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THE WEATHER.

Fresh to strong westerly winds, mostly fair and a little cooler. Tuesday, westerly winds a few scattered showers, but mostly fair.

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ONE CENT

THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SINKS IN BOSTON HARBOR

Big Steamer Now Lies in Ten Fathoms of Water.

Bound for Savannah, She Struck Ledge in Harbor and Backed Off Into Deep Water--Crew Escaped and Rowed Back to Dock.

BOSTON, Nov. 4.—The steamer City of Birmingham of the Ocean Steamship Co. struck a ledge in the harbor early today while bound out to Savannah, and sank in ten fathoms of water about two miles below her dock. The crew escaped.

The steamer, having made a special trip north with a cargo of cotton, started about 1.30 a. m. for the south. At a slight bend, where the channel enters what is known as the Middle Ground, the Birmingham hit an obstruction. She backed off into deep water, but before the full character of her damage was known, her engine room was flooded and fifteen minutes after striking, she sank.

Her crew had no difficulty in getting into the steamer's boats and rowing the two miles back to the dock. The tide was four hours ebb, and when the steamer backed off into deep water, the current, swinging her stern round so that she was headed almost back to the city. She lies with her upper deck above water, about half a mile from the lower end of the Castle Island. The steamer probably can be saved.

BYE-ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

That is Now the Opinion at Fredericton--Death of Miss Mary Phillips.

FREDERICTON, N. B. Nov. 4.—(Special)—Miss Mary E. Phillips, eldest daughter of Richard H. Phillips, city health inspector died this morning after a lingering illness from tuberculosis, aged thirty-three years. She was at one time on the teaching staff of the Model School, but on account of ill health was compelled to give up work and go to California. She returned home last summer and has since been confined to her home. News of her death will be received with regret by a large circle of friends.

Besides her father, she is survived by one brother, R. L. Phillips, traveler for Randolph & Sons, and one sister, Miss Etta Phillips.

Miss Ella Thorne, Jean Cooper and Nellie Babbitt left for Montreal Saturday evening to attend the King's Daughters' convention.

Miss Louie Tennant, daughter of James Tennant, is to leave this evening for Vancouver on an extended visit.

The annual meeting of the Curling Club is to be held Wednesday evening.

Bishop Richardson confirmed eight candidates at Durham Bridge yesterday morning and eight at Marysville in the afternoon.

The monthly meeting of the local government will be held this evening and Wednesday. It is generally believed that there will be another session of the legislature and that writs for the bye-elections in Northumberland, Kings and Gloucester will be issued sometime this month.

MARY JANE SMITH WANTED TO END IT

She Threatened to Commit Suicide and Was Speedily Arrested.

Mary Jane Smith, aged 21 years was arrested Sunday night on an unusual charge. She had threatened to commit suicide and could not give a satisfactory account of herself to the police.

She was today examined by Coroner Berryman who recommended that she be taken to the Almshouse.

Patrolman McCollom found her sitting on the steps of the Salvation Army Citadel, Charlotte street, and tried to persuade her to go home. She refused to go and declared she intended to take strychnine and commit suicide. She told the official she had tried to obtain strychnine but was unable to get it. She intimated that she would take her life at the first opportunity.

BURNED TO DEATH IN OIL EXPLOSION

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 4.—(Special)—Marjorie Mason, aged fourteen years, was burned to death on Saturday. She was attempting to light a fire with coal oil when the stove exploded and her clothes caught fire. The child was terribly burned about the body before neighbors arrived and she died a few hours afterwards.

A TALE OF WOE

Harry Desmond, a colored resident of Spar Cove road, called at the police court this morning and poured a tale of woe into Judge Ritchie's ear, declaring that George Davis, his wife's brother, who he stated had "served a term in a crazy house," had been going about the house in "birthday attire" and had beaten and kicked Mrs. Desmond.

Davis will be brought to court and examined as to his mental condition.

WELLS-THOMAS ASSAULT CASE

Thomas Fined \$20 in the Police Court This Morning--Other Cases Heard.

The Wells-Thomas assault case, in which Mrs. Wells, of 125 Sheriff street, charged Arthur Ernest Thomas with assaulting her in her home on Saturday morning last was finally disposed of this morning when Judge Ritchie decided against the defendant, fining him \$20 or two months in jail.

