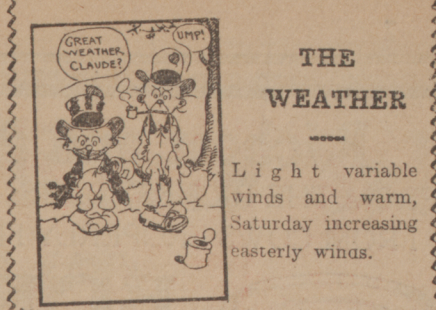




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PYTHIANS TO HALIFAX

Union Lodge Likely to Send Degree Team to Next Week's Meeting.

This has been a week of conventions, and the next two weeks also will be largely taken up with annual meetings of fraternal orders. The Knights of Pythias will meet in Halifax next week, and the Masonic fraternity will hold its annual convention here the week following.

The twenty-third annual convention of the Knights of Pythias will open in Halifax on Thursday, August 16th, with Grand Chancellor S. A. McDonald, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., presiding. It is probable that upwards of 100 members of the order will attend from St. John, including representatives to the grand lodge and members of the uniform rank.

An invitation has been received by Union Lodge, No. 2, of this city to send its third rank team to Halifax and exemplify the rank in "long form." It is probable that the invitation will be accepted and the team will go. It is proposed to work the rank on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst.

The present officers of the grand lodge are: Grand Chancellor—S. A. McDonald, Charlottetown.

Grand V. C.—Seldon Hunter, Springfield.

Grand Prelate—W. A. Stewart, St. John.

Grand K. of R. and S.—James Moulson, St. John.

Grand M. of E.—F. Parker Grimmer, St. Stephen.

Grand M. at A.—George E. Ritchie, Halifax.

Grand Inner Guard—Peter McKenzie, Dominion.

Grand Outer Guard—R. A. McDonald, Westville.

It will be necessary to elect at this year's convention a supreme representative in place of LeBaron Wilson, of this city, whose term has expired. Hon. George J. Clarke, of St. Stephen, speaker in the local legislature, and a past grand chancellor, is spoken of as a probable successor to this office.

The annual meeting of the officers of the First Regiment of the Maritime Provinces, Uniform Rank, will be held on Tuesday with Colonel Alfred Dodge of St. John presiding. There will be an election of a lieutenant-colonel in place of R. W. Grimmer, of St. Stephen, who is retiring, and two majors will also be elected. Major General Arthur J. Stobart, commander of the uniform rank forces will be in Halifax to attend the meetings. A parade will probably be held on Tuesday afternoon, at the conclusion of which it is understood there will be an excursion on the North West Arm, with the Halifax knights as hosts.

Have arranged to go to Halifax on Monday via the D. A. R. steamer to Digby and thence through the Annapolis Valley. If a sufficient number go by this route the railway company have agreed to place a special car at their disposal for the trip. Those who are desirous of saving time will go on the I. C. R. train, leaving here Monday night.

MORE BUILDING ALONG THE RIVER

Pretty Cottages Growing in Number—Talk of a Jewish Summer Colony.

An eminent citizen of Massachusetts some years ago ventured the prediction that many years would not pass before the shores of the St. John river were dotted with the summer villas of wealthy Americans.

As yet this has not come to pass, but the citizen who seldom goes up the river is surprised when he does go by the rapid increase in the number of small but pretty summer cottages. Many such peep out from the shade of the trees near sandy beaches, where, three or four years ago there were none. They add much to the attractiveness of the scene as one goes up or down by steamer, and it is evident that the lure of the river draws ever larger numbers of people during the summer season.

At the public landing this summer two Jewish families are among the summer residents, and the head of one of them has purchased a small farm close to the river. Gossip says that it is his intention to divide it into building lots for Jewish summer residents, and that a wharf will be constructed for their accommodation. This is a question of the future, but discussion of such matters give a spice of interest to the life of the summer colony. At all the resorts along both sides of the river are many visitors, and there is keen enjoyment of the unconventional existence amid such beautiful surroundings.

MAKES NEW RECORD

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 13—Before an enthusiastic crowd the first day's events in the annual championship meet of the Amateur Athletic Union were held in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific stadium this afternoon. Today's programme was given over entirely to the juniors, the team entered under the colors of the Seattle Athletic Club, carrying off the honors with ease.

