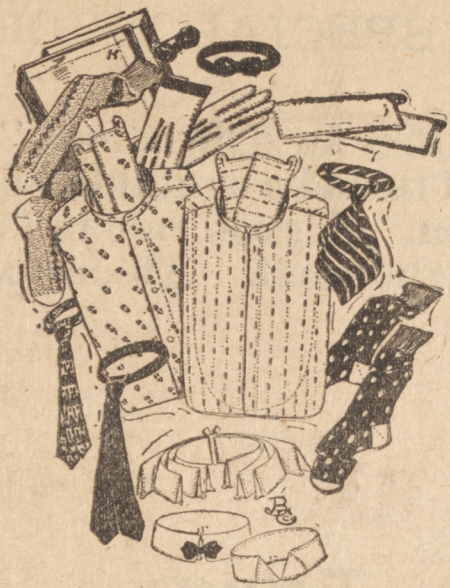


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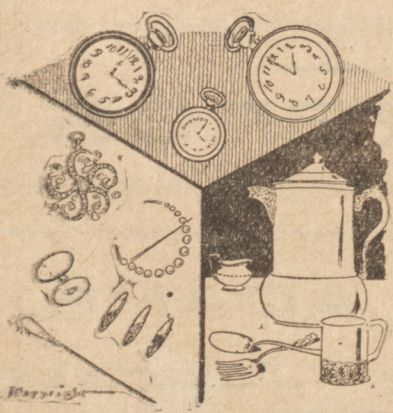
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THEY STOOD TEST WELL.

Male Prisoners on Blackwell's Island New York Permitted Temporary Freedom to Rescue Over 600 Women From Death.

REMARKABLE SCENE IN A CONFLAGRATION AT THE CELEBRATED PRISON.

New York, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Men forgot that they were convicts and remembered only they were men, on Blackwell's Island, early this morning, when the male prisoners marshalled by the keepers into a fire fighting and lifesaving corps, bore from the flaming floors of the women's ward, five hundred and ninety-four frantic women, and from the hospital beds fifty more.

Starting in a sewing room of the workhouse, from a cause not definitely decided, the fire had reached a fierce blaze at 2 o'clock when discovered.

The fire engine on the island proved inadequate, and a call for help was sent to the city department, but seven engines were not sufficient to save the women's workhouse from destruction.

On the top floor of the building were the cells for women and every one held one or two prisoners when the fire occurred.

The women became frantic with fright, and were soon choking with

dense smoke which filled all the halls, and cells.

That most of them did not perish, was due to the recent installation of a system, by which in an emergency every cell can be opened simultaneously with all others.

When the extent of the danger of the blaze became apparent the warden marshalled the regular fighting force of the employees, but the flames spread so fast that this force proved inadequate.

Then he decided to trust the male prisoner's sense of manhood and they stood the test well.

Released from the cells they were marshalled in small bodies and they entered the building and went to work fighting the fire and to rescue in utter disregard of danger to themselves.

The flames crackled about them, but they plunged through the dense smoke until they brought out in their arms the last of the women prisoners.

The fire was confined to the Women's Workhouse.

OSLER'S NEW SENSATION.

Celebrated Canadian Physician does not Believe in Death Bed Visions—His Own Experience.

New York, Dec. 20.—(Special)—A Baltimore despatch to The American says:

Dr. William Osler, now of England in his latest book says:

"Deathbed visions, believed by thousands, of which there are a score of supposed authentic records, are plain nonsense."

Moreover, he supports his declaration with 500 deathbed observations of his own, which, he thinks, absolutely proves that such reported visions are untrue.

In all these cases there was suffering and fear, but no thought of the future.

His observations is a startling contribution to a subject which has always keenly interested scientists,

clergyman, physicians, and is certain to provoke general discussion.

Dr. Osler says:

"As a rule, man dies as he has lived, influenced practically with the thought of the future life."

I have careful records of about 500 death bed studies, particularly with reference to the modes of death and the sensations of the dying.

Ninety suffered bodily pain, or distress of some sort, another eleven showed mental apprehension and positive terror, one expressed spiritual exaltation, and bitter remorse.

In the great majority gave no sign one way or the other. Like their birth, their death was sleep.

"The preacher was right," "Man had no pre-eminence over the beast. As one dieth so dieth the other."

TONIGHT'S GREAT FIGHT.

Fitzsimmons the Favorite in Betting Circles—Odds Against O'Brien 10 to 7.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—(Special)—There has been a change in the betting on the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien contest which takes place tonight. The volume of money which poured into the pool rooms last night and

this morning for Fitzsimmons has made the Cornishman the favorite.

