

KILLS WIFE AND CHILDREN; OTTAWA MAN'S AWFUL DEED

John B. Pirie, Bookkeeper, In Fit of Despondency, Slays His Family—Tells the Police, Who Find the Three Dead in Bed.

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—Despondent because of his inability to provide for his family on account of unemployment, John Buchanan Pirie, aged forty, formerly employed by the local gas and light company as bookkeeper, last night murdered his wife and two children, Kathleen, aged seven, and Joan, aged six, in a rooming house at which they were living at 32 Grove street.

Pirie said that he prepared killing his wife and children by going away with himself and leaving them unprotected to face the world. Inspector Emil Joliet, who was called to the house, which is owned by Mrs. Edward Gorman. Breaking down the back door they were confronted by Mrs. Gorman. She did not know of anything wrong, but when the detectives went into the Pirie bedroom they found Mrs. Pirie and the two girls dead in bed. It is not known how they were slain. Mrs. Pirie had a bruise, which had bled profusely, on the side of her head, but the skull was not fractured. The two children had no marks on them. Medical authorities are inclined to think that poison of some kind was used.

Huge Liquor Deals Financed By One of Canada's Big Banks

Brest, Oct. 1.—One of the strongest banks in Canada has been shown to be financing huge liquor deals reported in New York, according to a statement made to the press today by Magistrate Poirier. M. Poirier was charged with the trial of a statement from Ernst, a German-American, who was charged with piracy on the high seas in connection with the loading of the French steamer Mulhouse, off the Canadian coast last July. Magistrate Poirier said he had the address of the meeting place in New York where brokers for whiskey firms met to discuss the whiskey rings and deals running into six figures in dollars were closed daily.

These men have unlimited financial backing," M. Poirier said. "One of the strongest banks in Canada is shown as financing many of their deals."

Stud Rockies With Churches Or Guns, Says Clergyman

London, Ont., Oct. 1.—"You must either stud the Rocky Mountains with churches or guns—take your choice," declared Canon Heeney of Winnipeg, in addressing the Anglican General Synod yesterday on the question of immigration.

GERMANY IS NOW BUYING MUCH GOODS FROM CANADA

Also Negotiating With Australia For Increased Trade—What Has Resulted From Refusal of Additional British Preference to Dominions.

London, Oct. 1.—The Socialists and others who so cheerfully conspired to refuse the Dominions the small measure of additional preference to which the Baldwin Government gave assent at the Imperial Conference last year will soon see the first fruits of their action, the Morning Post's political correspondent says: "It is unquestionable that Germany is now importing from the British Dominions large quantities of foodstuffs and raw materials which formerly were obtained from Russia and elsewhere." The Post's political correspondent adds: "Under the Treaty of Versailles, Germany will be free almost immediately to make commercial treaties with other nations. By that instrument her hands up to the present have been tied to some extent."

negotiations are on foot between Germany and Australia with the object of increasing Germany's consumption of products from the commonwealth, and making Australia a better market for German manufactures. "Canada is finding an excellent customer in Germany for her exports, and the other Dominions, not unreasonably, may consider, as does Australia, that as Great Britain has refused imperial preference, she must look elsewhere for trade. "In 1898, at the time of the German-Canadian tariff war, there were negotiations with Germany for a treaty between the two countries, but nothing came of the negotiations. In the altered circumstances of today, business men in Great Britain are wondering whether those negotiations may not be resumed."

PROPORTION RAISED.

New Zealand Requires 75 p.c. British Material.

Wellington, Oct. 1.—The New Zealand Government, after consultation and in agreement with Australia, has decided to increase from twenty-five to seventy-five per cent. the proportion of British material or workmanship in goods qualifying for admission under preferential tariff.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE MAY BE ABANDONED

Australia Sees No Need Of It.—Prof. Skelton Remains at Geneva.

London, Oct. 1.—The Imperial Conference, which it was proposed to call in London in October to discuss imperial co-operation in determination of British foreign policy, will now in all probability not take place. Correspondence has been passing between Downing Street and the Dominions Government for some time, regarding the conference, but it is understood that it will not be convened this year, and possibly not at all. As regards the other Dominions, Canada was willing to send representatives, but Premier Bruce, of Australia, after intimating his willingness to do so, stated that he could see no good reason for calling such a meeting. In the circumstances Hon. E. M. MacDonald, who was to have been one of Canada's delegates to the conference, will return to Canada after a few weeks' stay in London, while Senator Dandurand, who was also to have been a delegate will probably sail from France. Prof. Skelton, of Kingston, will remain at Geneva for the international labor conference.

