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THE WEATHER.
Southwest and west gales, clearing.
Thursday, fresh westerly and northwesterly
winds, fair and becoming colder.

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ONE CENT

NEW YORK SOCIETY AMAZED AT THEIR LEADER'S CAREER

Mrs. John Van Ness Roberts, Who Committed Suicide, Shown to Be Notorious Louise Vermeule, the "Queen of the Tombs,"--Secured Entree to Most Exclusive Circles.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Amazement is being shown on every hand, especially among the social leaders of New York, at the startling discovery that has just been made that Mrs. John Van Ness Roberts, society leader and friend of nobility, who died in her apartments of strychnine poisoning on Friday, is none other than the notorious woman swindler, Louise Vermeule, whose operations have several times placed her behind the bars. That the two women are identical there can be little doubt, but the woman who has entertained her in their homes or who have gathered at her dinners at the swell hotels, are loath to accept the proof.

In the last few years the woman who was known as the "Queen of the Tombs," who had been tried twice for forgery and against whom seventy-eight complaints appeared at the time of her trial, had wormed her way into the most exclusive social set in this city, hobnobbed with the nobility of England and Germany, got her name in the Social Register and probably would have succeeded in hiding her identity for many more years if she had not swallowed the poison when she realized that her swindling career was about to end in her arrest.

None of the friends of Mrs. Roberts would believe yesterday she was Louise Vermeule. It was hard for them to realize that the handsome, vivacious brunette, who gave many entertainments in the Waldorf-Astoria, who seemed so wrapped up in her work of ministering to the poor, was swindling men and women in various parts of the country when she was attending to her social and charitable duties. General Williams, who was told last night that the woman whom he had escorted to Prince Louise's ball was a notorious swindler, who had spent many months in the Tombs, he had known her only as Mrs. Roberts and had believed she came of one of the best families in the country. General Williams said he met her in the home of a prominent society woman, and that when

A COLLISION AND RUNAWAY

Street Car Collided With W. J. Lane's Team Last Night, and Runaway Followed.

A collision, followed by a wild runaway, caused a lot of excitement about 6 o'clock last night on Paradise Row, car No. 39 crashing into a sleigh belonging to W. J. Lane, of St. Patrick street, sending a wheel, breaking the harness and badly injuring the horse, which subsequently ran away. Mr. Lane does the hauling for the St. John Mercantile Company, North street, and was completing his rounds when the accident occurred. He had delivered a barrel of apples and the wagon was partly on the track, as it was impossible to clear without going on the sidewalk, the street being narrow where the double track was laid. It was near the curve by the property lately acquired by the city for the purpose of widening the street. Mr. Lane was returning to his sleigh when, before he could reach it, car No. 39, going to Winter street, struck with great force, carrying horse and wagon over the side of the track, and breaking parts of the harness. As the girl broke the shafts went in the air, one of which pierced the horse's neck near the jaw, inflicting a bad wound. One of the rear wheels was also broken. Mr. Lane had, by this time, been able to get hold of the horse's head, but to get the shafts clear of the neck he had to cut the bridle. With his head free the frightened animal dashed down the street at a lively rate. Mr. Lane had gotten hold of the reins and was struggling to get the horse under control, but he was unable to do so, and he had the presence of mind to throw the reins into the front wheels in such a manner as to become entangled in such a manner that the horse fell. Becoming mixed up with the traces and other portions of the harness the animal struggled fiercely, but after considerable effort was made, it is a fine grey mare of 400 pounds and valued at \$225. While badly injured, it is thought that the horse will recover.

SEMBRICH MAY COME

F. G. Spencer May Bring the World's Greatest Singer to St. John Next Month.

Two great, pretentious musical attractions will be heard in Portland, Maine, next month under the direction of F. G. Spencer, namely: Madame Nordica and the New York Symphony orchestra under Walter Damrosch, Feb. 10th, and Sembrich with Van Hoes and Zadora Feb. 22nd. Mr. Spencer is considering the advisability of including St. John in the Sembrich itinerary. As Sembrich is probably the highest paid singer living to day, some idea of the difficulty attending such an enterprise may be had. Before making definite arrangements an effort will be made to ascertain to what degree the public are ready to support what would be the biggest musical event in the history of eastern Canada. Mr. Spencer returned yesterday from Portland, Me., where arrangements are now all completed for the appearance of both famous stars. Announcements regarding subscription lists will be made in a day or two, and ten days allowed to ascertain if the citizens are desirous of having the very best the world affords in music and art brought right to our doors.

