

THE HENDERSHOTT CASE

The Father of the Deceased, Gives Evidence at the Inquest.

LOOKING BAD FOR ACCUSED

The Two Men Arrested Put in the Stand, But Refuse to Give Evidence—Mary Hendershott Contradicts Her Father—The Inquest Again Adjourned.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 22.—The inquest on the Hendershott case closed about 7:30 last night and a large amount of evidence was taken. The incident of the day, of course, was the arrest of the suspected men, John Hendershott and William Welter. After they had been placed under arrest they were put upon the stand but acting upon the advice of their counsel, they refused to answer any questions.

David Hendershott, father of deceased, related a conversation which took place between he and W. D. Welter while on the way to St. Thomas to the effect that Welter informed him of the \$11,000 insurance, also that if he did the square thing by John Hendershott that he would do what was right with him. He also said they drove to Penwarden house, St. Thomas, and saw John Hendershott's rig there. Welter sat in a rig in front of the house about ten minutes before getting out and then jumped out and went in the house and was gone ten or fifteen minutes, returning to the rig. John Hendershott came out a minute or two after, grasped witness by hand and he (witness) said: "This is a terrible affair." John turned away and started to cry. No other conversation passed between them at that time.

"I went to the wood on Sunday morning with several others and William D. Welter pointed out position deceased was found in to us. I also made careful examination but failed to find any blood on tree or ground where body laid, although a few leaves covered with blood were found a few feet from his head where the right hand was lying. We also discovered blood eight feet from the body and all along towards stump of tree. I then said it was murder. I had conversation Sunday evening with John Hendershott and asked him why he did not go to the woods and examine scene for himself, that it was very suspicious. John remarked that the blood was taken there from the dead horse by dogs or that dogs were fighting in the woods which caused the blood and that people were all too suspicious. I also asked him what about my son's affairs, and he said 'What do you mean?' I said I meant the insurance. John said I was a little previous and that if I would keep quiet he would do the fair thing with me. I had conversation with John this morning. He told me they were trying to ring him into this murder and I said that if I were in John's place I would pray to my maker for forgiveness and he turned away, and started to cry and said he knew nothing about it."

Mary Hendershott, who was alleged to be about to marry W. D. Welter, swore that she left the house with her father and sister about ten o'clock Friday morning for Eden. Deceased, W. D. Welter and Chas. Welter were standing at the gate. The latter arrived about ten minutes before that, went to barn with her father and returned as we were about to leave. He came there for milk for his pigs. It was the fourth time he had come after milk in the past ten days. He started for home immediately after us. We left my sister at Charles Welter's and while there he came home. We then drove direct to Aylmer and had dinner there about noon and from there a friend of father's named Ostrander at Eden. Father drove to Mr. Ketchbaugh's, returned and said he was not home. He and Ostrander then left and said they were going to Tilsonburg. While they were gone, Ketchbaugh drove down with a telegram for father and said that William Hendershott was dead. I did not know which William Hendershott it was and did not pass any opinion. When father returned he did not inform me which Hendershott it was and we had no conversation about it. Saturday morning they returned to St. Thomas but no conversation passed between them as to contents of telegram nor did she see it.

Arriving at the east end of St. Thomas a man whom her father said was named McGugan stopped them and said that Hendershott's nephew was dead. The father felt very much affected. They then drove to Penwarden house, and her father asked her to write some postal cards to his relatives apprising them of the fact. While they were thus engaged the landlady said, "Here comes W. D. Welter," but her father did not leave the room. In a few minutes Welter came in but no conversation regarding how the deceased met his death took place between he and her father. They then drove home. Continuing she said, "The first time I heard about the insurance was at breakfast table Sunday morning when a conversation arose about age of the deceased. Father took insurance policies out of his pocket and showed them to us." This notwithstanding John Hendershott's evidence to contrary on Tuesday last. She then corrected herself and said W. D. Welter informed her Saturday evening that the deceased was insured for \$11,000 in two companies and the policies were payable to her father. She positively denied any knowledge of the murder or that she had seen or heard any suspicious conversations or movements.

This was most important evidence taken and the general opinion is that the case is growing very black for the accused. The inquest adjourned until Thursday next.

Supposed Incendiary Fire.