Both plaintiff and defendant were called to the stand and Mrs. Wells wanted to withdraw the charge, but his honor informed her that this would be impossible. Thomas denied the charge, saying that he went to the plaintiff's house to get a pair of boots and found Mrs. Wells in a very weak and semi-conscious condition, and when he spoke to her she threw up her arm and struck him in the face, her ring causing a slight cut. She asked him at the time how he dared strike her, but he tried to convince her that he had not. He had been home--or rather at his boarding house--only a short time when Patrolman Finley appeared with a warrant for his arrest.

His honor did not seem to take much stock in the defendant's explanations, which were rather amusing, and as already stated imposed a fine of \$20 or two months in jail.

This case may be regarded as a sequel to the Wells divorce suit, told of in the papers a few weeks ago. Thomas was boarding at the Wells home, Sheriff street, when the husband and wife separated, and it was to his presence that the husband attributed the trouble.

Thomas, who saw active service in the South African war and was a member of the garrison police in India, declared that it was always his wont to protect women. He had been on duty in the Tower of London, he added, and had papers to show "from Lord Russell himself."

The case of Thomas McGuinn against George Garnett, for assault was resumed this morning when Edward Ross, Garnett's bartender was called to the stand and swore that on Thanksgiving afternoon McGuinn was in the defendant's bar room, and had a couple of drinks, after which he could "kick" any man there and made a pass to strike Garnett who stepped aside and McGuinn landed on the floor, cutting his face. Witness denied receiving \$5 from McGuinn and said he had a hard time to get his money for the drinks. McGuinn went out with the others at ten o'clock.

Edward Williams and William Kennedy were also sworn in as corroborators of Ross' statements and said he heard McGuinn call Garnett a bum.

Adjournment was made till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Wm. Golding, charged with striking Mrs. Minnie M. Wolfe, in her home, Brussels street, last Wednesday, was also in court. Two witnesses were examined and both stated that they saw Golding's hand raised and heard the blow struck. They also heard Golding remark "I struck her, and I said 'woe'."

The case stands over for three days.

John Cain, who has been in on remand for begging on Main street was again in court, today, when testimony was taken against him. The evidence showed that he had been in several stores on Main street and asked for money. Among others he asked Mrs. Bartlett who gave him some cakes. Patrolman Henry said Mrs. Bartlett told him she had given him money before and had afterwards seen him coming out of barrooms. Cain has been in on charges of vagrancy on several occasions and his honor said he remembered him some ten years ago when he professed to be selling vegetables on Paradise Row. Cain seemed to think the charge against him was hardly fair. He was remanded for the present.

The case against James De Vine for keeping a bawdy house on Brussels street, and Annie De Vine and Chas. Anderson for being inmates of James De Vine's house, was resumed today. Patrolman Marshall was examined and swore that on Saturday he, with Sgt. Campbell and Patrolman Lee had visited the De Vine house and found evidence to justify them in arresting the proprietor and inmates on the charges already mentioned.

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William Swanton forfeited \$8 on a jail charge, and James Harrington, who on Saturday morning was released from jail and was arrested for drunkenness the same day, was fined \$8 or two months.

BUTTER AND EGGS

According to information obtained from local dealers, butter, especially dairy packed, is beginning to come into the market in larger quantities, and although this would seem to indicate lower figures, there is no prospect of an immediate change.

Eggs are reported scarce, and since Saturday the price on cased goods has advanced from 25 to 26 cents, and extra fresh cased eggs would command as high as 27 cents a dozen.

Dealers say that those who have purchased in large quantities seem unwilling to sell, evidently being under the impression that they will be able to secure higher figures later in the season.

JOHN BUNYAN'S WILL

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio, Nov. 4.—While searching among old papers in the attic, Mrs. M. K. Covington, of Huntsville, discovered what purports to be the last will and testament of John Bunyan, author of "Pilgrim's Progress." The document is of parchment, yellow with age and is dated December 23, 1685. Mrs. Covington's ancestors came from England many years ago.

DOCTORS PRONOUNCE COLLINS SANE THOUGH A MORAL DEGENERATE

Drs. Murray, Lewis, Randall and Marvin Say Mary Ann Macaulay's Murderer Is Thoroughly Responsible For His Actions.

The mental condition of Thomas F. Collins, who is sentenced to death for the murder of Mary Ann Macaulay has been the subject of considerable discussion since the Evening Times on Saturday published the exclusive story that Collins had been examined by physicians as to his sanity.

Sheriff Lynds, in a conversation with a representative of a morning paper, denies some of the statements made in the Times article, notably the suggestion from Dr. Murray that Dr. Anglin should be engaged as an expert alienist to examine Collins. Sheriff Lynds says this suggestion was not made in his hearing.