Good judges of odds declare that when the men enter the ring Fitzsimmons will be the 10 to 7 choice. Both men are in fine condition.

ROSTHORN SCORCHED.

Prosperous Saskatchewan Town Suffered \$20,000 Loss by Fire.

Rosthorn, Sask., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Fire broke out in Loun and Rempel's store early yesterday morning, spreading north along the front street and destroying the Klondike Hotel and B. Wright's jewelry store.

It also spread west, and burned Franz Leven's residence, and the office owned by A. D. McIntyre and occupied by the International Harvester Company's collector.

The fire was stopped by tearing down B. Wright's jewelry store, thus forming a gap. Loss \$20,000.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The stock market quotations today were as follows:

Dominion Coal, 80, 81, 80.
Dominion Iron & Steel, 25 1/2, 25 1/2.
Dominion Iron & Steel, pfd., 74, 74, 74.

N. S. Steel, 67, 67, 67 1/2.
C. P. R., 173, 173 1/2, 173 1/2.
Twin City, 115 1/2.
Montreal Power, 89 1/2, 90, 90.
Rich. and Ontario Navigation, 69 1/2, 69 1/2.

FOUGHT IN THE NAVY.

Montreal Man Who Saw Heroic Service for the Empire.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The death occurred today of Henry Cleghorn after a month's illness, aged 73.

Mr. Cleghorn was born in Scotland and was well known in his time. He served in the British Navy in the Crimea, and the Chinese campaigns, and was presented with the Canton Medal. He lived in Montreal since 1859 and leaves a widow, three sons and one daughter.

The condition of Mr. D. E. Hamilton is reported slightly improved today.

Rev. William Ross of Prince William was in the city today.

Master Holly Lounsbury is home from Acadia College for the Christmas holidays.

PROVINCIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE.

Fredericton, Marysville, Moncton, Sussex, Sackville, St. Stephen and St. John Teams Entered in the Competition.

The New Brunswick Hockey League adopted a constitution and by-laws, made up a schedule for the winter's games, admitted three new clubs to its membership, appointed official referees, and cut itself loose from the M. P. A. A. all in one meeting last night at St. John.

The meeting was held at White's restaurant, where the president, E. L. Rising, had invited the delegates to supper.

The clubs and delegates present were:

Neptunes, E. P. Howard and E. E. Church.

Mohawks, H. E. C. Sturdee, W. C. Rising.

Fredericton, H. F. McLeod, C. H. Allen.

Marysville, W. H. Grey.

Moncton, F. W. Sumner, Fred Delahunt.

Sussex, J. D. McKenna, C. W. Short.

Sackville, H. Wood, R. Trites.

St. Stephen, Arthur McWha, J. E. Garing.

The delegates from the clubs in last year's league then proceeded to the election of officers. All the former officers were elected:

Hon. President, J. D. Chipman.

President, E. L. Rising.

Vice President, C. H. Allen.

Secretary, George McA. Blizard.

The Neptunes and Mohawks then formally withdrew from the League, and Messrs. Blizard, Sturdee and Rising became representatives of the St. John hockey team. Applications for a return to membership were made by St. Stephen and Marysville, and from Sussex for admission to the league. These were all passed by the executive.

The constitution and by-laws prepared by the secretary were adopted with slight amendments. The principal additions to last year's playing rules are the one concerning the definition of amateurs, the delay in starting games, power to expel members, and the taking over into its own hands the question of amateur standing of hockey players in this province.

The constitution takes the M. P. A. A.'s rule of an amateur and provides that if any player is suspected of not conforming to this a sworn affidavit shall, on request, be made out by him and his club, and also that if any team be found playing games so played shall be considered lost to that club.

For foul play or misconduct a player can be expelled from the League. A new point is made in the referee's starting the game—the puck must be dropped between the sticks and not laid on the ice.

All games must start not later than 8.30, and any delay of 15 minutes for which no reasonable excuse

can be given will cost the team causing the delay a fine of \$50. Lateness of trains is a reasonable excuse, but only when such trains are scheduled to arrive at least three hours previous to the time set for the game. This rule will force St. John players when coming to Fredericton at least, to take the early morning train.

The departure from the M. P. A. A.'s wing is not in the nature of a rupture, but it is expected that both associations will work together to develop amateur hockey in both provinces.

The representatives, one from each team, shall act as an executive.

Official referees were appointed as follows:

E. P. Howard, St. John.

R. Norman, Sackville.

Fred Delahunt, Moncton.

J. Tibbitts, Fredericton.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES.

The schedule adopted last night is as follows:

The first named town for each game will be played.

