

DOCTORS PUZZLED OVER THIS CASE.

Two Women Died in New York After Being in Trance Fifteen Days --- Said They Unconsciously Hypnotised Each Other and Could Not Awake.

New York, March 24.—One of the most remarkable cases in the experience of the doctors of the Presbyterian hospital, in this city, ended today, in the death of Miss Luella Heustic, of Mount Vernon, who, with her mother, Mrs. James H. Heustis, had been in a trance for fifteen days prior to her death. More than two weeks ago, both of the women were found unconscious in the house of Henry W. Heifer, a lawyer of this city, who was acting as their counsel, and on whom they had called for legal advice. They are supposed to have been asphyxiated by gas. Neither had since recovered consciousness, and physicians and hypnotists were puzzled by their unaccountable coma.

with very slight change in her appearance. A singular fact is that the young woman's mother, who lay in an adjoining room, began to show signs of the approach of death soon after the death of her daughter. Like her daughter, the mother also is greatly emaciated, and the physicians at the hospital say that her low vitality is due practically to starvation. Until yesterday it had been expected that both women would eventually be aroused from their coma. Superintendent Fisher of the Presbyterian hospital said to-day it was the most remarkable case he had treated. "We are at a loss to account for it," he said. "The cases have attracted the attention of men of science all over the country, but no theory that can be advanced has been of any service to us."

TO WELCOME THE TURBINE.

Allan Line Invites Cabinet Ministers to Meet New Steamer at Halifax.

Ottawa, March 24.—(Special)—The cabinet ministers have received invitations from the Allan Line Steamship Company, to go to Montreal on Tuesday next, and proceed to Halifax, to meet the new turbine steamer, Victorian, of the company, at Halifax. A special train will leave Bonaventure station, Montreal on Tuesday for Halifax. The party will go on board the Victorian, at Halifax, and will proceed to St. John. The special train from St. John, is expected to reach Montreal on Sunday, April 2 at 6 p. m.

FIRE RECORD.

Village Wiped Out—Two Fatal Fires Last Night.

Sunman Ind., March 23.—Fire to-night destroyed almost every building in Sunman, causing a loss of \$60,000.

Boston, March 23.—An exploding kerosene lamp set fire to the clothing of Miss Mary Warren, 70 years old, at her home in Roxbury to-night, burning her so severely that she died soon after.

Miss Warren lived alone in a lower tenement and her cries were heard by her sister, who lived upstairs, but who was unable to render assistance until it was too late.

Howard City, Mich., March 23.—Two children of Mr. and Mrs. George Hysell have been burned to death in their home at Alanson, where the father is a mill employe. The mother on discovering the flames in the house, rushed out for help. The roof fell in just as she returned and the children perished.

EMPEROR WILLIAM.

Dover, Mar. 24.—The steamer Hainburg from Cuxhaven yesterday with Emperor William on board bound for the Mediterranean, called here today for despatches and proceeded, salutes were exchanged between the forts and the escorting German armored cruiser, Prince Friedrich Karl.

REJECTED ARBITRATION.

Willemsstadt Curacao, March 24.—It is announced from Curacao, Venezuela, that President Castro has replied to Minister Bowen's final proposal for arbitration, denying that Venezuela has questions pending with the United States, saying the case of the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company must remain in the courts.

Washington, March 24.—Minister Bowen cabled the state department today, from Caracas that President Castro had flatly refused to arbitrate the pending issues between Venezuela and the United States.

BIG STICK NEEDED.

San Domingo, March 24.—It is rumored that at a meeting of the Jimenez party it was resolved to telegraph to the followers of the former aspirant to the presidency at Monte Christi to prepare for a struggle. The government is taking precautions to meet coming events. The situation, although now quiet, is very critical.

THE WORLD OF CRIME.

Three Tragedies Recorded in Last Night's Despatches.

Geneva, N. Y., March 23.—Joshua Vindicti, an Italian, who was stabbed Monday, died at the City Hospital to-day. His alleged murderer, Antonio Diloreto, is still at large. Philadelphia, March 23.—Dominic Narra, an Italian, was called to the front door of his home in the Italian quarter in this city tonight, and shot dead by Angelo Carapellotti. The latter declared that Narra had insulted his wife. Carapellotti escaped.

Wheeling, W. V. A., March 23.—Mystery surrounds the death of Miss Hulda Schubert, whose dead body was found lying in a gully about twenty yards off Chapline Hill road, near this city, this afternoon. The ghastly find was made by Frank Smith, an iron worker, who is reported to have been engaged to be married to Miss Schubert. The girl was the daughter of William Schubert, a farmer on Chapline Hill. She was seen alive last when she left her home on Monday morning to go to her place of employment in the city.

