

# MURDER WAS ATTEMPTED WITH PAIR OF SHEARS.

## Despondent Eloper Tries to Kill the Woman He Ran Off With.

Paterson, N. J., Oct. 1.—Two pistol shots ringing out in quick succession in a fashionable boarding house on Summer street here early today, revealed the tragedy of a man lying dead in a room, with a bullet in his head, and a woman cowering in the corner, screaming and wringing her hands, which were bleeding profusely. The woman said she was Cora Paige, that the man was Floyd Bingham, and that they had eloped from Binghamton, N. Y. According to the story of the woman, who at first claimed that she was the dead man's wife, Bingham had killed himself while despondent over his lack of money, and after he had attacked her with a pair of shears, Bingham was unsuccessful at finding employment here, and the couple frequently quarrelled. To-day, after a dispute of unusual violence, Bingham tried to stab her with the shears, the woman declared, and she defended herself. In the struggle her hands were cut badly, as she was forced to grapple with the scissors to save herself from more serious wounds. Eventually the man gave up the struggle. He seized a revolver, pointed the weapon at his head and fired. He missed his aim, but the second time he pulled the trigger the ball entered his head and pierced his brain. He appeared to have died almost instantly.

## BETTING ON RACES.

### CAUSED DOWNFALL OF J. S. CATHER OF MONTREAL.

#### Defaulting Bank Clerk Lost Three Thousand Dollars in One Night—Eluded Detective and Caught the Train for New York.

Montreal, Oct. 1.—J. S. Cather is the name of the cashier who has been missing from the head office of the Bank of British North America since Monday. Betting in poolrooms on horse races is given as the cause of his downfall. Last week the bank was notified by the detective department that Cather had lost three thousand dollars in one night. A transfer was made of the clerk from the receiving teller's cage to a ledger upstairs and an investigation made of the cash books. That was on Monday. Cather went to his boarding-house the same evening, packed a grip, and, not waiting for dinner, went to the G. T. R. station and boarded a train for New York. He managed to elude a detective who was shadowing him. It is supposed that so far his accounts show a rough shortage of \$25,000, which amount is only partly covered by his bond. Cather is an Irishman, who came to Montreal from the Bank of Ireland several years ago.

## C. E. HUGHES REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.

### Was Nominated at Saratoga Yesterday for Governor of New York State.



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A Saratoga, N. Y., despatch: The Republican State convention this afternoon nominated Charles E. Hughes for Governor. The nomination was by acclamation. Mr. Hughes came into the limelight as the chief counsel of the State Life Insurance Investigating Committee. When Mr. Hughes' name was presented every man, woman and child arose and cheered. No other nominee was presented upon the floor of the convention. Early this morning the leaders of the party got together and came to an agreement. The friends of Messrs. Black, Bruce, Brackett and Woodruff, all aspirants for the first honor, conceded that Mr. Hughes was the strongest man available for the nomination and decided to sink their

personal differences and go on the convention floor prepared to send the name of Mr. Hughes through with a whoop. While no definite statement upon this point can be attributed to any of the leaders, it is known that word from President Roosevelt vastly aided in bringing about the nomination of the insurance investigator. The platform adopted, among other things, reaffirms belief in the protective tariff, urges legislation for the restoration of the merchant marine, endorses the advanced stand of Roosevelt on the eight-hour law, and favors a reapportionment of representation in Congress wherever the ballot is suppressed. Mob barbarities are condemned and sympathy is expressed for Jews in Poland and Russia.

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## A WONDERFUL MINE.

### Blum's Laurentian, Near Wabigoon, Lined With Gold.

Wabigoon, Oct. 1.—The gold strike in Blum's Laurentian mine surpasses in richness all previous discoveries. The rise from the first level is now fifty feet up, and ore continues all the way as rich as the ore on the first level, which astounded the world when the strike was made last December. The drift connecting the top of the rise with the main shaft is now being driven, in which massive gold was encountered, and which machine drills could not penetrate. A single blast broke down over \$15,000 worth of gold. Three-fourths of the weight of ore is native gold, valued at over \$200,000 per ton.