Jan. 2—Fredericton v. Marysville.

Jan. 2—Sackville v. Sussex.

Jan. 4—St. John v. Fredericton.

Jan. 4—Marysville v. Sackville.

Jan. 4—Moncton v. Sussex.

Jan. 5—St. John v. Sackville.

Jan. 9—Sussex v. St. John.

Jan. 9—Marysville v. St. Stephen.

Jan. 11—St. Stephen v. Fredericton.

Jan. 15—Moncton v. St. John.

Jan. 15—Marysville v. Sussex.

Jan. 16—Sackville v. St. Stephen.

Jan. 16—Fredericton v. Sussex.

Jan. 19—St. Stephen v. Marysville.

Jan. 22—Sussex v. Moncton.

Jan. 25—Sackville v. Fredericton.

Jan. 25—Sackville v. Marysville.

Jan. 26—St. John v. Marysville.

Jan. 29—St. Stephen v. Moncton.

Jan. 29—Fredericton v. St. John.

Jan. 31—Sussex v. Sackville.

Feb. 1—Sackville v. Moncton.

Feb. 5—Marysville v. St. John.

Feb. 7—Sussex v. Fredericton.

Feb. 8—Moncton v. Fredericton.

Feb. 8—Sackville v. Marysville.

Feb. 8—Sussex v. St. Stephen.

Feb. 9—Sussex v. Marysville.

Feb. 9—St. John v. St. Stephen.

Feb. 14—Fredericton v. Sackville.

Feb. 15—St. Stephen v. Sackville.

Feb. 16—St. John v. Moncton.

Feb. 20—Fredericton v. St. Stephen.

Feb. 20—Moncton v. Sackville.

Feb. 22—St. Stephen v. St. John.

Feb. 13—Marysville v. Fredericton.

Feb. 26—Marysville v. Moncton.

Feb. 27—Fredericton v. Moncton.

Feb. 27—Sackville v. St. John.

Mar. —Moncton v. St. Stephen.

Mar. 2—St. John v. Sussex.

Mar. 8—St. Stephen v. Sussex.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

One Man Instantly Killed and two others Perhaps Fatally Injured at Hampton.

Hampton, N. B., Dec. 20.—One man killed outright, two badly if not fatally injured, and others more or less cut and bruised, is the outcome of an accident yesterday afternoon at the G. & G. Flewelling Co.'s mill at Hampton Village, where a makeshift shed collapsed upon the men who worked under its roof loading trucks with edgings, and refuse boards which are used to feed the furnaces.

These edgings accumulate greatly in the summer months and are run out into the yard, where they are piled, sloping, in stacks, like piles of cordwood and left to rot.

After a time, and when hundreds of cords have been collected in these stacks, the tops are levelled off, scantling laid at intervals, and thereon boards placed, forming a rude but effective roof for shedding the rain.

Into this immense mass in winter time the men bore for material to replenish the furnace fires, which is run away on trucks built for the purpose. These run on rails between the two points.

As the fuel was hauled out day after day a wide, roomy space was formed, with a good deal of the material left overhead to serve as a protection roof from snow and wind to the men engaged in its removal. It seems that although some precautions had been taken by the boss of the gang, Eli Yeomans, to shore up the mass, they were insufficient to prevent the disaster which resulted in his own instant death and the terrible crushing and wounding of the men working for him.

Yesterday afternoon Eli Yeomans, a man long in the service of the

milling company, William Reid, also a veteran employee and a household name, George Baxter, connected with the mill for years, and William Myles a young Englishman, who has been here for about a week, were all busy at their accustomed labor, when without a moment's warning the overhead mass came down upon them and the sides bulged inwards, catching them and crushing them in the fatal trap.

Eli Yeomans, who was about sixty-five years of age, an old resident and a widower, without family, was instantly killed; William Myles of Birmingham, England, about thirty-two or thirty-three years old, who has been in this country something over three years and a half, but who has been in his present employment only about a week, was desperately crushed and bruised, and may yet succumb to his injuries; William Reid, nearly sixty, a man of family, residing on Station road, was badly cut about the head and face, and George Baxter, another workman, was considerably bruised, but not seriously.

Ready hands were soon busy in removing the wrecked material, and rescuing those who were suffering, as well as in caring for the poor crushed body of him in whom the spark of life had been extinguished.

Dr. P. H. Warnford was summoned and rendered every assistance to the living. Coroner Dr. F. H. Wetmore was sent for to view the body and decide as to an inquest. As he has been called away to Perry Point to attend a man who has received some injury to his face from an accident with a pipe-pole, no definite word of the time of holding the inquest can be obtained.