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New Bedford, Mass., April 2.—Postage stamps valued at upwards of \$100,000, forming a consignment in process of shipment from New York to Newfoundland, have been washed ashore at the Island of Cuttyhunk from the wreck of the steamer Silvia.

women. As a result the little island has become a veritable philatelist's paradise. Many sheets of the stamps have been given away and some are said to have been sold. They are in two and five cent denominations and one woman is said to have possession of all the five cent stamps, alone valued at \$80,000.

BUILDING OPERATIONS SHOW LARGE DECREASE

Montreal's Building Permits Had Big Falling off During March

(Montreal Star.) According to the official report of the building inspector issued today at the City Hall, there has been a decided decrease in the value of building permits issued during March. The decrease as compared with the permits issued in March of last year is nearly half a million—the exact figures being \$445,938.

For the month 101 permits were granted, valued at \$137,568. For alterations, 54 permits were issued, valued at \$60,115.

For the month of March, 1907, 99 permits were issued. The value was \$334,636. For alterations, 54 permits were granted, valued at \$108,983.

While the outlook for building operations is not particularly bright, the building inspector is of the opinion that many dwellings will be erected in all parts of the city during the coming summer. The date for small dwellings in the outlying districts. Several of the big office buildings that were commenced last year are now well under way, and it is thought that many of the unemployed in the building trades will be put to work as soon as the weather conditions will permit.

BOY SUFFOCATED IN "ROBBER CAVE"

New York, April 3.—While his mother lay in a swoon upon the sidewalk with a group of persons trying to revive her spades were at work on a huge mound of earth under which lay the body of her son, Jerry Curran, thirteen years old, in the ruins of a dismantled building at the view and Howard avenues, Long Island City, yesterday. The boy was dead when taken out, but the mother was spared the sight. She had been hurried away to her home at No. 52 Greenpoint avenue, Laurel Hill, where she lives with her husband, Michael Curran, a section boss in Calvary cemetery.

With Owen McLaughlin, John Cady and Henry McCabe, leads of his own age, Curran was superintending the building of a "robbers' cave." As a likely place they had selected the cellar of a building which had been torn down to make way for Sunnyside yards of the Pennsylvania railroad. After knocking a hole in one of the side walls they dug through piles of soft earth until a fair sized opening had been made. Curran was leading the way in the work, while the other boys were in the cellar, when the walls of earth fell in upon him. His companions' cries soon attracted a crowd, and Charles Weibenschedel, 172 Greenpoint avenue, with Policeman James Kennedy and James Sherlock, obtained shovels and started to dig out the lad. Meantime, news of the accident had spread, and in a few minutes Mrs. Curran pushed her way through the crowd. When she discovered it was her son who lay under the great mass of earth she fell fainting.

After the lad's body had been extricated a passing carriage was impressed and a hurried run was made to St. John's Hospital, but death by suffocation had come in the ten minutes that the boy was buried.

VACCINATION MAY BE AN ELECTION ISSUE

Bridgetown, Conn., April 1.—What promises to become an issue at the city election here next fall is compulsory vaccination. The most prominent figure in the opposition to the law is Major Thomas Boudren. A veteran of the civil war with an enviable record, the Major long established a reputation as a fighter, and in the stand he is taking against compulsory vaccination of school children he is living up to the past.

In November, 1906, he was nominated on the Republican ticket as representative to the Legislature. Vaccination was not one of the issues of the campaign, but Major Boudren had in mind the introduction of a bill repealing the compulsory vaccination law.

Through his efforts a bill was introduced at the last session of the General Assembly to repeal that law, and although a failed of passage by only a few votes, Major Boudren is now advocating the repeal with a view to making it a local issue at the next general election.

Recently he applied to the directors of the Bridgetown public library for permission to use their lecture room for an illustrated lecture on the subject. He was refused.

Nothing daunted, the Major has secured

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STEEL COMPANY REDUCES STAFF

Dominion Iron and Steel Co. Continues its Policy of Retrenchment

Sydney, N. S., April 3.—(Special.)—The retrenchment idea inaugurated about three months ago by Mr. Mitchell of Montreal, superintendent of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, still continues to be enforced whenever possible.

The producing departments, such as blast furnaces, open-hearth, billet and rail mills are working to their full capacity, but under foremen and other officials not absolutely necessary have been discharged. The cause for reduction in the staff is due to the fact that no further expansion in the way of construction, etc., will be undertaken until a decision is given by the privy council in the steel coal case now pending.