Liberals Will Give Support To the Irish Boundary Bill

London, Oct. 1.—In the House of Commons Premier MacDonald, speaking on the Ulster boundary question said that even the League of Nations had been informed that the Irish boundary had yet to be delimited. He said the government had exhausted every possible means to obtain an agreement but had failed. Nothing remained, he argued, but to make article XII of the treaty effective.

Replying to an interjection, the premier said he would be delighted if any member could find a solution to the question. He added, however, that it must be an honorable solution which would enable the House to fulfil its pledges. Concluding, Mr. MacDonald declared that if the government had to exercise the power stipulated in the bill it would do so impartially and see that Ulster's interests were represented by Ulster's choice. He asked the House to pass the bill with such unanimity as would constitute an imperial appeal to Ulster to be loyal to the compact upon which the continuance of Irish peace depended. Mr. Baldwin, following the premier, said he would not oppose second reading of the bill, but said amendments would be moved. If these were rejected or thrown out of order, responsibility for the bill, he declared, must rest upon the government alone. Herbert Asquith, Liberal leader, declared that the Liberals would give the Irish bill their hearty and undivided support.

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SLAYER HAD DRINKING BOOTS, BROTHERS SAY

Girl Witness At The McLaughley Murder Trial.

FRANCE'S METHOD IS ENTIRELY LEGAL

What Herriot Has To Say About Import Tax On Goods From Germany.

The Tory "Machine" Is Again Showing Itself; Would Like to Run the Municipal Elections

It is reported to be trying to push Mayor Angrove aside—Ald. C. O. Nash may be a non-political candidate for the Mayoralty.

The latest story in civic circles is that the local Tory "machine" has picked upon Ald. T. A. Kidd as majority candidate and asked Mayor Angrove to kindly retire after being honored with the office of chief magistrate of Kingston for two years. As Mayor Angrove won almost a lone-handed battle at the polls last December, it is stated that his Worksip will not likely accept anything in the form of a mandate from the "machine." Whether he will seek a third term is not known, but it can be depended upon he will not be dictated to by the "bosses" of his political party. It is learned that there is a strong possibility of Ald. C. O. Nash being a mayoralty candidate. Dr. Nash was freely mentioned last year, but when Ex-Ald. Charles Anglin decided to enter the contest as a non-political candidate, he continued as an aldermanic representative for Rideau Ward. Again a large number of ratepayers have asked Dr. Nash to enter the field for the mayoralty as a non-political candidate, and it is understood that he is considering the matter. It appears that Mr. Joseph Nash, the College Bookstore proprietor, informed some outsiders that when they returned here next year they would find him mayor of Kingston. That is the story, Joseph, however, is not taken seriously after his unsuccessful hotel campaigns, and no one appears to think that he can attain to anything like the prominence of that other Joseph who was carried captive into Egypt many centuries ago. It is expected that Mr. James Halliday, reeve of Portsmouth for the past ten years, and ex-warden of the public utilities commission. Mr. Halliday intends moving permanently into the city where he has conducted an electrical business for years. The name of Mr. John Davis, of Davis Dry Dock Co., is also mentioned in connection with the utilities election. Mr. Davis has been urged to stand by a large number of citizens, who would like to see a man of his type on the commission.

EXPLANATION GIVEN NOT SATISFACTORY

General Feeling Is That The Sedition Case Was Badly Bungled.

Grandmother Gives Her Life To Save Two Little Ones

Montreal, Oct. 1.—From burns and injuries she sustained shortly after midnight while getting her two grandchildren out of her burning home on Colonel avenue, Mrs. Hormisdas Gingras, aged fifty-nine years, died a few hours later in the Hotel Dieu hospital. Mme. Cote, aged six, and her brother, Marcel, aged five, grandchildren, were still alive this morning.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY
On "A Chip Off the Old Block."

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Handed Out Great Gifts.

Boston, Oct. 1.—The \$4,000,000 estate which Miss Lotta Crabtree acquired in a colorful career of song and dance, real estate investment and theatre operation, goes to charity under the terms of her will just filed—and half of the sum goes to form a trust fund for world war disabled and their dependents. Settling aside only nominal sums for relatives, the actress left hundreds of thousands for dumb animals, needy actors and actresses, hospitals and discharged convicts, and the residue to graduates of Massachusetts Agricultural college.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE DONE BY GALE IN U.S.

Six Deaths By Floods—Atlantic Coast Swept By Great Storm.

BULK OF CANADIANS TAKE MIDDLE GROUND

With Regard to Autonomy and Imperialism, Says Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

A Revival of the Principles of Liberalism Looked For During Premier King's Tour

Women Liberals Will Be Very Active in the Four Western Provinces in According a Welcome to Canada's Outstanding Statesman.

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