

NOT A COMPROMISE, BUT A SURRENDER

To Allow Betting on Race-courses, Says Mr. Shearer.

HERBERT SPENCER'S VIEW.

Quoted Before Parliamentary Committee on Miller Bill.

An Old-Racing Man Does Not Consider Bookmaking Necessary to Breeding — Mr. E. C. Drury Declares Racecourse Betting is of no Benefit to the Farming Community.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Ottawa, Feb. 17.—On the opening of the morning session of the hearing on the Miller bill, before the Commons Special Committee to-day, Mr. Drury offered replies to letters he had sent to E. C. Drury, Master of the Dominion Grange, and Mr. Gunn, a member of the executive. Mr. Drury declared that race-course betting was not of value to the farmer because the breeding of the heavy horses was most profitable to him and thoroughbred blood was not used in that breed. Every form of gambling was demoralizing, and the removal of this variety was one step of advantage. To Mr. Monk it was admitted by Mr. Drury that Mr. Drury had no special knowledge of race-course betting and no means of forming a special opinion. Mr. Gunn said that if the thoroughbred became extinct it would be of less economic harm than the evils that resulted from racing.

Bookmaking and Breeding.
John C. Smith of Toronto was the only witness called. He described himself as a broker, but denied that his place was in a bucket shop. He used to own and race horses and breed on shares in Kentucky. Bookmaking was not necessary to breeding, and he named a number of southern breeders, some dead and some living, who, he said, held the same opinion. Mr. Smith was inclined to think the situation with regard to the turf was not as admirable as in the good old days when he was connected with it, but he told Mr. McCarthy he had not been on a race-course in Canada in 10 years, and only once on a track anywhere else in that time. That was in Buffalo. He thought the King's Plate was a rich man's game and the climatic conditions of this country were unfavorable to horse breeding. He did not believe in handicap races and saw no particular difference between the race-course bookmaker and the handbook man. Larger purses attracted better horses and improved the standard of the breed. Racing was necessary for the improvement of the thoroughbred. But for racing, there would not be in Canada so many or so good, thoroughbred stallions. Betting would always be there, and the witness favored the Pari-Mutuel system rather than bookmaking, because it was more economical. The Fort Erie track.

Mr. German, M.P. for Welland, repudiated in the strongest manner the suggestion that the Fort Erie track was a place where any improper or demoralizing practices prevailed. He was a member of the company that constructed it and operated it for a couple of seasons, but they did not make a financial success of it. Then it was leased, and afterwards sold for \$30,000. He declared that it was conducted in the most honorable and honest manner, and was one of the finest properties in Canada. It was a great benefit to the county of Welland, and over \$20,000 a year was spent there which went to the farmer, the grocer, the blacksmith and the butcher. The sentiment of the community which it is located in, opposed to any legislation that would mean closing it up. Mr. German was of opinion that periods of two weeks, spring and fall, were the proper duration for meetings.

Letters in Opposition.

Mr. Alex. Smith filed with the committee letters in opposition to the passage of the bill from George A. Carruthers of Winnipeg, Secretary for Manitoba of the Canadian National Bureau of Breeding, Police Magistrate Marshall of Fort La Prairie, Lieut.-Col. Steele, formerly of the Strathcona Horse, the Alberta Horse Breeder's Association, Robinson & Co., Merrick

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Rev. Dr. J. G. Shearer of Toronto, Secretary of the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada, who is the active agent in support of the bill, explained the composition of that body, and produced a number of resolutions passed by its units. He quoted Herbert Spencer's Study of Gambling from the sociological standpoint, and condemned the permission to bet on a race-course as class legislation likely to create disrespect for the law. It would make an offence of certain actions in one place, while they were legal in another. Further, it would not be a compromise, but a surrender. Limitation of the time would not largely reduce the evil, because meetings could be held in various places and so be continuous throughout Canada. Mr. Orpen's charter allowed him to establish race-courses wherever he wanted to, in addition to those already existing.

Mr. Blain—You don't mean that you would be opposed to shorter meetings?
Witness—I don't think it would be an effectual remedy. This agitation is directed against race-course bookmaking, and if permitted at all it could go on in many places, one after the other.

Betting Habit a Vice.
Dr. Shearer said the practice or habit of continuing to bet was a vice and consequently a sin. He would not say that it was a sin under all circumstances, but he would not do it himself. He saw no harm in buying stocks on margin.
When counsel inquired who paid his expenses in this matter he refused to answer, and the committee upheld him.

Mr. Monk thought Dr. Shearer and his associates had been neglectful in failing to give consideration to English legislation, and said he would be very reluctant to adopt United States legislation as a model.
To Mr. Counsell the witness said he had not personally observed any evils from race-course betting. He thought the volume of betting would be greatly decreased by the abolition of the bookmaker.