Therefore, the drawing office and shop forces have been materially curtailed, and large gangs of unskilled labor have had their numbers lessened to an appreciable extent.

During the past three months the discharges of men at the plant have probably reached four hundred, mostly laborers. A number of superintendents and assistant foremen have also been laid off.

C. P. R. Transcontinental and Grand Trunk rail contracts are well in hand and there should be no difficulty in keeping pace with the shipments demanded by contractors.

BIG FIRE IN DISTILLERY

Looks as if Whole Big Plant at Peoria Would be Destroyed

Peoria, Ill., April 3.—Fire which started at the mill of Corning & Company's distillery early this morning, was still raging at 9:30 o'clock this morning and indications were that the entire plant including two immense bonded warehouses, elevator, cattle yards and store houses, would be entirely wiped out. The damage so far is placed at between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000.

THE CIVIC SHATE AS NORTH END HEARS IT

How the Candidates May Line Up in the North End Wards

From enquiries made in the north end today the following can be given as practically a certainty as the slate for that section of the city in the coming civic contest:

Landowne Ward.—Ald. Sprague, ex-Ald. Rowan, Thomas J. Durick, Stanley Ward.—Ald. McGoldrick, Samuel A. Kirk, Dufferin Ward.—Ald. Willett, Michael T. Colohan, W. A. Steiper, Victoria Ward.—Ald. Pickett, R. R. Patchell.

A NOVEL GAME.

Northampton, Mass., April 2.—The big event every March for boys and girls in the village of Florence is a scramble for marbles and pennies. Julius P. Maine, a generous hearted and fun loving man, is the originator of this peculiar sport.

Ten thousand marbles and 3,500 pennies were scrambled for and nearly 1,000 boys and girls took part in the scramble. Boys and girls pushed, tumbled and rolled over one another in the mud like a pack of howling Apache Indians as the marbles were thrown into the street by the painful and the pennies by heaping handfuls.

A MONARCH'S GIFT.

Paris, April 2.—Mme Yvonne Berland, who made her stage debut at the Palais Royal, has a beautiful pet dog which she is not only very fond of but which she proudly regards as visible, tangible proof of her dramatic talent. Some months ago she played before the chief of a great state in the north of Europe. After the curtain fell a chamberlain came to her on the part of his royal master and offered as a tribute of admiration this dog, which hitherto had been the favorite companion of the sovereign.

BOY MURDERED HIS PLAYMATE

Sixteen Year Old Lad on Trial for Killing Nine Year Old Girl

Camden, N. J., April 2.—Joseph Wood, sixteen years old, was put on trial for his life today, charged with the murder of his nine-year-old playmate, Ethel Marx. The boy seemed oblivious to his serious position, and, according to alienists who have studied him, he lacks moral sense. It is expected that his defence will be insanity, although it is declared that several physicians who examined him at the behest of his counsel have refused to testify that he is insane, while admitting that undoubtedly he is a weakling mentally.

A jury was chosen in less than two hours. The most important witness of the day was Mrs. Minnie Marx, mother of the dead girl. Furnishing her testimony with paroxysms of weeping, Mrs. Marx, who has been married since the murder, committed last October, told of the incident preceding the tragedy. Her testimony in effect, was as follows:

Shortly after Harry Marx left for work that morning she sent Ethel to a neighbor's with another little girl. When her daughter returned she dressed the child in the blue dress, black shoes and stockings and pink hair ribbon which were in court as an exhibit. When these garments were shown the mother again burst into tears and it was some time before she could proceed.

Joe Wood's stoicism did not relax. He showed no emotion when he saw the clothing which was the subject of her narrative, said that when the child did not return, after a long absence, she went for her, and learned of the girl's disappearance.

Harry Marx, the foster father of Ethel, told of the search he led for the girl's body. He said he did not make a close search of the cemetery, where the body was found.

Young Wood, greatly improved in appearance since his arrest, was dressed in a neat, long trowsers suit of brown, with negligee shirt and small checked bow tie. His hair was parted in the middle and from his face, which has the prison pallor, stared large blue eyes fringed with black lashes. A tiny button, bearing an American flag, was fastened in his coat lapel. He talked much with his counsel, and at times his eyes twinkled and he smiled as a talker's answer struck his apparently well developed sense of humor. His parents were not in the courtroom.

