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DERELICT IN THE BAY IS MOST LIKELY ST. JOHN'S SCHOONER WESTFIELD

John S. Cullinan, Owner, Feels Satisfied This is So--Capt. Seely of Carleton, in the Selina, Has a Terrible Experience.

Digby, N. S., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Tug Marina sailed from Digby this morning at 8 o'clock to look for wrecks in the bay. She encountered rough weather at the mouth of the bay, but Capt. Lewis kept his staunch craft going at full speed up the bay. Just after daylight, a vessel with no sails, was sighted 15 miles north-west of Point Prim light. The Marina's course was slightly changed to bear for the wreck. It proved to be the schooner Selina, owned by Capt. George G. Seely of St. John, West. Herbert Goire, of St. John, Mate John Wilson, of Charlottetown, N. B.; Stewart and Edward Wilson, of the same place, seamen. The Selina had small pieces of canvas rigged up as jury sails, and was endeavoring to run for Digby. She was a complete wreck and the masts of the wind and high sea which was running in the bay. The Marina immediately took the vessel in tow, and shaped her course for Digby Gut.

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THE JOSEPHINE SAFE

W. A. Clute, owner of the Josephine, has received a telegram that the missing vessel arrived in Boston today without damage. The vessel owners and Digby people who had relatives on the bay in the gale are very anxious for news from outside.

THE COAL-LADEN SCHOONER WHICH SANK

Reported to Be the Urbin B. from Parrsboro. Capt. Morris, of the schooner Demozelle, says that the vessel which sank, coal laden, reported in last night's despatch, was the Urbin B., from Parrsboro for Yarmouth, and commanded by Captain Lewellyn. The Urbin B. was built at Bellevue's Cove, Digby county, in 1871, and was 98 tons register. She was owned by H. Gillespie, of Parrsboro, N. S.

FATE OF C. P. R. TRAINMEN

Engine Followed by Three Cars Rolls 300 Feet Down Bluff to the Fraser River. Vancouver, Dec. 6.—At an early hour this morning a C. P. R. freight was running east slowly around a dangerous curve, 400 feet above the Fraser River, when Engineer Randall suddenly encountered a rockslide, scarcely 50 yards ahead. A signal was given to the brakemen and the engine reversed his locomotive, but it was too late. Before the engine and the train could stop, the locomotive rolled over and over, 300 feet down the bluff to the river. Engineer Randall and Fireman Petrucci were crushed to death beneath the engine. Three cars were wrecked. They went over the bank after the engine. Traffic was delayed for six hours.

HISTORIC OLD KENNEDY HOUSE AT LOUISBURG GONE

Sydney, Dec. 6.—(Special)—After withstanding the fury of the elements for nearly 140 years, the famous Kennedy house at Louisbourg succumbed to the elements Wednesday night and is now in ruins. The house was once the scene of many notable gatherings of British and French officers and where many racial differences were brought to an amicable conclusion. It was the domicile of the Kennedy family up to three years ago. Since then it has been gradually decaying. It was built in 1761, and has seen 40 births and 40 deaths.

THE WESTFIELD DRIVEN ASHORE NEAR DIGBY.

No Bodies Found--Vessel's Hull Apparently Not Badly Damaged--Saline at Digby Yet.

Digby, N. S., Dec. 9.—(Special)—The wrecked schooner Westfield drifted ashore Saturday night a short distance west of the Bay of Fundy head at Broad Cove. No bodies were found in the cabin. The vessel now is in an upright position. Both spars are standing and the hull does not appear to be badly damaged. Her owner, John Cullinan, arrived here today from St. John and proceeded by team to the wreck in company with Mr. Darrill Lewis, mate of the tug Marina. The latter boat came from the Westfield early this morning but was unable to get her off the rocks.

FINANCES OF FRANCE.

Minister Replies to Critics of Budget Proposals, and Shows Present Conditions. Paris, Dec. 9.—In the chamber of deputies today the minister of finance, M. Caillaux, replied to criticisms of the budget proposals, and to the pessimistic predictions of the adverse effect of the republic's deficit on the financial year of 1901 will develop a net deficit of 50,000,000 francs, but when the preceding surpluses are taken into consideration it would be found that the present legislature produced a surplus of 275,000,000 francs which no legislature had ever done before.

Company Organized at Fredericton.

Fredericton, Dec. 9.—(Special)—The Maritime Combination Rack Company, a concern which is to manufacture rack for farm machinery, was organized here this afternoon. The capital stock is \$25,000, nearly all of which has been subscribed by St. John and Fredericton capitalists. Directors shown were John Palmer, Edward Moore, Ramsay Murray, James S. Neil, A. J. Gregory and R. W. Wood.