CONORRO, Ont., Dec. 21.—Yesterday about 3 o'clock the general store, post office and residence of Geo. Mitchell, Baltimore, were totally destroyed by fire. Boyd's carriage warerooms were also destroyed. Mitchell's loss about \$6,000; partly covered by insurance. Boyd's loss unknown, but covered by insurance. Cause of fire thought to be incendiary.

Muskoka Patron Candidate.

EMSDALE, Ont., Dec. 20.—Mr. R. N. Hill, of Hillside, was unanimously chosen as Patron candidate for Muskoka and Parry Sound at a convention of members of that order held here yesterday.

Prominent Brunswick Dead.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 20.—Hon. David McLellan, registrar of St. John, formerly Provincial Secretary, died yesterday, aged 56.

A Judge Hanged.

ROSDALE, Miss., Dec. 20.—Judge Gilbert, who murdered his wife in Coshona county last May, was hanged yesterday.

A MONTREAL MAN'S SUICIDE.

Business Difficulties Drove James Bullick to Commit the Awful Deed.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—Fighting with financial adversity James S. Bullick, the well-known secretary and treasurer of the Montreal Hunt, took his life yesterday. His office, situated in the Mechanics' Institute building, was the scene of the tragedy. The building was, as ever, quiet, barely a footfall could be heard as people went in and out. Suddenly a pistol shot rang through the building and startled inmates rushed hither and thither seeking the spot from which it came. "Jim" Bullick's office door was opened and there half sitting in his chair was the body of poor Bullick with a fearful bullet wound near the right nostril. A doctor was immediately called, but it was too late; death must have been instantaneous. The deceased was in his fortieth year and had been nineteen years in this country, having come out from his native Ireland at the close of 1875. He entered the leather firm of N. S. Whitney, and subsequently that of Whitehead and Cassels, eventually starting for himself under the firm name of J. S. Bullick and company. In this he proved unsuccessful and his failure five years ago left him practically to begin the world again.

Through the interest of friends he secured the secretaryship of the Bel-Air Jockey Club, from which he resigned about a year ago. At the time of his death he occupied a similar position in the Forest and Stream Club, besides conducting a financial and commission agency. It was known that financial troubles had greatly told upon him and it is thought that this was the cause of the awful suicide.

LOYALTY NOT ALL ON ONE SIDE.

An English Opinion of the Liberal Party of Canada.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Daily News has a leader to-day on the relations of England to her colonies. After discussing Canadian affairs at some length the writer says: "We have not a colonial party like the French and Germans, because there is no anti-colonial party. It is very remarkable that, although the autonomous colonies hesitatingly have used their commercial freedom against the Mother Country, no resentment whatever is expressed here. Young nations must learn wisdom from experience. Protection never in the long run succeeds and free trade never in the long run fails. Sentiment is the real link between the colonies and England. The Liberals under Laurier, as under Blake, are equally loyal with the Conservatives and are anxious for a practical method of further uniting the empire and quickening and cheapening communication between London and the new world. The telegraph has done wonders, but steam has not yet done nearly all it can."

Hungary Shaken by an Earthquake.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 21.—The town of Oravica, about fifty miles southeast of Temesvar, was visited by a violent shock of earthquake which wrecked a large number of houses. Roofs fell, walls tumbled down, and in many cases the buildings lining whole streets were reduced to masses of debris. The inhabitants fled to the open country. At midnight another shock was felt, but it was less violent than the first one. A number of persons were injured, but as yet no fatalities are reported. The earthquake was felt in many districts of Southern Hungary. Temesvar was shaken severely and most of the inhabitants were too much frightened to go to bed. No deaths have been reported.

AN ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS BOX.

A Present in Recognition of Mr. Gladstone's Letter of Sympathy.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Armenians of London and Paris, in recognition of Mr. Gladstone's letter of sympathy and encouragement, will present a silver and gilt chalice to the Hawarden church on his 83rd birthday.

Caught the Burglars Red-Handed.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Policeman Johnston noticed two men enter Edward Pearce's butcher shop, 63 Queen street, through a window, and following he saw them packing up a quantity of meat. Drawing his revolver, he told them to throw up their hands, but instead of doing so Thomas Spearman, one of the men, seized a huge butcher knife and advanced towards him. It was only when the revolver was placed under his nose that he finally surrendered. Both men were brought to Police headquarters and then it was found that Spearman's friend was Richard Rowe, who is well known to the police. Both prisoners were sent to the Central for four months.