Assistant Prosecutor Charles A. Wolverson, in outlining the case for the Commonwealth, said: "The State's answer shows that Ethel Marx's body was found dead, and with tin and in a horrible condition, showing that her death had been caused by being struck on the head with a blunt instrument."

"The State will show that Wood

and Ethel went to a place in the rear of the cemetery to a spot that was surrounded by small trees and bushes and very secluded. "He then, in his own words," continued the Prosecutor, "knocked her down. She told him she was going to tell her mother. We shall show that he then struck her on the head with the blunt part of a hatchet, he had with him, presumably to break coal, and that after he had done this she never spoke again, but just rolled over on her side."

GIRL THE STAKE IN POKER GAME

Columbia Planters Try in this Way to Settle Love Affair But Tragedy Ends It

Columbia, Miss., April 2.—With the affections of a beautiful brunette as the stake in a poker game, two men played five hands before daylight this morning and one of them was shot and killed by the girl after he had won.

Miss Eunice Spencer, twenty years old, a girl of rare attainments and great charm, had for months been extremely friendly with Charles Wesley and P. F. Coombs, both well-to-do planters.

After a spirited game of seven-up, lasting until past midnight, in which the two men and the girl participated, Coombs declared that there was no interest in cards unless a stake was up. He suggested five hands of poker, the winner to be Miss Spencer's favored suitor.

Wesley won the first two hands and the third and fourth went to Coombs. In the fifth Coombs needed only one point to go out. Suddenly reaching across the table Wesley grabbed Coombs by the throat, remarking: "You played crooked and you will have to die."

Coombs jumped from his chair and the men were soon in a death struggle, with the winner of the games getting the worst of it. Miss Spencer, seizing a Winchester rifle from its place on the wall, sent a bullet into the breast of Coombs. The man expired in five minutes.

Miss Spencer asserts the tragedy was accidental. She declares now that Coombs had always been her choice.

MARINE NEWS

Signal Station Master Morton received word this morning from Brier Island stating that a steamer passed inward at 9 o'clock. It is probably the Hestia from Glasgow or the Montreal from London.

Allan line steamship Corsican, Captain Outram, will sail tomorrow for Liverpool via Halifax with a general cargo. A large number of passengers are booked to go in the steamer.

THE DEAD RISE

Sir-A Philadelphia man lives for more than an hour with his heart out of his body, but this fails to create any sensation in New Brunswick, which is used to seeing dead men rise up and vote, as they did on March 31.

SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC. 1908. Sun Tides. April Rises Sets High Low. 3 Friday. 6.06 6.48 0.58 7.33. 4 Saturday. 6.04 6.50 1.41 8.18. The time used is Atlantic Standard.

VESSLS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

Steamers. Montreal, aid London, March 14. Elesia, aid Glasgow, March 17. St. John City, aid London, March 24. Lake Manitoba, aid Liverpool, March 25. Virginian, aid Liverpool, March 27. Kanawha, aid London, March 31.

ARRIVED TODAY. Schr M. D. S., 190, Graham, from Dorchester for Yarmouth, N. S., coal, (in for harbor) and cleared. Coastwise: Schr Citizen, 46, Mills, Advocate.

CLEARED TODAY. Strm Corsican, 7298, Outram, for Liverpool via Halifax, Wm. Thomson & Co., pass and mds.

Strm Wobun, 990, Meikle, for Bermuda, Wm. Thomson & Co., general cargo. Coastwise: Tug Springfield, Cook, Parrishboro, with barge No. 6 in tow. Schrs Coronilla, Melanson, Annapolis, Abbie Verna, Antle Parrishboro, Hustler Hill, Walton, Bay Queen, Trohan, Bellevue.

CLEARED YESTERDAY. Schr Calabria, 481, McLean, for City Island for orders, Alex Watson, laths.

SAILED TODAY. Strm Empress of Ireland, 8028, Forster, for Liverpool, via Halifax, C. P. R. Co., pass and mds.

DOMINION PORTS. Annapolis, N. S., March 28.—In port, schr Neva (Br.), from Bear river, to finish loading for West Indies.

Halifax, Apr 2.—Ard, strms Pretorian, Glasgow, (and sail for Boston); Oceano, West Indies, via Bermuda and St John; Shenandoah, London.

BRITISH PORTS. Greenock, March 31.—Sld str Lady Sybil (Br.), Halifax.

St. Helena, March 14.—Passed, bark Lawhill (Br.), Jarvis, Hong Kong for Baltimore and New York.