Nicaragua Route Leased to United States.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 9.—(Via Galveston)—The Nicaraguan canal project of the United States minister to Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, today signed a treaty by which Nicaragua agrees perpetually to lease to the United States a section of Nicaraguan territory six miles wide, which includes the route of the Nicaraguan canal.

Parrsboro Deal Shipping Figures.

Parrsboro, N. S., Dec. 8.—The deal shipping season from this port has closed for this year and the quantity shipped was 21,835,480 superficial feet. Although there is a large decrease over previous years, never before has the stock on hand been so small, very little, if any, being carried over for next year. The fleet employed was eight steamers and three barques.

C. P. R. Appointments.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—(Special)—It is announced that I. G. Ogden, controller of the C. P. R., has been appointed third vice-president and G. L. Bowditch, traffic manager, 4th vice-president of the company.

Major Van Tets Not Dead.

London, Dec. 9.—The Central News trusts its statement that Major Van Tets reported to have been wounded in the battle of the Marston, had died.

To Nova Scotia on Inspection.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Mac and Mann, railway builders, went to Nova Scotia today, with a party to inspect works they have in hand there.

CIGARMAKERS WANT BOYCOTT OF MACHINE GOODS.

Lively Discussion in American Federation of Labor Convention.

PRESENT RESOLUTION

Directed at Company Which Uses Child Labor and Machinery--Convention Acts to Prevent Working of Children But Would Organize Machine Operators.

Indian Soldier Runs Amuck; Fight Among Soldiers Follows.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 10.—A sentry belonging to an Indian regiment stationed here, ran amuck yesterday and killed one of his comrades. A company of Punjab infantry was ordered to the spot to quell the riot. In the meantime the sentry had been shot by German troops, who then opened fire on the Punjabies. A free fight ensued. Three German privates were killed and a German officer mortally wounded. Three of the Indian troops were killed and several wounded.

Revision of M. E. Hymnal.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 9.—The commission appointed by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, to revise its hymnal, has agreed upon the general features of the work and has appointed sub-committees to carry out the details. It was decided to appoint a sub-committee on responsive readings, to report whether or not they should be retained, and a committee to meet again in New York, March 4.

Montreal and Boston Company Lists

Stocks in Philadelphia and Boston. New York, Dec. 9.—The Montreal and Boston Copper Company (Ltd.), recently organized under the laws of Nova Scotia, is developing a large copper mine in the St. Lawrence valley. Its principal stockholders are in Philadelphia and Boston. The capital of the company is 500,000 shares of par value of \$5. There are 150 tons daily. Shipments will be increased to 300 tons per day as soon as new smelters are purchased.

Severe Storms Over Great Britain.

London, Dec. 10.—There were severe gales and snow storms, accompanied by thunder and hail storms throughout Great Britain yesterday. Much damage is reported. There have been some fatalities. There is six inches of snow in the north of Scotland.

King's Visit to Ireland.

London, Dec. 10.—There is a probability that King Edward's visit to Ireland will be postponed until after coronation.

Governor Odell Is Ill.

Newburg, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Governor Odell has been confined to his bed since Saturday evening. His indisposition is not serious.

Storti to Be Executed.

Boston, Dec. 9.—The execution of Luigi Storti, sentenced to death for killing Michael Colucci, is to take place today.

CUSTOMS OFFICER AT CALAIS INJURED.

Barrel Thrown from Smuggler's Team Knocks Officer Doyle Unconscious.

St. Stephen, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Customs Officer Doyle, of Calais, while stopping a smuggler's team at Miltown, Me., on Sunday night, was struck in the head with an empty barrel thrown from the team and rendered unconscious. The smugglers then escaped. As the team had gone from the Canadian side they evidently believe in free trade—especially by night.

VALUABLE PACER DROPS DEAD.

Was Driven from Moncton to Pettitodiac--News of I. C. R. Officers. Moncton, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Habebale, a pacer, owned by Gallagher, travel agent for the Imperial Oil Co., and A. H. McLean, traveller for Empire tobacco, dropped dead at Pettitodiac this afternoon at once after being driven from Moncton to Pettitodiac today and died suddenly after arrival. They had just purchased the horse from T. H. Pugsley, New Glasgow, for \$200. Manager Russell and Traffic Manager Tiffin left tonight for Chatham to cross to Fredericton tomorrow by Canadian Eastern.

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Mining Expert at North Sydney.