The autopsy over the remains this evening revealed the fact that one of the arteries in her neck had been ruptured, presumably while in a struggle with the murderer, whose motive was perhaps robbery, as the girl's watch and chain and two rings which is known to have had on her person, when last seen, were missing.

A QUESTION OF FREIGHT RATES.

Ottawa, March 24.—(Special)—The sub-committee of agriculture appointed to enquire into the question of discrimination in freight rates on agricultural products, and live stock, on the part of railways, made its report today. The committee reported, after taking considerable evidence, that there was discrimination between different points and recommended that the railway commission should investigate the matter. D. A. Gordon, of East Kent, was chairman of the committee.

EAGLE WILL SCREAM.

St. John, N. B., March 24.—The Newfoundland government has ordered the customs collectors throughout the island to refuse American fishing vessels licenses to procure bait in colonial waters, because the United States Senate balked the Bond-Hay treaty. The advocates of retaliation against the Americans say they can make the crusade as effective against Gloucester, as they have already made it against St. Pierre.

DISMISSED FROM COURT.

New York, Mar. 24.—A St. Petersburg's despatch to the Herald, dated Thursday, says a member of the nobility and two pages have been dismissed from court service. This action causes a sensation, coming so soon after the dismissal of another page, a few days ago. The dismissal of the first page followed the discovery of a plot to facilitate the forwarding of threatening letters into the imperial palace.

THEY SURELY NEED ONE.

Montreal, March 24.—(Special)—In view of the recent shortage in material to extent of \$80,000, the Montreal harbor board has decided to create a new office of controller.

THE RUSSIAN PRESS CLAMORS FOR PEACE.

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FIRST ADVANCES. Russian Bear (tentatively), "AHEM!"

CHARGE OF FORGERY. Neil McLean Arrested at Sydney --- More War-rants Out.

Sydney, N. S., Mar. 24.—(Special)—Neil McLean was arrested here today on the charge of forgery, alleged to have been committed in connection with the business of Armstrong and Sutherland, building contractors of Glace Bay, who felled last fall with liabilities of about \$12,000.

At the time of the failure it developed that they were indebted to the Bank of Montreal some \$5,000, secured on forged promissory notes. Sutherland left the country, and went to the States. Armstrong gave himself up to the authorities but was not prosecuted. McLean was employed by the firm, and is alleged to have been the maker of the forged notes, under instructions of his employers. He returned to the city a few days ago, and kept in hiding until today, when he was located and placed under arrest. Warrants have also been issued against several parties on the charge of harboring McLean, while a fugitive from justice.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

An Uneventful Morning in the House at Fredericton.

Fredericton, N. B., March 24.—The Public Accounts Committee this morning had an uneventful session. The account for contingencies passed with little criticism, as was the case with the account for Education. The expenses of the executive government also passed with little comment. Some time was spent on the account for free grants, and the committee expressed the opinion that a detailed account by the commissioners should be required by the department in every instance. The Municipalities Committee met this morning and discussed the two Fredericton bills. The first, which provides for a fire limit and a building inspector, aroused no opposition, and was quickly passed with a few verbal amendments. Under its provisions the district bounded by St. John Street, Brunswick, Smyth and the river, was constituted a fire district, within which none but stone and brick buildings, or wooden buildings from twenty to thirty feet in height with non-combustible roofs can be erected. It was suggested by Mr. Hazen that in a certain part of Queen Street only brick and stone buildings should be erected. It was suggested that the portion of Queen Street from St. John to Westmoreland and on the side streets as far as King, should be thus set apart. This suggestion will go back to the city council for their approval.

PUGILIST DYING.

Was Knocked Unconscious---Several Arrests Made.

Philadelphia, Pa., Mar. 24.—John Hill, a negro pugilist, is in a dying condition at St. Agnes' Hospital here, as the result of a six round bout last night, with "Kid" Dorsey, also colored, at the Broadway Athletic Club.

In the sixth round of the bout, which had been hotly contested, Hill was knocked unconscious, when the usual remedies failed to revive him, he was hurried to the hospital. After fourteen hours treatment, he is still unconscious. The proprietor of the club and the seconds of both men were arrested.

RELYING ON UNCLE SAM.

