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PORTIONS OF WRECK ARE FOUND

All Hope For Men of the Einar Vannin Abandoned—Gale Rages in Irish Channel During the Night

London, Dec. 4.—All hope of the survival of the passengers and crew of the Einar Vannin was abandoned today when portions of the steamer's upper works and small boats were picked up on the banks of the Mersey. The Einar Vannin carried twelve passengers and a crew of twenty-one.

The little craft was the mascot of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company's fleet and her luck was proverbial. For forty-nine years she has ridden the seas and had never lost a passenger. She sailed on her last voyage from Ramsey, Isle of Man, for Liverpool at midnight on Thursday and ran into the hurricane early yesterday. It is believed that she was driven on Mersey Bar and foundered suddenly.

The loss of the steamer Thistlemore, off Appleton, in Barnstable Bay, was also confirmed today, but some of the crew of thirty were saved. The steamer Thistlemore, which was in the vicinity at the time of the disaster, picked up one of the Thistlemore's boats containing ten men, one of whom later died of exposure. The Amundale, like many other vessels, was damaged and put back to Barry, Wales. The gale continued over the Irish Channel with unabated severity throughout the night.

KETCHEL ACCEPTS AUSTRALIA OFFER

Hugo Kelly and Frank Klaus Are Matched For Twelve Rounds on December 14

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Stanley Ketchel yesterday accepted the offer of Hugo Kelly to go to Australia for three nine battles. The middleweight champion will embark in a few days. While he has not been informed as to the identity of his opponents, it is thought that he will be pitted against Tommy Burns, Bill Lang, and Bob Fitzsimmons.

INSURANCE FEATURE IN BATH TUB CASE

"Insurance Mad" Characterizes the Wardlaws—Seek Victim's Mother and Husband

New York, Dec. 4.—Probers into the mysterious death of Mrs. Oney W. M. Sneed, victim of the East Orange bathtub tragedy found there was wandering today in a labyrinth of insurance finance.

"Insurance mad" is an expression which has been used in characterizing the Wardlaws, the family into which Mrs. Sneed married in view of the facts so far brought to light regarding the group of elderly women, who were the ostensible of the bathtub victim for months preceding her death.

Papers found reveal countless memoranda in the handwriting of Miss Virginia Wardlaw, aunt of the victim, under arrest and charged with murder, nearly all having to do with the subject of life insurance. Policies aggregating \$24,000 on the life of Mrs. Sneed are known to be in existence, and other policies running into the thousands are believed to have been written for her. The investigators are especially anxious to find Mrs. Carolina B. Martin, the dead girl's mother, who has not been seen since the tragedy, and Fletcher Sneed, her husband, whose life was also heavily insured.

B. OF R. TRAINMEN OUT FOR INCREASE

New York, Dec. 4.—Officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who have announced that they will demand a general increase of ten per cent in pay from thirty-two railroads east of the Mississippi, said tonight that the men positively will not go out in sympathy with the western switchmen.

"We expect," said Vice-President Murdoch, "to present our demands on the 11th of this month, and that the wage conference will begin on the 15th. Although every effort will be made to avert a general strike, it is impossible to predict what the outcome of the conference will be."

ARMOURS MAY LOCATE IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 4.—It is understood that the Armour Company of Chicago, is about to establish a branch of their meat-packing industry in Toronto. Commissioner of Industries Thompson refused to confirm this rumor, but remarked that Toronto was one of the great meat-packing centres. Another large company is looking for a site here.

NECK BROKEN AND MENDED

Recovery of George Morri, Aged 83 Years, Is Regarded By Physicians As a Remarkable Case

Norwalk, O., Dec. 4.—Considering his age, the recovery of George Morri, aged eighty-three years, from a broken neck is regarded by physicians as most remarkable.

A month ago Morri was thrown against the side of his barn while pushing a heavy

NO BOUTS IN ST. JOHN SAYS MAYOR

Will Not Grant License For Proposed Boxing Matches Here—It's Risk For the Youngsters of St. John

There will be no boxing exhibitions in St. John, said Mayor Bullock this morning when asked if a license would be granted for holding a boxing tournament here this month as had been proposed.

It was stated recently that arrangements were being made to hold a tournament in this city about December 14 if permission could be secured. From the manner in which the mayor disposed of the question this morning, however, there is no possibility of the affair making any headway. His Worship was emphatic in saying that he would not issue a license for any boxing exhibition. That line of sport is dead, so far as St. John is concerned.

His Worship was asked if the free skating rink which he provided at his own expense last year at the corner of Wentworth and St. James streets, was likely to be in operation again this year. He replied that it certainly would be available for the children of that locality and added that work was now going on to prepare the ground for making ice as soon as the weather suits. The preliminary work now going on, was being done by men connected with the board of works, as they had the necessary equipment, but the bill would be paid by the city.

