

# KETCHEL AT LAST JOINS JACK JOHNSON'S MANAGER

## Likely Never Can Get to Middleweight Limit Again

—Walsh-Lynch Bout Not Satisfactory—Baseball, Turf and Bowling News

Stanley Ketchel does not seem to know what he really wants to do, and, after making several announcements in his possible future, has finally tied up with George Little who has Jack Johnson under his wing. Since the death of Willus Britt, who was manager of Ketchel when Johnson sent Stanley to the mat in his foolhardy attempt to butt into the heavy-weight world's championship controversy, Ketchel has been a ship without a rudder, but Little, who has had practically no experience in managing boxers has won over the game Michigan, and Jack Johnson and Ketchel will now be pugilistic mates.

Ketchel is growing big and will probably never be able to make the middleweight limit.

Since the day of Tommy Ryan and Kid McCoy, not to mention the freak Bob Fitzsimmons, the middleweight limit has been a bone of contention and the futile attempts of several boxers led to a class known as the "light heavyweights." George Gardner was boosted as the light-heavyweight" hopeful, but this theoretical division has dropped into oblivion, and the present day boxing fans have refused to recognize any distinction between so-called middleweights and the candidates for heavyweight honors.

The welterweight championship is one of the greatest jokes known to present day pugilism as Mike "Twin" Sullivan, Jimmy Gardner and Harry Lewis have been consistent claimants in a triangular controversy and each claims and disclaims.

Owen Moran when asked his opinion of the coming match for the heavyweight championship said: "My money will go on Johnson. Jeffries has been out of the game for a number of years and the chances are that he has lost his judgment of distance. And when a man loses that he generally loses it for good."

The long talk of a boxing match between Jimmie Walsh, of Boston, and Alf Lynch, of Quebec, which took place last week, was anything but a success from a spectator's point of view. About 1,000 were present when Referee Lachapelle announced that no articles had been signed, as Walsh refused to weigh-in, and that if both men were on their feet at the end of the tenth round, the fight would be a draw.

Lynch started in to lead in fine form and had the best of the two first rounds, when the crowd began to call out that the men were only fighting two instead of three minutes. The referee then stated that by agreement between principals and promoters, the rounds were to be two minutes each. This naturally caused general dissatisfaction, as if straight rules had been carried out, Walsh would probably have won out in the sixth or seventh round, as he appeared to be in better condition than Lynch. The latter, however, put up a plucky fight, although clinching too often to please the spectators. Both men were on their feet at the end of the ten rounds, and the draw decision was given. Lynch was supposed to weigh 113 and Walsh 118, but the latter appeared to be about ten pounds heavier.

### Baseball

Frank Farrell, president of the Greater New York Baseball Club, the Yankees, has nearly concluded negotiations for the purchase of a large plot of land near 223rd street and Broadway.

The New York American League team when the present lease on American League Park at Broadway and 168th street expires.

Every club in the National and in the American League has waived claim to the first Baseman Abstein, whose playing at times is said to have placed Pittsburg's chances for the world's championship in jeopardy in the series with Detroit last fall. Abstein is to go back to the minors. It is admitted by the Pittsburg club owners today that ten minor league clubs have already put in claim for Abstein.

It has been decided to place Jack Flynn of St. Paul, for whom Pittsburg paid \$4,000, on first base regularly for the champions. This settles a bitter discussion that has been on since the last game at Detroit over the attitude of Manager Clarke towards Abstein.

President Comiskey of the White Sox has given up the hunt for outfielder George Stone of the St. Louis Browns. The Cincinnati club has requested Horace Fogel president of the Phillies, to waive claim on Bob Ewing, the Rhinelander's big right-hander, and Brennan, a

### SKATING IN ST. JOHN

#### What Some One in St. John Sends to Montreal Paper

The Montreal Star publishes under St. John date the following from a special correspondent, and friends of the Victoria rink will not read it with extreme pleasure:

St. John, N. B., Dec. 24—The skating season at St. John has opened with great interest and enthusiasm in the sport than for many winters past.

By Lake, a delightful stretch of ice in Rockwood Park, a park which for natural beauty probably exceeds any of the smaller parks in Canada, is daily thronged with skaters, who, in their many gaily colored raincoats, present a truly charming moving picture to the thousands of onlookers who gather on the hills surrounding the rink.