Berlin, March 24.—The foreign office replies to an inquiry of the Associated Press, as to whether the report that Great Britain and Germany were pressing Santo Domingo for a settlement of the claims of British and German subjects was correct, said the German government was satisfied to leave Santo Domingo and her obligations to foreigners, entirely in the hands of the United States, and that consequently Germany was not pressing Santo Domingo for the payment of debts due to German subjects.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Lancaster, Pa., Mar. 24.—David Eshelman, a farmer of Manor Township, shot himself about two weeks ago with suicidal intent. He was taken to a hospital and recovered sufficiently to be sent to his home last week. Today he again shot himself in the head, dying instantly. He was melancholy over the death of his wife.

REMAINS OF ST. JOHN MAN Believed to Have Been Found on Banks of Red River.

Winnipeg, March 24.—(Special)—Corporal Schultz, and other members of the Mounted Police, at Red Deer, Alberta, are making an investigation, in reference to the finding, some days ago, of human bones on the bank of the Red River, at what is known as the Canyon.

The remains of the body consist of a leg, several ribs, a thigh bone, and a piece of upper jaw, containing three teeth, one of which contains gold filling, and it is by the latter that the police hope to identify the remains. They are supposed to be the remains of N. B. Colwell, of St. John, N. B., who came to Red River, after serving in the South African war. A year ago last July, so the story goes, the young man, with a companion named Ferguson, was taking some goods down the river, when the craft grounded on the island. Colwell got off to shove it off into deep water, when it suddenly shot out into the stream and left him on the island. This was the last ever heard from Colwell, and it is believed the bones are those of the missing man.

GENERAL TRACEY DEAD.

Was a Member of the Papal Zonaves Years Ago.

Albany, N. Y., March 24.—Former Congressman, better known as General Tracey, died at his home here early today. He had been ill for some months. Pope Pius X cabled to General Tracey last Monday, the papal benediction. General Tracey was born in Albany 57 years ago. While studying in Europe he enlisted in the papal Zonaves and served two terms. He was a member of congress from this district from 1887 to 1895, and during his congressional term was one of the leading Democratic opponents of free silver, being chairman of the national committee of the gold Democratic party. On June 14, 1883, General Tracey married Miss Helmine Duchesnay, of Montreal, Que., who, with four children, and his brother, James F. Tracey, of this city, survives him.

CAN'T KILL HIM.

Fell 60 Feet and Then 80 Feet and Still Lives.

St. Paul, Minn., Mar. 24.—After a fall of eighty feet, the second accident of the kind within a year suffered by James Costello, a bride worker, he is not only alive, but may not be permanently injured. He was repairing the high bridge over the Mississippi river here yesterday, when he fell from the false work. Striking a barge, he bounded off into shallow water and was picked up by another workman and taken to a hospital. Last September, while working on a high building, Costello fell 60 feet, but landed in a pile of soft clay. He was not injured severely, and was in the hospital only a short time.

The Times New Reporter.

The aldermen who were frozen out by the Citizens' League are in communication today with Lieut. Peary, who is going to the north pole.

Some people believe that when Lieut. Peary starts for the north pole he will head his vessel for Nova Scotia. They believe the pole has moved to the region of the Foleigh mountains.

Bathing parties on the public streets of this city should contribute to the revenue. The city council provides the public baths at street corners and other suitable places, and those who avail themselves of the privilege should pay for it. The funds are needed by the council.

The ferry committee went out the other day and has not since been heard from. There is talk of organizing a search party.

Reliable information at hand today states that Jimenez contemplates another descent on San Domingo; rebellion is threatened in Guatemala; Turkey is very angry at Germany; and Ald. Holder is determined to probe certain rumors respecting the relation of civic officials to the McLeod wharf.

men could enjoy the healthy exercise of walking fifty yards or so, when they felt like it. It is felt that the people of Fredericton were not sufficiently considerate when they made their sidewalks, and the legislature will be asked to intervene. No man merely because he happens to be a member of the government or legislature, it's outrageous.

There is still good skating in the rinks at Fredericton, and on some of the streets of St. John.

Mr. Peter Binks and Mr. James Jones held an indignation meeting this morning. Neither one of them was asked by the executive of the Citizens' League if he would consent to be an alderman. It is quite possible that both of these popular gentlemen will be in the field.

POLITICAL GRIEVANCE.

The legislature will be asked to make a grant for the sidewalks of Fredericton. They are so smooth that honorable gentlemen from the country have to take coaches, and a judicious distribution of crack knolls would make the sidewalks more homelike, and the honorable gentlemen