

WAS IT SUICIDE?

Man Named King Supposed to Have Been Drowned.

BELIEVED THAT HE FELL OVER THE STAR LINE WHARF.

A Hat Found Floating in the Water.

BUT A DILIGENT SEARCH FOR THE BODY PROVED FRUITLESS.

A middle aged man named Frank King, hailing from Chatham, is supposed to have lost his life by drowning in the river near the Star Line wharf on Saturday night. Whether it was a case of suicide or whether his death was accidental will probably never be known. The body has not yet been recovered, and therefore there is as yet no positive proof that the man lost his life, but the circumstances seem to point strongly in that direction.

About eleven o'clock on Saturday evening Mrs. Matheson who resides on the Star Line wharf had her attention attracted by a sound which resembled that made by a person vomiting, and shortly afterward there was a splash like a heavy body falling into the water. Engineer Barton and the deck hands of the steamer Victoria also heard the noise and procuring lanterns at once began a search for the man whom they supposed had fallen overboard. After the splash they heard a gurgling sound, quite close to the stern of the steamer, and lowering a boat they made a thorough investigation in that vicinity, and were rewarded by finding a black felt hat floating on the water.

A crowd gradually gathered upon the scene, and the search for the body was kept up until after one o'clock, but without success.

On Sunday the search was renewed, the Steamer Victoria being removed to the high water wharf, in order to give the searchers a better chance to work. The river was dragged with grappling irons for a distance of about fifty yards along the front of the wharf, but no body was brought to the surface.

There seems to be no doubt that the tragedy was enacted, the victim was King, who has been missing from his usual haunts since Saturday evening. King has been working for the boom company for several weeks past, but was discharged about the middle of last week. Since that he has been drinking heavily, and was frequently seen loafing about the water front. He was seen and recognized on York street at nine o'clock on Saturday evening and shortly before eleven o'clock John Christie, sr., and Engineer Barton of the Victoria, saw a man who they thought was he pass on the opposite side of the street and disappear in the direction of the Star Line wharf. The engineer started for his quarters on the steamer a few moments later, reaching the wharf in time to hear the noise referred to above. He saw nothing further of the man who had passed down in the direction of the wharf a few moments before and is certain that if anybody fell overboard it was he.

King has been knocking about here during seasons for the past ten years and is well known to the police. He worked one summer at Estey's mill, and at different times has been employed at other mills about the city. He was in the neighborhood of fifty years of age, and had no relatives in this vicinity.

The hat found in the river Saturday evening is now in the possession of the police. It is an ordinary black felt hat, and looks as if it has seen some years of service. The only marks likely to identify it, are the letters "A. M. H." perforated on the inside band. The supposition is that the hat was second hand goods when it came into King's possession. Up to four o'clock this afternoon no trace of King, the missing man, has been found and there seems to be little doubt that he lost his life by drowning in the river. No effort has been made today to recover the body.

Death of Mr. C. B. Nichols.

The death occurred last night at

his home at the mills, of Mr. Chas. B. Nichols, a well known resident of that locality. He has been a sufferer from Bright's disease for some time, and his death occasioned little surprise. He was fifty-one years of age and is survived by a widow and family of ten children, one of whom is Mrs. C. F. McKendrick. The deceased was a member of Victoria Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the funeral will take place at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of that organization. The services will be conducted by Rev. G. B. Payson and John G. Adams has charge of the arrangements.

MONCTON DEATHS.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Moncton, July 4.—Beatrice Sutton, aged fifteen, eldest daughter of John Sutton of this city, died this morning after a lingering illness.

Dr. Franklin Oulton of this city, died at 11 o'clock today of paralysis, aged 54. He is survived by a widow and two children, Frank A. of South Dakota, and Mrs. F. Steeves of Moncton.

FOR PRACTICAL USE.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, July 4.—Hon. Mr. Prefontaine has put a quencher upon Captain Bernier's Arctic aspirations by stating that the steamer Gauss was not purchased for an expedition to the North Pole, but to supply the needs of the Mounted Police at the Mackenzie River stations. The vessel has been renamed the Arctic.

A GIANT'S DEATH.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, July 4.—Eddie Beaupre, the willow bunch giant, who was 8 feet 1/2 inches tall, died in St. Louis three days after he went for exhibition purposes.

