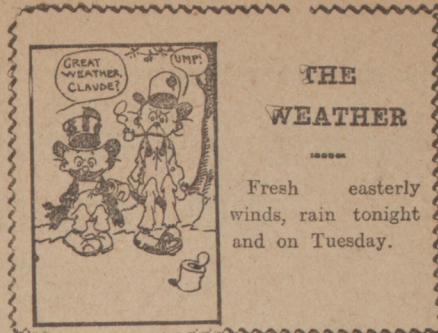




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KETCHEL SWINGS AXE IN THE WOODS

Goes Back to Old Work to Get Ready for His Fight With Sam Langford.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—Stanley Ketchel will start east today on a hurried trip to prepare for his fight with Sam Langford, but messages received here by friends say that he will spring a big surprise in the boxing line of the easterners. Instead of taking a vacation in the wilds, Ketchel will put himself in first class shape and if Langford thinks he is going to find an easy mark, he is badly mistaken.

Ketchel has followed some of the training methods pursued by Jeffries when the latter used to train in the mountains. He has been hunting and fishing, and in addition, has followed his old calling of wood cutting. He was originally a lumberman and it is to his constant use of the axe that he attributes the powerful muscles of his arms.

He writes that he has found that he can swing the axe as strongly as ever before, but admits that he is getting heavier. He says this does not indicate any lack of training however, but that he has naturally a tendency to work to 175 pounds or thereabouts.

He says he will make the middleweight limit in the match with Langford, but that he does not intend to reduce so much hereafter.

ACTRESS ONLY ONE AT DEATH-BED OF MILLIONAIRE.

T. D. DeWitt's Family Will Have Nothing to Do With His Funeral.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—When Thomas D. DeWitt, a millionaire coal dealer, known for years throughout New York for his active work in several public and private bodies, for his connection with West Side Protective League and many of that city's leading clubs, died in Flower Hospital, the only person then at his bedside was Ollie Lowe, a former actress. Although Mr. DeWitt had a wife and adult children from whom he has been estranged nearly two years, none went to him in his dying hour, and only one after he was dead, according to Miss Lowe, and that was a young son, who said he was authorized to tell her that she should go ahead and arrange for his father's burial, as none of the family would have anything to do with the matter.

It was from Miss Lowe's apartment, No. 11 West One Hundred and Fourth street, that Mr. DeWitt was taken to the hospital Thursday afternoon. He had been living there, and Miss Lowe was known as his nurse. He had been feeble several months. The woman went ahead and made arrangements to have the body cremated today in the New York and New Jersey Cremation Plant at Bergen, N. J., as she said that he had been his desire. Mr. DeWitt was fifty-eight years of age.

DONOR TO SISTERS ONCE PRIEST HERE

Rev. Robert Walsh of Worcester Here Years Ago --- His Bequest Received.

It will be interesting to St. John people to know that the money left by a Worcester man to the Sisters of Charity here, as told in the Times on Saturday, was the bequest of a former priest of this diocese, Rev. Robert Walsh. He was stationed in the Palace some thirty-five years ago and ministered to the people of the present St. Peter's church.

He removed to the States and was rector of a church in Worcester, Mass., at the time of his death in March, 1903. The money that he has bequeathed to the sisters here has been received.

MAN AND WOMAN IN A REVOLVER FIGHT IN STREET

ORANGE, Mex., Aug. 16.—E. H. Rice and his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. Smith, fought in the street with revolvers today as the result of domestic troubles. Rice is alive at his home with three bullets in the body and the woman is in jail.

Mrs. Rice announced her intention of leaving her husband. He followed the two women to the street, armed with a pistol, and the fight followed. Several shots were exchanged.

ORVILLE WRIGHT IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Orville Wright, who arrived here today from New York will spend only twenty-four hours in England. He is going to Germany tomorrow. He will not be able to do anything in the flying line here as, although his aeroplanes are completed, the motors for them have not been delivered.