## VALET BECOMES WEALTHY.

### Patrick Colbert Defeats Contesting Relatives.

New York, Oct. 1.—Patrick Colbert, a valet, receives a fortune under the will of his employer, Dr. Frank J. Freil, which was admitted to probate in the King's County Court to-day as the climax of a long-fought contest. Colbert is the sole beneficiary, as the testator cut off his mother, sister and other blood relatives. Under this trust agreement he will receive about \$200,000. Dr. Freil died at Stony Creek, Conn., last March.

## WOODMEN'S LAND DEAL.

### Understood Members of Syndicate Were Putting Up Their Own Money—Woodmen of World Now Before Insurance Commission—Discrepancies in Accounts Not Explained.

Toronto despatch: The proceedings before the Insurance Commission yesterday were tame, after the striking disclosures of recent sessions. The Woodmen of the World were under investigation, and a little of interest transpired in the evidence of Mr. W. C. Fitzgerald, head clerk of the institution. Before proceeding with the business of the day, Mr. Shepley called attention to the fact that an erroneous impression had been created that the L. O. F. benefited to the extent of \$750,000 from investments in land and lumber. He explained that the statement placed on record by Mr. Stevenson was put in simply for the purpose of showing the meritorious nature of the investments from a financial standpoint. The profits from all the investments enumerated, however, will not accrue to the L. O. F. as they were not interested directly in some of the lands.

## THE WHEAT CROP.

### THE YIELD IN MANITOBA, ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—The Trade and Commerce Department has received reports which indicate the wheat yield in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is placed at 85,000,000 bushels, from 45,000,000 acres. It is said that the yield would have been considerably larger but for the hot wave in August, which was very severe. About 6,000,000 bushels of the new crop has been inspected. Of this 25 per cent. is N. 1, 40 per cent. No. 1 Northern, 15 per cent. No. 2 Northern, and 20 per cent. of the yield to be high grade. The fine weather is facilitating threshing, etc. Some damage from frost is reported from the Regina country.

## ROY O'DONNELL DROWNED.

Biscatoosing, Oct. 1.—Two rangers, Washburn and Campbell, have just arrived from Green Lake post, and report that they picked up Angus Taylor in a helpless condition on Canoe Lake, his mate, Roy O'Donnell, of Breslin, Ont., having been drowned by the capsizing of their canoe in a squall. Taylor and O'Donnell were rangers on the Missisquoi forest reserve.

## THE FORESTERS' LAND DEAL.

### SIR JOHN A. BOYD AGAIN COMES UPON TRANSACTION.

Among the loans made by the society was one of \$4,500 to Mr. T. H. Luscombe, head banker of the society, who also represented it before the commission. The property upon which the loan was made was valued at \$7,000. A number of members were taken over from the Knights of the Maccabees. Each member so received was required to pay \$11, which went to the insurance fund in return for the privilege of being allowed to come in as at the same age at which they joined the Maccabees, paying the regular rates of the Woodmen for that age. In order to obtain this privilege, however, 50 per cent. of the membership were required to come over. There had been an increase in the rates of the Maccabees, which caused dissatisfaction among their members. Nine or ten camp numbering 40 members, left the Maccabees and came over under that arrangement.

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Fernie, B. C., Oct. 1.—The strike situation here assumed rather a sensational turn to-day, when R. H. Sherman, President of the district union, wrote a letter to the company, stating that in order to end the unhappy condition of affairs he would order the men back to work if the company would take them back. It is understood that General Manager Lindsey replied by letter that the "unhappy conditions" had been brought on by the men, and that the company at present is not prepared to take them back. He demanded an answer to three questions before the negotiations are continued. First, why did they strike and thus violate the agreement which provided for peaceable methods of settling disagreements? Second, do they admit that the conference between representatives of the company and the union clearly showed that the discrimination clause was tacitly agreed upon? Third, who is to compensate the company for the loss resulting from the strike? Mr. Lindsey, in reply to Mr. Biggs' statement of yesterday, issued a circular to the miners, charging him with avoiding the issue and challenging him and his associates to meet him in the presence of the Coal Creek miners. Mr. Sherman claims that Mr. Biggs went beyond his authority in calling the miners back. It is now believed that it was all a mistake about President Mitchell endorsing the strike.

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