

SUICIDE OR MURDER?

Remains of Albert County Man Found in the Maine Woods.

POLICE BELIEVE MAN WAS DONE TO DEATH BY SOME BODY UNKNOWN.

Gruesome Discovery Made by Flower Pickers.

Boston, April 25.—Information was received yesterday that the body of a man, undoubtedly that of John Frank Steeves, of Hillsboro, N. B., had been found in the woods two miles from Falmouth, Me. The body was found by a party of Mayflower pickers late on Sunday but was not identified until yesterday, when it was removed to Coroner Martin's undertaking rooms at Portland.

The appearance of the remains led those who first saw it to suppose that the man had been murdered, but a thorough search of the clothing this afternoon revealed evidence that pointed to suicide. The throat had been cut and from the condition of the body the man had apparently been dead for fully five weeks. No knife could be seen near the body, but the coroner has a large jack-knife, found in one of the pockets. An upper set of false teeth found in the trousers' pocket had blood on it, and it is believed that the teeth were taken from the mouth after the throat had been cut. Two cents in money, a pipe and a number of legal papers were also in the pockets. The papers bore the name of John Frank Steeves, and showed that he had paid taxes in Hillsboro, N. B. Other papers indicated that he had been in the lumber or wood business. Two notes of Steeves', which had been paid to Murray and Steeves, and J. L. Peck, Hillsboro, and a paper bearing the name of Gross and Dawson, Moncton, were also found. A small photograph of a woman, perhaps 30 years old, was among the papers.

The body was that of a man about 40 years old. The place where it was found is off a lumber road and a long distance from any house. The authorities are still investigating, but the coroner inclines to the suicide theory. If the man was murdered robbery was the probable motive.

Portland, Me., April 25.—The police believe that John F. Steeves, of Hillsboro, N. B., whose body was found in the woods near Falmouth

yesterday was murdered. Examination by a physician proved to their satisfaction, that the man's throat was cut with a razor and that the wound could not have been self-inflicted by the use of a jack-knife, as was at first supposed.

Three men who volunteered information to the police concerning the death of Steeves, were detained at the police station last night, pending further investigations. The men detained are Hiram Grossman, of Hillsboro, N. B., and his two cousins, Edward Cole and Samuel Blake, employees of the Berlin Mills camp. These men told the police that Steeves had said to them that he was employed as a liquor spotter.

Cole said that he had been similarly employed by Sheriff Pennell of Cumberland County. He said that as a result of his services he was assaulted last Monday night. The story of an assault is confirmed by the police.

It developed that Steeves skull was fractured.

Cole told the police that in the assault upon him he was struck upon the head and received a black eye.

The theory of the men detained is that Steeves was enticed to a spot two miles from Falmouth and there murdered by enemies whom he had made. The police are inclined to believe that the man was murdered for his money. The investigation was continued today.

John F. Steeves was the son of David Steeves of Dawson Settlement about five miles from Hillsboro. He was a young man of only 20 or 25 years. During the month of March a moose was shot in the vicinity of Hillsboro and while the game warden was in search of the offending party young Steeves, with a friend named Hooper, left Hillsboro for some point in Maine. It was suspected that these were the parties connected with the moose shooting. Since leaving home neither of the young men has been heard from.

KAISER WOULD BREED TROUBLE.

Germany's Ruler Mischief Maker of Europe.

New York, April 25.—The Sun publishes the following cable from London: Two or three times within a dozen years Europe has been on the verge of a great war, and has been unaware of the imminent danger until the crisis was passed. There was such a moment when Lord Rosebery delivered an ultimatum to France in the Siamese dispute. There was another such moment in the Fashoda incident. Yesterday a similar peril menaced European peace and today the crisis is still unsolved, although diplomacy takes heart again from the news that M. Delcasse, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, has withdrawn his resignation.

Some idea of the nature and gravity of the crisis may be gained from a brief extract from a letter to The Sun's London correspondent from a person holding a high diplomatic position on the continent. He writes:

IT LOOKS LIKE MISCHIEF.

