

A TRAIL OF BLOOD

MANIAC USED REVOLVER, RIFLE AND CLUB.

John Spanhouse and His Son, James, Are Dead; Mrs. Spanhouse and George Beaumont May Not Live—A Story of Horror.

Shelburne, Ont., Feb. 8.—One of the most terrible tragedies that has ever been recorded in Dufferin county took place at the little hamlet of Shrigley, in Melancton township, early Sunday 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. Last night, having confessed that he committed the murders, Stewart lies in the Shelburne lock-up awaiting the law's action.

He is a powerfully-built young man twenty-nine years of age. Four years ago he went to 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 Spanhouses' homestead, on the fourth concession of Melancton.

Attacked His Brother.

He had been restless and had passed two or three sleepless nights, and his brother was very nervous about him. George went to bed, but covered only his boots and feet. William slept on a lounge without dressing, so that he might watch his brother. About five o'clock this morning George rose and came to the door. His brother felt alarmed and tried to prevent him from leaving the house. Finally, he followed the now furious man 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 with it either cap or boot.

He crossed the road to the Spanhouse place and knocked at the door. It was opened by 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 bullet holes in the 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 clubbed her with the rifle. He had in his hand. She recovered, but is not expected to live.

Crushed Victim's Skull In.

At this 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 waiting, 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. At her request also the Jamiesons, the nearest neighbors, went to the assistance of Mrs. Spanhouse.

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 rifle, military rifle he had helped himself to after killing James Spanhouse. The stock was partly broken off, and Stewart carried it by the barrel.

Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal.

Presenting diplomas and medals to Canadian boy gymnasts who successfully competed against the pick of world before the Pope last autumn in Rome. His Grace had the pleasure of witnessing the contests and received numerous congratulations from the prelates of other countries.

THE MARINE REPORT

WILL BE BIG FEATURE OF SESSION.

Asiatic Yaks May Be Introduced Into Canada—Calgary Eye-Opener Still Denied Privileges of the Mail.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The report of Justice Cassels as to the marine department has not yet been discussed, nor has any action been taken on it. It is said that two of the principal officers of the department in Ottawa, however, handed in their resignations. One was under suspension. Several members of parliament are taking up the subject on behalf of the mariners, and some interesting developments are anticipated. The debate upon the report will be the big thing of this occasion.

The Children's Aid Society are asking the government, to put the juvenile delinquents into force in Ottawa and to have a separate court for children.

An appeal has been entered by the Ottawa electric company against the award of \$30,000 damages for personal injuries to E. A. Bredenberg, of London, who was injured in the collision on May 23rd, 1908. The damages awarded were the highest for such a case in Ontario.

The ban upon the Eye-Opener of Calgary holds good. It has been decided that it is still to be denied the privileges of the mails.

The probability of introducing a new animal into Canada is becoming a possibility. A herd of Asiatic yaks is coming to Ottawa experimental farm, and they, with others arrived, will be sent to western grazing lands with the endeavor to populate the North-West with the animal.

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Appoints Steamboat Officers and Passes Accounts.

Wolfe Island, Feb. 1.—Municipal council met, 10 a.m.; members all present. Minutes last meeting confirmed. Township accounts ordered passed: McKelvey & Birch, amount of account, \$4; W. H. Gotwin, insurance on hull, \$25.55; James Swift & Co., wharf rent, \$20; Mrs. E. Davis, charity to Norris, \$6; Henry Henderson, bushing road, \$8.50; William Fawcett, blasting rock on road, \$6; James B. Fawcett, grant to fair association, \$25; W. L. Allison, amount of account, \$6.97; George Sudds, bushing road to Simons, \$2; Leo Catolet, charity, \$10; Moved, Grimshaw-Greenwood, that James Crawford be appointed captain for steamer Wolfe Islander at \$600 for one year, payable monthly—Carried. Moved, Greenwood-Niles, that Gregory Keegan be appointed purser at salary of \$1 per day—Carried. Moved, Greenwood-Grimshaw, that Gregory Keegan furnish meals for steamer Wolfe Islander for 1909, at 12c. per meal—Carried.

Steamboat accounts ordered paid: James Swift & Co., coal, \$281.52; Jackson Press, printing, \$3.38; News and Spring, chart, \$5; British Whig, printing, \$5.50; James Crawford, one month, captain, \$50; R. Mullin, one month, engineer, \$66.66; J. Walker, thirty-one days, fireman, \$36.16; James Davis, thirteen days, mate, \$17.25; John Kergan, thirteen days, deckhand, \$8.58; G. Kergan, thirteen days, purser, \$13; Mrs. Davis, thirteen days, cook, \$8.58; G. Keegan, 312 meals, \$37.44; Mrs. Rawley, balance of account, \$1.80. Moved, Niles-Greenwood, that Jeremiah Murphy be appointed chief engineer of council adjourned to the first Monday in March at ten o'clock.

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Rev. J. Roadhouse tied the nuptial knot, after which the young couple received hearty congratulations. All were then invited into the spacious dining-room, where the tables were beautifully decorated. After all had partaken of the good things provided, toasts, to the host and hostess and to the health and prosperity of the bride and groom, were proposed by Major Ferguson, and responded to by Rev. J. Roadhouse and Dr. A. E. Freeman. Short spicy speeches were delivered by M. B. Holmes, Athol, G. E. Holmes, of Queen's, W. J. Arthur and J. A. Holmes. The rest of the evening was spent in social intercourse, music and singing by Miss Lillian Roadhouse, Mrs. R. Arthur, M. B. Holmes and Howard Arthur.

The presents, which were numerous and costly, testified to the high esteem in which the young couple are held. A large number were received from friends from a distance, who were unable to attend. The fathers of the bride and groom presented them with handsome cheques. The bride was also the recipient of a handsome piano from her father, and a pair of suits from her mother. The young couple have left on a trip, after which they will take up residence in the home which the groom has in readiness. They will be at home to their many friends after the 20th.

On Wednesday, friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Cross, Sydney, assembled to wish them good-bye, as they intended to remove to Chatham. During the evening a handsome clock was presented.

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Mrs. Jesse Funnell, wife of Maynor Funnell, Trenton, had the misfortune to trip on her dress and fall forward on the cement pavement, cutting her face so badly that she has been confined to her residence for a week. In Prince Edward, D. H. Fraser takes the place of John Kelly, on the license commissioners' board.

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