



The Evening Times

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Moderate westerly winds, fair. Sunday, westerly wind, fair, with about same temperature.

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ONE CENT

SHOCKING TRAGEDY IN WESTMORLAND COUNTY

Six Year Old Mildred Milven Burned to Death.

Her Clothes Caught Fire From Lighted Lamp - - Parents Away at Time of Accident - - Child Lived Five Hours in Awful Agony.

MONCTON, Jan. 18.—(Special).—Mildred, the six-year-old daughter of John Milven, of Indian Mountain, parish of Moncton, was burned to death on Wednesday as the result of the child's clothes catching fire while handling a lighted lamp.

The parents were away from home at the time. Mr. Milven being in the woods and Mrs. Milven being with her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Rogers, a nurse or more distant.

In the house at the time the unfortunate accident occurred were three children aged 15, 9 and 7 years respectively. While the eldest girl was out getting a pail of water the boy aged 9 years and the child Mildred aged six years went down cellar for potatoes. Fearing they might break the lamp chimney the boy took it off and carried it leaving the lighted lamp in the care of his little sister. In some manner the child's clothing caught fire from the lamp and before the flames could be extinguished the little one had been terribly burned about the body and face.

The eldest girl ran to the door and for her father and Mrs. Milven was also hastily summoned home only to find the youngest child suffering excruciating pain and almost lifeless.

Medical aid was summoned from Moncton but by the time the doctor arrived the child was barely alive and death came as a happy relief a few minutes later. The little sufferer lingered in awful agony about four or five hours after the accident being conscious all the while. The parents were greatly shocked over the tragic death of their child.

THE ROADS ARE POOR

River Driving is Reported Good, But Snow is Greatly Needed by the Farmers.

There has been crossing on the river by teams at Millville the past day or two, and in this way considerable country stuff has been brought to market. The driving on the river has been good generally, but further up country the snow is so light on the roads that crossing is of little use to the farmers, as they are unable to use runners to or from the river.

SHOWERS OF COAL

Followed Collision of Coal Cart and Street Car in Main Street Yesterday.

A collision on Main street about 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, caused some little excitement. Car No. 33 while going down Indiantown hill struck a coal laden wagon with bags of coal, breaking the bags and sending the coal in showers all over the street. The driver, George Rogers, went to the hospital, and a collision was inevitable, jumped and probably saved himself from serious injury. Other than the bending of an axle, there was no damage done to the cart. The horse being clear of the track, escaped. The horse and cart are the property of Jackson Rowan, coal merchant.

COMMITTED FOR PERJURY

In the police court this morning Mrs. William Seabury was sent up for trial on a charge of perjury in connection with the case against her husband, who was arrested last Saturday night for assaulting her in the yard adjoining their house in Erin street, and who, when brought into court this morning, was fined \$20 or two months in jail.

His honor reminded Mrs. Seabury that when placed on the stand last Monday to give evidence against her husband, she had denied that he had assaulted her, and declared she did not call out "murder," despite Patrolman Brown's statement to the contrary. Another witness had corroborated the statements made by Brown, thus establishing her guilt. When asked if she had anything to say, Mrs. Seabury replied in the negative. She will be tried on the fourth Tuesday in February.

Samuel Jones, who has been in on record for stealing nuts from a C. P. R. car at Sand Point, was also in court and was sentenced to thirty days in jail with hard labor.

William Baker and Edgar Burnett were further remanded on a charge of breaking and entering Magee's tin shop on German street and stealing the till, containing three cents and a number of papers.

The prisoners, Jacobs and Rogers, who have been in on record for theft, were sent back to jail for three days.

Beth McLeod, who was ejected from the Dufferin Hotel last night, and later arrested for drunkenness, was remanded. Dennis Sullivan was fined \$8 or thirty days, also for drunkenness.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Mulvey, widow of late Arthur Mulvey in the death of her son, William, which occurred at Rockport, Mass., after a lingering illness. The body arrived at noon today on the Boston express, accompanied by deceased's mother. The body will be taken charge of by Undertaker Chamberlain.

ADMIRAL SATO DENIES SENSATIONAL STORIES REGARDING JAP FLEET

TOKIO, Jan. 18.—The constitutionalists at a general meeting today passed resolutions supporting the government measure to be submitted to the Diet. Marquis Saionji, the premier, in a speech emphasized the amicable relations between Japan and the powers. He said that the immigration problem was practically settled with Canada, and that he confidently expected a satisfactory understanding with the United States. The progressives will hold a general meeting tomorrow at which Marquis Okuma, leader of the opposition, is expected to make an address. It is reported that the meeting will probably adopt a lengthy manifesto severely criticizing the government in its financial and diplomatic policy and its home politics generally.