There had been some talk of the project being taken over by the city and run under the direction of the board of works but the mayor said he knew nothing of it.

Mayor Bullock, who returned home last evening after a business trip to Boston and New York, said that while coming through in the train yesterday he saw carload after carload of Christmas trees enroute from New Brunswick and Maine for New York and the southern states.

Speaking of the mayoralty contest in Boston, where a three-cornered fight is being waged, his worship said it was generally believed that Fitzgerald would be elected.

GRAMPIAN WILL HAVE 550 ABOARD

Lake Manitoba Not Expected Before Tomorrow—Brings 227 Passengers

The Allan liner Grampian will take away from here about 550 passengers. The Montreal train came in in two sections today, with twenty-nine in the first section and 159 in the second, all for the steamer.

C.P.R. liner Lake Manitoba is not expected before tomorrow. She has in all 227 passengers—sixty-nine first and 158 second.

The Allan liner Victorian is expected to dock tomorrow morning.

The West India line steamer Tabasco is expected during the afternoon.

WATSON AND THE "SERPENT'S TONGUE"

Poet Says Mrs. Asquith and Her Daughter are the Ones Hit At

New York, Dec. 4.—Wm. Watson, the English poet, who arrived in New York yesterday, for a brief visit, has issued a signed statement announcing that his recent poem, "The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue," which has set all England gossiping, is a composite portrait of Mrs. Asquith, wife of the British premier, and her stepdaughter, Violet Asquith. Although many critics, both in England and America have assumed that the poem was a reflection on some prominent English woman, the poet has until now declined to be drawn into the controversy.

His statement printed in the Times this morning says, in part: "The poem is a composite photograph of Mrs. Asquith and her stepdaughter Violet. It is a portrait of a physical characteristics of Mrs. Asquith and the mentality of Violet Asquith. The latter is the voice of the family and rules them all. Violet is the real official voice speaking with authority."

ROBBERY ON BOARD SCHOONER

The police are looking for a sailor named George McKay, who tried to take passage on the schooner Hattie McKay, lying at North Wharf. He went on board on Thursday and is charged, took with him the captain's overcoat, valued at \$22, a reef belonging to one of the men, and purse containing \$4.50.

BRITISH ELECTION FIGHT STRENUOUS

London, Dec. 4.—Evidence is accumulating that the election contest now in full swing will be one of the hardest ever fought in Great Britain. The leaders of both big parties and of the Laborites and the Nationalists have planned programmes which make it certain that the people in every part of the country will hear the questions of the House of Lords, tariff reform, free trade, socialism and other side issues discussed from every point of view.

Premier Asquith will take an active part in the conflict.

GREAT STRIKE ON RAILROADS IN UNITED STATES THREATENS INDUSTRIES OF ST. JOHN IN FINE PHOTO GROUPS

W. E. Anderson, Board of Trade's Energetic Secretary, Works Out Good Scheme to Advertise City

A picture gallery in which are displayed photographs of many of the manufacturing establishments of St. John, with views of their products, is the latest addition to the board of trade rooms, in Prince William street.

Secretary W. E. Anderson has been working for some time to secure the co-operation of the manufacturers in his undertaking, which is to present a comprehensive collection of views illustrating St. John's position as a manufacturing community. It has required some time and considerable persuasion to convert the manufacturers to the scheme but the result, it is believed, will be very gratifying to those interested and the collection of pictures secured is expected to prove valuable as well as entertaining to visitors who call at the board of trade rooms to seek information about the city's industries.

The pictures were being hung yesterday and today and when the members of the board gather on Monday for their annual meeting they will be able to judge for themselves the splendid exhibit produced. It is hoped there will be a large attendance at the meeting, especially of the manufacturers, so that they can judge the effect of the display.

There are now more than forty pictures framed and hung and more than thirty are yet to be placed. They occupy the entire northern wall of the large room at the rear and afford an interesting study for those who take pride in St. John's position as a manufacturing centre. Each frame contains a view of some photograph illustrative of the plant of a manufacturing establishment and its product. At one side is a view of the exterior of the buildings and alongside a display of the various goods turned out. The majority of the pictures are uniform in size, being eight inches broad by twenty inches long. The frames are all of weathered oak.

In the centre of the group is an enlarged panoramic photograph of St. John, taken from the western side of the harbor and embracing a view from Lake's timber pond on the north to the Ballast wharf on the south. This picture is seventy-seven inches in length by fifteen inches wide, its length being too great for an ordinary piece of picture glass, which is limited to seventy-two inches, and it was necessary to put in two pieces of glass in order to cover it.