He weighed 678 pounds and was one of the biggest men in the world.

STILL FAST.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Montreal, July 4.—The Steamship Vancouver, which went ashore yesterday, is still stuck in a mud bank near Sorel.

Curious Case of Desertion.

London, July 4.—General Hutton has been investigating a curious case of desertion in the Australian forces. A member of the Victorian Permanent Artillery, named Kortwright, having been refused permission to go to South Africa in 1901, slipped out and joined the Scottish Horse. He distinguished himself in several engagements and won a prize of £50 for skilful horsemanship. Returning recently to Australia he was placed under arrest but the government on General Hutton's recommendation pardoned him.

Colonel Gough Killed.

London, July 4.—Colonel Bloomfield Gough, who, during the Boer war was ordered home for refusal to obey Gen. Lord Methuen's orders, has been killed in a carriage accident at Kelso, Scotland.

Gough, at the time he refused to obey orders was in command of the Ninth Lancers. He asserted that his men and horses were not fit for duty and refused to lead them to destruction. He was a veteran of the Afghan campaign.

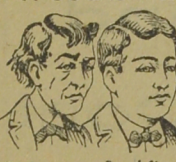
Foresters' High Court.

The annual meeting of the N. B. High Court of Foresters opens at Edmundston tomorrow evening. Among those who will attend from this city are Alex. Burchill, Johnston McKenzie, Hugh Doherty and W. J. Southern. Court St. Marys will be represented by High Chief Ranger Mullin, and Messrs. Albert Boone, Thomas Harrison, Harry Burtt and Alfred Hanlon.

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TO STAND TRIAL

Alleged Pickpockets Sent up to the County Court.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FINISHED THIS MORNING.

Howard and Williams Well Known to the Boston Police.

THE FIRST NAMED A PROFESSIONAL PICKPOCKET WITH SEVERAL ALIASES.

The three alleged pickpockets, John Williams, James Howard and James Grant, were this morning committed for trial by Police Magistrate Marsh at the next term of the York County Court which meets in October. The police magistrate explained to the prisoners that he was not called upon to try the case but to decide whether or not there was sufficient evidence to warrant him in committing them to a higher court. He has found that a large number of thefts had been committed in St. John on the 24th of June and also on the train on the evening of that day. He had examined into two of the robberies and the evidence went to show that they had taken place near the entrance of the car and the three prisoners were present at the time. While there was no positive evidence that they had committed the robberies they were afterwards seen dividing money and their conduct on the train was open to suspicion. He believed that it was in the interests of justice that the matter should be thoroughly investigated, therefore he would commit the prisoners for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction which is the county court.

The decision of the police magistrate, did not appear to surprise the prisoners, as they had been expecting that the case would be likely to go to a higher court. They were asked separately if they wanted the stenographers notes of the evidence read over and replied that they were willing to dispense with it. They were then each asked if they had anything to say for themselves to which they replied as follows:

Prisoner Williams—No, except that I am not guilty.

Prisoner Howard—Nothing at all.

Prisoner Grant—I am not guilty.

On the advice of their counsel the prisoners announced that they did not wish to call any witnesses.

Mr. McLeod the prisoners' counsel, intimated that he intended applying to a judge of the Supreme court for bail for his clients. His Honor assured him that the copy would be available.

The prisoners were handcuffed by Sergeant Phillips and taken back to jail.

Mrs. Williams, the wife of one of the prisoners returned from a jaunt to Boston, on Saturday and was present in the court this morning. She seemed to be quite overcome by the magistrate's decision to commit the prisoners for trial and tears came to her eyes.

Have Shady Records.

Police Magistrate Marsh, who recently forwarded photos of the prisoners to the Boston police, received a letter today from the Inspector, giving some interesting information in regard to their records. It is stated that the prisoners identified were Howard and Williams, and the police were now looking into the case of Grant, the third prisoner. Howard was identified as Frank Morgan, alias the Albany kid, a professional pickpocket. They recognized Williams as John A. Williams, alias John Morey, and intimated that they thought he had a record in the House of Correction, which is now being looked into. Further information was promised in the course of a few days.

DISMISSAL JUSTIFIED.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, G. B., July 4.—Prof. Goldwin Smith of Toronto, in a letter to The Spectator, says it can hardly be doubted that Lord Donald broke the rules so as to justify his dismissal.

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