A Big British Battleship.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A first-class battleship, the largest and designed to be the most magnificent British battleship afloat, was launched at Chatham yesterday. The vessel was baptized by Countess Spencer, wife of Earl Spencer, first lord of the admiralty. Lord Rosebery and his daughters and many other distinguished persons were present. The length of the ship over all is 420 feet and its displacement 13,000 tons. The cost of her hull was £27,500.

Hull's Hoodling Charges.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Yesterday a defence was put in by Mayor Aubray and Ald. Boulton of Hull, on the charges against them of hoodling. The defence is to the effect that the province has no right to pass a law against hoodling. They say the law is unconstitutional. They also generally deny the charges.

The Long-Lost Sir Roger Tichborne.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Standard has a despatch from Sydney, N. S. W., which gives full details of the supposed discovery of the real Sir Roger Tichborne, the heir in the famous Tichborne inheritance case in an insane asylum at Paramatta under the name of William Crosswell. The governor of New South Wales and conspicuous citizens are said to be assisting in the inquiry.

Murdered the Accused Negro.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 21.—A mob of masked men in Haywood county went to the house of James Clark where Joseph Allan, colored, had gone after being acquitted of the charge of barn burning, captured Allen and murdered him. Allan was tried at Brownsville with two other negroes who were sentenced to the penitentiary. Officers are trying to discover the murderers.

Wiggins Arrives at Archangel.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—Captain Wiggins, the Arctic explorer and his party who were lost to the world for several weeks last fall, arrived at Archangel on December 13. Five had been severely frost bitten and are in a hospital. All forty had suffered great hardships during their overland journey of 32 days from Chabalova to Pestozerosk.

SERVICES AT OTTAWA

Solemn Mass for the Dead Celebrated at the Basilica.

CABINET MINISTERS ATTEND

Writs for a General Election Reported to be in Course of Preparation—A. W. Ross and the Winnipeg Post-Mastership—Dr. Montague a Very Sick Man.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The state funeral services held at Basilica yesterday in memory of the late Sir John Thompson constituted a scene of solemn grandeur and magnificence, ever seen in Ottawa. From the decorations to the singing everything about the services was on an unequalled scale. Between 4,000 and 5,000 people were in the church, and many more were unable to gain admittance. Every possible foot of available space was taken up. At 9:30 Archbishop Duhamel in pontifical robes entered the church. He was followed by a large retinue of clergy, beautifully robed. Mr. Routhey acted as assistant priest. Fathers Campeau and Plautin were the deacon of honor and Dr. Deguire and Father Groulx were respectively deacon and sub-deacon. All wore robes of black and gold. The sanctuary was filled with surprised clergy.



THE NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

The front rows of seats on either side of the sanctuary were reserved for Ministers of the Crown and judges of the Supreme and Exchequer courts. Those who occupied seats were: Hon. Messrs. Daly, Patterson, Hargrett, Caron and Angers and Justices Strong, Gwynne, Burbridge and King. Bourla's mass for the dead was sung by a choir of 100 voices. Members of every choir in the city took part. Mr. L. Mathe, choir master of the Basilica, directed the music, which was of a remarkably high class. At the end of the mass Archbishop Duhamel ascended the pulpit and delivered an appropriate sermon. His text was St. Paul to the Hebrews, chap. 9, v. 27: "It is appointed unto men once to die." Words of death, mourning and hope, he said, naturally come on this occasion from our hearts to our lips. Hope was awful death, universal mourning and yet bright hope. Death was the sad close of every human memorial. All must come to it sooner or later. It was the penalty of sin, but through divine mercy it became for the elect the gate of the home above. Death was dreadful, but at the same time consoling to the Christian. When it was so suddenly brought to mind, as by the Premier's death, it would work good. The Christian churches throughout the land were re-echoing the praises of the one model Christian and citizen. To-day we were one in deep sorrow. He said we should pray that this union of hearts might continue, that all classes should try to make contented, peaceful citizens, in working to promote the welfare of the country at large. Sir John had lived and died for his country. We should follow in his footsteps and hope one day to praise with him the merciful God in heaven. The decorations in the church were on a lavish scale and were, it is stated, the finest the Dominion has ever seen.

Dr. Montague's Illness.

