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Five Of Family Shot To Death

37-year-old Nurse Takes Own Life By Poison After Committing Horrible Crime—Was Despondent Over Son's Death.

(P. F. By Guardian's Special Wire) PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23.—A 37-year-old nurse distraught by the realization she never again could trim a Christmas tree for a son who recently died, today shot to death five members of a family of relatives, critically wounded two and then took her own life by poison.

The tragedy was enacted in the home of Walter Dempsey, modestly decorated for a Christmas celebration that will not be completed.

Mrs. Kathryn Schoch of Dunkirk, N.Y., a sister of Dempsey, did the shooting while the family slept and then drank the poison.

Shortly after the bodies were found, police at Dunkirk, N.Y., broke down the door of an apartment and found Mrs. Ruth Hughes, sister of Mrs. Schoch, dead. Police lieutenant L. H. Kraiger of Dunkirk said he believed she had been "murdered" perhaps two days ago.

Notes found in the possession of Mrs. Schoch related that she and her sister "Ruth" had been depressed by the son's death. Mrs. Schoch and Mrs. Hughes lived together in Dunkirk.

Only a few hours before Mrs. Schoch had played Santa Claus to Dempsey's children, affording one last taste of Yuletide joy before taking their lives with a revolver.

The dead, besides Mrs. Schoch and Mrs. Hughes, are: Walter Dempsey, 42, a welfare worker; Robert Dempsey, 12; Thomas Dempsey, 8; David Dempsey, 18-months-old; Walter Dempsey, Jr., 10.

Wounded: Mrs. Clara Dempsey, wife of Walter, shot in the head, expected to recover; Walter Dempsey, Jr., 10, shot in the back and head, condition serious.

In a pocket of Mrs. Schoch's kimono, detectives found four notes, addressed to friends and relatives, and in one was this passage:

"O dear God, it's hard to do all this but I just cannot go on any longer, not to feel my darling boy's arm around me nor hear his precious voice make living unbearable."

Mrs. Schoch's son, Jimmy, seven, died last November.

Victims Of Tragedy Laid To Rest

(C. F. By Guardian's Special Wire) MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 23.—The quiet, peaceful hands of Frances Brook, in Albert County, was in deep mourning today as the bodies of the five victims of Friday's grade crossing tragedy at Pettibone were laid to rest in the Baptist cemetery.

Raymond Milton, his wife and two children—Sister Rose Marie, were interred in one grave, the four caskets being committed to mother earth as Rev. J. W. Williams, Baptist pastor of Prosser Brook, and Rev. J. E. DeLong, pastor at the Glades, offered prayers and hundreds of red heads in the district stood with bowed heads in final tribute.

The fifth victim, Curtis Carland, also of Prosser Brook, was buried in the family lot in the same cemetery immediately after the Milton's interment, the same clergyman officiating.

Funeral services were held afterwards in the Baptist Church for the tragic victims. The edifice was packed to capacity and a great many who had come for miles in order to join in final tribute had to remain outside. Appropriate hymns were rendered at both services by a large choir and there were a great many floral offerings received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- **A variety of Christmas Gifts, call and see them, 190 Kent Street. L-3023.
- **Hockey at Milton Rink Christmas afternoon. Maple Leafs vs. Hornets. Skate at night. L-3015-12-24-11.
- **League game at Mt. Herbert tonight. Fownal vs. Mt. Herbert. Skate after with music. Skating from 8 till 10 Christmas night. L-3063.
- **Skating tonight at Upper Queen St. Rink, also Christmas afternoon and night. L-3064.
- **Skating with music from 2 to 4 Christmas Day. Hockey at night, Dunstaffnage Red Wings vs. Marshfield Maple Leafs. Admission 10c. L-3065.
- **Come to the hockey game at East Rink Christmas night. St. Avars Beavers and East Rink Royals. L-3057.
- **We will be buying live hogs on Thursday, Dec. 27, at Kensington. Please call for prices. H. S. McEwen, Oliver Campbell. L-3061-12-24-21.
- **We will be buying dressed poultry at Montague on Friday, Dec. 28. Edg. Clarke Bros. L-3052-12-24-31.
- **Poultry! George Leightner Co., next Queen Hotel, buying dressed Chicken and Fowl. Correct grading, highest prices. L-3046-12.
- **Be practical in your Christmas giving. The Sun Life offers a special Christmas Policy guaranteeing a continuation of good cheer. Ask about it of J. A. Moore, Business Manager.
- **Poultry. We shall be buying live and dressed Chickens and Fowl throughout the season, paying top market price. Signed Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-3129-12-7-11.
- **Anyone wishing to contribute to the children's Christmas at the Protestant Orphanage may leave parcels at 158 Prince St. L-2845-12-17-41.
- **Joseph P. O'Brien wishes to thank his many kind friends for their kind remembrance of him at this season and to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. L-29-11.
- **A general meeting of milk producers, vendors and dealers will be held in Charlottetown on Friday afternoon, Dec. 28th, at 2 o'clock sharp. Organization proposals will be submitted and definite action taken with a view towards correcting the milk vending situation in this city. Place of meeting will be announced in Wednesday's paper. By order of joint committee. Earl Ings, Chairman; Guy Rodd, Secretary. L-3061.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AT STANDSTILL