At the rink the attendance is unusually large. Old-timers who outgrew the habit a decade ago, are once more to be seen on the blades. Evidently St. John is entering upon a genuine revival of this healthful amusement.

Some years ago St. John was somewhat famous for the gracefulness of its skaters. At that time people went in more for fancy skating than in the case now, and very many beautiful waltzers were to be seen on the ice.

Several crack British regiments were stationed at St. John at the time, and their command included men of title and abundant leisure, who took an interest in the sport solely for the pleasure it gave.

Unaccustomed to any lengthy season of skating at other garrisons, they took full advantage of the opportunity offered in Canada and gave to the amusement their strongest assistance.

Through their efforts a large and costly rink was built by popular subscription and attended by the better people of the city, and while a membership fee was exacted, this was solely to defray the operating expenses, and not with any view to financial returns.

As long as the regiments remained in St. John, skating continued to hold first place as the "correct" winter amusement, but when St. John ceased to be a garrison town the interest in skating began to wane, and eventually the rink, originally erected without any idea of profits, degenerated into a money-making institution, and soon lost caste. Fast skating and more mixed crowds and inferior music have been the result of this taking the place of the select gatherings and splendid music of the regimental bands.

Deprived of a suitable rink, society people have indulged very little since then in the sport, and practically the only time when they would be seen on the ice is at the occasional times when the ice on the lakes has not been covered with snow.

This year signs are in evidence of a change back to the old conditions. Skating is once more a fashionable amusement and a large private skating club, composed exclusively of members of the "smart set" has leased the Queen's Rink, a large building opposite the Queen Square, a fashionable residential part of the city.

The Queen's Own Band, a fine musical organization, has been engaged to furnish music during the season, and the rink will be the scene of a number of stylish entertainments during the winter months.

If skating continues to hold its present very great popularity, it may become necessary to provide a still larger building to accommodate the public, and this can be accomplished by enlarging the Queen's Rink on Charlotte street, and extending the building back to German street, with an equal frontage on that street.

This would give the Queen's Rink a frontage of 150 feet on both Charlotte and German streets, and a depth of 800 feet, and would make it one of the finest rinks in Canada.

### SUFFRAGETTES

#### ISSUE DAILY PAPER

New York, Dec. 27—The Wireless is to be the name of a new woman's suffrage daily. Prominent suffragettes are planning to bring out the first issue early in the new year.

The establishment of a daily has been under consideration for some time by the national board, which concludes its three days' session here tomorrow. The present organ of the cause will be brought to this city from Warren, Ohio, and converted from a state and conservative monthly to an up-to-date metropolitan daily.

New clothespins should be boiled before being used and should frequently be washed.

Temporarily, at least, the desired waivers will not be forthcoming from the Philadelphia club. President Fogel thinks well of the ability of Ewing and believes that he would make a good man for the Phillies now that Cincinnati has formed such a poor opinion of him. As for Brennan the latter has been highly recommended from persons who have watched his minor league career.

### The Turf

Thomas F. Ryan has just completed the construction of a new up-to-date mile race track on his vast property at Oak Ridge, N.S.

Sporting Life says that Danny Maher, the American jockey has bought the house and estate known as Cropwell Hall, near Nottingham, for £8500.

Jockey F. Wotton who rode out Danny Maher as leading English jockey this year, is fifteen years old and made an astonishing record by riding more than 100 winners. His younger brother, Stanley, has beaten him in many hard races. W. Higgs, an Irishman, finished third, with more than 100 wins.

Thirty race horses have won a total of \$475,000 on the American and Canadian tracks since last New Year.

Sam Hildreth's Joe Madden, a 3-year-old by Yankee-Tarantella, heads the list with \$49,905 to his credit, which includes the stakes and purses won in California before Hildreth began to campaign him on the eastern tracks. Joe Madden started fifteen times, finishing first in five races, second in nine and third once, never being out of the money.

James R. Keene's 2-year-old Sweep, by Ben Brush-Pink Domino, is second in the list with \$41,323, all of which was earned on the Eastern Jockey Club's courses.

Sweep was the biggest winner among the two-year-olds, therefore, starting eight times and winning five races, with two seconds and one third.