So far as Mr. Wright knows, the only flying he will do in Europe will be in Germany. He may possibly return to England on his way home. He has received no communication from the British war office and no arrangements have been made for a meeting between him and British officials as has been reported in some quarters.

BRYCE HERE TONIGHT; BUSY DAYS PLANNED.

Royal His Staying Place—Drive, Canadian Club Luncheon, Entertainment By Premier Hazen Features of Programme Arranged.



AMBASSADOR JAMES BRYCE.

The Rt. Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, who is to address the Canadian Club here tomorrow evening, will arrive in the city on the Boston train at 11.15 tonight, accompanied by Mrs. Bryce.

The ambassador and party will be met at the depot by Premier Hazen and President C. B. Allan, of the Canadian Club, and will be escorted to the Royal Hotel, where a suite has been secured for them. Owing to the late arrival of the train the reception of the distinguished visitor will be of a quiet and informal nature.

Tomorrow morning the ambassador will be given a trip about the harbor by a committee from the Canadian Club, and at noon the ambassador and Mrs. Bryce will be the guests of Premier and Mrs. Hazen at a luncheon given in their honor at the premier's home, Hazen street. In the afternoon they will be driven to points of interest about the city in company with Hon. Mr. Hazen, and in the evening at 6.15 o'clock the ambassador will be the guest of the Canadian Club at luncheon in the assembly rooms of the Nickel Theatre. The ambassador will leave the city again on Wednesday morning for St. Andrews.

A special despatch from Northeast Harbor, Me., says Sir Frederick Pollock, the noted author, is accompanying the ambassador.

There promises to be a very large gathering of Canadian Club members for the luncheon tomorrow evening.

A RARE DISEASE

First New England Victim of Pellagra Dies in Worcester Hospital—The Causes.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 16.—Pellagra, a rare disease in this country, claimed its first New England victim yesterday, when Mrs. Selma Lattrell, of Winchester, died in St. Vincent's Hospital here.

Mrs. Lattrell was thirty-two years old. Either the eating of cereals upon which a fungus growth has attached or unclean habits usually causes the disease.

PRINCESS WAS SOLD TODAY

G. C. Jordan Buys The Moving Picture House Property.

The property of the Princess Theatre, corner of Princess and Charlotte streets, operated by the Amusements, Limited, was sold today by Sheriff Ritchie, and was purchased by Gilbert C. Jordan, the heaviest creditor of the concern. His bid was \$360.

As stated in the Times on Saturday, August 7, the property was sold under a judgment issued out of the supreme court of New Brunswick against the company by Gilbert C. Jordan. There were only two bidders on the property when Sheriff Ritchie held the sale today—John H. Busin, proprietor of the "Nickel", a moving picture theatre in Windsor, N. S., and H. H. Pickett, representing Mr. Jordan. The latter secured the property for \$360. It is not yet known whether Mr. Jordan will continue the enterprise or will dispose of it to other interests. The house has been closed for some time.

MANNALIE IS REMANDED

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Aug. 16.—Sandy Mannalieu, the Italian who is in jail here, accused of murdering Nicholas Laguy, on Sunday, August 8th, was brought before Magistrate Dibble this morning and was remanded until ten o'clock on Wednesday.

All interested in the Every Day Club garden party are asked to meet at the hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

SLAYS HER BABES

Mother Kills Little Ones and Commits Suicide—Husband Finds Their Bodies.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Mrs. Marie Hanel turned on the gas in the bathroom yesterday and committed suicide and slew her three babies.

She had first carefully bathed and dressed her three children, one four years old and twins two years old. The smell of gas awakened her husband, who broke open the door of the bathroom and found their dead bodies.

LOST ALL HER TOPMASTS

Bark Makes 11,000 Mile Voyage Nearly all Under Jury Rig.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The Norwegian bark Gartha, dismantled of nearly all her original upper spars and rigging, arrived here today from Java after a voyage of 11,000 miles in 140 days.

