

BRIGGS TRIED TO END HIS OWN LIFE

Convict in Dorchester Yearned For Death

EVIDENTLY INSANE

St. John Man Sent to Penitentiary from Fredericton Was Almost Dead When Guards Came—Had Hanged Himself With His Braces.

MONCTON, N. B., July 31.—(Special)—A Dorchester report says that Briggs, a young man sentenced from Fredericton recently to a term in penitentiary for assaulting a girl, attempted suicide in his cell on Sunday night by hanging.

Briggs utilized his braces and shoe strings in an effort to end his life. He tied the braces to a clothes pole which he stuck through the cell window. The weight of the convict broke the pole before the crude death-trap got in its work and thus saved the man's life. When the guards found Briggs this morning he was lying on the floor of his cell at the point of death from strangulation. Restoratives were applied and the life of the determined suicide was saved. Briggs made an attempt to end his life while in jail at Fredericton. His attempt last night would have succeeded but for the breaking of the pole.

A colored girl sent to the penitentiary from Fredericton a short time ago gave birth to a child Sunday night. The preliminary examination of the Armstrong brothers, charged with stealing a lady's watch from an I. C. R. train going on in the police court today. J. E. Price's condition improved today.

THAT I. C. R. STRIKE

Supt. Ross Talks of the Alleged Trouble at Quispamsis.

Thirty or forty men employed by the I. C. R. at Quispamsis have stated their intention of going out on strike unless they receive \$1.50 a day. They are at present getting \$1.30, but claim they are entitled to the higher rate. They state that unless they get the increase they will not resume work on Tuesday.

Superintendent Ross today stated that \$1.50 per day is the rate paid to I. C. R. employes in the city; while in the rural districts, such as Quispamsis, the salary is \$1.30.

The reason for such difference Mr. Ross ascribes to the difference in the cost of living.

The superintendent was not aware as to whether any of the employes at Quispamsis resided in the city. If he ascertains that any of them live here he is of the opinion that they will probably receive \$1.50 per day.

In the first of the R. K. yacht races Saturday, the start was made at 2.30 p. m. and the Gracie M. crossed a winner at 4.24.30, closely followed by Robin Hood at 4.25.4. In the second race the decision in the race was not given, and will in all probability be withheld.

A SCHOOL TEACHER TELLS OF HER OWN EXPERIENCE

Miss Ella McAlary, of Alexandra School, Who Has Just Completed a Manual Training Course, Gives Her Opinion on the Subject.

"Of the thirty-six teachers who took the manual training course at Fredericton this summer, I have not heard one express disappointment," said Miss Ella McAlary, while discussing the subject with the Times.

Miss McAlary has but recently returned from the capital after a month's course at the Normal School under Mr. Kidner and his assistant Mr. Lynn, and is delighted with the benefits derived from her visit. Even the short course, she said, would not be otherwise than of very great value to the student. The very fact that in the construction of any one of the many useful and beautiful articles made by the students, nothing short of absolute accuracy will be accepted is in itself a very strong point.

The branches of manual training taken up by Miss McAlary consisted mainly of paper folding, paper cutting, pasting, color study and designing. She brought with her from Fredericton a most interesting collection of specimens of her work, consisting of bon-bon boxes, trays, letter holders, geometric solids, and various other articles of cardboard, as well as many designs in paper, which illustrate the great necessity of absolute accuracy.

A variation of the 94th part of an inch in the simple folding of a piece of paper, trivial as it may seem, must be repeated until correct. The construction of a small square pin tray, having flaring edges each representing the arc of a circle required two or three lessons before it could be completed. It is first drawn accurately on a piece of paper and the drawing is then copied on cardboard, then cut out, the lines to be folded being scored with a common drawing needle. It is then moulded into shape, the corners being fastened with yarn or

COAL DRIVERS THE OBSTACLE

Big Chicago Teamsters Strike May be Prolonged

BY VERY FEW MEN

Coal Teamsters Won't Yield, and Consequently the Well Developed Peace Plans Are Completely Wrecked.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 31.—With the capitulation of the striking teamsters nearly complete, and the release of Chicago from the oppression of the long labor war practically assured for today, a handful of coal teamsters have wrecked the well developed peace plans.