St. Thomas, March 31.—Ard brig Marconi (Br.), Gerhardt, Barbados for St. John, N. B. (see cable dispatches).

Barbados, March 22.—Ard schr Arthur H. Wight (Br.), Wambach, Porto Rico (and sailed 24th for Lunenburg); 24th, bk Sirdar (Br.), Baines, port Spain to sail about 31st for United States; schr Alexandra (Br.), Porter, Porto Rico (to sail about 31st for United States). Sailed, 14, schr Marguerite (Br.), Blinn, St. John.

Cape Town, March 29.—Ard str Bendu (Br.), Millson, St. John, N. B. Liverpool, Apr 2.—Sld, strm Tunisian, Halifax and St. John.

Queenstown, Apr 2.—Sld, Teutonic, Southampton for New York.

FOREIGN PORTS. St. Vincent, C. V., March 27.—Sld str Blue Jacket (Br.), Palmer, Port Tampa.

Ar March 16, str Dora (Br.), Bennett, Cardiff.

Saunderstown, Apr 1.—Ard, schrs Wm L. Elkins, St. John, for New York; Harold B. Cousins, do for do.

Boston, Apr.—Ard, schrs St Bernard, St. John, Wankel, Lunenburg.

Sld—Schr Sadie C Summer, Apalachicola.

Old—Schr Fanny, St Jehn.

REPORTS AND DISPATCHES. London, March 31.—St. Thomas cables that brig Marconi (Br.), Gerhardt, from Barbados for St. John, N. B., has put in leaky.

Antwerp, March 31.—The Belgian str Vanderland, which arrived here today for New York via Dover, while docking collided with the British str Lake Michigan, which arrived 26th from St. John, N. B., and Halifax via London. No serious damage sustained by either vessel.

RECENT CHARTERS.

British schr Mineola, 270 tons, from Philadelphia to St. John, N. B., coal, \$1.20. British strm Andoni, 2,034 tons, from a lower St. Lawrence port to Buenos Ayres, 8th, deck load at 2 1/2 rate, May-June. British strm (guarantee) from Bridgewater, N. S., to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$9.50, May-June. Norwegian bark Senior, 1,088 tons, from Restigouche to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$8.75.

There is some little inquiry for lumber carriers from the provinces to the River Plate, and occasional coal and lumber freights to West India and coastwise ports.

CHINESE STEAMERS. (Victoria Colonist.) The Japanese flag is familiar at this port. Japanese steamship lines have secured a large share of the trans-Pacific carrying trade. Now the Chinese have entered the field and are beginning to be known as Canton, which proposes to begin its operations by running steamers on the west coast of South China, and then extend its scope by running steamers between Hong Kong and either Puget Sound and British Columbia or San Francisco. Local Chinese steamship company will be stock in the new enterprise.

The two Kwang Chinese Steamship Company and proposes to operate on the lines of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha of Japan. The Chinese hope to secure a liberal subsidy for their foreign line, similarly as Japan aids by large subsidies the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's foreign services.

The two Kwang Chinese Steamship company—the two Chinese provinces of Kwangsu and Kwangtung from which most of the Chinese who are abroad have emigrated are known as the Two Kwangs is making an appeal to all Chinese at

DEATHS. McNAMARA—Suddenly on the 2nd inst. at Lakewood, Daniel McNamara, leaving two sons and two daughters. Notice of funeral hereafter.

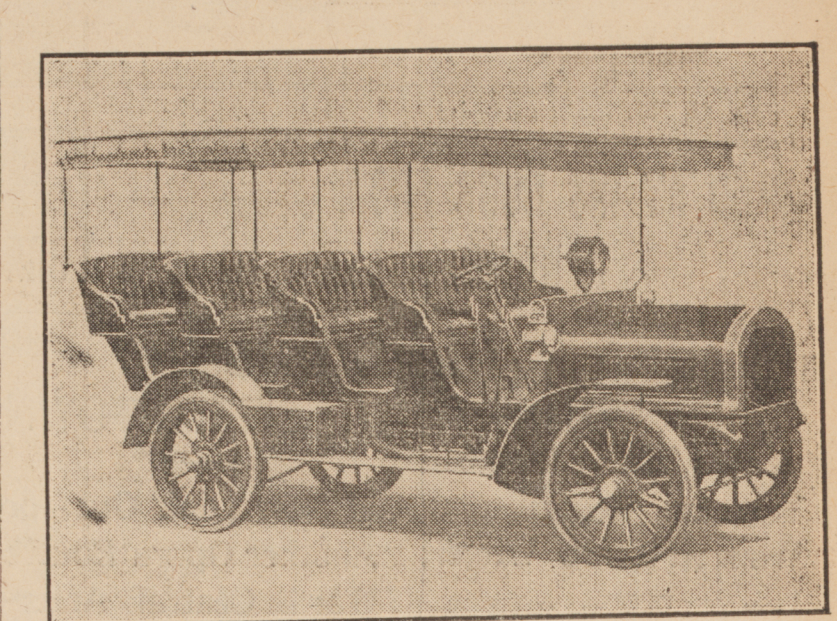
HERRINGTON—At the residence of her son, Simon Bradshaw, Fairville, on April 2nd, Eliza Herrington, aged 73, leaving one son, one grandson and six sisters to mourn their loss.