Reports attributing sinister designs to the Japanese naval administration in connection with the Pacific squadron are absolutely unfounded. Vice-Admiral Sato, minister of the navy in an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press today said:

"We have no secrets from America concerning the distribution of our fleet. Daily reports showing the whereabouts of every vessel which can be easily ascertained are public. In view of the sensational reports emanating from various quarters we desire emphatically to say that no vessel of the Japanese fleet is any nearer the Pacific coast of America than Yokosuka. Every one of the battleships is now on the home station either at Yokosuka, Kure or Sasebo and the entire flotilla of torpedo boats and submarines are at the same stations.

"The only Japanese war vessels now out-

side of home waters are one cruiser at each of the following Chinese ports, Hankow, Fuchow, Amoy, and Yin Chow, two at Shanghai and three small ships at Korea. A training ship squadron consisting of three old cruisers, will sail on January 25th, one of these vessels is going in the direction of Colombo in Ceylon via Manila where she will call on a friendly visit. Any statement differing from this is absolutely without foundation."

Vice-Admiral Sato was evidently surprised that any idea prevailed abroad that Japanese war vessels were cruising in the direction of America. Commander John A. Dougherty, the American naval attaché, when he was shown Vice-Admiral Sato's statement, said: "I can positively confirm the statement of the minister of the navy from my own knowledge of the Japanese naval situation."

MURDERERS AT \$30,000 EACH

Black Hand Society Offered This Sum to Men Who Would Kill Three Men.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 17.—John Schlatta, alias "Scarletta" and Salvatore Lupo, alleged black hand men, who are charged with being members of the gang who dynamited the residence of Joseph Di Giorgio, in Walbrook, a suburb of this city, December 10 last, are behind the bars in Baltimore.

Schlatta was brought here today from Cleveland, where he had been resisting extradition for the last two weeks, and Lupo arrived last night from Harrisburg in custody of local detectives. He was arrested in Buffalo a fortnight ago, but had been held at Harrisburg since last Sunday. Lupo, it is alleged, has made a confession of his part in the attacks upon Di Giorgio.

The information gained by the Baltimore detectives during the trailing of "black hand" suspects in Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Cleveland, has disclosed that the organization offered a prize of \$30,000 to any of its members who would murder Joseph Di Giorgio, of Baltimore; Joseph Sunseri, of Pittsburgh; and Nuzio Battaglia, of Pittsburgh. Sunseri and Battaglia are close business and personal friends of Di Giorgio. Attempts have been made upon the lives of all three, but they were unsuccessful. Threats have also been made against the lives of the police officers and others engaged in prosecuting the Di Giorgio case.

EXPLOSION IN A GAS STATION

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—(Special).—There was a terrific explosion in the east end station of the Montreal, Light, Heat & Power Co. at 4 o'clock this morning. 500,000 cubic feet of gas exploded causing \$30,000 damage, but provisionally no loss of life. A strange feature of the accident was that buildings close by escaped while others half a mile away were badly shattered.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The annual meeting of the St. John Scarlet Chapter, L. O. L., was held last evening and the following officers were elected:

John Burley, Sir Kt. W. C. in C. Wm. Simpson, Sir Kt. D. in C. A. J. Armstrong, Sir Kt. Com. Chap. D. McArthur, Sir Kt. scribe. Chas. Ward, Sir Kt. marshal. Geo. A. Earle, Sir Kt. herald at arms. R. Goodrich, Sir Kt. 1st Lect. Geo. Blair, Sir Kt. 2nd Lect. R. Brewster, Sir Kt. 1st Con. Chas. White, Sir Kt. 2nd Con. W. H. Sulis, Sir Kt. inward herald. Geo. Gray, Sir Kt. outward herald.

FUNERALS

The body of William Douglas Mulvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mulvey, who died in Boston on Thursday last, arrived in the city by train this morning and was taken to Chamberlain's undertaking rooms on Mill street. Arrangements for burial are not yet complete.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curran, who died at 9 o'clock this afternoon. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The missionary meetings to have been held tomorrow in Carmichael street church have been postponed until Sunday January 26th, when Rev. Geo. A. Ross of Hampton, will preach in the morning and in the evening there will be addresses by Rev. Mr. Ross and Rev. Geo. M. Campbell.

Fourteen deaths were reported at the office of the board of health for the week ending today, as follows: Heart disease, three; burns, asthma, scurvy, bronchitis, tuberculosis, Bright's disease, acute nephritis, heart failure, scarlet fever, peritonitis, and congestion of lungs, one each.