The coal drivers, 350 strong, voted unanimously to continue the strike. As a result the employers' association, it is said, may close the doors to thousands of their former employes who were to have been re-engaged today. The strike with police guarded wagons also will continue indefinitely. All manner of protests from other teamsters' locals failed to move the coal drivers in their determination.

"PEEBLES HAM"

(New York Tribune).

Lieutenant Peary was praising tea as a cold weather drink.

"In our dash for the pole," he said, "it will be hot tea that we will depend on rather than Peebles ham."

"Peebles ham?"

"Yes, Peebles ham," said Lieutenant Peary. "Did you never hear of Peebles ham?"

"Well, this is the story: There were two old Scotchwomen, Mrs. MacWhirter and Mrs. McBean, who met on the road one day and Mrs. MacWhirter says:

"Loch me, woman, yer far frae hame the day?"

"Aye," says Mrs. McBean. "I was just yont at Peebles. Sanders MacNabb, o' Peebles, keeps rale guid ham. Oor John, ye ken, likes a bit guid ham, and is aye yammerin' about the ham bein' over fat and over saut."

"Oor Tom," says Mrs. MacWhirter, "is the same way. There's nae pleasin' o' him yet' his ham. Faith, I'll have to gie MacNabb a trial."

"So Mrs. MacWhirter journeys into Peebles, and she says to Sanders MacNabb, the grocer:

"Gie's a pund o' yer ham."

"What kind," says Sanders, "wad ye like?"

"Oh, just the kind that Mrs. McBean gets," says the lady.

"MacNabb smiled faintly. 'A' richt,' says he. 'Whaur's yer hot be?'"

Donaldson line steamer Concordia, Captain Martin, sailed this morning for Greenock with a large cargo of deals.

DOINGS OF UNITED STATES AS TOLD FROM WASHINGTON

The Agricultural Department Leak---Uncle Sam's Government Faces a Big Revenue Deficit---Tariff Trouble in Porto Rico---The Yellow Fever Outbreak.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 29.—The new board of statisticians at the Department of Agriculture has made its promised report on the cotton acreage of the south. The board consists of four statisticians, supervised by assistant Secretary of Agriculture Hays, and the report is endorsed by him and "O. K'ed" by Secretary Wilson, so that there can be no question of its accuracy. The board did not seek to get new figures from the agents in the fields, as it was thought this would be an unnecessary expense, and this government is poor enough right now with its growing deficit staring it in the face. But the new board promised to do things to the complaints of the Islanders when Congress meets is a question. Cable advice states that a large meeting has been held, demanding more local self government and the abolition of the executive council which the president appoints in favor of a locally elected Senate. Probably a good many of the troubles that the Porto Ricans complain of show that the island is in better condition than it has ever been before, and in all probability the United States will be quite willing to let well enough alone and continue the government of the dependency as it has been doing. If the matter of tariff revision gets a hearing at all, the Porto Rican duties may be adjusted somewhat with a view to helping the Islanders earn an honest living. If it should be decided to put a duty on tea or coffee it would mean a great thing for Porto Rican coffee is acknowledged to be very good, and a slight change in the duty would vastly stimulate the growing of the berry in the island. The same is true of tea. The department of agriculture is rather under a cloud at present, but it has shown that tea can be grown in this country even as far north as the latitude of South Carolina, and while tea is not cultivated in Porto Rico at present, the planters would probably give it a good trial and forget all about their municipal grievances if this government gives them a chance.

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The Yellow Fever Cases

The yellow fever outbreak in the south is engaging all the energies of the marine hospital service here and there are large orders going forward for every precaution against the spread of the disease. Considerable ehagin is shown that the fever should get such a start under the very noses of the officials of the service, and it is tolerably certain that some of them are going to get hauled over the coals when the active work of fighting the fever abates, that is of course, if something else does not crop up causing everybody to forget about the outbreak by that time.