A new American record was established in the javelin throw. B. Gish, of the Seattle club, hurling the spear 144 feet. The previous American record was made by Pratt Adams, in Philadelphia on June 6, 1908, when he threw the javelin 133 feet 6 inches.

FIFTY-SEVEN CONSECUTIVE BULLS EYES AT 800 YARDS

Camperry, Ohio, Aug. 14—Captain W. C. Simon, of the Fifth Ohio, established a new world's record for eight hundred yards bullseye yesterday, when he ran up thirty-nine straight bullseyes, but J. H. Hession, of Delaware, made fifty-seven consecutive bullseyes a few minutes later.

Hession was a member of the Olympic team which beat all-comers in foreign lands last year. Last year he won the long range aggregate match and was second in the grand aggregate.

BERESFORD'S CHARGES NOT FULLY SUSTAINED

Report of Committee Appointed to Investigate His Criticisms of the British Navy—Look for Development of Naval War Staff.



Lord Beresford.

London, Aug. 13—The imperial committee's sub-committee which was appointed to investigate the recent criticisms made by Admiral Lord Beresford of the state of the navy, has issued its report, which is signed by Premier Asquith, the Earl of Crewe, secretary of the colonies; Viscount Morley, secretary for India; Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs; and Richard Burdon Haldane, secretary for war.

The report practically exonerates the admiral from Lord Beresford's charges of having misled the country by the unwise organization and distribution of the fleet, having too few cruisers and small craft an inefficient war plans, but it finds that the admiralty is blameable for inharmonious co-operation.

The report is an extensive detailed document covering several pages. It states that the board of admiralty failed to take Admiral Beresford sufficiently into their confidence, and that the admiral failed to appear at the executive board's instructions, the report says that the committee has been impressed with the different opinion of officers of high rank regarding important principles of strategy and tactics, and that they anticipate with much confidence the further development of the naval war staff.

BARK HOWARD D. TROOP IS AFIRE AND SCUTTLED

St. John Vessel Lost at Yokohama --- Yarmouth Captain Was in Command---Believed Officers and Crew Are Safe.

Word of the loss of the British bark, Howard D. Troop, owned by Troop & Son and others of this city was received here today. The despatch received is as follows: "The bark Howard D. Troop, on fire at Yokohama, Japan, and had been scuttled. It is believed that the officers and crew succeeded in getting to shore."

The Howard D. Troop was a four-masted steel bark built in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1892 and was commanded by Captain Durkee of Yarmouth. She was 2080 registered tonnage. The vessel sailed from New York on March 8 for Yokohama and was to go from there to Portland, Oregon, and thence to the United Kingdom.

STRIKE MAY LOSE MILLS TO QUEBEC

Quebec, Aug. 14—The A. Gravel Lumber Company, whose men have been on strike for more than a week, have requested Hon. Mr. Taschereau, minister of public works and labor, to bring about an understanding if possible.

Felix Marois, the government representative, called at St. Romaine of Levis yesterday, but the strikers refused to hear him, and made him understand that they did not want any interference. The men refused to return to work on the conditions and wages existing since May 1, unless the employers sign a contract to maintain the same wages during the whole winter. This the company refused, not being sure to continue operations all winter.

Fears are entertained that the present difficulty will hasten the departure of the present Gravel Lumber Company from Quebec to some locality down the river. This the company will decide at the next meeting of the directors.

Fourteen deaths were reported at the office of the board of health for the week ending today, as follows: Phthisis, heart disease and cholera infantum, three each; cystitis, uraemia, convulsions, tuberculosis and paralysis, one each.

CHICAGO GETS FOUR MORE PLAYERS

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 13—President Charles Comiskey, of the Chicago American League team today announced a trade with the Minneapolis team of the American Association by which the Chicago team will get four new players for next year. The men are:

"Young Cy Young" formerly with Boston and Pittsburgh National League teams, who was sold to Minneapolis for \$2,500; catcher Block, formerly with the Washington team of the American League; Pitcher Olmstead, who went from the Chicago American team to the Minneapolis team; first baseman Gill, who went to Minneapolis from the Pittsburgh National team at \$2,500.

These men will remain with Minneapolis until the close of the American Association. Mr. Comiskey refused to state what the players cost him but admitted that the terms included both cash and players.