### Hockey

As the Ottawa Clifdides may play here the following will be of interest:—The Galt hockey team, champions of the Ontario League, who will play Ottawa, will carry a team from the Capital apparently. They already have Ras Murphy, of that city, and are now after Bill Stewart, the left wing flyer of the Ottawa Clifdides. Stewart, who is one of the best amateurs in the country, was asked to place a price on his services. He is in business, however, and will hardly be away from the amateur ranks for the salaries of the Ontario team would offer. He is good enough to catch a place on any line playing today.

### Bowling

The weekly roll off on Black's alleys last night, Peter Sinclair won the silver cake basket with a score of 102. The post-street game between the Pirates and the Newmans, will be played on Thursday night.

Another turkey has been offered by the management of the Victoria alleys for the highest score in a game now and New Year's. V. Kelly leads with 116.

In an exciting game on the St. Peter's alleys last night the St. John Baptist team won from the Knights of Columbus three points to one. The following are the team and scores:

St. John Baptist	63	63	93	227-752.3
Goggan	81	86	71	238-791.3
Littlejohn	77	80	90	247-821.3
Hennessy	66	94	98	238-86
McNeil	69	69	69	207-69
	359	307	421	1177
Knights of Columbus				
Murphy	83	87	87	257-852.3
Coholan	86	80	76	242-802.3
McCluskey	85	87	85	257-852.3
Coughlan	68	63	73	204-68
O'Neil	66	68	69	202-672.3
	388	385	390	1163

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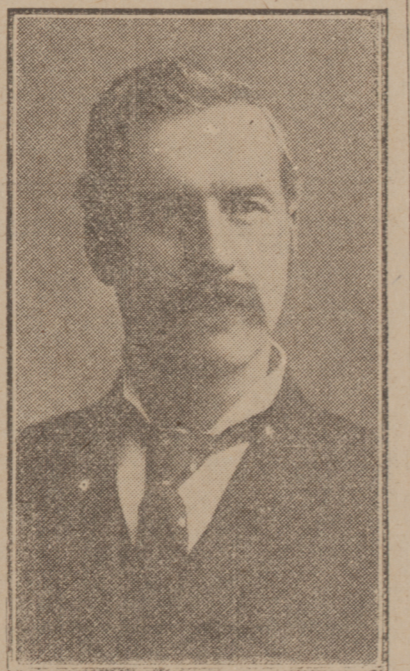
#### Government Lecturer Addresses Large Audience in Every Day Club Hall—Practical Illustrations of Benefits Given—Interest Shown in Questions Asked the Speaker By His Auditors

A large and representative audience attended the Every Day Club last night and listened with marked appreciation to an interesting and instructive lecture by N. W. Brown, government lecturer, on the Canadian old age annuity system. The speaker, who came here after a series of successful lectures over the province, dealt with the subject in a manner which showed that he had a thorough insight into the matter and a distinct familiarity with its different phases.

A. M. Belding, president of the Every Day Club, acted as chairman and in a brief speech introduced Mr. Brown and explained the object of his visit.

Mr. Brown was given a hearty reception on his first appearance on a local platform. His delivery and language proved him to be a forceful and entertaining speaker and ably merited the vote of thanks which was tendered him by the chairman at the close of his lecture.

In the course of his remarks the speaker said that the rates for ladies were considerably higher than for men.



N. W. BROWN.

A lady who was in the audience asked Mr. Brown why this was the case and was told that women from statistics were longer lived than men and the matter of wages was difficult to settle.

In reply she said that old ladies should be cared for as well as old men, as all were human beings.

Mr. Brown promised to refer the questions asked by the lady to the superintendent of the department.

She asked for statistics and the lecturer promised to secure them and have them sent to her.

Mr. Belding assisted Mr. Brown in explaining the intricacies of the annuity system.

"If women had had any voice in making the act," said the lady, "it would never have been passed as it now is."

### Is Non-Political

In opening his lecture the speaker said that everyone recognized that the scheme was entirely non-political and when it came up in the house there was not a dissenting voice raised against it. For this reason people throughout the country did not generally seem to be very familiar with the scheme.