ONE SESSION ENOUGH TO SECURE THE DAVID JURY

First Panel of Seventy-one Men Proved More Than Adequate As Only Half of It Was Exhausted--Solicitor-General Jones Opens Case for the Crown.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 8 (Special).—There was another large crowd in attendance at the York circuit court at ten o'clock this morning, when Tom David, the Assurian, was arraigned on the charge of murdering his wife, under a bill of indictment returned by the grand jury yesterday afternoon. The solicitor general wanted Dominique Stevens, of St. Marys, sworn as interpreter, but the court decided to engage Michael Ansara, of Lowell, Mass, and he was sworn. The task of selecting the jury was then proceeded with, and was completed before the panel of seventy-one had been half exhausted. Mr. Hazen made half a dozen challenges, and both sides challenged for cause. C. Fred Chestnut and C. A. Burchell acted as triers until the first two juries were sworn. The principal cause of the objection raised by the prisoner's counsel was that

the parties had formed an opinion from reading about the case in a newspaper, but the court held that reading newspapers should not deprive a man from serving as a jurymen. The following juries were chosen: Winslow Gilbert, farmer, Douglas; John C. Gilman, farmer, Kingsclear; William S. Rimour, farmer; Douglas; Ambrose Jewett, farmer, Bright; Isaac Peabody, gentleman, St. Marys; Cook Kitchen, contractor, Kingsclear; Charles W. Estey, farmer, Bright; Thomas W. Sanson, merchant, Fredericton; Fred Barr, farmer, Bright; Robert McDonald, farmer, Douglas; Frank Burnett, farmer, Kingsclear; Henry Prescott, farmer, Queensbury. Solicitor General Jones opened the case for the crown in a brief speech and outlined the evidence that the crown would produce to prove that David shot his wife at McAdam on July 8th, last, inflicting wounds which caused her death in Wood-

stock hospital a few days later. He said that the crown would prove that David had made threats against the life of his wife in Woodstock two days before the shooting took place. As it lacked a few minutes from ten o'clock when the solicitor general had finished his opening remarks the court adjourned for dinner without hearing any evidence. Allan Hovey one of Marysville's oldest and most esteemed residents died at that place this morning from paralysis, aged eighty-eight years. He leaves a family of four sons and two daughters. H. Harper Smith of Quebec and Miss Hendricky Crockett youngest daughter of Dr. Wm. Crockett, formerly principal of the Normal School were married at the bride's home here this afternoon. Rev. Willard MacDonald performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and intimate friends. The happy couple will leave this evening on a honeymoon trip to the western states.

ALLAN R. MacBEATH SUES THE EASTERN S. S. CO. FOR \$5,000

He Was Injured On Steamer St. Croix in 1906 and Now Wants Compensation--Case Taken Up In Circuit Court Today.

The circuit court session was resumed at the court house before Mr. Justice Landry at ten o'clock this morning when the case of Allan Randolph MacBeath vs. the Eastern Steamship Company was taken up. In this case the plaintiff seeks to recover \$5,000 for injuries received aboard steamer St. Croix while at Eastport on July 9th, 1906, when in passing from the steamer's elevator, he was precipitated into the lower hold of the vessel, and since that time has been able to do very little work. W. A. Evans outlined the case to the jury, after which the plaintiff, Allan Randolph MacBeath, was called to the stand. Mr. MacBeath testified that on July 6 he was employed as a messenger for the American Express Company, and on the 9th of that month left Boston for St. John on the St. Croix. The steamer called at Portland and on arriving at Eastport he checked over the express parcels on the wharf, in the presence of John L. Pollis, John Starr & Son and for a time there was great danger of its spreading to adjacent wooden buildings. The prompt and united efforts of the whole department saved the situation. The seat of the fire was at the entry of the elevator, and the fire spread to the main deck, and the entire fire fighting apparatus of the city was soon on the scene. For a time the fire was confined to the northern portion of the building, occupied by John Starr & Son. Soon, however, the flames burst through the roof and in an incredibly short time the southern portion of the roof was burned away. The roof of the building was on the top story and it was completely ruined, with the machinery. In an hour from the time the alarm was sent in the fire was extinguished. An enormous amount of water had to be used and this ran down from the top story to the basement, destroying stock as it descended. There were a number of minor accidents to the firemen. Lenoir Heisler, call man on No. 4 engine, had his finger badly cut when he was on No. 4. John Starr & Son's loss is hard to estimate. The damage is chiefly by water. The building is owned by E. Maxwell & Son and was fully insured in the Queen Insurance Co. The stock of E. Maxwell & Son was valued at \$90,000. John Starr & Son's loss is hard to estimate. The damage is chiefly by water.