A Times correspondent has interviewed Dr. Murray of Albert, and Drs. Marvin, Randall and John T. Lewis, of Hillsboro, the physicians who made the examination, and obtained from them statements of just what did happen, and of their opinion as to the prisoner's case.

Dr. Murray said that on October 30 he received a letter from Sheriff Lynds asking him to go to Hopewell Cape and make an examination of Collins. This Dr. Murray did, going to see the prisoner on Oct. 31. He had a long talk with Collins, who told him the story of his life. Dr. Murray says Collins showed a remarkable memory and seemed to be in good health and spirits. He spoke but little of his impending doom, and seemed to avoid the subject. Collins impressed Dr. Murray as a person who regarded crime very lightly, and did not realize the consequences. He told the doctor that until he had been instructed by Rev. Mr. Worden, Baptist clergyman, he did not know it was wrong to frequent houses of ill fame or to tell falsehoods.

After interviewing Collins Dr. Murray saw Sheriff Lynds, and to the sheriff made the following statements:

1. "Collins does not appear to have a proper conception of the enormity of his crime."
2. "I would style him a moral degenerate."

Sheriff Lynds then said: "Then, Doctor, from what you have spoken you must consider Collins is not responsible for his actions."

Dr. Murray replied: "I will not say Collins is not responsible."

Sheriff Lynds asked the doctor if he would recommend a commutation of the death sentence, and the doctor replied: "No I will not." He said however, that he was not an expert alienist and recommended that Dr. Anglin, of St. John, be called. Sheriff Lynds replied: "Doctor, I am paying for this examination myself."

Dr. Murray said also that he found Collins was a victim of certain habits which would affect his mentality. Such people, when angry, are dangerous, but not irresponsible.

Dr. John T. Lewis, of Hillsboro, said he examined Collins at the request of Sheriff Lynds on Nov. 1, and found him in good health. He talked with the prisoner for some time. The prisoner proved to be mentally lacking in some respects, but Dr. Lewis would not certify he was irresponsible. The doctor was not certain at whose instance he made the examination.

Dr. Edward Randall said that a number of people requested him to see Collins and on Nov. 1 he made an examination of him. He noticed from his talk that his "mind seemed soft on some points," but on other points he was all right. He did not seem to realize his position. Dr. Randall would not say that Collins was not responsible. Dr. Marvin said he had seen Collins on several occasions the last on November 1st. He pronounced Collins a moral degenerate and found that alcoholism had had an effect on his ancestry, particularly on the maternal side. Dr. Marvin, however, refused to say that the prisoner was not responsible for his actions. On the contrary, he considered him entirely responsible and would not give an opinion to any other effect.

BANK OF ENGLAND TAKES STEPS TO PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST GOLD DEMANDS

LONDON, Nov. 4.—The persistent demands from America for gold, in spite of the recently increased rate of the Bank of England, caused the Bank of England this morning to raise its rate from 5 1/2 per cent. Although an increase to this rate next Thursday would not have surprised the market, the announcement of the rise today occasioned somewhat of a flurry locally. It is considered, however, in financial circles to be the natural outcome of the unfavorable New York bank statement. When the Bank of England's rate was raised to 5 1/2 per cent. on October 31, it was thought that the position in the United States was clearing satisfactorily, but the continued engagements of gold at a loss of 2 to 3 per cent on the exchange rates, caused a recrudescence of nervousness in the discount market, and rates were put up 5/8 to 6 per cent in endeavor to assist the bank to protect its reserve, but the futility of the efforts is shown by the fact that since Thursday the United States has drawn from the bank substantial sums aggregating \$5,000,000.

Egypt has also recommenced withdrawing gold from the bank.

Financial circles here now incline to the belief that the six per cent rate will suffice, and that no further advance will be necessary, particularly if the Bank of France renders its promised aid. All demands of nervousness in the stock exchange of alarming proportions from America.

The rise in the Bank of England's rate of discount, coupled with the unsatisfactory position in New York, as revealed by the New York bank statement, caused a depression all round on the stock exchange. Consols decreased 2 1/2 and Americans were offered in many cases at a point below parity without finding buyers. The position here however is regarded as being sound, and the declines registered today were more the nature of a sentimental marking down of quotations than actual selling.

HORSE MEETS A WATERY GRAVE

Valuable Animal Belonging to de B. Carritte Drowned in Lower Cove Slip.