The Revenue Deficit

The question of meeting the revenue deficit has called out a long interview from Representative Livingston of Georgia on the subject of reimposing the stamp duties. He says that the most sensible thing would be to revise the tariff, but as there is no hope of that with the present congress, the next best thing will be to revive the war taxes that were especially framed to meet an emergency and to put the burden on the people who have bank accounts and write checks and on those who deal in patent medicines, stocks, bonds and grain futures. Republican politicians on the other hand are all for retrenchment and will not hear any talk of additional taxes till the scheme of clipping appropriation bills has been tried to the uttermost.

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EARL GREY IS PLEASED

Governor General's Eyes Opened by a Visit to the Dominion Iron and Steel Works.

SYDNEY, N. S., July 31.—(Special)—Their Excellencies, Earl and Countess Grey, and party, who reached this city yesterday, landed this morning and paid a private visit to the plant of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

Every department of the works was visited and much interest shown in the different operations. The vice-regal party saw pig iron being manufactured at the blast furnaces, saw ingots made, blooms rolled, and steel rails manufactured, and also rods turned out at the rate of a mile per minute. His Excellency the Governor General expressed much satisfaction at the visit and remarked that the works would no doubt prove of great commercial importance to Canada.

Earl Grey opens the Sydney carnival this afternoon.

PHILADELPHIA LEADS

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—The international cricket match between the Marylebone eleven of England and the Gentlemen of Philadelphia was resumed today. P. H. Stark, the not out of Saturday, and W. B. Morice opened the batting for the locals. When play began today Philadelphia led by 207 runs.

THE MARSHALL CUP

The Captain Marshall cup was shot for on Saturday last in connection with the Solomon cup when the competitors were able to shoot only the 200 yards range. The 500 yards range will be shot for on Saturday next.

Mrs. J. G. Sommer, of New York, sang at yesterday morning's service in Centenary church, and in the evening at German street Baptist church. Mrs. Sommer possesses a remarkably sweet soprano voice.

A CHRONIC COMPLAINER

Wearry Husband—Doctor, I don't see why you can't cure my wife of her aches and pains! Doctor—Sir, I have great regard for the opinion of your wife, and if I should cure her of her aches and pains she'd never forgive me.—Detroit Free Press.

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ST. JOHN OARSMEN AT SYDNEY REGATTA

Carleton Crew in a Practice Spin Make a Good Impression.

SYDNEY, N. S., July 31.—(Special)—The St. John oarsmen to compete in tomorrow's regatta have been putting in hard and steady practice since their arrival in the city. The Carleton crew were out quite early this morning, going over the course a few times, their stroke being much admired by the large number of spectators.

PROBATE COURT

Accounts in the estate of the late John Sijms Williams were passed. J. Roy Campbell appeared for Wm. M. Jarvis, the administrator.

A petition was presented by Dr. G. O. Baxter calling upon Ellen Lawlor and Henry Dolan to show cause why they should not file their accounts as executors of the last will and testament of the late Michael F. Lawlor. Citation granted. E. R. Chapman, proctor.

Letters of administration of the estate of the late Daniel O'Donnell were granted to his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin. S. A. M. Skinner, proctor.

A petition was presented by Elizabeth McLean for ancillary probate of the last will and testament of Margaret Adams, late of Yarmouth (N.S.), and who left personal property in this province to the amount of \$900. J. R. Armstrong, K.C., proctor.

THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE

The A. M. E. conference met today. Financial reports were read and showed \$124 as total receipts by the conference. The pastors of the various churches presiding fairly good salaries. Presiding Elder Coleman was transferred to the United States conference. Appointments to charges were read, and it was expected that the conference would close today.

The St. John W. C. T. U. will hold a devotional meeting in the rooms Germain St. tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

THE READER

Neither staff nor ship I take,
Neither staff nor scrip I take,
This the heavenly bread I break,
This the brook where thirst I slake.

All alone I walk this way:
Yet a joyous company,
Heroes, martyrs, bold and gay,
Are my comrades day by day.

Give me the avowed, the erect, the manly foe,
Bold I can meet—perhaps may turn his blow;
But of all plagues, good Heaven, thy wrath can send
Save, save, oh! save me from the Wraith Friends!

