

A CONVICT SUICIDED FAVORS THE UNION

HUNG HIMSELF IN HIS CELL WITH A SHIRT.

Charles Goldsmith, a Desperado, Decided to End His Life—He Was Serving Twenty-one Year Sentence for Murderous Assault.

Charles Goldsmith, sentenced at Cayuga, Ont., to twenty-one years' imprisonment for murderous assault in 1894, suicided about 5.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, by hanging himself in his cell. He cut his shirt into strips, and hanged himself to the cell door, his feet dangling two feet above the floor. A guard passing by discovered the hanging body, and at once cut it down, but life was extinct. It is said that only ten minutes elapsed between the passing of the guard on his former round and the discovery of the body. Dr. R. K. Kilborn, coroner, was notified, and will hold an inquest this afternoon.

The dead convict came to Canada in the nineties as a Barnardo boy. He was placed on a farm with a farmer in Western Ontario, and one day committed a murderous assault upon his employer's wife, attacking her with a knife and grievously wounding her. He was then about twenty-one years of age, and has served sixteen years behind prison bars. His confinement did not better him, for about six years ago he made a murderous attack upon the deputy warden, Miss Smith, and came very nearly ending her life. He had the instincts of the desperado, but is entitled to a coroner's inquest.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest Culled From All Over the World.

Father and son are in Windsor jail, charged with general banditry. Sir William Mackenzie has left for the west to make plans for the coming season.

Ambassador Bryce will arrive in Ottawa on Friday. He will be the guest of Earl Grey.

At Sherbrooke, Que., Hollis Hitchcock, farmer, in a moment of temper, hanged himself in his barn.

Toronto, the ultra-conservative city, admits that Laurier made a telling defence of the trade agreement.

Canon Davidson, Toronto, pleads for more vivacity in the Anglican church. British trade continues to show remarkable increase.

At Albuquerque, N.M., Benjamin J. Ball, a civil engineer of Detroit, committed suicide by opening a blood vessel in his wrist.

Sir William Van Horne is out with a vigorous letter declaring that in the reciprocity bill Canada is making a bed to lie in and die in.

The Farmers' Bank charge against J. R. Stratton has been dismissed, but Warren and Morden were committed for trial. All are officials of the Trust and Guarantee company.

De Lancey Nicoll, former district attorney of New York county, is now talked of as a compromise candidate to break the senatorial deadlock at Albany, N.Y.

Feeling at Washington is that the armed intervention of the United States may be necessary in Mexico.

Ten per cent. increase for Canadian Pacific trainmen west of Port Arthur has been made.

At Mellilla, Morocco, E. Mangip, chief of the French military mission at Fez, was killed by the son of the Moorish minister of war, because the French officer had caused the execution of two native soldiers.

Andrew Carnegie has come to the aid of the defunct Carnegie Trust company, New York. He has relinquished his claims, which originally amounted to \$2,100,000, but were cut down to \$700,000 before the collapse of the institution.

London, Ont., college students attended the theatre in a body on Tuesday night, prepared to make trouble for Clifton Crawford, an actor, who was alleged to have written a letter comparing London to the North Pole, and the inhabitants to Eskimos. Special police prevented a riot.

Ida Hill Notes.

Ida Hill, March 7.—William Webb and wife attended Friends' Quarterly meeting at Bloomsfield. Messrs. Hafner and Gordon have finished drawing the school brick. B. Jackson and wife spent Sunday in the village.

James Scholes, Kingston, who spent a few days the past week, visiting his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Makin, returned home on Saturday. George Cuddy's youngest son who was quite ill, is recovering nicely. W. Reynolds is drawing wood. E. Campbell, city, spent a day or two with friends in the village. A daughter has arrived at the home of Benjamin Smiths. William Loucks, wife and family will return to the west this week, having spent a few weeks with her father, Robert Shannon, Robert Shannon, with his wife and family will in a few days leave for their new home in the west, near Saskatoon.

A Central African Tree.

A remarkable tree has been discovered about the region of Lake Chad. Its power of increase in every way is remarkable. In a few months an extensive tract of land, we read, became an impenetrable forest. In one season it is said to grow to the height of from four to five meters; in other words, from thirteen to over sixteen feet.

Its foliage is said to resemble the mimosa and its branches are thorny. The wood can be cut into planks and the natives cut it up into canoes. The Tilho Mission has utilized the woods for making tables and doors.

Five From One House.