LOCAL PEAT BOGS MAY BE MADE OF USE

Experiments Looking to Cheaper Supplies of Fuel

GOVERNMENT WORK

Experimental Station Being Built in Ottawa—How Prices Figure Out—The Cost of Preparations—Going Ahead With Confidence.

From time to time there have been projects for utilizing the peat found in St. John, Charlotte and other counties of New Brunswick, and in view of this the following Ottawa Journal account of what is being done at Ottawa will be found of interest as well as value.

"An experimental peat fuel plant is being erected at the end of Division street by the dominion government, under the supervision of the mines department. Work on the excavation is already well under way and today 20 men are employed there. The building alone will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000 and will be completed in October."

"The work marks the institution of one of the most important economies in the history of this country which will mean the development and utilizing of great areas throughout Canada of what hitherto seemed to be waste morass but what really are peat beds, deep and rich, and capable of supplying Canadian fuel demands probably for all time to come."

The establishment of the experimental plant by the government is considered by Dr. Haanel, head of the mines department, a man who is thoroughly conversant with the various phases of the peat industry and investigated the industry in every country in Europe where peat is used for fuel to any large extent, to be a far-reaching and practical method by which to awaken interest in the utilization of the immense peat bogs which cover thousands of acres of land at points throughout the dominion from coast to coast.

"The department has secured a great area of peat bog at Alfred, Ont., the product of which will be used for experimenting. A manufacturing plant is being built there and the peat in its manufactured state will be shipped to the Ottawa station for experimenting and here its value as fuel for domestic and commercial purposes will be tested. It is the optimistic belief that the peat bogs of Canada will supplant the anthracite and bituminous coal fields of the west and the source of staple fuel for Canadian consumption, for in view of the growing scarcity of wood, and the steadily increasing cost of coal, the question of substituting peat for these fuels to some extent at least is becoming a problem of national importance."

Questions of Cost

"The fuel question is affecting a large part of the population and especially in the western provinces is even now a serious one. Coal in Ottawa is \$7.50 a ton, and in Winnipeg some time ago was even \$10 a ton. The cheapest wood cannot be bought under \$5.00 a cord in any Canadian city, because the woodland of the country is slowly disappearing."

It is the hope of the department of mines to be able to manufacture peat and to perfect a system whereby it can be supplied to the consumer at, to be conservative, \$4 a ton. With a heat producer equal to hard coal at \$4 a ton for the Canadian consumer, a great economy will have been achieved."

In Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick wood and coal are somewhat cheaper; but considering the saving to the country if part of the imported coal used in these provinces could be substituted by peat, every effort should be made to establish a peat industry."

Government Will Investigate

"Any person desiring to start a peat-plant can, upon application to the mines branch, have his bog investigated; and it is hoped that such failures as have been due to the choosing of a bog unsuitable for the purpose for which it was intended, will in the future be avoided."

"Another object of these investigations is the protection of the general public, as far as possible. The results obtained will be published from time to time in bulletins by the department and interested parties will have an opportunity of judging, to some extent, of the feasibility of the project they have in view."

"With a view of starting the manufacture of peat fuel as soon as the bog required for this purpose has been examined, levied and drained, it is proposed to employ a method which has already proved successful, namely, air-drying the peat on the surface of the bog after it has passed through a pulping machine. This method is accomplished in a year or two, but favorable weather conditions, is the only one which so far has given economical results."

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"WOMAN" BURGLAR LOOTS BANKER'S SUMMER HOUSE

Second Story Worker Gets \$2,000 Cash and Jewelry—Police Believe Thief Was a Man—A Vision in Blue.

Manchester, Aug. 13—Attractively dressed in a blue serge walking suit, picture hat and all the other accoutrements of well groomed femininity, a daring second story worker, for whom Pinkertons are now searching, visited the summer home of Garrard Conly, vice-president of the Eastern National Bank, Boston, at Manchester Cove yesterday afternoon, and secured \$2,000 in jewelry and cash.

Visits Many Rooms
A fleeting glance was all that any of the inmates of the house got of Raffles in disguise. The break was made while the servants were at dinner and the family engaged in various diversions on the lawn. Entrance was made through a side or rear door, after which access to the second floor was gained without detection. The burglar visited practically every room on the second floor and ransacked them all.

The robbery was not discovered until well along in the afternoon. The women going to their rooms to dress for dinner, found everything in confusion. A hurried examination showed that practically every piece of jewelry left in the rooms had been taken and that even the women's purses had been forced to disgorge their contents.