KEEP PUBLIC OUT OF COURT IN THAW CASE

Jerome Wants Even Newspaper Men Excluded While Evelyn Is On the Stand.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The most astonishing move that has yet been made by either the prosecution or the defense in the trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the wilful murder of Stanford White, came yesterday when District Attorney Jerome asked the court to exclude from the courtroom the public, including the newspaper writers, during the trial by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, of the story she told on the stand during the first trial. The district attorney has given no hint of his intended action and even Mr. Littleton, of the defense said he had not considered the matter before although he quickly added his request to that of Mr. Jerome. Justice Dowling did not rule on the point further than to say that he thought if such a motion was to have been made it should have been made at the first trial and announced that he would take the question under consideration and give a decision on Monday. At the first trial hundreds of people were excluded from the courtroom every article to secure admission while young Mrs. Thaw was telling her story on the stand. The lines were drawn tight even then, only a few outsiders and those persons who had influence with the court officers securing admission. There were a few women in the courtroom when the story was begun and Justice Fitzgerald stopped the testimony to give those of them who desired an opportunity to leave the room. Not one of the few women who were excluded so far as the court was concerned had any opportunity to get a large portion of young Mrs. Thaw's young life out of the record and it was believed that she would attempt to keep her from repeating the story she says she told her husband about her relations with Stanford White. Whether the motion to exclude the public means that he has given up this idea is not known.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Funeral of the Late Geo. W. Allen, M. P. P., Held This Afternoon—The Curriers On Tour.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 18.—(Special).—The mortal remains of the late George W. Allen, M. P. P., were laid to rest this afternoon in the Forest Hill cemetery.

Beautiful weather prevailed, and many prominent citizens turned out to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased. The body was taken to the cathedral at 2.30 o'clock, and a most impressive service conducted by Rev. Sub-Dean Street, assisted by Bishop Richardson. The choir rendered the beautiful hymns "Weary of Earth," and "Son of My Soul." Rev. Sub-Dean Street conducted the service at the grave.

The chief mourners were T. Carleton Allen, E. H. Allen, J. D. Hazen, John C. Allen, W. N. Allen, C. H. Allen, King Hazen, Thomas C. Allen, W. Delaney Allen and J. A. Winslow. W. T. Whitehead, John A. Campbell and W. M. Burns, M. P. P.'s, represented the legislature.

Members of the local bar and officials of the local government walked in the procession. There were no pallbearers, but the body was borne to and from the hearse by two brothers and four nephews of the deceased.

There were many beautiful floral offerings including wreaths from barristers and government officials.

Fredericton curriers leave here on their annual tour on Monday morning going first to St. John where they play the Thistles and St. Andrews clubs. On Wednesday they play at St. Stephen. It was originally intended to send six tinkers but possibly only four may be got together.

E. Biden who committed suicide at Amherst yesterday at one time resided at Stanley in this county and has a wife belonging to the place. The family originally came from England. George Biden postmaster of Lower St. Mary's is a brother of the deceased.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Baptist church was held last evening and the reports presented showed that the church has had a very prosperous year.

The amount collected for church purposes totalled \$2940. The amount collected for all purposes was \$5,585.

THEY SENT THE CONTRACT BACK

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 18.—(Special).—The New Zealand Union Steamship Company, that had a contract with the Dominion government for a subsidy for a steamship service between Vancouver and Australia, has returned the contract unsigned. Last July the contract was prepared by the Canadian government on an improved service and sent for a signature. It has now been sent back. The contract expired last August, so that Canada is not paying any subsidy at present. Some correspondence is going on between Canada and Australia over the subject.

CONCERT AT MOUNT ALLISON

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 18.—(Special).—A very enjoyable promenade concert was given by Mount Allison University Athletic Association in the university residence last night. Among those taking part in the programme were Miss Dorthea Brown and W. Roy Smith, of St. John. Miss Brown sang most acceptably, Somerset's Song of Sleep and Dora's May Morning. Mr. Smith played a violin duet with Miss Dora Knight of Amherst, and in instrumental trio with Miss Ayer and John Guy.

WINNIPEG HORSE WON

GRAND JUNCTION, Tenn., Jan. 18.—The running of the Allage stakes of the United States field trials was concluded yesterday, and Rockland, owned by John Cotton of Winnipeg, Man., was accorded first honors.

MILITIA APPOINTMENTS

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 18.—(Special).—Lt. Col. F. S. Moore and Lt.-Col. R. S. White have been appointed brevet colonels, and Major A. H. MacDonald, assistant Lieut.-General, has been made deputy quartermaster general.