She sailed from Padang on March 2, and on April 11 in the Indian Ocean she encountered a storm which brought her three topmasts and topgallant mast with yards and sails.

A jury rig later was effected and she made most of the voyage under these small sails.

A group of Westfield runners are expected to take part in the Every Day Club sports Thursday evening.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

MR. NICKERSON FLEW.

The explanation of the absence of Mr. Pegleg Nickerson from his residence, King street east, as given in the morning papers, is not correct. Mr. Nickerson is an aviator, and the Wrights, Bleriot, Baldwin, Zeppelins and others of that ilk have a St. John rival. Mr. Nickerson had a small monoplane concealed in the hollow of his wooden leg. When the guards were not looking he spread his wings and flew from Cradle Hill. There is no fear for his safety. He has never yet failed to return.

THE VERY MAN.

A gentleman from Saddleback arrived in the city this morning, having heard that a director of public works might be needed. He informed the Times new reporter that he had performed statute labor in Saddleback for some years past, and would like to take a turn at the streets of St. John.

WORKMEN DIG UP FIFTEEN SKELETONS

Find on Potomac Suggests Indian Raid or Acts of Sea Rovers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Fifteen skeletons lying together in such a position as to indicate hasty burial, and three English coins, bearing the date 1729 found with the skeletons during the excavations for the United States medical school hospital, near the banks of the Potomac, bring to light, it is believed, some Indian or piratical tragedy of early American days.

The finger of suspicion pointed first toward the red men who stole silently along the wooded Potomac banks a century and a half ago, then to a mythical pirate crew which is believed to have made its rendezvous in the upper Potomac and lastly to a man, infested slave trading vessel. But the bones may remain forever as silent as they were in the grave.

MANY IN TRIBUTE TO PROF WILLIAMS

Large Attendance at Funeral—Bands in Line—Handsome Floral Pieces.

One of the most impressive funeral processions seen here in recent years was that of Bandmaster Williams, which took place this afternoon from the Mission Church, Paradise Row. The body had been taken there at 9 o'clock this morning and funeral services conducted by Rev. D. Conyers. The bier was then placed in front of the altar and there the body lay in state until this afternoon.

The church was crowded by friends of the late bandmaster and the streets along which the cortege walked were lined with numbers of people.

The choir sang the three hymns: "Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing," "On the Resurrection Morning," and "Now the Laborer's Task is O'er."

The pall-bearers were selected from members of the City Cornet, Artillery and St. Mary's bands and from the Nickel and Harrison's orchestras. In the procession were seen men from all walks of life, showing the esteem in which the late Professor Williams was held. The City Cornet Band, the Artillery band and St. Mary's band marched in long line. The body was taken to Fernhill for burial.

Among the many gifts of beautiful flowers contributed by friends to the memory of Mr. Williams, those given by his brother bandmen of this city are deserving of more than a passing mention. St. Mary's Band, Mr. Williams' own creation, sent a floral harp, on top of which was perched a large white dove. A white gauze silk scarf bearing the words "Our Master" in gold letters was attached to the harp. More than a dozen purple flowers, sent S. M. B., made of purple flowers.

The City Cornet Band sent a most appropriate tribute in the form of a lyre, composed of smilax and white carnations. The letters C. C. B., in purple flowers, were on the lyre.

The band of the Third Regiment R. C. A. contributed to the memory of their former bandmaster the most unique set-piece of flowers seen in the city—a fully equipped music stand and rest. The music stand was composed of green and white. The music rest was made of purple flowers. The book, on which rested a sheet of music, was made of white flowers. The sheet of music, which rested on the book, was also made of white flowers, with notes of music marked by flowers of different colors corresponding with the notes. A bandmaster's baton, made of purple chrysanthemums, rested on the sheet of music. The elegance of this set-piece of floral work and the taste displayed in the making, were marked. If one can judge concerning love and respect for the memory of the dead by external show, it is safe to say that the brain-power that planned and the deft fingers that executed the floral work on the gift of the band of the Third Regiment of the R. C. A. must have loved and respected the upright and talented musician and bandmaster.

