MANIAC KILLS AND MAIMS

Young Melancthon Township Man Murders Farmer and Son and Fatally Injures Wife.

Shelbourne, Ont., Feb. 7.—One of the most terrible tragedies that has ever been recorded in Dufferin county took place at the little hamlet of Shrigley, in Melancthon township, early this morning, when a young man named George Ernest Stewart, during a period of insane frenzy, murdered John Spanhouse, a neighbor, and his son, James, dangerously wounded Mrs. John Spanhouse and George Beaumont, and injured three other persons whom he chanced to encounter before the fit of insanity had passed. To-night, having confessed that he committed the murders, Stewart lies in the Shelburne lock-up awaiting the law's action. He can give no reason for his terrible deed, but the circumstances attending it are such as to leave no doubt at all that Stewart for an hour this morning, was more dangerous than any tiger in the jungle.

WAS "QUEER" IN THE WEST.

He is a powerfully-built young man twenty-nine years of age. Four years ago he went west and located on a ranch. There he took typhoid fever, and in addition had the misfortune to lose some money in speculation. The Mounted Police at Medicine Hat took charge of him when he began to show that he was not quite "right," and released him only on the promise that his friends would bring him home to Ontario and see that he was looked after. His father is Richard Stewart of Maple Valley. Young Stewart spent last night at the residence of his brother, William, who lives across the way from the Spanhouse homestead, on the fourth concession of Melancthon.

ATTACKED HIS BROTHER.

He had been restless and had passed two or three sleepless nights and his brother as a consequence felt anxious about him. George went to bed, but removed only his boots and socks. William slept on a lounge, without undressing, so that he might watch his brother. About 5 o'clock this morning George rose and crept to the door. His brother followed and tried to prevent him from leaving the house. Failing, he followed the now furious maniac into the yard and attempted to force him back into the house, but was choked and knocked down, though not dangerously injured. Leaving his brother in a semi-conscious condition, Stewart took a heavy stake from a woodrack in the yard and set out on his horrible quest. He had possessed himself also of a revolver, and was still without either cap or boots.

THE MURDERS AT SPANHOUSE'S.

He crossed the road to the Spanhouse place and knocked at the door. It was opened by Mr. John Spanhouse, who, from the condition of the body when it was found, came to the door hurriedly without putting on all his clothes. As soon as Stewart entered he fired at Spanhouse. There are several bullets in the old man's body. Mrs. Spanhouse was awakened by hearing her husband cry out "I am shot," and rushed to the front of the house. There she saw the murderer still firing at her husband's body. She sought refuge in her bedroom and Stewart followed. He shot and also clubbed her with the stake he had in his hand. She recovered consciousness later, but is not expected to live.

CRUSHED VICTIMS SKULL IN.

At the moment the son, James Spanhouse, appeared. He had heard the shots, and, with an old military rifle in his hands, and without staying to dress, came down the stairs. Stewart, who was awaiting, attacked him as he entered the parlor, seized the rifle, and, clubbing it, struck Spanhouse a terrific blow upon the head, crushing in his skull and breaking the rifle stock. The blood-spattered floor and walls when the victims were found bore dreadful witness to the force of the blow.

There remained but one other person in the house besides the murderer, the Spanhouse servant, Miss Grace Christian. Terrified by the sounds from the encounter, she remained quiet until Stewart, carrying the rifle and still without cap or boots, left the house. Then she crept downstairs, saw that only Mrs. Spanhouse had life in her, and from the Ostrander farm house near by telephoned news of the tragedy to Shelburne.

HIS TRAIL TO MAPLE VALLEY.

Meanwhile Stewart started across the fields to his father's house, about three miles off. When near Maple Valley he knocked at the door of a house occupied by William Wilson. Entering, he attacked Mr. Wilson with the old military rifle he had helped himself to after killing James Spanhouse. The stock was partly broken off, and Stewart carried it by the barrel. Mr. Wilson was one of the luckiest of the victims, his injuries being painful, but not serious.

BEAUMONT'S CONDITION SERIOUS.