On one of the lower decks, and directed him to take the elevator, providing him with a lantern and calling the elevator man to lower him (MacBeath) to the deck he had previously indicated. When the elevator stopped he saw a newly crated bicycle where the mate had told him he would probably find the missing packages--of which the bicycle was one--and, stepping in the direction, was precipitated into the lower hold of the vessel at a distance of eight or ten feet, striking on his left side at the hip. Some minutes later witness was taken to his room on the hurricane deck and was attended by Dr. Best and Dr. Small. On arrival at St. John, he was taken to his home, where Dr. W. S. Morrison attended him. He suffered great pain and had done but little work since the accident, at the time of which he was receiving a salary of \$83.33 per month. On being injured, the company at once stopped his pay, and later on summoned him to the office and offered him a month's pay if he would sign off, releasing the Eastern Steamship Company from further responsibility, and he refused to do so. Witness said that the lantern he had carried when injured was large at the bottom and would not throw the light downward, and the glass was smoky. The case will be resumed at 2:15 this afternoon.

SUSSEX IS NO LONGER "DRY"

Freshet Last Night Gave Sussex People More Water Than They Desired.

SUSSEX, Jan. 8.—(Special).—The heavy rain storm last evening caused a big freshet here. The river overflowed and a portion of the upper end of the town was flooded. People living in that section were unable to walk to their places of business but had to be driven. Magnolia street and the upper end of Main street were covered with ice which was carried by the freshet from the river. A number of the oldest residents in speaking of the freshet say that it is the heaviest ever experienced here. A terrific gale is blowing and slight showers of rain still falling. The river, however, has gone down considerably since this morning. George Jamieson who lives about two miles from Sussex is critically ill with pneumonia. Two doctors are in attendance and they hold out but slight chances of his recovery. Mr. Jamieson is well known in Sussex. About a month ago he was married to a daughter of Rev. James Gray, formerly Presbyterian minister here. William Buckley, the young man who jumped from a train at Apohaqui yesterday morning, is reported about the same. He still remains in a semi-conscious state.

NARROW ESCAPE

Three Milkish Men Had an Experience on the River Monday Afternoon.

An accident occurred on the river opposite Milkish Monday, as the result of which a hand sled loaded with provisions was lost. Early in the day three men, Samuel Southon, Joseph Long and another, skated from Milkish with a large hand sled, the intention being to bring back a quantity of provisions. The skating across was fair, all making very good time. On the return one of the men skated ahead, having the sled, which was well loaded, while the other two with poles pushed from the rear. They were going along at a rapid rate when near the middle the man ahead with a cry of warning stopped and turned quickly, just in time to prevent him going into open water. So fast were they going, and so close had they come to the opening that the sled with its contents went into the water, the men in the rear bringing themselves up almost on the edge. All had to return to this side of the river. The sled parted company as they first skated across, which accounts for the opening. The depth at that point is about 50 feet. The escape was a miraculous one, as had they gone in their chances with skates on, with the ice gradually drifting apart and away from all assistance, would have been remote indeed.

DIED FROM HIS INJURIES

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—(Special).—Peter Steele, a travelling chairman of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, died in the hospital here last night from injuries received from being run over by a railway car at Carleton Place yesterday.

BURIED IN A CAVE-IN

CALGARY, Alb., Jan. 8.—(Special).—Three men were buried in a cave-in at an excavation for the new registry office yesterday. One had both legs broken and the others are seriously injured internally.

SAYS ROOSEVELT ERRED IN SENDING FLEET TO JAPAN

Italian Paper Holds the Opinion That the President Made a Mistake "In View of the Excitement Aroused" By His Action,--Says Japan is Friendly.

