

FREDERICKTON SENSATIONS.

VERDICT OF THE CORONER'S JURY ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM O'BRIEN

Was Killed by Stabbing—They Do Not Fix the Blame—The Remains Found Last Night Are Those of William O'Brien—When Last Seen He Was Intoxicated.

FREDERICKTON, May 23.—The body found in the out-house of the Commercial hotel, Frederickton, has been identified by letters found in the pockets as that of William O'Brien, who disappeared Nov. 22. It is believed the man was intoxicated on that day and fell into the pool while in that condition.

The coroner's jury empaneled to investigate the death of William O'Brien returned a verdict to the effect that he had been stabbed with a knife, without being slain on any one.

OIL VESSEL ON FIRE.

Big Barque Ariadne Laden With Oil Catches Fire at a Pier in New York Harbor—The Wharf and Warehouse Burned Also.

New York, May 22.—Fire practically destroyed the German barque Ariadne, Captain Hermann Ratter, alongside the mammoth Standard Oil works in Bayonne, N. J., yesterday. Her officers and crew were taken unawares, being obliged to jump into the water as the outset to save their lives. One man is unaccounted for, it is thought to have been burned to death on board the barque or drowned.

The projecting wharf or pier No. 2 of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, connecting with the immense oil warehouse, immediately took fire from the burning barque and burned fiercely, with several hundred barrels of heavy oil floating on the pier.

Thousands of persons from Bayonne thronged through the streets to witness the scene, while the Standard Oil Company's employees, who were on duty at the time, were ordered to leave the premises.

Arrival of fire trucks, which towed the burning Ariadne from pier No. 2, proved to be a great success. The barque was made to move, and was towed to the pier, where it was abandoned. Efforts to cut the barque loose proved futile. Captain Ratter said he was engaged in morning at the time the fire started and was forced to join his crew and jump overboard, being too late to fight the fire aboard ship.

Capitula and crew were hauled out by the employees of the oil company on pier No. 2, but Hans Hencke, 22 years old, was missing, and his body was not seen on deck when the fire started and that he was one of those who went over the side when ordered to jump.

for a cargo of oil, going from Twenty-sixth street, South Brooklyn. Her capacity is said to be 3,500 barrels. The Ariadne sailed from Hamburg, Germany. The damage to the barque is estimated at about \$25,000.

NEW YORK'S ROTTERDAMNESS

Being Scorchingly Probed by the Mast Investigating Committee—Counsel Moss Has Thorough Confidence in Mast.

New York, May 22.—Frank Moss, counsel to the Mast investigating committee, gave out a statement today, in which he said: "There can be no doubt of the earnestness and the conscientiousness of the Mast committee, and the committee's counsel are trying to do their full duty regardless of opposition or criticism. We are laying broad and deep foundations for legislative relief from intolerable municipal conditions, and we are appealing to the common sense of the people in the hope of securing the highest results. My friend, Dr. Parkhurst, while praising me, criticizes Mr. Mast, and depreciates the investigation. I believe as he does that the committee is untrustworthy and that there can be no important results, I would not remain a counsel to the committee for five minutes."

CHANGING SPANISH LAW.

Cannot Be Patched, but Must Be Radically Revised—Improvements to Havana Harbor Facilities.

HAVANA, May 23.—A special train has been arranged for in order to take people from this city to witness the decoration day celebration.

Senator Moss, the supreme court fiscal, in an interview, is quoted as saying he is in agreement with the Mast committee in its opinion that the present method of communicating justice and public instruction, was wrong to abolish the reforming the entire procedure.

It is pointed out, a prisoner cannot arrange to have his friends testify favorably on his behalf, and the Mast committee is not to be deceived by such a device.

Animal trainers say the most intelligent animals for show purposes are the rat, elephant, monkey, seal and sealion. A young walrus, that it bought for \$500 when carefully trained is worth fully \$5,000.

On Friday, May 12, a well-dressed young man applied at Moss & Co.'s office for employment. The proprietors were in need of a night watchman at the office. He gave his name as Withycombe, and said he had a brother named Edward in Prince Edward Island.

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