"You know that I am rarely pessimistic; today I must confess that I am. When people will not negotiate and say, nevertheless, that they are dissatisfied, it looks as if they meant

mischief. If Rojstvensky is sent to the bottom, God knows what may happen."

These words may be cryptic to those who have not followed closely the recent developments of European politics. Let it be remembered that Germany has quietly encouraged Russia to pursue the war toward the point of partial exhaustion. The loss of Admiral Rojstvensky's fleet would render her practically impotent so far as any new enemy is concerned.

KAISER MAKES THE TROUBLE.

What is more obvious than the opportunity thus created for the Kaiser to fish in troubled waters? What could be plainer from his recent action than his intention to take the fullest advantage of his opportunity? His gratuitous interference in Morocco is now fully recognized by France and England as part of a deep, malevolent plan to breed international strife. It is directed as much against one country as the other. It is his spiteful reply to the Anglo-French entente, which he resents and hopes to destroy.

TO ASSIST IMMIGRATION.

Local Government Will Co-operate with Salvation Army's Plan to Bring Settlers to N. B.

Alarmed at the increasing exodus of New Brunswick people to the West, the local government are endeavoring to develop a new colonization scheme, by which they hope to secure new settlers to fill the places of those who are trekking westward. Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley, have the matter in hand, and are giving it their earnest attention. They have been in communication with Commissioner Coombs, of the Salvation Army, who thinks that a large number of English people of a good class might be induced to locate in this province. The commander has taken hold of the idea with enthusiasm, and the

members of the government who have the matter in charge seem equally in earnest.

The Salvation Army will select the immigrants and attend to the details of their embarkment and look after them while on shipboard. The government will take charge of the prospective settlers after their arrival in St. John, and will forward them to their several destinations and bear all expense of locating them.

Attorney General Pugsley told the Sun that the people would be very carefully selected, and only those in every way desirable as citizens would be brought out. While it is probable that the large proportion of those

sent out will engage in farming or be employed as domestic servants, the attorney general hopes that by the time the scheme is well matured that there will be established at Grand Falls and elsewhere in the province, a number of flourishing industries, which will give employment to mechanics of various kinds, of which Commissioner thinks quite a number would be glad to leave the crowded cities of England and make homes for themselves in New Brunswick.

The attorney general thinks the great need of the province at present is more manufacturing enterprises.

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SPORTING NEWS.

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card today. J. R. Keene's Sinister the favorite, was third, beaten five lengths, and a nose before Roseben.

With Sinister the post favorite at three, Rapid Water, Roseben, Grenade, Red Knight, and Martinmas were heavily played.

Rapid Water, with Saint Valentine hanging at his heels made the running to the stretch, with Sinister and Roseben next in order. A furlong from the wire Rapid Water and St. Valentine drew away together, and a duel between them ensued. St. Valentine getting the verdict by a nose. The mile was run in 1.39 1-5.

NOTES.

A 2-year-old colt by Walnut Hall (2:08 1-2) in Ed. Benyon's stable at Memphis, has done a quarter in 36 seconds.

Lisonjero (2:08 1-2) is said to be in splendid condition. He is at the Memphis track, and is being given repeats around 2:25.

A Saginaw (Mich.) man offers to prove that the pacer Peeler Patron (2:09 1-2) well known to New England racegoers, is a ringer.

Dandy Jim (2:09 1-2) at one time the champion half-mile trotter of the world, will be a starter in the New York horse fair.

Humboldt Maid (2:13 1-2) the fast little daughter of Waldstein, has been sent to Galesburg and will be bred to Allerton (2:09 1-2).

W. W. Bair of Maud S. (\$2:08 1-2) fame, is training Graciano (2:17 1-2), by Directum (2:05 1-2), and six others at Belmont Park, Philadelphia.