Dr. Montague, the member for Haldimand, who has been taken into the Cabinet without portfolio over the heads of Messrs. Wallace and Wood, is known to be a sick man. When he left for Montreal with Mr. Bowell his old friends were astonished at the change which was apparent in him, as he fairly staggered into the car. His face was bloodless, and it cost him a great effort to acknowledge friends who were standing near. He was accompanied by Dr. R. W. Powell, of Montreal, who stated that his patient was suffering from nicotine poison in the nerves of the stomach, being to a certain extent paralyzed from over-smoking.

KIDNAPPERS THRICE FOILED.

But the Last Attempt to Run Away With an Heiress Almost Succeeded.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—A special to the Express from Erie, Pa., tells of a bold and almost unsuccessful attempt to kidnap Mrs. Fred Baxter, of Girard. Mrs. Baxter was found lying in the garden, bound hand and foot and unconscious. She is 18 years old and the daughter of the proprietor of the Rhodes' hotel. Six months ago two men entered the bedroom of herself and her mother, and the elder woman opened fire, wounding one of the intruders, but both escaped. A couple of months later two men entered the house at night, and by the use of a heavy cape and chloroform succeeded in dragging the young woman out of the house into the yard, but before they could get her into a buggy, she was discovered and escaped. Mrs. Baxter can give no account of the last escapade, more than to say that she was seized in the front hall of the house and overcome by the use of something in a sponge which was held over her face. The entire proceeding is attributed to the fact that a bequest of \$40,000 in Canada is hers at the age of 21, and in the event of her death it goes to another heir.

Captured a Detroit Forger.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Yesterday the detective department received a letter from the Detroit authorities stating that a man named Frank Bradley, alias Franklin Burton, was wanted there for forgery. The prisoner was arrested at the Queen's hotel here. He has been in the city for a week, with his son, and in appearance is a veritable Ward McAllister. He was formerly superintendent of the Pullman works in Detroit. Bradley has consented to go back to Detroit without extradition proceedings. He says that the case involves \$275 and he had \$144 in his pocket when arrested.

Remains of a Mammoth Mastodon.

STICHO FALLS, S. D., Dec. 20.—The largest mastodon ever discovered has been found east of this city. One of the teeth is eleven and one-quarter inches deep and five inches across. The skeleton of the mammoth is over eighty feet long and eighteen feet wide, and has two tusks which will weigh about 600 pounds.

Heart Disease Relieved in Thirty Minutes.

All cases of organic or sympathetic heart disease relieved in thirty minutes and quickly cured by Dr. Agnew's cure for the heart. Sold by H. Wado and J. B. McLeod.

UNDER THE CHURCH'S BAN.

Three Societies in the United States That Catholics Must Not Join.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 20.—The Eagle prints the following: "Bishop McDonnell had a surprise in store for the clergymen of the diocese when they assembled in the diocesan seminary to participate in the regular quarterly conference. The Bishop announced that he was in receipt of a communication from Mgr. Satelli. The communication stated that the apostolic delegate had been instructed by Rome to notify the archbishops, bishops and priests of the United States that the action taken by the American archbishops relative to secret and anti-secre societies.

This letter contains the information that the Knights of Pythias, the Oddfellows and the Sons of Temperance are now under the ban of the Catholic church and the Catholics who join any of these three societies will be excommunicated. The decrees affect no other country save the United States.

CANAL IMPROVEMENT.

New York's State Legislature Will be Petitioned in This Direction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A largely attended meeting of the commercial association of the State of New York was held yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce and the principal topic under discussion was the subject of canal improvement. The main object of the meeting was to unite on some form of legislation that will be urged this winter at Albany looking down toward the improvement of these important arteries of commerce.

The conference adopted resolutions favoring canal improvements on the Seymour plan—that is, 9 feet of water in the Erie and Oswego canals, except over permanent structures, lengthening locks thereon and deepening the Champlain canal to 7 feet.

Her Murderer Photographed in Her Eyes.

JAMESTOWN, Dec. 21.—A startling development was made in the Shearman murder case yesterday. Both of Mrs. Shearman's eyes are believed to hold pictures of the man who murdered her. Fred Marsh, an amateur photographer, with his kodak photographed one eye of Mrs. Shearman and the form of a man was found there. The face of the man was not obtained. Both of Mrs. Shearman's eyes were removed and taken by the coroner for further examination. Mrs. Davis' eyes were photographed, but no image was found there, and it is believed that the murderer came upon her from behind.