Funeral Sunday, 5th inst., from her son's residence, Fairville, at 2:30. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

THOMSON—In this city on April 3d, Frederick William Thomson, in the 66th year of his age.

Service on Sunday at 2:30 at his late residence, 168 Main street. Funeral at 3 o'clock.

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home and abroad to subscribe for stock in the company and copies of the prospectus have been sent to Victoria for distribution as well as to San Francisco and other points on the Pacific coast. The stock is being sold at \$2.50 per share, and the organization has been given over to the 72 guilds of Canton, whose members extend where Cantonese are found in any number.

It is pointed out that the company proposes to begin by operating steamers under the Chinese flag on the West coast of South China, and as rapidly as possible, to extend the scope of operations to coast points in China, then to Japan and across the Pacific to Puget Sound or to San Francisco, probably to San Francisco by way of Honolulu. The growth of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is pointed out, and it is stated that while Japan has about ten times fewer people than China and China has commercial relations with all parts of the world a Chinese steamship company should be as successful, if not more so, than the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

The prospectus appeals to the patriotism of the people. It points out that a great number of Chinese are expert navigators, but they are now employed for the most part in inferior positions on foreign vessels, and the patriotism of the people is looked to in urging them to remove their "disgrace" that now rests upon their country because there is not to be found country either the Atlantic or the Pacific ocean one ship that flies "the dragon flag of China."

HOLDS THE KEY TO HUSBAND'S LIPS.

Lynn, Mass., April 2.—That Edward Ward Vanderbilt, husband of Mrs. May Scannell Pepper-Vanderbilt, the famous medium and psychic, can speak only when his wife lets him was proved at a meeting of the Lynn Spiritualist Association in this city last evening when President Harry C. Chase introduced Mr. Vanderbilt, who up to that time had been sitting in the audience while his talented wife held her seance with the spooks. Mrs. Vanderbilt jumped and in a voice that could be heard all over the hall said: "No, no, he shan't speak, no, no, no!"

Mr. Vanderbilt had just started up the aisle toward the platform to make his speech, but when his spiritualistic spouse, probably prompted by "Little Bright Eyes," said "no" it meant no, and he had to content himself with the excuse, "My wife won't let me."

He then retired to the rear of the hall, where he remained during the rest of the evening. The meeting was in a way the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the birth of modern spiritualism, and Mrs. Vanderbilt in her address dwelt on the growth of

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Masonic Funeral Notice

The members of Hibernia Lodge are requested to meet at Masonic Temple, Germain street, at 2:15 o'clock, Friday, April 3, 1908, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Bro. Joseph Marshall.

Members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend.

Dress, full masonic regalia. By order W. M. R. CLERKE, Secretary.

Regimental Orders

By Major Hartt, Commanding 62nd St. John Fusiliers.

Saint John, N. B., March 31st, 1908. No. 1.—Officers commanding companies will issue uniforms for the annual training, 1908, on or before Monday, April 6th.

No. 2.—Officers commanding companies will, until further orders, select one of the three evenings of Monday, Wednesday or Friday for the parade of their companies.

No. 3.—The companies will parade at 8:00 o'clock P. M. and be dismissed at 9:30. No. 4.—All officers, non-commissioned officers and men, members of the 62nd Fusiliers Rifle Club, are to sign, in duplicate, the roll of the club, before the 4th day of April; Capt. J. S. Frost, the secretary, has the rolls.

By order, J. R. MILLER, Lieut. Act. Adjutant.

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