-jesting, half serious remark.—Globe.

The Minister of Militia evidently is not familiar with the Sunday school excursions and picnics. If any intoxicated men are noticed at these affairs it is because they make a purpose of going knowing that they will not be molested by the police who are not likely to look in law-abiding places for things of doubtful nature.

Barrie Papers Lock Horns

The Barrie Saturday Morning and the Gazette have locked horns over the prices charged for municipal advertising in the county town, and from the comparative statement issued in the former paper last week, showing the prices charged by each paper, we should say that the Gazette prices are about right, and if Saturday morning would only carefully figure out cost they would know that they are not getting a sufficient margin to make it worth while. These publishers would profit by a visit to some of the cost conferences being held by the Canadian Press Association.—Midland Argus.

Mrs. Crawford left this morning for Rochester.

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