New Zealand, the speaker said, had the pension scheme well under way. Every person over the age of seventy received from the government the sum of \$123.35. The French government gave every man, when he reached the age of seventy, a pension of \$35 a year. In England also, if a man ceases to be placed on the pension list, he goes before a court of inquiry to have his record investigated and if it is

found that he has committed even the most trifling crime his request was refused. This was a great help to the upbuilding of character. In case he passed the examination, he received a pension based on a "sliding scale" in proportion to his income. Every man in this country, said Mr. Brown, is in a position to put a small amount at least to one side for a rainy day. Since this was so it must be decided where to deposit the savings. Certainly no large amounts should be kept in anybody's name. The government has gone a step farther than the banks in placing a time limit on the withdrawal of moneys. This was better than the savings bank scheme and the depositor received a better rate of interest than from the banks, which, however, were very good and substantial in every way.

To become connected with the government scheme all that was required was to go to the post office and get a card marked "O. H. M. S.," dispatch it to Ottawa and receive a letter of information concerning the depositing of moneys. At any time a man could begin to bring in his annuity. A person could do this at any age and could pay in any sum he chose. Life insurance policies were all right, the speaker stated, but the old age annuity scheme had no equal in its line. Any young man at the age of twenty-five could begin depositing five cents a week, or any other sum, to do so until he reached the age of twenty-five would receive the sum of \$85.58, and if he continued for five years more he would be able then to draw over \$120.

The sum of \$1,000 deposited at the age of fifty-five would draw interest at better than eight per cent.

At the present time the fund in connection with the scheme was nearing the \$400,000 mark. When the first installment on the deposit to be made was received at Ottawa, the name and age of the depositor was inscribed in a permanent system, and when the deposit amounted to ten dollars the owner of the money received a contract letting him know how his standing was.

In case of death the money was returned to the heirs of the depositor at the rate of 3 per cent interest every three months, the annuity guarantee, Mr. Brown explained, ensures the return of money to the depositor.

Mr. Brown said that one point to be noted in connection with the scheme was that when money was deposited it could not be withdrawn and no interest was made in the interest of those who had no heirs or relatives. In case of the death of a man so situated that he had no near relatives to whom he wished to have his money bequeathed, his money would go to increase the annuity fund in general. These plans were known as "A" and "B."

### Practical Illustrations

The speaker next dwelt upon several practical illustrations in connection with the scheme. For instance one man deposits \$100 in the fund. He is the father of a child and he will enter under plan "A." At the age of twenty-five he would return to the child \$146, if it lived to the age of 65 years.

Under plan "B" it would receive over \$200 at the age of 65 years.

Experience is teaching men that they should not leave large sums of money to sons and daughters who were at the point of age, as the latter who were not accustomed to the spending of large sums, are apt to squander the money.

In an ordinary home a certain sum of money, perhaps \$20 a year, is spent for tobacco by the father, but if he would begin to set this sum aside, at the rate of twenty-five cents a week, for a young son aged seven, the sum of \$500.95 would go to the boy when the annuity policy expired. In case the young man died, for a small additional fee, his money could be transferred to whomsoever he desired.

"Has the government a right to send men about the country to speak on this question?" asked Mr. Brown. He answered "Yes and no."

Eighty-two per cent of the men in Can-

ada, he declared, lose every dollar they earn, and the answer "Yes" applies to them, while the negative reply is credited in the case of the remaining eighteen per cent. It was to help the eighty-two per cent of the citizens that the government had founded the scheme of sending lecturers through the country to instruct the people in the old age annuity scheme.

In every county of the Dominion there are poorhouses established for paupers, but the lecturer said, the old age annuity scheme was effective in wiping these out, so that they would no longer be a blot upon the community.

It might be surprising that the government could pay four per cent interest, but they had arranged their resources and finances in such a way that they can do so without difficulty. It seemed only natural, the speaker said, that in this country the scheme of annuity should be established. It was only in keeping with the many famous events which would always be linked with the twentieth century.

In conclusion the speaker thanked the audience for their attention during his lecture, and said he hoped his remarks would prove beneficial to his hearers. He was heartily applauded as he closed.

### Questions Answered

Several questions were put to the speaker by people in the audience, and he answered them in a manner which showed thorough intimacy with his subject. Regarding the question of insurance in connection with the scheme, an insurance man in the audience was thanked by Mr. Brown, for reminding him that insurance companies gave a guarantee after two years' payment.

The lecturer said he was grateful to his hearers for asking questions, as it showed an interest in the address just delivered, and was very encouraging to him in his work.