ROME, Jan. 8.—The Tribune in an article on the cruise of the American battleship fleet to the Pacific, expresses the opinion that President Roosevelt perhaps was mistaken in ordering it "in view of the excitement it aroused in the United States both on the part of the people and the press." The paper quotes Baron Takahira, the Japanese minister to Italy as saying: "The Japanese government loyally maintains its promise to do everything possible to diminish emigration to America as we have no need to send off our superfluous population even after the war. Japanese emigration much the same as in alien emigration has been the result of special conditions in certain regions, and it has been augmented by the desire to seek better opportunities and the desire for adventure and in addition intending emigrants have

been ably navigated by the agents of the navy. I am lacking official knowledge. I know that the relations between Japan and the United States are excellent. The despatch of the American fleet to the Pacific cannot more than merely interest us, San Francisco being thousands of miles from Japan." The Tribune also publishes an interview with Lloyd C. Griscom, the U. S. ambassador to Italy, who attributes the augmentation of the Japanese in California to Japan's enormous development. He points out that the population of Japan is increasing at the rate of half a million annually, but believes that the Japanese government is sincerely striving to prevent its growing population from annoying other governments, by opposing emigration as far as it can, but not always successfully. As the American government, he avers, is thoroughly satisfied with its relations with the Japanese government.

WHISKEY AND CIGARETTES

Responsible for the Death of a Galician Near Whittemouth, Man, Yesterday.

WHITEMOUTH, Man., Jan. 8 (Special).—Whiskey and cigarettes caused the death of a Galician up river yesterday. The man went home on Monday night with his team of oxen and put them in the stable, which also held three other head of stock. It is supposed he fell asleep with a lighted cigarette. Flames and smoke awoke the people in the house and the charred remains of the unfortunate man and all the cattle were found.

STILL THE SAME DUMB SILENCE

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 8.—(Special).—The local government held no meetings this morning but the board of education is called to meet this afternoon. The report of the commissioners on branch railways of the provinces will be taken this evening. The premier stated today that there was no announcement to make in regard to the elections.

MONCTON'S LINE-UP

MONCTON, Jan. 8.—(Special).—The Moncton Victorias will line up as follows in their game with the St. John Maroons tomorrow night: Wortman, goal; Brown, point; McGrath, cover; Gregory, center; Crockett, rover; Cushing, right wing; Styles, left wing. The referee has not yet been decided upon. The weather here is mild today, but a cold snap is looked for tonight. Hard, fast ice will greatly favor the chances of the local team.

RETURNING TO ACADIA

A number of Acadia students who have been spending the holidays in this city, returned to Wolfville today via the steamer Yarmouth to Digby. Among those returning were Willard McIntyre, Fred Goucher, W. G. Keirstead, Stockwell Simms, Robert Stalling and Miles McIntosh. It was feared that the steamer would have a hard time going across the bay in the storm, but inquiries at the D. R. offices elicited the information that the steamer had arrived safely at Digby.

LATE PERSONALS

George V. McInerney's condition is practically unchanged today. Judge Trueman, who for the past few days has been seriously ill, is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances. Edward Auger, local manager of the Quimette Company, returned today. Miss Vera Morgan was a passenger on the morning Montreal train this morning. His Honor Mr. Justice Barker arrived in the city on the Montreal train today. Miss Elizabeth Clarke returned to the city on the Montreal train today.

TEN YEARS FOR STABBING

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—(Special).—Justice Riddell is delivering some stiff sentences at the high court sittings here. Antonio Lombardo, an Italian, who was found guilty of stabbing Frank Carelli, of Poplar street, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. The judge said that the practice of Italians carrying knives was altogether too prevalent. F. Burghill was given one year and 25 lashes. In this case the judge said that the lash was the proper thing for such crimes.

NO TRUTH IN IT

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—(Special).—A newspaper report from Halifax says that a British regiment is to be placed in charge of the Halifax garrison. The militia department here says that there is no truth in this report. The Sheet Metal Workers decided at their regular meeting last night that owing to the fact that business is off in their trade, to place themselves in touch with employers by advertising the fact that there are a number of unemployed and ask that those requiring men write S. Winchester, the secretary, 97 Elmwood street. This action is taken so that men out of work will if possible be prevented from spending money traveling about in search of employment.

In the case of the Messrs. Mooney vs. the City of St. John referred to elsewhere in this issue the plaintiffs will be represented by H. A. Powell, K. C., and W. H. Harrison.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

Managing Editor of Toronto World May Have To Face This Charge.