Mr. Orpen Wants to Reply.
Mr. McCarthy read a telegram from A. M. Orpen of Toronto, who wanted to be heard on the bill, and wanted to say that the Toronto butcher had said in reference to him.
The committee meets to-morrow afternoon to close the hearing of evidence.

GAS WRECKED A CHURCH.

MRS. MCKEE RUSHED UPSTAIRS WITH CLOTHING AFLAME.

Explosion in the Methodist Church at Woodville While a Prayer Meeting Was in Progress—Church Badly Damaged — Mrs. McKee Will Recover.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Lindsay, Feb. 17.—The newly decorated Methodist church at Woodville was almost completely wrecked last night by an explosion of the acetylene gas plant. A number of people were gathered together in a room of the basement for the purpose of holding the regular prayer meeting, but something was noticed to be wrong with the lighted wall of the room, and the whole of the section, went into the room where the plant was kept, and proceeded to light a match to investigate matters.

An explosion occurred which rocked the building, and the lives of the twelve or fifteen inmates were in great danger. The walls shook, and the roof wobbled, but fortunately withstood the shock, and remained in place. However, the floor, the seats, the pulpit, the gas jets, the stoves, bookcases, dishes and other decorations in the various rooms were completely dislodged, and rattled from their fastenings.
Chaos ensued, and it was with great difficulty that the people in the church, who were in the front room of the basement, gained egress. This they did, however, without being injured beyond some slight bruises.
Mrs. McKee, however, was thrown against the wall of the room, and was almost immediately enveloped in flames. For a wonder she was not rendered unconscious, and had presence of mind enough to run for the only door, which leads upstairs, and out on the street. She rushed out with her clothes and her hair all on fire, and several men came to her assistance. She was seriously burned.

Mrs. McKee is confined to her bed to-day as a result of shock and severe burns in the face from the explosion of acetylene gas in the church last evening. The lady is resting nicely and will recover unless complications set in.
It is thought the damage to the building will amount to about \$2,000 or \$2,500.

Admitted to Manitoba Bar.
Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Mr. T. D. J. Farmer, formerly a prominent lawyer of Hamilton, and a member of the City Council there, was admitted to the Manitoba Bar this morning. Mr. Farmer is largely interested in western investments.

WOMAN SHOT IN SELF-DEFENCE

Mary Matevion Kills Paul Fimoolsky at Fort William—He Tried to Assault Her.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
FORT WILLIAM, Feb. 17.—Another tragedy has marked the coal dock section of this city, this time the victim being Paul Fimoolsky, who was shot and almost instantly killed by Mary Matevion in self-defence. Both are Galicians, and the woman, who has been married but a few months, says the dead man forced his way into her home, and tried to assault her, whereupon she shot him. The killing occurred about two o'clock this afternoon in a little house at 521 McLaughlin street.

A CAREFUL SUICIDE.

HECTOR JUBY TOOK GREAT PAINS IN KILLING HIMSELF.

Shoveled Path to Spot, and After Clearing Away Snow Fixed Rifle so That Bullet Would Come Through Hole in Board Into His Heart.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Belleville, Feb. 17.—One of the most unique modes of committing suicide took place in the 2nd concession of Sidney township, a few miles from this city, on Tuesday afternoon last. H. Hector Juby, a middle-aged bachelor, shovelled a path through the snow in which he lived to the woods nearby. In the woods he cleared a space in the snow, fixed up a board from the home in a slanting position, and placed a loaded rifle beneath the board, the muzzle being inserted in a hole in the board. Juby then leaned against the board in such a manner that his heart was exactly over the hole in the board. He pulled a string with his hand the rifle was discharged, the bullet going through his heart. Death was instantaneous. Dr. Risonette, Coroner of Stirling, after investigating the affair, decided that the man was sane. On the victim was found a note in which he expressed a desire to leave the world in the hope of finding a better and more happy one. He was well-known throughout the district.

String Quartette Programme.

The programme to be presented by the Toronto String Quartette and Mr. F. S. Weisman, the assisting artist, at their concert at the Conservatory of Music on Saturday evening, February 19, is a most attractive one, and chosen to please the most fastidious. The numbers are the "Slovak Quartette" by Glazounov, and the E flat quartette, by Mendelssohn, a pleasing feature of the programme being the Boellman sonata for cello and piano, by Mr. Frederick Nicolai and Mr. F. S. Weisman, the accomplished pianist. Plan at Mason & Ritch, 82 King street west, on Friday, February 18.

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BIG GUNS BROUGHT INTO ACTION

Guerilla Camp Shelled Out Near Verona.

VILLAGERS INTERESTED.

Twelve-pounders and Maxims Used With Effect.