From here Stewart, his thirst for blood apparently unabated; made his way across the road to C. J. Pound's, who is absent in Cobalt. The hired man, George Beaumont, and the housekeeper, Mrs. Cowan, were attacked here, Beaumont being so badly clubbed that but slight hopes are entertained for his recovery. Mrs. Gowan's injuries were less severe, and after Stewart left the house she was able to telephone to W. D. Taylor of Maple Valley for assistance.

Mr. Taylor started to the rescue and met Stewart about half way between the valley and Mr. Pound's. He endeavored to placate the crazed man, who, however, first threatened to shoot him and then snapped the gun at him, but it was either not loaded or not in condition. At any rate, luckily for Mr. Taylor, it missed fire. Stewart was then allowed to resume his journey unmolested to his father's home. Here he attempted no damage and went peacefully to bed. When Constables Thompson and Watham from Shelburne went to arrest him this afternoon he was sleeping as soundly as though at perfect peace with himself and the world.

ATTACKED THE JAILER.

In Shelburne jail to-night, however, his mania again broke forth, and, although heavily manacled, he attempted to brain his jailer.

POLICE RESENT ATTACKS.

Several Libel Actions are Entered in Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: Ald. Prouix, chairman of the Civic Police Committee, has entered an action for libel for $5,000 against E. W. Villeneuve, who preferred charges against his administration, and an action for $10,000 against La Patrie, which editorially declared that the police department was rotten to the core. Chief of Police Campeau has also entered an action against La Patrie on similar grounds.

MONEY FOR HUDSON'S BAY

More Than One-third of the Cost of the Railway Has Been Provided

A despatch from Ottawa says: The proceeds from the sale of pre-empted lands in the west under the act passed last session, allowing each homesteader to purchase at $3 per acre an additional 120 acres of Dominion lands, thus obtaining a farm of 320 acres, have now amounted to over six million dollars, the total number of acres taken up during the last quarter of 1908 being 2,009,139. When the bill was passed it was tacitly agreed by the Government that the first charge on this fund would be the cost of construction of the proposed Hudson's Bay Railway, for which the survey is now being made. While this understanding has not yet been formally incorporated in legislation, it is understood that when the report of the survey is received and the Government is in a position to draft the bill providing for the construction of the road, provision will be made for the application of the fund in the manner designated. The estimated cost of the whole road is fifteen millions. It will thus be seen that more than one-third of the cost of the whole undertaking has already been raised by the sale of lands under the western lands act.

Progress reports of the survey have been received from time to time by parties now in the field, but it is not expected any complete or authoritative report as to the most favorable route or the cost will be ready before the spring, and it is hardly probable the Government will be able to bring down a bill for the construction of the road until next session.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

Toronto's tax rate will remain at 18½ mills.

The net receipts from succession duties in Ontario in 1908 were $1,153,740.

Ontario and Minnesota may take joint action for the creation of game preserves.

Dr. Haanel reports the successful smelting of iron ores by electricity in Sweden.

The Lincoln Paper Mills granted a bonus of 6 per cent. on their wages to the employees.

Dr. Milton Hersey reports a large quantity of brandy in the chocolates seized at Montreal.

It is reported that the C.N.R. will enter upon the extension of their lines in Nova Scotia.

Charles Vezina was fined five hundred dollars in a Quebec court for libelling Hon. A. Turgeon.

Dr. Snyder of Niagara Falls, N. Y., was fined $25 for practising medicine on the Canadian side.

Charles Mitchell, a Peterboro' postman, was committed for trial on a charge of robbing the mails.

Edwin Barnhart was sentenced at Brockville to five years in the penitentiary for eloping with Mrs. Pyke and robbing her husband.

The $50,000 fortune of G. W. Todd, the miser, who died at Hamilton, was all eaten up in law costs, except sufficient to pay two notes of $5,000 each made by the old man.

A man who died at the Verdun Asylum was known as the human ostrich. An incredible quantity of iron, glass, nails, wire and other stuff that he had swallowed was taken from his body.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Baron Burton, head of the great English brewing firm of Bass & Co., is dead.

The National Service League, of which Lord Roberts is President, has a scheme by which 400,000 trained men can be added to Britain's home defence in four years.

UNITED STATES.

Thomas L. Lewis has been re-elected President of the United Mine Workers of America.

President Roosevelt has been offered $10,000 a week for thirty weeks to head a wild west show.

Dr. James B. Angell, President of the University of Michigan, will resign some time this month.