Premier To Spend Christmas At Sackville With His Brother, Capt. Ronald Bennett.

(P. F. By Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Christmas-tide drew a curtain across all political and most government activities in the capital yesterday and although departments will be open for business as usual tomorrow morning the majority of the ministers will be absent.

More than half the members of the cabinet will be out of Ottawa, including Prime Minister R. B. Bennett who left today for Sackville, N. B., where he will spend the holiday with his brother, Captain Ronald Bennett. It was expected his sister and her husband, Major W. D. Herridge, Canadian Minister to Washington, and their young son, would also join the family party of Sackville.

The Prime Minister worked until late yesterday in his office, receiving many visitors. He will return immediately after the holiday and will probably spend New Year in Ottawa.

One of the most interesting developments of the week was the appointment of J. Earl Lawson, federal member for West York (Toronto), as Dominion Organizer of the Conservative party. Mr. Lawson was here several days during the latter part of the week and secured offices for the national organization headquarters. He left yesterday to spend Christmas and New Year with his family in Toronto but will be back in Ottawa early in the new year to actively engage on his new task.

Departmental heads have been busy for several weeks preparing for the session of parliament and the estimates are well advanced. Two sets are being prepared, one having the 10 percent civil service salary reduction continued and the other with salaries restored. The status of the revenues will dictate which will be presented to parliament.

Soviets Arrest Jap Officers

(P. F. By Guardian's Special Wire) KHABAROVSK, U. S. S. R., Dec. 23.—Lieut. Saidini of the Japanese army and a Manchurian sergeant were arrested today at Yekim-nokkoye on the Ussuri River, while taking photographs. Both were turned over to Soviet border guard for investigation.

A Soviet statement said topographical maps were found in Lieutenant's field bag.

Saidini said he entered Soviet territory looking for a lost Japanese boy.

Tragic Weekend In United States

Collisions, Wrecks And Other Accidents Take Toll Of Many Lives.

(By The Canadian Press) (By Guardian's Special Wire) Sudden death swept across the United States Sunday, bringing to a tragic end plans for Christmas celebrations.

Four persons were killed and three others injured seriously in a head-on crash between a passenger bus and an automobile near Pittsburgh.

Two airplanes wrecked took a toll of three lives. The flame-seared body of an airmail pilot was found in the wreckage of his plane near Wartburg, Tenn. Thomas Girard and Clarence Prox died from injuries incurred when their plane crashed near St. Louis.

A woman despondent over the death six months ago of her son was said by Pittsburgh police to have killed four members of a family there, and to have wounded two other persons. She then took her own life.

Three men were killed and 14 persons injured, none seriously, in a collision of two trains near Delaware, O. The trains were

See Them Smiling! On Christmas Morn

None Of The Little Ones Will Be Overlooked By Santa Claus, Thanks To The Unbounded Generosity Of Santa Pals, Who, Without Personal Canvassing Of Any Kind, Responded To The Appeal. Seven Hundred Children And Their Parents Say In Their Hearts "God Bless You, Everyone!"

They all were looking for a King To slay their foes and lift them high; That o'er-came, a little baby thing, That made a woman cry.

—George Macdonald, (grandfather of R. Hon. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Rudyard Kipling.)

There will be some hundreds of women who will shed tears of grati-

Will those who have adopted children and not yet delivered the goods please see that they do so by noon today.