Between nine and ten o'clock this morning a valuable horse, the property of de B. Carritte & Co., Water street, was drowned in the Lower Cove slip. The horse and sloop were in charge of McNamara, one of Carritte's drivers. He had backed up to the shed preparatory to loading rosin. While McNamara was inside the shed, the horse, becoming frightened at something, started to back and before the driver could reach him, horse and wagon had gone over the wharf. Efforts to save the horse were unavailing. The tide was high at the time. The wagon and harness were gotten ashore. The horse was a valuable one.

Miss Jean Maxwell who has been spending Thanksgiving in the city returned today to resume studies in Mount Allison Ladies' College.

The Norwegian steamship Ragnarok, Captain Paulsen, arrived this afternoon from Philadelphia with a cargo of coal for the C. P. R.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE OUT OF THIS PORT

St. John is to have another steamship line. It is known as the Scotia Steamship Co., and will operate a line of steamers between St. John, Halifax, Cuba and the principal Jamaican ports. Furness Withy are agents at Halifax and Wm. Thomson & Co. will have charge of the business at this port. Two steamers will be utilized in the service, the Senator and the Amanda. They are both practically new boats, designed especially for trading to the West Indies. They are splendidly ventilated throughout, ensuring safe transportation for perishable goods in the warm climates to which they sail, and steam pipes provide a proper temperature in the colder climates. There is also excellent accommodation for first-class passengers.

The steamers will make fortnightly trips. The Senator sailed from Halifax about the middle of last month and the Amanda is now loading at Halifax. They have not called at this port yet, but will come here, Wm. Thomson & Co. say, as soon as there is business enough to warrant bringing the boats around.

The steamers are reported to be very speedy, making an average of 13 knots.

Allan Crawford, a former St. John boy who has been engaged in cold storage work in Boston, has been appointed assistant manager for the new Brunswick Cold Storage Company's plant, which is now nearing completion.

WANT STUBBS FOR MONTREAL

To Take Part in the Race There Next Saturday--Subscriptions Asked For.

HALIFAX, N. S. Nov. 4.—(Special)—It is proposed to send the five men who came in first in the Evening Mail ten-mile road race on Thanksgiving Day, to Montreal, to take part in the race there on Saturday next (King's birthday). Subscriptions to defray expenses are being asked for through the newspapers. Stubbs, of St. John will be one of the men to go.

THE COAL SUPPLY

The steamer Ragnarok is expected to arrive here this afternoon from Philadelphia with a cargo of soft coal for the C. P. R. The railway company have contracted for 6,000 tons to be brought here by this steamer.

The importation of soft coal from the U. S. is an outcome of the Springfield strike which has made a great shortage in the supply.

The steamer Elaine met with an accident to her machinery Saturday when making her up-river trip. She had to lay to for an hour and a half in Grand Bay while repairs were being made.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A LOCAL INDUSTRY.

St. John, Nov. 4, 1907.

Times new reporter:

Sir—Can you tell me how many days the Ludlow has been on the ferry route since last spring. However, that has nothing to do with her value to the city. The Ludlow is an important local industry, giving constant employment to quite a number of mechanics and helpers. She has not been listed by the industrial committee of the board of trade, but that is their mistake. She should have been listed. She often has a list, they say, but

that is neither here nor there, although it is generally a list to port. However, the Ludlow was granted free water and exemption from taxation, with a bonus of \$80,000, and she has proved her value as a local industry by affording support to a considerable industrial population. The rumor that she was to cease operations as an industry and begin as a ferry boat today was without foundation. The mechanics are still busy.

In Quebec, the beaux, Turgeon and Bourassa, are today awaiting the answer of Belle-Chasse. The banns will be published tomorrow.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says that if the preachers arouse a sentiment against bribery in elections some of his neighbors will have to dig up a new source of income.

OUR NEW MASTERS.

The rumor that the civic board of works would close the sidewalks on King street and make the people walk in the middle of the street is not confirmed. It is admitted, however, that the board could do so if it so desired. The citizens should have a large and solemn respect for the board since the recorder handed down his opinion regarding its legal powers. The city council may shortly be abolished.

Some employees of the waterworks, envious of the distinction won by the department of public works, set their tripod on the crossing of Germain street at the market this morning and forced the ladies to take to the mud. The common people must be taught their place.

PROHIBITION COMMISSION HELD FIRST SESSION TODAY

CRIMINAL STATISTICS Annual Report of Department of Justice Issued Today.