A Bayonne, N. J., woman is looking for women who will volunteer to patrol the city's parks in the summer.

Shipments from the United States ports on the great lakes were 25 per cent. less in 1908 than in 1907.

A New Jersey man claims to have discovered a process by which copper can be tempered and made into cutting tools.

Slot machines that deliver an accident insurance policy for a dime have been placed in New York cafes and hotels.

President-elect Taft, now on a visit to Panama, says he believes the great canal will be practically completed in thirty-three months.

GENERAL.

King Menelik of Abyssinia is reported to be dying.

Twenty persons have been drowned in floods in Germany.

The Cape-to-Cairo Railway will be completed in three years.

A poor Spanish fisher lad has been left $600,000 by his American mother.

The Crown Prince of Servia has been injured in an automobile accident.

The Italian earthquake relief fund has now reached a total of $16,000,000.

Two hundred Chinamen lost their lives in a fire which destroyed a fleet of flower boats at Canton.

The French Minister of Marine has proposed a scheme of naval reform involving an expenditure of $45,000,000.

The new French tariff increases the maximum duties against United States products on an average of 20 per cent.

Both the Russian Government and the revolutionary organizations have declared Eugene Azef a traitor and are seeking his life.

The British steamer Clan Ranald went to pieces off the Australian coast, and the captain and forty-six of the crew were drowned.

Newfoundland has agreed to the terms of the fisheries treaty which will shortly go before the United States Senate for ratification.

The debate in the Austrian Parliament on a Government bill to reconcile the differences between the Czechs and Germans ended in a fight.

The South African conference called to bring about federation has decided on Pretoria for the administrative centre and Cape Town for the legislative centre.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Flour — Ontario wheat 90 per cent patents, $3.75 to $3.80 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export. Manitoba flour, first patents, $5.60 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5, and strong bakers', $4.90.

Wheat—Manitoba wheat, $1.11½ for No. 1 Northern, and $1.08½ for No. 2 Northern, Georgian Bay ports. No. 1 Northern, $1.17 to $1.17½ all rail, and No. 2 Northern at $1.13½ to $1.14 all rail.

Wheat—Ontario—No. 2 mixed at $1 outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 42 to 42½c outside, and at 45c on track, Toronto; No. 2 Western Canada oats quoted at 45½c, lake ports, and No. 1 feed, 42½c, lake ports.

Rye—No. 2 quoted at 67½ to 68c outside.

Barley—No. 2 barley 56 to 57c outside; No. 3 extra at 54 to 55c, and No. 3 at 52 to 53c.

Buckwheat—58c outside.

Peas—No. 2 87c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow 69½ to 70c on track, Toronto, and No. 3 yellow at 68½ to 69c, Toronto. Canadian corn, 65½c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Cars, $20.50 in bulk outside. Shorts quoted at $22.50 in bulk outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter, $3.50 to $4.50 per barrel for good qualities, and at $2 to $3 for cooking apples.

Beans—Prime, $1.80 to $1.90, and hand-picked, $1.90 to $2 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, $2.25 to $2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10½ to 11c per pound.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $10.50 to $11.50 per ton on track here, and lower grades at $9 to $10 a ton.

Straw—$6.50 to $7.50 on track.

Potatoes—Ontarios, 60 to 62½c per bag.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 12 to 13c per pound; fowl, 10c; ducks, 12 to 13c; geese, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 16 to 17c per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 22 to 24c; tubs and large rolls, 21 to 22c; inferior, 20c; creamery rolls, 27 to 28c, and solids, 26c.

Eggs—Case lots of selects 28 to 29c per dozen; picked, 26c, and new laid are quoted at 30 to 32c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, 13¼c per pound, and twins, 13½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11 to 11¼c per pound in case lots; mess pork, 20 to $20.50; short cut, $24.

Hams—Light to medium, 13½ to 14c; do., heavy, 12½ to 13c; rolls, 10½ to 11c; shoulders, 10 to 10½c; backs, 16 to 16½c; breakfast bacon, 15 to 16c.