In a frame above this photo group is a "few of the manufacturing industries of St. John, with some of their products."

Secretary Anderson is deserving of much praise for having worked out the idea so successfully and no doubt when the manufacturers see how attractive the display looks they will feel well repaid for any trouble they might have been put to in having displays prepared.

The maritime express last night was three hours late in arriving here, the delay being caused by a broken down car at Moncton (N. S.). A special train from Springfield had taken the siding at Thompson. It was forgotten to close a switch, with the result that the express ran into the siding, and it being a steep incline, had to have the assistance of a C. P. R. express engine to pull it back. The strain was great. Three draw bars were broken.

TRIBESMEN IN PHILIPPINES FIGHT THE CONSTABULARY

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STANLEY REARDON'S DEATH

At the inquest conducted last night by Coroner Berryman, the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that Stanley Reardon met his death on the S. S. Montrose, because of a defective railing on the vessel, and that they believe there was undue negligence on the part of the steamship company as the first officer's attention had been called to the matter.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH

New York, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Frank Braun, her daughter Lizzie, three years old, and an unidentified man were burned to death this morning in a tenement fire on the lower east side water front.

SHERIFF IS SHOT

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 4.—For pulling down a black flag in defiance of the orders of an infuriated mob of striking foreign workmen near the plant of the Colonial Steel Company of Monaca, near here, Deputy Sheriff Conway Crowley was shot today and probably fatally wounded.

Chicago Tribune Says Greatest Railroad Strike in History of States May Be Started This Month—Roads and Men Preparing For Struggle Expected to Follow Demand For More Wages

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The Tribune this morning says: "The United States is threatened with the greatest railroad strike in the history of the nation."

"Practically every railroad line in the country east and west is in imminent danger of being completely tied up by a walk-out this month."

"Officers of the organizations of engineers, firemen, trainmen and switchmen have agreed upon a uniform demand of a ten per cent wage increase without deviation of compromise."

"Both the railroads and the leaders of organized labor among the railroad employees are preparing for the struggle which when it once begins, will, without doubt, develop into one of the greatest industrial battles that has ever been fought in this or any other land."

"While it is known that it is not the plan of the leaders in the railroad organizations to call all the men out at one time, it is said they intend to call sufficient men to develop into one of the greatest industrial battles that has ever been fought in this or any other land."

"Discussion among various business organizations of the twin cities yesterday, is expected to result in some definite movement to bring the railroads and switchmen together for a conference today."

The railroad officials say, however, that they will make no concessions, and if the switchmen return to work, it will have to be under the same conditions that prevailed before the strike.

SYRIAN ARRESTED AND SET FREE

Moncton Police Working on Hold-Up—Engine Draw-Bars Break

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 4.—(Special)—As he was about to board the maritime express last night, a Syrian was arrested on suspicion that he was concerned in the holdup in W. R. Williams' store last evening. He answered the description fairly well, but this morning it was shown he was at home at the time of the hold-up, and he was allowed to go.

The police are making every effort to trace the guilty ones, and this morning visited the scene and learned that two small boys had seen the two men running down the Lewisville Road. One of them jumped the fence on the road to Moncton, and made a circle in the snow as if to tell the police of the scent, and the two then climbed up the embankment to the railway track.

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THREE LIVES LOST WITH THE MATTERHORN

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REPORT ON CLAIMS OF I.C.R. MEN

Conciliation Board Likely to Complete Findings Today—Woman Who Shot Husband Pays Light Fine

Toronto, Dec. 4.—(Special)—The conciliation board, appointed by the government to inquire into and report upon claims of unjust treatment made by a number of railway hands, laid off by the Intercolonial railway management, has come up from New Brunswick and is concluding preparation of its report in Toronto.

The board, which consists of J. G. O'Donoghue, of this city, on behalf of the labor unions; J. H. Gilmour, of Brockville, on behalf of the Intercolonial, and Judge Barron, of Stratford, as the third member, they held an all day session yesterday in Mr. O'Donoghue's office, and it is probable will have this report completed today.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 4.—Mrs. H. C. Barker, who shot her husband on Saturday last, following a quarrel, was let off lightly in the police court yesterday. Barker, not being willing to prosecute the charges against the woman was charged to discharging a pistol in a public place, and pleaded guilty. Mrs. Barker was fined \$20 and costs.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—(Special)—Dr. S. J. Thompson, of Meadville, Man., the former local member for Carberry, who opposed W. D. Staples in the Liberal interest last election, died this morning in St. Boniface Hospital, aged seventy years.