The Night in Camp—Not a Man or Horse Any the Worse for the Winter March — Details Were Well Managed—A Winter Picnic.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Artillery Camp, North Woods, Verona, Feb. 17.—Delightfully hidden among the trees of a big section of dense wood, the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery route march detachment spent the night in camp. The site was better than the one occupied near Murvale, a much better shelter being possible for men and horses. All stood the march of yesterday well and no sick men reported at the medical officers' parade. About 8 o'clock last evening the thermometer registered within a few points of zero and there was much moisture in the atmosphere, and this made the cold very piercing. Yet there were no complaints from the 150 men in camp. Early in the evening The Globe photographer found his way into camp and caught with his camera groups of men and officers sitting around the camp fires, full of fun and music. The officers expressed pleasure at the attention given the march by The Globe, and a few copies brought into camp were read by nearly all.
At 7:30 breakfast warmed up men and horses for the strenuous day's work provided in Gen. Lake's programme. On making camp here yesterday men were sent out to cut holes in the ice of Verona Lake so that the horses could be watered. To these holes the horses were led through the quiet village.

The Guns in Action.

All preparations had been made for a march out to 14 Island Lake for manoeuvres, and at 9 o'clock the detachment marched out of camp through the one straight street of the village, and then struck into the country east over hills and dunes, covered with snow and along a roadway hedged with tall trees. After a ride of a half hour or more a string of lakes was reached, and on the first of these the batteries marched around in a big circle, while Gen. Lake was conferring with the staff as to the details of a plan previously prepared by the Inspector-General. The shrill whistle of the commanding officer, Col. Burdall, was heard, and the battery officers received their instructions. These in turn gave orders to the section commanders, and soon the horses and guns came tearing over the ice towards a steep hill on the south, and the dash up the hill was really a magnificent piece of horsemanship, and as spectacular as actual war could ever be without any of its casualties. The four 12-pound guns occupied the crest of the hill, and they were prepared for action. The horses were taken out, the limbers removed, and the ammunition boxes opened for shrapnel shell.

Guerilla Camp Shelled.

A guerilla force had been reported as operating in the section and having decided on Verona and the camp location. Their career must be checked and the force demoralized. This was the work of the four 12-pounders, and they started to do it to perfection. A big canvas sheet, four miles away over the hills on the ice of a distant lake, served as the guerilla camp, and after getting the range, elevation and direction, the shrapnel began to place 12-pound shrapnel shells all around the guerilla location. The sheet was a mass of shrapnel and the snow for a great distance around covered with broken fragments of destructive fire shells.

The Maxims Effective.

Again the guns were limbered and the steep hillside descended, and away over the ice for another couple of miles to a quiet little nook, where the big quick-firing 15-pound Maxims were brought into action, firing at the rate of thirty shots a minute. There was no recoil to the carriages of these guns, as it is all taken up by the mechanism of the new piece, and once the range was secured the firing continued until the object of the shells no longer existed.

When the Maxims were firing, the cooks were busy preparing lunch for the officers feeding and watering their faithful horses. Soon the good hot tea was handed out, and the men and horses were all alike, until it looked like an immense picnic party on the frozen lake. Not a single party on the frozen lake. Not a single party on the frozen lake. Not a single party on the frozen lake.

At 3 this afternoon the artillery returned to camp, where a hot meal was waiting for all. The villagers of Verona, and the Union Jacks outside their homes, some porches being covered with the flag.

MURDERED GIRL'S CHUM

GIVES EVIDENCE AT FRITCH TRIAL IN DETROIT.

Testimony Also of Woman Who Directed Miss Millman to Door of Dr. Fritch's Office—Girl Remarkably That She Felt as if Going to Her Own Funeral.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Detroit, Feb. 17.—With the remark that she "felt as though she was going to her own funeral," Mabel Millman passed into the private office of Dr. Fritch on Friday, August 27, last, and was never again seen alive. This was the main import of the testimony of Mrs. Mignolotto, Messenger in the Fritch murder trial here to-day. The witness told a weird tale of how she had made Miss Millman's acquaintance just a few minutes before the time of her

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appointment with the physician, and told of having directed the girl to the proper door in the building. Attorney Lodge put the witness through a grilling cross-examination. In the course of which she admitted having been three married without any divorce formalities or proofs that previous husbands were dead. Matilda Heining, the dead girl's chum, with whom she stayed in Detroit, and in whom she had confided her troubles, occupied the stand during the morning hours. She identified a bottle of medicine and instruments as having been in the girl's possession. To-morrow is expected to bring out the last of the testimony, and the case will probably go to the jury Saturday morning.

To Amalgamate Tube Lines.
London, Feb. 17.—The shareholders of the three principal London Tube Railway Companies met to-day and agreed upon a plan of amalgamation. A bill providing for the amalgamation will be laid before Parliament.