Princess of Monaco, by Meddler, dam the ex-champion mare Nancy Hanks (2:04), recently foaled a bay colt by Bingen (2:06 1-2) at Hillandale farm, Mamaroneck, N. Y.

The fastest mile of the season at the Memphis track is 2:16, by the pacer Baron Grattan (2:06 1-2). The trotter George G., in Geers' stable, has been a mile in 2:19, last half in 1:07.

Mary Gamaleon, the dam of Baron Grattan (2:06 1-2), last year's Chamber of Commerce winner, foaled at Galesburg, Ill., April 15, a bay filly by Allerton (2:09 1-2). She will be bred again to Allerton.

A three-year-old filly by Bonnie Direct (2:05 1-2), out of Myrtle (2:13 1-2) dam of Robida (2:12 1-2), recently trotted a trial in 2:22 at Pleasanton, Cal., last half in 1:05 1-2, last quarter in 32 seconds.

The running record for three miles, which had stood at 5:24 since Drake Carter put it there in September, 1884—almost 21 years ago—was lowered to 5:22 at the Oakland track, California, by Eli, April 8.

Eli is a 4-year-old gelding and carried 100 pounds. Drake Carter was also four and carried 115 pounds. No horseman's library will be complete without S. W. Parlin's recently published book, "The American Trotter." It is a carefully and most ably constructed history of the trotting breed, by the veteran editor of the American Horse Breeder, who for 40 years has been a devoted and intelligent student and writer on the subject.

At a recent matinee meeting held at Phoenix, Ari., the McKinney family was much in evidence. In a race for free-for-all pacers Bystander, by Zoloch, son of McKinney, was the winner in 2:13 1-2 and 2:14 1-2, while Arizona, by Zombro, another son of McKinney, was second in the heat won in 2:13 1-2. In another race for 3-year-old pacers, the winner was Lillian Ooloch, by Zoloch, her time in the second heat being 2:24.

FOOTBALL.

Toronto, April 24.—A big crowd was at Sunlight park Saturday afternoon to witness Galt, champions of the Olympic games at St. Louis, and the Royal Canadians, champions of the Toronto Senior League, struggle for the Ontario Association football championship. The game was called

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THE CINDER TRACK.

Sydney, N. S. W., April 22.—Alfred Shrubbs, the English runner, won the three-mile and two-mile handicap races today. Arthur F. Duffy, the American sprinter, won the 100-yard dash from a flying start in 10 1-5 seconds, but the judge declared the race void. Duffy won the 60-yard handicap.

Lawrence, Mass., April 24.—John Graham, for many years holder of the world's record on the hundred yards dash, died here on Thursday, aged 53 years. He was the first man to lower the record for the hundred yards to ten seconds.

SPAIN LOVES BULL FIGHTS.

New York, April 24.—Bull fights were held Sunday in many towns all over Spain for the first time since the law prohibiting their being held on that day was promulgated, says a Herald despatch from Madrid. Owing to the popular opposition to the measure and to the protests from Toreadors, municipal authorities and others interested, the government suspended the law.

RO WING.

London, April 24.—A Sydney cable states that Towns has accepted Stanbury's challenge for the sculling championship of the world. In the event of losing Towns is to receive 75 per cent. of the steamer receipts. The match will be rowed either on Parramatta or Hunter river.

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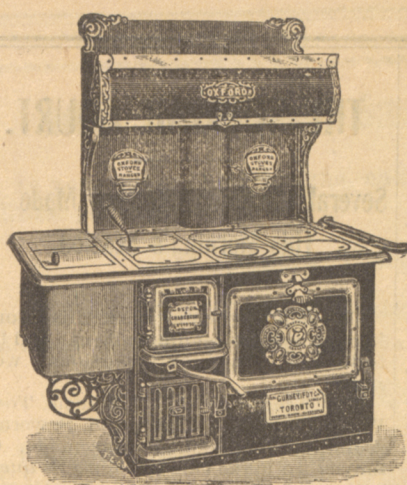
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