Outraged and Murdered.

TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 21.—The body of Mrs. A. D. Matson, one of the best known women in Topeka was found in her room yesterday. She had evidently been outraged and murdered ten days ago. The body was found in a back room covered with old clothes and rags and several bushels of potatoes were piled on the head which had been crushed with an axe that stood near by. After the double crime had been committed the house was robbed of nearly everything of value. Mrs. Matson was for several years a member of the Board of Education and at one time a city teacher. She was supposed to have considerable money and owned five or six houses in the city. Her husband left her four years ago and took up a homestead in California where he since died.

Riot in St. Louis Court Room.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20.—A riot broke out in the Court of Criminal Correction yesterday. William Wright, a negro, had just been acquitted on a charge of misdemeanor and was leaving the court room. Officers attempted to arrest him on another charge when his friends, believing that he was a victim of police persecution, resisted and attempted to release the prisoner. A struggle ensued during which clubs were freely used and revolvers drawn. An prominent attorney narrowly escaped death from a pistol shot by Officer D war. As a result of the riot six persons were badly injured, and two detectives have been suspended from the force pending an investigation.

Death of Eugene Kelly.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Eugene Kelly, the banker, died yesterday. At the time of his death he was rated as being worth about \$15,000,000. Few among the wealthy men of New York city have exercised a wider or more liberal philanthropy than Eugene Kelly. He gave to all sorts of charities, and he spent a fortune in relieving the sufferings of the poor in Ireland. He was always an intense lover of his native land, although he never identified himself with any particular faction. He was a devout Roman Catholic and was the friend of the famous Archbishop Hughes, of Cardinal McCloskey, and of Archbishop Corrigan.

Pullman Strikers Petition for Help.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The men who have been unable to obtain work at Pullman or elsewhere since they joined the Pullman strike, numbering 300, have drawn up a socialistic petition which will be presented to the city council, county commissioners and legislature with the double object of eliciting a definition of the constitutional "right to live" and calling attention to their deplorable condition.

Horseshoe as an Article of Diet.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 20.—Richard S. Hopkins, of this city, entertained about 100 of the most prominent residents of Newark at a banquet of horse flesh at his home last night. Dr. Hopkins is a veterinary and the purpose of the dinner was to show the utility of horse flesh as an article of diet. The attendance included nearly all of the leading physicians of the city. The meat was served in various forms and all pronounced it excellent.

Anxiety for Missing Posts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The coal laden steamers, Montserrat and Keweenaw have about been given up for lost with their combined crews of 50 men. General anxiety is now being felt for the bark, Columbia, 14 days from Port Blakeley for this port, the bark, Germanian, 16 days out of Seattle, the ship, B. J. Brown, 15 days out from Nainimo and the bark, Sea King, from the same port a day later.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing kidney and bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the Great South American Kidney Cure. This new remedy is a great surprise and delight on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidney, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. Sold by H. Wado and James B. McLeod.

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THE VISITORS' BOOK.