—G. Canning.

THIS CLERGYMAN WAS A MURDERER

SUNDAY SHINE MADE TROUBLE

Peter Petropolos Reported for Sabbath Desecration

UNDER OLD ACT

Crown Will Rest Case on the Act Passed Before Confederation --- Petropolos to Fight for Sunday Shines.

Peter Petropolos, the proprietor of the shoe-shining parlors on Charlotte King and Dock Sts., has been reported by the police for conducting his business in the Dock and Charlotte St. establishments on Sunday July 31st.

Policeman Ross looked after the Charlotte street parlor and reported the proprietor and his employees, George Merion, Nicol Trembl and Andrew Petropolos.

Policeman Scott added the proprietor's name to his report also, with Sava Condi, Michel Merion and Thomas Drietas. The cases will come up tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock before Magistrate Ritchie.

It is understood that the cases against the boot-blacks will be tried under the following act enacted previous to confederation: "Whoever shall openly desecrate the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, by shooting, gaming, sporting, playing, hunting, drinking, or frequenting taverns, houses, or by evile work (works of mercy or necessity excepted) shall for every offence pay a fine not exceeding 40c, or be committed to gaol for a term not exceeding forty days."

Since the enactment of the foregoing act, a case coming under the act was appealed to the privy council, the argument that the act was passed prior to 1867 being set up by the defence. The court held on appeal that the act was valid, but held further that the enactment of acts of a similar nature (so it is understood), should be vested in the power of the Dominion government and not in the provincial legislature.

It is understood that there was an act passed about three years ago by the provincial legislature relative to the Sabbath observance.

All such cases are, however, tried under the old act, quoted above, presumably on account of the decision in the case appealed to the privy council.

Mr. Petropolos, proprietor of the establishments reported, stated to the Times today that yesterday was the first Sunday that he was instructed to close his places of business, and said that he could not account for such a request, as the boot-blacks in Boston, Montreal and all the leading cities do business on Sunday.

He further stated that he considered that he had as much right to do business on Sundays as the hotels, restaurants, or the street railway.

Mr. Petropolos stated that if he had to close on Sunday all the boot-blacks would leave town in the fall, and not return. The people, he says, want to get their boots shined on Sundays so as to look clean, and he is willing to do it.

The proprietor stated that soon the people would have to stop walking on the streets on Sundays in St. John, and "no day at home" Saturday till Monday." Mr. Petropolos has engaged A. W. Macrae to look after his interests in court.

A public temperance meeting will be held in the Church of England Institute Orange Hall, Germain St. this evening at 8 o'clock. Speeches will be delivered by the M. W. P. of the National Div. Sons of Temperance of North America, W. B. Burgoyne, of St. Catharines, Ont., and W. Whitman, of London, representing the temperance movement are specially invited.

YELLOW JACK BRINGS MUCH DISTRESS TO NEW ORLEANS

Italian Laborers Unable to Obtain Employment in Fever Stricken City May Become Public Charges---Steamer at New York Free From Disease.

With Others He Plotted to Wipe Out a Family

TALE OF A FEUD

Two Were Killed, But the Others Fought Back and Beat the Murderers Off---Terrible Tale of Vendetta in the Southern States.

VALDOS, Ga., July 31.—Rev. J. G. Rawlins early yesterday was found guilty as accessory to the murder of the two children of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Carter and unless a higher court intervenes Rev. Rawlins and his sons, Milton and Jesse, and Alf Moore, a negro, will have to hang. The Rawlins' sons and Moore were found guilty of the murder some time ago.

Both Rawlins and Carter were for years ministers in the Methodist Church. A feud started and Rawlins plotted to wipe out the Carter family. It was arranged that Moore, and Milton, Jesse and Leonard Rawlins were to go to the Carter home and kill the parents while they sat at their supper table. When the children ran out they were to be shot down. The assassins, however, arrived after the evening meal and could not shoot through the windows at their victims.