The Nickel Theatre orchestra sent a laurel wreath, an attractive piece of work. Harrison's orchestra, a crescent; the chief, superintendent and employees of the power-house, a cross; Mr. and Mrs. H. McAlpine and family, a crescent; Mrs. M. L. Macfarland, carnations; Mrs. Murray, a wreath; Mrs. M. A. Harding, sheet of wheat; Mrs. H. H. Brown, carnations; Mrs. R. M. Spence, cut flowers; Miss Mary B. Macfarland, cut flowers; Mrs. W. Myles, carnations; Miss Essington, purple asters; Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, carnations.

The home of the late bandmaster was thronged until a late hour last night by friends of the family who called to pay their last tribute to the memory of the dead.

Alice May Estey, the seven months' old daughter of William Estey, died this morning.

HAIL HAS NOT SERIOUSLY HURT GROP, SAYS FISHER

Minister of Agriculture Reports on Western Grain—Rain in Ontario and Quebec Welcomed—Montreal Strike Ended.



HON. W. S. FISHER.

SASKATOON, Sask., Aug. 16.—(Special)—"I have noticed few hailed crops, very small in the vast area of grain, and some of these are not a total loss, even though badly damaged. In individual cases this is very hard on the farmers, but destruction by hail cannot have an appreciable effect on the season's yield. It is not large enough for that."

The foregoing is the estimate placed by Hon. Sydney Fisher on the damage done by destructive hail on the western crops this year, after an extensive tour over Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The minister of agriculture reached Saskatoon on Friday afternoon, addressed the Canadian Club on Friday night, and left on Saturday morning for Edmonton over the Grand Trunk Pacific.

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 16.—(Special)—Rain which was very much needed, was general throughout Ontario yesterday. The humidity was not very great in the city. The rain fall reached eight-tenths of an inch which is the heaviest recorded for this month.

MONTREAL, Aug. 16.—(Special)—Rain set in here last night and has fallen all morning, at times in torrents. The country about here has been very dry and rain is much needed.

MONTREAL, Aug. 16.—(Special)—The clothing workers' strike, which has been in progress for about a month, was brought to an end today by J. H. Waldman Co., the last firm to stand out, taking the strikers out at an advanced rate of wages. The men claim the union has been recognized, but the company denies it. The company also states that all strike breakers remain at work.

OLD TENDERLOIN HAS A MURDER

Woman's Body Found—Bullet Through Heart—Police Seek Italian.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A murder in the heart of the Old Tenderloin district was discovered early today, when the body of Medeline Vico, aged fifty years, was found on the floor of her room in a lodging house at 105 West 29th street. There was a bullet wound through her heart and the furniture was thrown about the room indicating that a quarrel had preceded the murder.

The police are searching for an Italian known to them as "Grino" who lived with Miss Vico and with whom she is said to have had frequent quarrels. The murdered woman was the proprietress of an establishment known as the Eastern Star Manicure Parlor. Excepting a barber shop in the basement the building is occupied mainly by young women.

A COBALT FIRE

COBALT, Ont., Aug. 16.—(Special)—The University Mine office building's bank, cook-house and kitchen were destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

HURT IN EXPLOSION

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 16.—Four men and one woman were seriously injured by a fatal explosion today when a mysterious explosion partially wrecked and later set fire to the four story building occupied by the Wirwirk Moving and Storage Company.

If you sit down and wait for your ship to come in, don't be surprised if nothing but a wreck drifts in with the tide.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Samuel Weir took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, Chesley street. Rev. A. A. Graham conducted the burial services, and the body was interred in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Margaret, infant daughter of James and Myrtle Dunlap, of Charles street, was buried at 2.30 this afternoon in Cedar Hill cemetery.