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shined her. He was a man of some property near Limerick; and he and my son were involved in some of the Irish troubles between 1846 and 1848. It was said they had joined one of the brotherhoods and betrayed their oaths. This I am sure was not true. But it is certain we had to run for fear of assassination. After a year in Liverpool we were forced to fly south to Port William, where we brought the yacht and lived for some time in quiet, under our own names. But we knew that could not last and had taken measures to escape when need arose. My husband had chained white at Liverpool upon an old yacht, dismantled and rotting in the Mersey, but of about the same size as his own, and still, of course, upon the register. He bought her of her owner, Mr. Carlingford, and a stranger, for a very few pounds, and with her—what he valued far more—his papers; but he never completed the transaction with the customs-house. His plan was, if pressed, to disembark abroad and pass his yacht off as the Wasp and himself as Mr. Carlingford. All the time we lived at Port William the Queen of Sheba was kept amply provisioned for a voyage of at least three weeks, when the necessity overtook us quite suddenly—the name of a man, McGuire, in the visitors' book of a small inn at Pealeven. We left Pealeven at dusk that evening, and held steadily up the coast amid darkness. Then we turned the yacht's head, and ran straight across for Morlaix; but the weather continuing fine for a good fortnight our first night at sea was the roughest in all this time. We changed our minds, cleared Leguat and held right across for Virgin Gineea, after re-venturing—we cruised slowly down the coast and through the straits, finally reaching Malaga, where we said and had the yacht registered. My husband had sold his small property before ever we came to Port William and had managed to invest the whole under the name of Carlingford. I have no difficulty about letters of credit. At each port on the way we had shown the Wasp's papers, and used the name of Carlingford. I saw a paper about the supposed capturing of the Queen of Sheba. Still we had not only to persuade the officials at the various ports that our boat was the Wasp. We knew that our enemies were harder to delude, and our next step was to make her as unlike the Wasp or the Queen of Sheba, as possible. This we did by darkening her and altering her rig. But it proved useless, as I had always feared it would. The day after we sailed from Malaga, a Spanish-speaking seaman, whom we had hired there as extra hand, came aft as it to speak to my husband (who stood at the wheel), and, halting a pace or two from him, lifted a revolver, called him by name and shot him dead. Before he could turn, my son had knocked him senseless, and in another minute tumbled him overboard. We buried my husband in the sea next day. We hid on two alone, just Gibraltar—I see, and my son hauling all the sails and an up for Cadiz. There we made deposition of our losses, inventing a story to account for them, and my son took the train for Paris, for we knew that our enemies had tracked the yacht, and there would be no escape for him if he came to her. I waited six days, and then engaged a crew and worked the yacht back to Malaga. I was in luck, as my eyes on my son; but he is alive, and his name is known to my son and to one man only—a member of the brotherhood, who surprised the secret. To keep that man silent I spent all my remaining money; to quiet him I had to sell the yacht; and now that money, too, is gone, and I am dying in a workhouse. God help my soul! I received you, and yet I think I did you no great wrong. The yacht I sold you was my own, and so was worth the money. The figures on the beam were cut there by my husband before we reached Vigo, to make the yacht correspond with the Wasp's certificate. If I have wronged you I implore your pardon. Yours truly,

CATHARINE BLAKE."

Well, that is the end of the story. It does not, I am aware, quite account for the figure I saw standing by the Siren's wheel. As for the Wasp, she long since rotted to pieces on the waters of the Mersey. But the question is: Have I a right to sell the Siren? I certainly have a right to keep her, for she is mine, sold to me if due form by her rightful owner, and honestly paid for. But then I don't want to keep her.

A Critical Surgical Operation.

ESSEX, Ont., Dec. 22.—One of the most critical surgical operations ever performed in the county of Essex was performed upon Joseph Major, of Anderton township by Dr. J. Brien, of Essex, and Dr. J. W. Brien, of Newark, N.J., for the relief of a strangulated hernia. After cutting down and relieving the stricture the bowel was found so badly diseased that it was found necessary to remove a portion of it, which was done to the extent of two and a-half inches and the cut ends united. The patient is doing well.

A Port Hope Centenarian.

PORT HOPE, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Electa Hoskitt, of Port Hope, though blind, is in comparatively good health at the age of 103 years. She is happy and contented and her memory is so good that she can recite verses committed to memory in her youth. She is familiar with nearly every verse in the Old and New Testament and frequently quotes entire chapters. Mrs. Hoskitt is being well cared for by her daughter, who is now over 71 years old. The father and mother of this centenarian both lived to be over 90.

Married His Fourteen-Year-Old Niece.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Arthur Silsby, of West Flats, Chautauque county, went to the village school and took away the 14-year-old daughter of his brother, driving to Panama, where the twain were married. The child's father will prosecute his brother for abduction and the minister who married the pair.

Cremated in a Burning Building.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The Sailors' Home, a boarding house at Vallejo, was destroyed by fire yesterday. John Finn, the proprietor, John Bell and an unknown man perished in the flames and ten others narrowly escaped.

A Montana Murderer Hanged.

KALISPEL, Mont., Dec. 22.—Calvin J. Christie, alias Charles J. Black, suffered the death penalty here yesterday for the murder in April last of Mrs. Lena Cunningham.

An Aged Brital Couple.

HAMILTON, Dec. 22.—George Fraser, 83 years of age, who resides on Strachan St., was wedded to Belle Isdal, who is 70 years old. Rev. Jas. Murray performed the ceremony.

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