Some noise caused Willie and Fannie Belle Carter to run into the yard. Instantly the guns of the murderers spoke and the girl fell dead. The boy, shot through the body, dragged himself into the house and told who had done the firing.

All night long Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Carter crouched in their home. Through crevices in the log house the Carters could see the assassins creeping about the yard but whether their daughter was dead or not they could not learn. Finally Rev. Mr. Carter reached his rifle and fired through a crack in the door. The shot caused the murderers to flee. Moore confessed the plot.

NOVA SCOTIA IS EXCITED

The Halifax Recorder asserts his belief that if the government chooses the St. John Valley route for the G. T. P. every Nova Scotia member of the commons will resign.

"ROJEY" CAN SIT UP

TOKYO, July 31.—Admiral Rojestvensky's condition has made satisfactory progress since the operation was performed on his forehead. He was able to leave his bed and sit in a chair yesterday. Pains in one foot, however, prevent his walking freely, but no cause for uneasiness exists. The admiral has expressed his sincere satisfaction at the treatment accorded him.

A PUNITIVE EXPEDITION

AMSTERDAM, July 31.—The Dutch expedition sent against the rebels in the state of Bondi, in the island of Celebes, out of the Sunda Islands in the East Indies, inflicted severe punishment on the natives, 29 of whom were killed. The fortification of Badjoewae, one of the chief towns, was razed by the guns of the expedition.

EMINENT LAWYER DEAD

NEW YORK, July 31.—Edward Lyman Short, general solicitor of the Mutual Life Insurance Company since '89, died yesterday at his home in this city from heart failure. Mr. Short was widely known in his legal world.

The concert at Westfield on Saturday, in aid of the funds of the Methodist church at Woolastock, was well attended and proved unusually attractive. Among those who took part were Mrs. F. G. Spencer, Miss Mary Bailey, Miss Titus, Miss Ella and Annie Smith, Miss Olga Smith, Masters Eric Titus and K. Robt. and J. A. Kelly and deWitt Cairns. The 9.25 train was held for the benefit of the performers and those visitors from the city who attended the concert.

NEW ORLEANS, La. July 31.—Much distress is beginning to appear among the Italian population growing out of the practice of expelling of the fruit business from Louisiana on account of quarantines. While the six day detention order of the board of health lasts it is expected that all the lines which have been operating as to its cause. Some thought it was caused by a forest fire on the shoulder of Ben Lomond, but the absence of smoke discounted this theory. One or two superstitious persons thought it was a "sign," and one man who had surreptitiously borrowed a neighbor's axe hastened to return it, so that he would not be found with the goods.

The phenomenon, however, was not supernatural, nor was it caused by a conflagration on the shoulder of Ben Lomond. It was the reflection of the smile that lit up the countenances of the waterworks contractors when they read in the morning papers that they would have no bills for extras.

The Times New Reporter

A GREAT DISCOVERY.

Supt. Murdoch has been a very busy man for some days past, as a result of the flooding of the tunnel on the waterworks extension. He has had in his laboratory samples of the water taken from the tunnel, and from the reservoir at Silver Falls, for comparison. He has also been taking soundings and borings at various points between the reservoir and the tunnel.

discovered by the picks of the workmen in the tunnel, miles away.

Like all great scientists, Supt. Murdoch is not as much concerned about what shall be done with the Leak, if it actually has been found, as he is with the fact that he has discovered it after years of patient toil.

Another authority, however, doubts whether it is the Leak or not, and wants the water analyzed, to discover if it contains minerals. He is inclined to believe that the discovery is an extremely fortunate one, and that a municipal sanitarium may yet be established on the spot, for the benefit of aldermen and city officials.

It is expected that the matter will come before the water board on Wednesday, and that it will be referred to a committee.

A GREAT LIGHT.

The attention of persons living near

Courtenay Bay was attracted on Saturday morning by a great light in the north-eastern sky. There was much speculation as to its cause. Some thought it was caused by a forest fire on the shoulder of Ben Lomond, but the absence of smoke discounted this theory. One or two superstitious persons thought it was a "sign," and one man who had surreptitiously borrowed a neighbor's axe hastened to return it, so that he would not be found with the goods.

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