TORONTO, Jan. 8.—(Special).—A motion will be made in the course of the next few days at Osgoode Hall asking for the commitment of the managing editor of the World for contempt of court. The action arises out of an editorial which appeared in the World on Monday entitled "Beware of gobs," and referring to a case which comes up before the next sitting of the railway commission regarding a dispute between Toronto Junction and the Toronto Railway Co. over the running of cars from Keele street to Humberidge. The street railway officials claim the contents of the World will prejudice the case.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Robert Blackhall was held at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence Silver Falls, in St. Joachim's church, where service was read by Rev. Father O'Neill. Interment was made in Fernhill cemetery. The funeral of Henry Leo McGill took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his parents' residence at 47 Billie Row, to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where Rev. Father O'Keefe officiated. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

YARMOUTH BARK ASHORE

YARMOUTH, Jan. 8.—(Special).—Barque Brookside, loading at Tuslet Wedge, for South America went ashore in last night's gale but was only slightly damaged. A survey is being made. The Brookside is a steel bark owned by W. L. Lovett, of Yarmouth.

A SOUTHERN TRAGEDY

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga., Jan. 8.—Two negroes, John Hudson and Henry Campbell, are in jail here charged with having murdered Hudson's wife and then setting the house on fire to hide their crime. When neighbors arrived they found the remains of Mrs. Hudson and her three months' old child. After the bodies had been removed it was found that the woman had been stabbed to death, while the child was left to perish in the flames.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—(Special).—Stock prices were strong again today. Soo rose to 80 and Illinois preferred to 80. Detroit was strong at 38, Dom. Steel, 15-1/2; Twin City 80, and Montreal Street Railway 190, Canadian Pacific was an exception, being off a point to 157.

ADDINGTON LIBERALS

KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 8.—(Special).—The Liberal Conservatives of Addington are to meet in convention in Ardenburg January 17th to select a candidate for the legislature. It is likely that W. J. Paul, of Tamworth, the present member will receive the nomination.

WAS NOT IN DANGER

A story in the Star last evening to the effect that the ferry steamer E. Ross was caught in the ice and narrowly escaped going over the falls was incorrect. The little steamer was in no danger. Captain Leonard ran her to Martine Cove, to the "bedroom" and landed her passengers without assistance and without difficulty. She was at no time in any danger of drifting into the falls.

The annual business meeting of the officers, teachers and members of the Leinster street Baptist Sunday school was held Tuesday evening in the church parlor. Reports for the past year were received and read. These reports showed a substantial increase in both the enrollment and average attendances over past years for a considerable time. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Superintendent, Ira B. Kierstead; Assistant Superintendent, C. J. Lake; Secretary, G. H. Waterbury, Jr.; Treasurer, John Bennett; Home Department Superintendent, Miss Edith Kierstead; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss Jean Cameron; I. B. R. A. Sec. Frank Ross.

The programme at the Every Day Club last evening included instrumental music, solos by Messrs. Butler, O'Brien and Logan, and step-dancing by Messrs. McFadden, Butler, Hargraves and Murphy. The audience listened attentively to a talk by the president about the Canadian clubs and the national battlefields project of Earl Grey.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE LONG, LONG WAIT.

Fredricton, Jan. 8.—(Special).—Premier Robinson has become somewhat impatient because so many people are running after him to ask him when the elections will be held. "How can I tell when I don't know?" he harshly demanded of an ardent supporter who approached him this morning. Just as the disappointed enquirer was departing a telegram messenger entered. "Wait a moment," said the premier. The supporter leaned against the door while the premier eagerly tore open the envelope. His countenance fell as he glanced

at the message. "All right," he said, with a sigh, to the man at the door. "It's nothing." The message was not from Ottawa.

THE WATER SUPPLY

The waterworks department desires to state that it is making all possible effort to arrange a timetable for the breaks in the service, so that the citizens may lay in a supply of water before a break occurs. As soon as the schedule is completed due notice will be given, and the timetable will be published from week to week in the press. In the meantime it

would be wise to keep a supply of water always on hand. A quart in the kitchen is worth two in an artesian well or Loch Lomond.

A GREAT MYSTERY.

The attempt on the part of the board of trade to locate the citizens' harbor committee may prove somewhat difficult. It may not be generally known that detectives have been looking quietly about for some time without discovering where the committee meets or what it is doing. There is more of mystery about it than about the Big Seven, of the Pugsley Barrage Policy.