Lard—Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12¾c; pails, 13c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—Grain — In oats the feeling is firm, with a good steady demand for car lots. Peas—No. 2, 94 to 95c. Oats — Canadian Western No. 2, 47c; extra No. 1 feed, 46½c; No. 1 feed, 45½c; Ontario No. 2, 46c; No. 3, 45c; No. 4, 44c. Barley—No. 2, 63½ to 65c; Manitoba feed, 55½ to 56c. Buckwheat—55½ to 56c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.60; seconds, $5.10; Manitoba strong bakers, $4.90; Winter wheat patents, $5 to $5.25; straight rollers, $4.60 to $4.70; straight rollers in bags, $2.15 to $2.25; extras in bags, $1.75 to $1.85. Feed—Manitoba bran, $21 to $22; Manitoba shorts, $24; Ontario bran, $21 to $21.50; shorts, $24 to $24.50; middlings, $24.50 to $25; pure grain mouille, $28 to $30; mixed mouille, $25 to $27. Cheese—Finest Western, 12½ to 13¾c; easterns, 12⅜ to 12½c. Butter—Fall creamery, 26½c; Winter creamery, 25c; fresh receipts, 24c; dairy rolls, 21c. Eggs—New laid, 33 to 35c; selected stock, 28 to 29c; No. 1 stock, 25 to 26c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Exporters — Steady demand for choice steers, but bulls are a little easier. Butchers'—Really choice butchers' cattle are scarce, and the best realized top prices. A few picked lots sold at $5.15; the general run, however, for choice lots was from $4.40 to $4.75. Fair to good loads averaged $4 to $4.30; mixed and common classes $3.50 to $4. Sheep and lambs—Fair demand for ewes and lambs; prices firm at last week's rates. Hogs—Firm; select at $6.60 f.o.b. and $6.80 fed and watered. Calves—Steady at last quotations. Milch cows—Fair demand for good quality; common not required. Butchers' cows of good quality wanted.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Feb. 9.—Wheat—Spring wheat, firmer; No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, $1.16¾; Winter, higher; No. 2 red, $1.12; No. 3 extra red, $1.10½; No. 2 white, $1.10; No. 2 mixed, $1.10. Corn—Higher; No. 3 yellow, 66c; No. 4 yellow, 65½c; No. 3 corn, 65 to 65½c; No. 4 corn, 64¾ to 65c; No. 3 white, 68½c. Barley—Feed to malting, 63 to 70c.

Minneapolis, Feb. 9.—Wheat — May, $1.09; July, $1.09⅜; cash No. 1 hard, $1.11¾; No. 1 Northern, $1.10¾; No. 2 Northern, $1.08¾ to $1.09; No. 3 Northern, $1.06½ to $1.07¼. Bran—In bulk, $21.50 to $22.

Milwaukee, Feb. 9.—Wheat — No. 1 Northern, $1.13 to $1.14; No. 2 Northern, $1.11 to $1.11½; May, $1.09¾. Rye—No. 1, 76c. Corn—May, 63⅛c asked. Barley—Standard, 66c; samples, 61½ to 64c; No. 3, 62 to 64c; No. 4, 61½c.

CARS FOR PRINCE RUPERT.

G. T. Pacific Trains Will be Running by Summer.

A despatch from Montreal says: It was announced on Friday at the head offices of the G. T. P. Railway that within the next month or six weeks the first standard-gauge locomotives, passenger coaches and freight cars to be used on the G. T. P. Railway in British Columbia will be shipped north from New Westminster or Vancouver, in the first consignment of G. T. P. rolling stock will be included six locomotives, one hundred and fifty freight cars, and some passenger coaches. These will be operated out of Prince Rupert over the first hundred miles of line built. The first train will probably be operated early next summer.

INHALED SULPHURIC GAS.

Fatal Accident to Employee of Toronto Paper Company.

A despatch from Cornwall says: The inhaling of sulphuric gas in the pulp department of the Toronto Paper Co.'s mills the other day resulted in the death on Wednesday night of J. Sibley, one of the employees. Sibley and another man, named J. Morin, remained in the room after the digesters were emptied, contrary to orders. When the cooled gas began to settle, they ran for windows. Morin got there all right, but Sibley inhaled some of the gas and was overcome. He was taken to the General Hospital, where he died. He was a native of England, 32 years of age, married, and leaves four children.

DRUNKENNESS ON INCREASE.

Statistics in London Show More Arrests in Year.