OTTAWA, Ont. Nov. 4.—(Special)—The annual report of the department of justice was issued today. It is for the nine month period ending March 31st. There were in custody in the penitentiaries of the dominion on March 31st, 1,143 prisoners compared with 1,439 on July 1st, 1906. In Kingston on March 31 there were 460; St. Vincent de Paul, 410; Dorchester, 211; Manitoba, 216; British Columbia, 142. Besides these there were 42 in Alberta jail since made the penitentiary for the two western provinces. There were 157 paroles, 29 pardons, 12 deaths and one escape during the nine months. The one successful escape was from Alberta. The number of absolutely illiterate in the prison population was 17 per cent, married, 434, single, 948, widowed, 41. There were 14 per cent total abstainers, 44 per cent temperate, and 42 per cent intemperate. Lads under 20 constitute 11 per cent of the total and it is safe to say, adds the report, that not more than 1,000 of this class is benefited by the penitentiary experience. There were 83 Canadian, 221 from Britain, 14 from the British possessions and 315 alien.

PROBATE COURT

Judgment Given This Morning In the Estate of the Late Francis G. Jordan.

In the probate court this morning Judge Trueman gave his decision in the estate of the late Francis G. Jordan.

His honor allowed that the sewer built on the property was to be treated as a permanent repair and be charged to the fund. The sum of \$4,000 deposited in the Savings Bank to be given to Mary Shea, a servant, would bear its own expense, as no provision had been made relative to securing the interest intact. The sum of \$12,000, also in the Savings Bank, was to go to James Jordan, son of the deceased; it having been deposited in two separate lots, viz., \$7,000 and \$5,000.

Under the provisions of the will, at the expiration of ten years the real estate was to be sold and distribution made as follows: \$250 to the Home for Aged Females; \$250 to the Protestant Orphan Asylum, and the balance to be divided among the nieces and nephews of the deceased in their equal proportions.

As the estate of the late Mr. Jordan is a vested estate, the portion belonging to each of the heirs is to become the property of their heirs at their death.

It was also allowed that after the lands belonging to the estate were sold, James Jordan was to receive two shares, and as there are eight heirs, he comes in for two tenths.

His honor treated the document as a will, and in the bequest of \$500 to James Jordan, who had been away for ten years, allowed him the interest, dating one year after his father's death.

The \$12,000 in the Savings Bank was to bear its own commission, and a commission of five per cent was to be allowed on the \$4,000 deposited in the Savings Bank for Mary Shea, and charged to the residuary of the estate if there was not sufficient money in the fund to bear its own expenses.

The real estate fund is to bear all fees, advertising expenses and the costs of the attorney on the sale of the estate.

Under the terms of the will Mrs. Shea was to get such household effects as she required, but the terms were not sufficiently broad to include personal property.

"MOST PREACHERS ARE FAT HEADS"

This Is One of the Sentiments Held By a Leader of the Doukhobor Pilgrims.

FORT WILLIAM, Nov. 4.—(Special)—The Doukhobor pilgrims are a collection of interest in the city. The band here now numbers 78, and all are quartered in one house in one of the principal streets. Yesterday morning eighteen children, who are in the party, paraded the principal streets chanting their songs of praise. The older members held a meeting on Main street at noon and one of their number addressed the large crowd of citizens in English for over two hours. The speaker's views were largely of the socialistic variety, although there were some striking statements, among them being the following: "Faith should be abolished; work should not be made a hobby; animals should not be killed nor used as beasts of burden; all forms of government should be done away with; the most of the preachers are fat heads." The party will remain here for the winter and will start out for Montreal in the spring.

THE BY-ELECTION IN COLCHESTER

OTTAWA, Ont. Nov. 4.—(Special)—The writ for Colchester, N. S. was issued today, nomination on the 21st, and election on the 28th.

TO INSPECT THE I. C. R.

OTTAWA, Ont. Nov. 4.—(Special)—Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways, with Deputy Minister Butler left today for an inspection of the Intercolonial railway.

A RAILWAY WRECK

DANBURY, Conn., Nov. 4.—A bad railway wreck is reported near Redding, on the Berkshire division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and several of the injured have been brought to a hospital.

MORE BANK HOLIDAYS

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 4.—Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamation declaring today a legal holiday in Oregon, and announced that he will declare each succeeding day a holiday until after the present money stringency has ended.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nason desire to thank their many friends at McAdam and Tracey for their tender and thoughtful expressions of kindness and sympathy in their great sorrow caused by the death of their son.