It has been a great and glorious Christmas-tide, thanks to the generosity and goodness of so many Santa Pals. The Guardian, on behalf the beneficiaries, thanks all who have in any way assisted in making it the success it has



tude tonight because a Little Baby Thing put it in the hearts and minds of so many good Santa Pals to provide for otherwise empty stockings tomorrow morning. And there will be much jubilation, glee and unfeigned joy and happiness tomorrow morning when some seven or eight hundred under-privileged children rise to find their expectations realized, and that they have

been, including Santa Pals: Clergy, Guilders and Rover Scouts. May each and everyone have a right merry, and glad some Christmas. Thank you.



good ground for believing in the reality of Santa Claus.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies... Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those which neither children nor men can see. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and he lives for ever." So wrote Frank

and Mrs. J. W. Duchemin, Peggy Hobbs, Mr. Pete Kelly, Mrs. J. Eric Thompson, Carleton; David Adams, Sea View; Rev. Earl Dalton, Harold Wood; Mrs. Wood; J. H. Patterson, Miss Marjorie Shaw, Miss Edith Shaw, Mrs. J. G. Bennett, Dorothy McDonald, Glasgow Road, Master Ronald McDonald, Joan Large, Mrs. E. Warren, Mrs. A. W. Robertson, "A Westerner" Joyce Gillis, Bennett Gillis, Newton



Church nearly 500 years ago, and his words live today because of their inspiration.

Well, it is all over, all the list having been taken care of, except for the final packing and delivery of the goodies provided by the numerous Santa Pals. On Saturday the Guilders and Rover Scouts had a busy time, and again today they will be at it from an early hour until the last package is delivered.

Cross, Yvette Raymond, Michelle Raymond, Marion Andrew, Billy Andrew, Allan Andrew, Fran Andrew, Leroy McKinlay, Phyllis Rosseter, Mrs. Hall, Louise Rosseter, Frances Rosseter, Phil... "nie Watson, C. E. McKenzie, Milton, George Bissett, Daphne Bissett, Mr. D. M. Gass, Mrs. E. W. McKinnon, Dr. A. J. Murchison, Jr., Mr. W. L. Brennan.

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LAVAL TO TALK WITH MUSSOLINI

It Is Expected France Will Make Italy Some Colonial Concessions At Forthcoming Negotiations.

(By Alexander H. Hull) (Associated Press Foreign Staff) PARIS, Dec. 23.—Foreign Minister Pierre Laval, soon to go to Rome to talk things over with Benito Mussolini, has first laid his plans for Italo-French cooperation in the Danube before Sir John Simon, British Foreign Secretary.

A long conference that started over the luncheon table yesterday gave the Frenchman opportunity thoroughly to explain the project. He told Sir John he intends to go to Rome probably after the Saar plebiscite Jan. 13.

"On our agreement in views," Laval said, "depends the maintenance of the political order closely linked to the interests of European peace."

Observers, too, were agreed that France and Italy both carry great weight in the two camps into which the Balkans are divided and believed that region might lose its nickname "the powder keg of Europe" if Laval and Mussolini get together in friendship.

Ever since the war, France and Italy had been cool toward one another, and it is only by hard work of both Italian and French statesmen that the two countries have been brought gradually together.

It was Foreign Minister Louis Barthou's dream that he might bring Italo-French friendship through talks with Mussolini, but the Marseille murders intervened and it has been left to his successor, Laval.

Four problems need ironing out: (1) The new naval rivalry of Italy. (2) Affairs of the Balkans. (3) Two disputes in Africa—a territorial one in French Equatorial Africa and the status of Italians in Tunis. (4) Economic relations between France and Italy.

Despite the refusal of France and Italy to come to an agreement at the London naval conference of 1930, because of France's demand that her Mediterranean fleet alone equal that of Italy, the naval question has been allowed to lie dormant.

Mussolini's decision to build two 25,000-ton battleships, however, brought an announcement in Parliament that France would build a 35,000-ton ship, too, if it became necessary. It is only now that Laval will try to dissuade the Duce from continuing with his two dreadnaughts.

ROME, Dec. 23.—(A.P.)—"Come across with some colonial concessions," Fascist Italy says succinctly and emphatically to France, as French Foreign Minister Pierre Laval prepares for his forthcoming visit to Benito Mussolini.

Informed quarters said today Italy will set forth very clearly her wants and what she believes her rights in colonial matters when the two statesmen get together here.

During that visit it is expected France will make Italy some colonial concessions, by virtue of the Treaty of London of 1915 where under Italy entered the Great War on the side of the Allies.

Italy divides her colonial claims into two distinct parts: return of territory unlawfully taken away from her by Anglo-French agreement; second, concessions in fulfillment of the promise France made in the 1915 treaty.