Vision in Blue

The Manchester police were notified, and plain clothes men were sent to the house. Little that would serve as a clue to the identity of the marauder was found, however, until one of the servants remembered a vision in blue that has been

seen walking in the neighborhood of the house just at the servant's dinner hour.

The Manchester police now believe the burglar was a man dressed up as a woman. The description they have of the burglar fits that of a mysterious woman who has been seen about the Manchester summer colony recently and who, it is believed, is connected with the mysterious breaks that have been made about there within the past few weeks.

The description is about five feet six inches in height, rather heavily built, and light in complexion. The clothes worn by the burglar were as follows: Blue walking suit, black picture hat, white gloves and black shoes. A final touch of femininity was a nosegay of flowers, pinned to the front of the coat.

Worcester Man Leaves MONEY TO ST. VINCENT'S

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 14—(Special)—One tenth of the property left by Robert Walsh of this city is to go to the Sisters of Charity of St. John, according to the will filed for probate here this morning.

Mr. Walsh died leaving an estate estimated at less than \$5,000, but the entire amount was distributed among churches, religious organizations, etc., and no relative is mentioned.

The St. Anne's French Canadian orphanage is given one-twentieth of the property and the St. Vincent Hospital Corporation gets a like amount.

SLASHED ACTOR WITH RAZOR

Alice Harper Tries to Kill Her Team Mates in Boston

Boston, Aug. 14—Pretending to caress him by throwing her arms around his neck, Alice Harper, an actress, in private life Mrs. Annie Alther, drew the blade of a razor across the neck of George O'Donnell, an actor, her stage team mate, and then tried to commit suicide at No. 35 Westminster street, Roxbury, yesterday.

O'Donnell was slightly cut on the right side of the neck, and was held pending an investigation by the police. Mrs. Alther inflicted a gash in her throat that extended almost from ear to ear, but it was not deep, and it is said at the City Hospital that she will recover.

While the two are known to have quarrelled, the police also learned that Mrs. Alther had been on the verge of nervous prostration for many months, and had frequently threatened to commit suicide. The tragedy occurred at the home of Mrs. Anne Finn, mother of the actress, where the latter was living.

Mrs. Alther has not been living with her husband, Emily Alther, of the firm of Alther Brothers, bottlers, for four years. She has often appeared with O'Donnell on the vaudeville stage.

BOSTON WILL BE BESIEGED TODAY

Middleboro, Mass., Aug. 13—Tomorrow at noon Boston will be besieged by an armed "enemy." Landing somewhere on the southern coast of Massachusetts, the hostile force will make every effort to "capture" the metropolis of New England.

The hope in the matter of defense and protection must for many months, and by A. Few, Jr., who has been designated by Gov. Draper to command the entire force of Massachusetts troops. Despite the fact that in the bloodless war, the enemy in fighting strength and numbers will be forty per cent stronger, Gen. Few has not fear that Boston will be "captured" by the invading force.

CHANCE AFTER BATTERY

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 14—It is said that Manager Chance of the Chicago Nationals is after Viebahn and Tonnemann, a battery of Nashville Southern League team.

SCHORR AGAIN IN RACING

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 14—Breder John W. Schorr is again entering the racing game upon a large scale, giving up his interests in his Memphis Brewery, according to a report published in a Memphis paper.

MRS. SUTTON WILL FIGHT

If Court Declares a Suicide She Will Fight the Matter Farth

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 13—The largest audience that has attended a session thus far, was present this morning at the beginning of the last day of the open sessions of the court of inquiry investigating the death on October 31, 1907, of Lieut. James N. Sutton, Jr., U. S. M. C. The summing up by Henry M. Davis, counsel for Mrs. Sutton, led the judge advocate to speak, though briefly, and what he said was not in the nature of argument touching the case.

Mrs. Sutton was not at the afternoon session. It was explained privately that she had been so affected by the touching references of Mr. Davis to her lost son that she did not feel able to appear in the afternoon. Mrs. Rose Sutton Parker, her daughter, was present throughout the proceedings, however.

The court will sit tomorrow in private for the purpose of discussing the findings, which when reached will be forwarded to the navy department at Washington, whence the announcement of the result of the inquiry will be made. The judge advocate said that he would request that this announcement be made at the earliest possible moment.