After a most enjoyable week spent at Wood Lake, on their annual outing the following party of ladies and gentlemen returned to the city on the early train this morning: Misses Katherine Coughlan, Mollie Cronin, Nan Morgan, Florence O'Neil, Alice O'Regan and Jennie Murphy and Messrs. Fred Lamb, Thomas Coughlan, Geo. Murphy, Frank O'Regan and B. Cronin. Mrs. John O'Regan and Mrs. Murphy were the chaperones for the party during the stay in camp.

BAYONET CHARGE AT A PICNIC

Ill-treatment of Lad by Bumpkins Captain of Soldiery Starts Trouble.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Twenty persons were injured last night when a company of Polish sharpshooters, twenty strong, charged a crowd of men, women and children with bayonets at a church picnic.

The trouble started when the captain of the company hit a boy because the youngster did not get out of the way quickly enough to suit the officer who was drilling his company by electric light. This enraged the crowd which had gathered to see the soldiers.

The company was surrounded and an explanation was demanded by the angry people. Finally the mother of the boy attacked the captain with a stick. The captain then ordered his company, which consisted of about twenty men, to charge their crowd with bayonets. The crowd fought back, greatly outnumbering the soldiers. The riot became general and the captain of the company was one of the first to retreat. A riot call brought the police, and they arrested five of the rioters, all of whom were bruised. No one was seriously injured.

LITTLE SHAH MUST NOW MARRY, 12 YEARS OLD

Despite His Protest, The Harem of the Persian Ruler is Being Prepared.

TEHRAN, Aug. 16.—The twelve-year-old Shah, despite his protests, is soon to be officially married. His harem is now being arranged.

Since the Shah's accession to the throne he has been most miserable. He declares he is the unhappiest boy in Persia. He sires it to accompany his father into exile, while his mother declares that Nationalists will eventually kill him.

A rumor that the ex-Shah is plotting to regain his son is current here. The plan was made to effect his son's escape while the boy was riding in the country last Monday. The Shah once beyond the precincts of the palace, galloped away and endeavored to reach the carriage which his father had awaiting him. The Shah's attendant realizing the trick pursued and drawing a revolver, said:

"If Your Majesty doesn't dismount, I'll shoot myself."

When the Shah saw that the plan had failed, he returned to the palace, broken, and later attempted to commit suicide.

WELCOME RAIN

Pennsylvania Has Just Been Through one of the Most Serious Droughts in its History

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 15.—Rain, which is reported today from many sections of the state, gives promise of ending one of the most serious droughts in the history of Pennsylvania. Not since the building of the locks in the Schuylkill river in 1821 has the water been so low and operations of many miles of its banks were curtailed.

In nearly every section of the state forest fires were numerous and crops were practically ruined.

HANGING TO TREE

Body of Old Man Discovered After Three Months—A Case of Suicide.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 16.—After hanging for about three months to a tree within a few feet of a public road, along which hundreds of persons pass daily, the body of an unknown man, apparently about seventy years of age, was found last evening by berry pickers.

No clue as to the identity of the supposed suicide was found on the body.

BRIG. GENERAL

TOWNSEND DEAD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Brig. Gen. Edwin F. Townsend, U. S. A., retired, died here yesterday as a result of a stroke of apoplexy. He was aged seventy-six years. During the civil war he was brevetted to General Gentry at the battle of Shiloh and later brevetted lieutenant. He will be buried in Arlington cemetery with military honors on Tuesday.

NEW DANISH CABINET

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 16.—The ministerial crisis which followed the resignation of the Danish cabinet last month because of its failure to secure the support of parliament for its project of military defence came to an end today with the formation of a new cabinet under the premiership of Count Holstein-Ledeborg.

The body of John Akerley, father of A. B. Akerley, Military Road, was brought here on the Boston train from Haverhill, Mass., this morning, and interred in Cedar Hill cemetery, Rev. B. H. Nobles officiating at the services.