W. A. Stewart returned to the city on the Boston train today. Geo. G. Sovell, M. P. P., of Gagetown, came in on today's Boston train.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

GLOUCESTER COUNTY EXCITED

CARAQUET, Jan. 18.—(Special).—The statement made by Mr. Burns, M. P. P., that there is a falling off in the catch of candidates for the legislature in this county is resented here, and will not do Mr. Burns any good when he comes before the people. This county has long been famous for its lumber, fish, wild geese, iron mines and candidates, to say nothing of the Caraqueet bog and the phantom ship of Ray Caraqueet. At this season of the year, when the residents along the Caraqueet shore are enjoying the peaceful fruits of the summer and fall operations on the farm and in the fisheries, and among the wild geese, they take to politics as naturally as a duck to water, and the thirteen candidates already in the field are merely the vanguard of the host that will appeal for the votes of the electors from Tabusintac to Pokemouche and Shippeagan, and from Miscou to the Restigouche county line. Mr. Burns will find that belittling the capacity of Gloucester county to produce candidates will not strengthen his own chances for election. The people are quite put out about it.

ADDITIONAL HIGH HONORS FALL TO CHESTER MARTIN

IMMIGRANTS ARE STARVING

N. B. Rhodes Scholar Wins Beit Prize at Oxford

Large Party of Foreigners in Desperate Straits in Hamilton, Ont.

HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 18.—(Special).—Rev. Dean Mahony has called attention to the fact that over 1000 immigrants, consisting of Roumanians, Armenians and Hungarians, living in the northeastern section of the city are without food, fuel or money, and unless assistance is given them they are in danger of starving and freezing to death. The men, when they were working, sent their wages, except enough to keep themselves, to their families at home, the result being that when work became scarce they were without money. The city authorities will take steps to furnish temporary relief.

KILLED IN AUTO SMASH

Baltimore Hotel Man and His Wife Met Death in An Accident

BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—George Billups, proprietor of Billups' Hotel, Park Heights and Howard avenues, and his wife were instantly killed early today by being thrown from an automobile at Park Heights avenue. Leo H. Shad, of Eldridge, the owner and driver, was seriously injured. In turning a curve the machine slid and upset. The automobile was completely wrecked.

WILL BE DEALT WITH ON MONDAY

The circuit court opened at ten o'clock this morning and contrary to expectation the prisoners Charles Ritchie and James McElheny who yesterday pleaded guilty to attempting to enter J. A. Likely's office on December 24th, had not been sentenced. His honor said that he had intended to dispose of the young men today, but other matters relative to their case had been placed before him and he had been unable to give them the necessary consideration.

Both prisoners were remanded until Monday morning at ten o'clock and court adjourned until then.

SEA CAPTAIN FINED

Captain Jensen, of the Norwegian steamer Hurd, lying at North Rodney wharf, was before Judge Ritchie this morning for discharging coal without having a tarpaulin stretched from the vessel to the wharf, and was fined \$20. The captain seemed to think that such action against him was not justified, as he was ignorant of the law. His honor informed him that he might be able to arrange with the common council for a refund of the fine.

THE ORURO IN PORT

The West India steamer Oruro, Capt. Bale arrived in port this morning from Bermuda, Windward Islands, and Demerara. Capt. Bale reports a rough passage with heavy north west gales. Last Thursday night was very stormy, with a heavy sea running but the steamer came through it without any damage. Only one passenger came in the steamer, a Mr. Wallace from Bermuda, going to Pictou, N. S.

The steamer is consigned to Messrs. Wm. Thomson & Co. which firm has been appointed as agents for the Pickford & Black Company. She has cargo for this port and Halifax.

LIQUIDATION OF SOVEREIGN BANK

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—(Special).—The liquidation of the Sovereign Bank started this morning under the direction of members of the Bank of Montreal. The bank had two offices in this city, one on St. James street and the other on St. Catherine street. The downtown branch has been taken over by the Bank of British North America and the uptown branch by the Bank of Toronto. There was no excitement when the offices were opened this morning.

HE DROVE A BREAD WAGON IN ST. JOHN FOR 50 YEARS

And Now David Mitchell Has Sold Out His Business and Gone Back to Job He Held 50 Years Ago.

After being in business 50 years to go back to the old place where he learned his trade is the unique position of David Mitchell aged 79 years of 27 Castle street.

Mr. Mitchell, who is a baker, has driven his own bread wagon for the 50 years he has been in business and his many customers will miss the cheery face of the old man as he made his daily rounds. Mr. Mitchell retired from business as he felt that he should not have the care as the years advanced. He has been a member of the old firm where he served his time, Messrs. T. Rankine & Sons, and he, though old and not able to work alongside of the younger men, felt that for old times' sake he might be given a chance so that the last years of his life would not be put in idleness. He was taken back, and though death has called away some of the old firm and there have been many changes in the way of doing things Mr. Mitchell feels happy now that he is back at the "old home." A Times man who had a chat with the veteran baker at the Rankine establishment today was surprised at the brightness and cheeriness of the grey bearded chieftain. 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