A. M. Belding in a few remarks thanked Mr. Brown for his instructive lecture, and said he thought the address would be beneficial to people in St. John. Mr. Belding complimented the lecturer on the aptness and quickness at figures, which he had displayed in his lecture.

The singing of the national anthem brought the meeting to a close.

### WEDDINGS

#### Beaton-Steen.

A very interesting event was witnessed at the Presbyterian manse, Pearsonville, on Tuesday, December 21, 1909, when John A. Beaton, of River Charles, Restigouche county, was united in marriage to Miss Joanna Ellen Steen, daughter of Henry Steen, of Goshen, Queens county (N. B.). The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. M. S. Mackay, B. A. The bride, who was unattended, looked charming in a blue traveling suit. Mr. Beaton is engaged in bridge building and was in charge of the building of the steel bridges at Apoahqui and Sussex.

#### Taylor-Hubbard.

Newcastle, Dec. 25—The marriage of Miss Anna Hubbard, of Newcastle, and John Taylor, of Loggieville, was solemnized at the residence of Mrs. Eliza Getchell, High street, on Wednesday evening, Rev. S. J. MacArthur officiating. The couple were unattended. The bride was charmingly dressed in pale blue silk with Valenciennes insertions and lace, and she carried a bouquet of roses. Delphine Clarke, of Newcastle, and little Miss McMillan, of Jaquet River, were flower girls. Among numerous wedding presents the bride received a fur coat from the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left that night to spend a few days' honeymoon in Bathurst. They will reside here.

### Smith—Appley

The residence of Fred Jones, 271 Princess street, was the scene of a very quiet wedding Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when Rev. W. Camp officiated in marriage Fred W. Smith, of Portland (Me.), formerly of St. John, and Miss Maud Elvira Appley, also of Portland (Me.). The bride wore a navy blue traveling suit with hat to match, and was attended by Mrs. Fred C. Jones, sister of the groom, as matron of honor. The groom was supported by Mr. Jones. Little Miss Lillian Jones was flower girl. After luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Smith took the Boston train for Portland (Me.), where they will reside.

### Allingham—Clarke

The marriage of Miss Aileen Allingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Allingham, to Harry Edwin Clarke, formerly of this city, took place in St. Margaret's church, Winnipeg, December 22.

### THE SAFETY BOARD

#### Some Increases in Salaries—Investigation of Conditions in the Fire Stations

A meeting of the safety board was held last evening. Christmas presents were presented to several members of the fire department and one member of the police force in the way of a recommendation for increased salaries. As a result five of the city engine drivers will probably receive an increase of \$3 a month and Engineer Seeds an increase of \$15 a month. It was recommended that Sergeant Kilpatrick, of the North End police division, be granted an increase of twenty-five cents a day. The question of granting increases to Chief Kerr, of the fire department, and Chief Clark, of the police force, was stood over. William McIntyre, clerk of the city court, and George Clark, janitor of the city hall, were also recommended for a substantial increase in their salaries.

Ald. Vanwart presided at the meeting and the following aldermen were present: Spruel, Hayes, Wilson, Scully, Hayes and Potts, Director Wisely and Chief Kerr, of the fire department, and Chief Clark, of the police force, were also in attendance.

Director Wisely submitted a list of the stalls in the market building and recommended increases in the rate of all, as follows: A. C. Smith & Co., \$800 to \$1,200; Phillips, \$550 to \$700; M. Manson, \$800 to \$1,200; John LeLachur, \$350 to \$450; Kane & McGrath, \$175 to \$200.

Ald. Scully moved that the recommendation be carried out. This was agreed to.

Manchester Robertson Allison Ltd., were granted a private fire alarm box, No. 21.

Recorder Skinner was heard regarding the Craig lease and it was decided the matter should be taken up by the general committee of the council.

There was a discussion about conditions in the fire stations and Ald. Vanwart, Spruel, and Potts, Chief Kerr and Director Wisely were appointed to make an investigation.

The resignation of G. V. Anderson from the salvage corps was accepted.

Mrs. Bayliss, whose husband died a short time ago, was granted two months' pay at the rate of wages allowed her husband.

The recommendations for increases to the drivers in the fire department was then taken up.

Ald. Potts said that all the engineers excepting Mr. Seeds be given an increase of \$10. The motion was seconded by Ald. Scully.