BURIED BABY GIRL ALIVE

Mother Helped Because the Little One Was Not a Boy

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 4.—Because her first child was not a boy, Maria Isabel Hernandez, aided by two other women, is charged, buried her baby alive in the walls of an adobe house a few minutes after its birth last Monday.

The three women were arrested yesterday.

MRS. YERKES LOSES FIGHT IN COURT

Million Dollar Art Collection to Be Sold—Some of the Treasures

New York, Dec. 4.—The fight of Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes and Attorney Franklin Bien to prevent Louis S. Owsley from taking charge of the assets of the late Mr. Yerkes in this state has been lost.

Surrogate Thomas appointed Owsley, who is the Illinois executor of the estate, ancillary executor in New York, on condition that Owsley file a \$2,000,000 bond.

Mrs. Yerkes was recently beaten in Chicago in her struggle to oust Owsley as executor there. Attorney Bien, a creditor of the estate, took the lead with her in trying to keep the New York court from putting Owsley in charge of the Yerkes possessions there.

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CHARGE BRIDE AS MURDERER

Warrant Issued in St. Louis For Mrs. Erder or Daxey, Alleging Murder in the First Degree

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—That white arsenic placed in his food by his bride of less than three months caused the death of William J. Erder on July 3 is the allegation against Mrs. Dora A. Daxey, of Columbus, Neb., in a warrant issued by Circuit Attorney Jones, of St. Louis. The document charges her with murder in the first degree.

The warrant followed the report to the Coroner of Dr. W. H. Warren, dean of the medical faculty of Washington University, who tested the viscera of Erder's exhumed body. That he found arsenic therein is stated in an affidavit by the chemist, made public today.

Dr. Warren's report states that he tested the embalming fluid used on Erder's corpse, but discovered no trace of poison in it.

Mrs. Daxey was arrested in Columbus, Neb., last night at the request of Prosecuting Attorney Shackelford, of St. Louis county, who issued a warrant against her, charging bigamy. Governor Hedley today issued a requisition on Governor Shallenberger, of Nebraska, for Mrs. Daxey on the bigamy charge. A despatch from Columbus reports Mrs. Daxey so ill that she will not be able to appear in court tomorrow.

The body of Mr. Erder was exhumed on November 20, after Miss Kate Erder, his sister, had convinced the city officials that her brother's death, a night before, had been caused by other than natural causes. Mrs. Erder started the investigation after she had traced Dora E. Erder, her brother's wife, to Columbus, Neb., and found her living there as the wife of Dr. Loren B. Daxey.

Erder had transferred to his wife \$2,700 of life insurance, of which his mother and sister were the original beneficiaries. Mrs. Erder or Daxey, after his death, had claim as Erder's widow, to \$500 insurance on the life of Erder's sister Elizabeth, who died the day Erder became ill.

TORTONA WILL RUN TO HALIFAX

Arrangements have been completed with the Robert Reford Company, Montreal, for the coming of the new Thompson-Castlin liner Tortona, to Halifax this winter. The Tortona will run to Halifax in winter and Montreal in summer. The first trip to Halifax will be from Naples on January 15, and the first trip from Halifax to Naples on February 7.

J. S. WILLISON GOES TO ENGLAND, WHY?

Toronto, Dec. 3.—J. S. Willison, editor of the Toronto News, goes to England, on December 8, and expects to be absent at least six weeks. The significance of the trip is not definitely known but his presence in England will be hailed with joy by the tariff reformers.

It is said Mr. Willison, who for years has been Toronto correspondent of the London Times, goes to consult with Lord Northcliffe, new head of the Times, regarding a thorough reorganization of the editorial, not to say Imperial, programme of that paper. Perhaps he will return to Canada as the Times' ambassador, with greatly increased powers, even to dismiss, to supersede and employ.

GIRL HAD NEVER HEARD OF BIBLE

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 4.—William Henze, a young man, who was charged with incest, the complainant being their sister Sarah, was before Magistrate Macdonald today. The woman's evidence was so unsatisfactory that the magistrate dismissed the case. She did not seem to understand the nature of an oath and had never heard of the Bible.

DIES AT DOCTOR'S DOOR

New York, Dec. 4.—Dr. T. C. Wiggins, whose home and office are in Alhambra Apartments, at No. 529 Nostrand avenue, Brooklyn, was about to retire for the night when his doorbell rang and he himself answered it. He found a very well-dressed woman on the stoop, apparently very ill.

The doctor quickly drew her into the hallway. As he led the woman in, she dropped dead at his feet, of heart disease. Later it was discovered she was Mrs. Caroline Rogers, of No. 559 Lafayette avenue. Her relatives say she had suffered for some time with heart trouble.

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