A despatch from London says: The police statistics for 1908, issued on Wednesday, show a large increase in arrests for drunkenness, the total being 1,158; 315 were before the court for disorderly conduct, which also shows an increase. The total number of arrests was 2,852.

CANADA GETS GRAIN TRADE

Improvements in Harbors That Have Already Brought Good Results.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The annual report of the Department of Public Works, tabled in the Commons on Wednesday, shows that for the fiscal year 1907-08 the total expenditure was $11,199,384, an increase of $1,851,959 over the previous year. The items include the following:—Harbor and river works, $2,447,882; dredging and new dredging plants, $3,344,306; public buildings, $4,331,901; telegraph lines, $462,233.

A fact emphasized in the report is that Canada is profiting by the experience gained at the older harbors of Europe, and laying out in each case a comprehensive scheme of development. The result already is a vast increase in shipping from the great lakes to the sea. Boston and New York have lost to Montreal in the European grain trade, and St. John is in a position to successfully compete with Portland. Not only the more important ports have been attended to, but the department has not lost sight of the needs of the lesser harbors, where wharfs, breakwaters and shelters have been constructed, and dredging carried out. The construction of dams in the interest of navigation and for water conservation is strongly recommended in that part of the report dealing with water powers. The total mileage of telegraph lines under the department is 7,225, with 393 offices transmitting during the year 105,000 messages.

HALF RATES CUT OFF.

Railways Decide That Clergymen Must Pay Full Fare.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Western railways on Friday announced their definite determination to abolish the half-fare rate for all clergymen, students and missionaries, which privilege has been enjoyed by them since the settlement of the west. The matter has been under serious advisement for some time, and the companies at first thought of extending the cut rate to missionaries in the newer sections and sparsely-settled districts of the country, but later withdrew this also. Several of the churches made strong representations to the companies in the matter without avail.

SERIES OF TORNADOES.

Killed a Score of People in the Southern States.

A despatch from Louisville, Ky., says: Death for probably a score of persons, losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars in property, and the crippling of many telegraph wires resulted between noon and dusk on Friday from a series of small tornadoes, which swept the south central States from the Tennessee line to the Texas Panhandle. Four persons were killed at Rollingfork, Miss.; six were killed at Booth, Miss., and a large amount of property destroyed. Two women were killed at Sulphur Springs, Texas, and two others at Stuttgart, Ark.

LITTLE BOY HANGED.

Wilmot Longfield of Queensville Found Dead in Garret.

A despatch from Queensville, Ont., says: On returning home on Friday afternoon after an absence of an hour the parents of Wilmot Longfield, aged thirteen years, found he had hanged himself in the garret. No reason for the act is at present known.

TWO BOYS BURNED TO DEATH.

Fire Destroys Dwelling of Arthur Dubreuile at Wickham, Que.

A despatch from Montreal says: Advices from Wickham, Que., tell of the burning of the home of Arthur Dubreuile in which the lives of his two sons, aged two and five years, respectively, were lost. The cause of the fire is unknown.

VETERANS PROMISED LAND

Premier Says He Will Recommend Them for Grants.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Friday afternoon promised a deputation of the men who took part in the Fenian Raids of 1866 and 1870 that he would recommend their request for a grant of land to his Excellency the Governor-General at the earliest possible day.

TELEPHONES OF THE WEST

The Surplus Revenue in Manitoba Is a Quarter of a Million Dollars

A despatch from Winnipeg says: After a year's operation the surplus of the Manitoba telephone system is approximately a quarter of a million dollars after deducting the cost of some 600 miles of long-distance lines and a number of rural systems, which have been constructed by the Government. In January, 1908, the Provincial Government purchased all the lines, plants, franchises, etc., from the Bell Telephone Company, which had a monopoly in Manitoba. At the time of the purchase officials of the Government promised a reduction in rates, but to date no reduction has been made, excepting in certain classes of long-distance tolls. With this fine financial showing the Province will also announce a reduction in all telephone rates and tolls within the boundaries of Manitoba, and the bill now being prepared for presentation to the Manitoba Parliament provides for various reductions ranging from 20 to 35 per cent. from the present rates.

The example set by Manitoba impelled the Alberta Government to follow suit, and the Government system in that Province will also show a big surplus for the first year.