Ald. Hayes read a report showing that the members of the fire department were paid better than the Halifax firemen. He thought that no increases should be given.

Ald. Potts said that in Halifax the members of the department were almost reduced to the stages of starvation on account of the wages they were receiving there. He thought that we needed competent men in the service and should pay them good salaries.

Ald. Spruel agreed with Ald. Potts. He thought the drivers here should be given increases. "I don't care if I never come back to the council," said Ald. Spruel; "I am going to stand up for the motion."

The motion was put and carried. Ald. Hayes alone dissenting.

The case of Engineer Seeds was then taken up.

Ald. Potts moved that Engineer Seeds be given the increase from \$60 to \$75. This was carried. Ald. Hayes dissenting.

The question of the drivers being granted an increase of \$5 was next taken up. On motion of Ald. Scully the recommendation was carried out.

George Clark, the janitor of city hall, was granted an increase in his salary of \$10 a month.

The board then decided to recommend an increase of \$100 a year to Wm. G. McIntyre, clerk of the city court, and an increase of twenty-five cents a day to Sergeant Kilpatrick.

After a lengthy discussion on the question of installing new street lights the board adjourned.

### AMUSEMENTS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

#### JOHNSON-KETCHEL CONTEST NEXT WEEK.

As the pre-eminent athletic event of the year, the Johnson-Ketchel contest at Celina (Cal.) on October 16 last, has been the topic of conversation among sport-lovers. So great an interest has been stirred up in this clever encounter that the Nickel Theatre management has consented to a special exhibition of the whole event in motion pictures. There will be three performances, commencing Monday evening, January 3, at 9 o'clock. The same programme will be repeated Tuesday and Wednesday evenings commencing at the same hour. In order to make this special show exclusive to the sport-loving public, the regular shows of the theatre will commence at 6.30 and close at 9 o'clock.

#### PRIZES AT THE NICKEL.

This is the long looked for prize matinee day for the little girls and big girls who entered the Nickel's Kris Kingle Jingle Contest. At 1 o'clock this afternoon the doors will be thrown open and at 4 o'clock, when it is assured that every person interested has had a chance to arrive on time, the prize winners are made from the stage. Tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon the boys' prizes will be handed out and equally as big surprises are promised for that occasion. The boys' prizes include the cushioned toboggan, the jig saw, the rifle, the watch and the Brownie camera outfit.

Today the big brand new feature at the Nickel will be Jack Tar, the Handy Man of the British Empire. Of all the patriotic pictures and English naval films shown in this house the new reel for today will take first place in interest. It will certainly arouse much enthusiasm. The Nickel is paying extra money for these special importations from the Old Country. The other pictures—which made a hit last night—are: The Pine Ridge Feud and The Governor's Daughter, both excellent dramas, the former western and the latter telling a charming story of colonial days. Comedies and new songs are well, to say nothing of the big orchestra.

### CHIMES OF NORMANDY TONIGHT

The Robinson Opera Company scored another success in their production of the Mikado at the Opera House last night. Although this opera was presented Christmas afternoon to a packed house, the theatre was well filled at last night's performance. The work of each member of the company was good, but special mention should be made of the acting of Lucia Nola as Gum Gum, Jack Henderson as Ko-Ko the lord high executioner, Frank Nelson as Poo-bah as the Lord High Everything Else, and Esther Barton as Katisha, in love with Nanki-Poo. From the rise of the curtain for the first act until the close of the show, Jack Henderson kept the audience in a continuous uproar by his funny sayings and actions. He was especially good in the second act, when, in order to save his head, he proposes to Katisha, Charles Fulton, in the part of Nanki Poo, also acted and sang his part to perfection. The bill for tonight will be The Chimes of Normandy, and judging from the advance sale of seats, another crowded house will greet the performers.

### Children of St. Jude's Christmas School

The children of St. Jude's Christmas school were given their annual Christmas tree and treat in the Sunday school room last evening. A large tree was provided and Santa Claus appeared and superintended the distribution of bags of candy and fruit to the children.

As yet no findings have been received as to the whereabouts of William Martin, who has not been heard of by the members of his family for twelve days. He was last seen going towards Hunter's Cove to fish smelt. Martin is about thirty-two years of age and is a brother of Alex. Martin of Britain street.

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