Montreal Will Vote Sum For Relief

(C. F. By Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—Montreal will vote \$1,517,000 for the January direct relief. Mayor Camille Houde stated Saturday. He had been asked about relief in view of the statement of Alderman J. M. Savignac, chairman of the executive committee, recently: "Not a cent of dole after January 1."

The unemployed must be fed, Mayor Houde added. It was quite plain that no decision by Ottawa or Quebec by Jan. 1 on relieving Montreal of relief costs would be made before the end of the year.

Police Roundup Of Maritimers In Liquor Case

Island Suspects Will Have Christmas Dinner At Home, But Will Be Arrested Christmas Night And Will Proceed Wednesday To Montreal Under Police Escort.

(C. F. By Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—Royal Canadian Mounted Police tonight had under close observation in the three Maritime Provinces and in British Columbia 14 of the 18 persons who had failed to surrender voluntarily under a blanket warrant charging them with conspiracy to defraud the Dominion and Quebec governments of \$5,000,000 through illicit movement of alcohol.

The men, Montreal headquarters stated, had had the warrants served on them since the deadline for voluntary appearance ended Saturday, and would be brought to Montreal for arraignment immediately after Christmas.

Announcement to this effect was made here today by R. C. M. P. officials responsible for rounding up the 51 persons named in the warrant. All but 18 had already appeared here for arraignment while of these 18, four are outside the country and all the remainder were taken into custody since the deadline for voluntary surrender expired Saturday morning, police stated.

Seven arrests will be made in Prince Edward Island; three have been made in New Brunswick and three in Nova Scotia, and one in British Columbia. Others not yet arrested are Monty Rosebourne and Frank Paturel of St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands, Alan Robertson, St. John's, Nfld., and William A. Yule, Perth, Scotland.

The Dominion police body will bring the arrested persons here on Wednesday and Thursday for arraignment, police headquarters stated. Today a constable from the Montreal Division left for Prince Edward Island. Another constable was to join him at Rimouski, Que., and the two would pick up those detained at the Island Province and return via Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, picking up the other suspects at St. John's, Nfld. I. F. Mead, head of the Montreal division, R. C. M. P., sent wired orders at noon Saturday for the arrests to be made and tonight he was advised the commands in the three provinces are completing the round-up.

As a result 57 persons are expected shortly to appear for trial before the Court of King's Bench here. The list is headed by the four Bronfin brothers, Sam, Allan, Harry and Abraham, who are on bail of \$10,000 each; three other Montreals; and

His Majesty Will Broadcast From Sandringham

(C. F. Cable By Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Empire Christmas Day broadcast, climaxed as usual by a message from the King, this year will be marked by communication with isolated outposts around the world, as well as with populous cities.

His Majesty's message will come from the royal estate at Sandringham, Norfolk, where the Royal Family is spending Christmas Day. Before the King's voice sounds around the world, however, contact will be established with points in all parts of the Empire.

Canada's part in the Empire-wide broadcast begins at Ottawa with the ringing of the carillon there and a message from the Dominion capital to London. Later calls will be made to a lumber camp in northern Quebec, a chalet on Grosjean Mountain, which looks down on Vancouver from a 3,000-foot elevation, a hockey game in Toronto, a children's skating party in Winnipeg, and a fisherman in his hut on the Atlantic coast.

The bells of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem will be heard to note the true significance of Christmas. A circle of bells girdling the Empire will echo round the globe. Pealing in relay bells will be rung in Bombay, India; Wellington, N. Z.; Ottawa, Armagh, Northern Ireland, and London itself.

The remainder from the Maritime Provinces, including one woman, in legal circles it was stated a preferred indictment would be prepared by the Attorney-General of Quebec

TOMORROW
being
CHRISTMAS DAY
and a public holiday,
the next issue of
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WEDNESDAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Fresh or strong winds, shifting to southerly; partly cloudy and becoming milder with some snow.

(Atmospheric Press)

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE. The sun, Dec. 23—Maximum and minimum temperatures: 48° 42°

Montreal	48° 42°
Ottawa	38° 32°
Quebec	38° 32°
St. John's	38° 32°
Halifax	38° 32°
Charlottetown	38° 32°

Forecast: Maritime Provinces—Fresh strong winds, shifting to southerly; partly cloudy and becoming milder with some snow.

High tide this afternoon at 1:30 and tomorrow morning at 12:30. 4:22 and 5:00 tomorrow morning at 7:30. Last quarter moon Friday, Dec. 28, 9:08 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Leave Borden 9:45 A. M. (Stated 1 P. M.)

Leave Tormentine (Stated) 8:45 A. M. 2:05 P. M. daily except Christmas.