Within the past five months must indicate either insanity or satisfaction. Some may tell you the former, but, three reliable reputable, business houses in Toronto would be offended if you were to tell them they had employed lunatics as stenographers. One of these firms engaged two, one after only 21 days; the other after 26. The fifth is still a student. Names, addresses, and dates of both employer and employee upon request to Moon College, 262-286 Yonge street, Toronto; and we think you will begin to think there may be something in 30-day shorthand.

(Continued from Page 1.) and a loss in many other ways beside. The speaker dealt with several grievances against the union. Union was needed to cope with the great rush of immigration to the west, and by it there would be a great saving in the mission fields. United strength was needed to face the great problem. Federation would not meet the need. He was of his opinion because of his experience in the mission field. He believed confederation contained a self-contradictory principle. The scheme had been tried many times but had always failed. The union of 1875 had brought about much good. A union would mean much to Canada. Rev. A. H. Drummond, speaker next, and he opposed the union. His address lasted half an hour, and in that time he dwelt on many points. He did not touch on the desirability of union, but dwelt on the result of the proposed union if carried out. He referred to the powers given the different bodies. One body had no name but for the convenience the speaker would term it, "the what is it." This body had power to select representatives for a higher court, and the men they would select need not be men in full communion. This he regarded as a radical change. Would any man want his son to work under such arrangements or under such a "sweat box," to use a police term, he severely criticized the working out of the different church bodies in the proposed union. It would be simply impossible for a minister to work under conditions proposed. Under the new rule, the presbytery would lose the power to ordinate in calls, the power for ordination, and select representatives to general synods. The Presbytery, as it stood to-day, was looked upon as the strongest unit; under the new rule, it would simply be a machine, with no real authority. Personally, the speaker would not enter into a church formed on this basis, nor would he want his son to do so. Working under the present system was quite bad enough, but under such conditions as proposed would make it a thousand times harder.

At this juncture, there was some discussion as to whether the members who had spoken on the subject at Belleville, should be allowed to again express their views, and it was finally decided that they should not speak, that the time should be left open for others who had not had the opportunity.

Alfred Alexander said that as a layman, he wished to express his opinion. The question had been discussed at great length, and he thought it should be ready to vote upon it.

B. Mallory said it was six months since the matter had been sent on to the Presbytery, and surely by now, the members were ready to vote. He could not see that anything could be gained by going on with the discussion.

Cries of "take the vote," were then given by different members.

Principal Gordon wished to see the question given a thorough discussion. Rev. H. W. Reid very strongly supported the union. He rose upon the proposed union as a great help. It had been a great help elsewhere.

Rev. J. McInnes opposed the union, and set forth reasons for his action, in an able manner.

John McIntyre, K.C., favored union. Church union, he said, was desirable. The object of all church organizations was that of evangelizing the world and in what better way could this be accomplished than in union? Could it be accomplished by disunited fragments or by a solid body? God said "go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." The question was how could this be most effectively done, and in union the speaker believed it could be far better carried out.

W. McIntosh agreed with the previous speaker about all working together, yet he could not vote for union, under the present conditions. A spirit of the revival of Christ was needed to draw people together.

Rev. F. S. Dowling said he wished more information before he could vote. Was there a crying need in Canada for this union. And if so, would the proposed union cover the need? As yet, the speaker had been unable to decide.

If he could be persuaded that the key to the situation had been secured, then he would favor union.

Prof. Jordan favored the union, and spoke briefly.

Rev. Dr. MacTavish opposed the union as proposed. "I think union an ideal thing," he said, and I have always enjoyed very much, the fellowship of the members of other denominations, especially in the negotiating churches. I want to say in the next place, however, that there was a time when there was only one church in the early days, and it was not the best time for the church. The reformation divided the church, there was a new era. If we were what we ought to be, a union could be agreed upon, but I am afraid we are not what we ought to be."

The speaker while in sympathy with union, did not care to unite on the basis as proposed. If a union were brought about on this basis, he believed there would be endless heart-burning over it. He hoped the union would not be on this basis. The question was one which might take time, come back again, and then be solved in a satisfactory manner.

Rev. Robt. Laird favored union. He said it would be a dangerous thing for the union committee to settle all the details of union before the union itself was made. The ideal was in a union. It would be impossible to make all the arrangements until after the union was formed. The speaker had read many articles against union, had heard six debates in the general assembly upon it, and he could not see why objection could be taken to it. Mr. Drummond had claimed that certain powers had been taken away, but he would challenge Mr. Drummond or any other gentleman, to show where a single power had been destroyed. The great west called for union to do the work. There was great need for the uniting of forces. To the speaker, the way open was very clear.

After this address, the vote was taken, and presbytery adjourned until 8 o'clock in the evening.

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