Mrs. Sutton said tonight that if the findings of the court of inquiry declare, as did those of the former board of inquiry, that her son committed suicide, she will carry the case still further, though in just what way she is not now prepared to say.

KING EDWARD AS MATHEMATICIAN?

New York Paper's Story That Influence is Asked for Miss Elkin.

New York, Aug. 14—A London despatch to the World has it that King Edward's aid will be sought as a matchmaker in the case of Miss Katherine Elkin, and the Duke of the Abruzzi. Lady Granard, who was Beatrice Mills, Ambassador Whitehall Reid's niece, has volunteered to engage King Edward's sympathy for her friend, Miss Elkin.

The King's influence is to be used to remove the objections to the match entertained by Dowager Queen Margherita of Italy, the duke's grandmother.

Lady Granard's friends say that as soon as the Duke of Abruzzi returns from India, and he is on his way, he and Miss Elkin and her mother will meet at Mortimer House, the splendid residence which Lord Granard recently leased.

They add that Mrs. Elkins and Miss Elkins are about to go to Marienbad in Bohemia, for the sole purpose of being introduced informally to King Edward, who is at Marienbad.

KING HAS NOT BOUGHT STOCKS

London, Aug. 14—Lord Knollys, private secretary to King Edward, gives emphatic denial to the statement that His Majesty has been speculating in American stocks. The statement in question is as follows:—"King Edward is said to have bought 50,000 shares of United States Steel and other stocks on the advice of J. Pierpont Morgan last May, when the quotation was about 50. Now the quotation has run up to 76 1/2, and the King, therefore has been a heavy gainer."

In reply to an inquiry Lord Knollys writes from Buckingham Palace:—"I beg to inform you that the statement referring to King Edward is an entire falsehood from beginning to end."

HAVE SUSPECT IN MURDER CASE

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 14—The arrest of a young man to whom suspicion of having murdered Anna Schumacher in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery last Saturday has been directed, gives only slight hope that the murderer is captured or soon will be.

The suspect, Fred Ewald, is admitted degenerate. He admits leaving Barnard's Crossing near the cemetery at 3 p. m. Saturday. He claims he went directly to North Rose to his brother's farm. He is a farm hand. The sheriff is confident, but if this lead fizzles out the authorities will be at sea.

The Doherty police dogs, of Pittsford, were unable to take up the scent at the place where the young girl was murdered, so they were taken to the swamp west of the cemetery, where police and farmers are still searching for a suspect thought to be in hiding there.

ARREST 50 SALOON KEEPERS

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 14—Fifty warrants for arrests of saloon-keepers charged with selling drinks on Sunday, were issued yesterday on complaints made by Field Supt. Hamm, of the State Law and Order League and members of the Lord's Day Alliance of this city.

Boston, Aug. 13—Hall & Harker, haters, were petitioned into bankruptcy today. The claims of the creditors aggregate \$7,788.

BIDDEFORD FOREST FIRE UNDER CONTROL LAST NIGHT

Biddeford, Me., Aug. 13—With militia men picking the highway for five miles of its length, and large gangs of men working in the woods setting back fires, the forest fire which burned over a square mile of valuable timberland last night and early today, was believed to be well under control tonight. Further damage will doubtless be caused in the standing timber, but it is thought that all danger to buildings along the Pool road and the other roads in the vicinity of the fire is over.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE GOOD ROADS

The Times new reporter this morning met an old friend from the country who said he was on his way to the Standard office to add his testimony to that of the hosts who are coming in to tell how much the country roads are improving since it was decided by the government not to have any more work done on them.

"You drove in?" queried the new reporter.

"Part o' the way," replied the farmer. "My rig broke down in a bad place about

him. Besides, it is the Grit party that is talking about having the wharves built ten mile out—so I walked in."

FULLY EXPLAINED

Halifax, Aug. 14—(Special)—The fact that the ferry steamer ran ashore in the fog here yesterday is regarded as further valuable evidence that St. John harbor is out again.

JAMESSEY IS WORRIED

The determination of some members of

the city council to have a fine series of wharves and warehouses built on the west side of the harbor is regarded by Mr. Jamessey Jones as too revolutionary.

Jamessey urges delay until we see what the result of the airship experiments in various countries will be. He says it would be ridiculous to provide berths for steamships when all freight may be going by the air line in a year or two. He will ask for a hearing before the council, several of whose members fully agree with