North Sydney, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Col. W. J. Johns, mining expert from Birmingham, Alabama, is here in the interest of the Sydney Coal Company, now operating in the Sydney district. He is to examine and report on Partridge, Hamilton, and other areas here. The company have already bonded Partridge and Hamilton areas and will probably purchase them. It is understood that the company will also endeavor to purchase the water front property now owned by Captain Farquhar, to erect a shipping pier.

Kaiser Says He Means It.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—The emperor took opportunity yesterday to comment upon the conduct of two First Guards officers who, when the loving cup was passed around for the night previously, had refused to accept it. The emperor said that he would never honor a refusal, regardless of the emperor's decree.

Killed by Electricity.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Alfred Deschamps, employed by the Dominion Supply Company today, went to the dark basement to fix the furnace, carrying an electric light attached to a long cord. Instead of hanging the light on a hook he held the bulb in one hand and opened the furnace door with the other, forming a complete circuit. He was instantly killed.

Prominent Barrie Man Shoots Himself.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 9.—(Special)—Richard Tothill, a prominent resident, shot himself today, but whether it was intentional or accidental is not known. He had not been well lately, but this morning seemed better. He was aged 45 years and leaves a wife and son.

Went Ex-Mayor Morris Back.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—(Special)—A petition signed by 2,600 citizens of Ottawa, was received by the Ontario government today, asking that the two years' disqualification for the mayoralty incurred by ex-Mayor Morris for buying drinks after hours, be removed. No action has been taken.

Curler Has Made a Capture.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—(Special)—L. A. Colquhoun, deputy minister of marine, received a despatch today from Captain Pratt, of the government cruiser Garfield, stating that a vessel had been seized for infraction of the lobster regulations and was being towed to St. Andrews.

Treaties Between Bolivia and United States.

Lapaz, Bolivia—(Via Galveston)—Dec. 9.—The Bolivian congress today approved an extradition treaty with the United States and one for the use of post office money orders between Bolivia and the United States.

DAUGHTER OF MINISTER OF RAILWAYS DROWNED IN THE OTTAWA RIVER.

Gloom Cast Over Dominion Capital by Sad Fate of Miss Bessie Blair--Harry Harper Gave Up Life Trying to Save Her's.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—(Special)—A gloom was cast over the city tonight when the report was circulated that Miss Bessie Blair--daughter of Hon. A. G. Blair--and H. A. Harper, assistant editor of the Labor Gazette, were drowned down the Ottawa river, near Kettle Island. The report turns out to be too true. From what can be learned at this hour writing there was a private skating party down the river. At the same place the evening previous the government house party also had a skating party. About 5:30 this evening, as far as can be ascertained, Miss Bessie Blair and Mr. H. A. Harper, of the Imperial bank, were skating together. A good distance ahead were Miss Blair and Mr. Treadgold, Mr. H. A. Harper and Miss Snowball--daughter of Senator Snowball, of Chatham, N. B.--who is a guest at Mr. Blair's were skating behind Mr. Creelman and Miss Bessie Blair.

SORROW IS WIDESPREAD.

Reference Made in Ottawa Church to the Sad Tragedy. Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. and Mrs. Blair returned to the city this morning from Clifton Springs, N. Y., where they were on account of Mrs. Blair's health. The first intimation they had of their daughter, Miss Bessie Blair, being drowned in the Ottawa river, was in yesterday morning's newspapers. It appears that the telegraph office where they were staying closed at 8 o'clock in the evening, and the messages forwarded to the minister of railways from Ottawa telling him of the terrible tragedy did not reach him until after he had seen the report in the morning press. Hon. W. S. Fielding, Miss Blair and J. L. Payne, the minister's private secretary, met Mr. and Mrs. Blair when they arrived this morning.

SURVIVOR TELLS OF SAD ACCIDENT.

Miss Blair Bravely Told Him She Was Able to Swim. A. Creelman, who is a brother of Adam Creelman, C. P. R. solicitor, was seen tonight and gave the following narrative of the sad drowning: "I was skating with Miss Bessie Blair, about 40 feet ahead of Harper and Miss Snowball. Her skates went through the ice and we tripped and fell headfirst into the water in an air hole. I was keeping Miss Blair up in the water and shouted to Harper, who was rushing to our assistance, to keep back as he could do more good on the ice than in the water. Harper pulled off his gaiters and his coat and plunged into the water where Miss Blair and I were struggling. In trying to lift Miss Blair, I sank myself. In coming up I struck my head against the ice and had to beat it with my hands. There was then no sign of Miss Blair or Harper. Matthias Blair put out in a boat from the Quebec side of the river and pulled me out. I was hanging on to the ice until he reached me. Just then Treadgold, who was skating in front, returned to me."

Mr. Creelman's Story.

A. N. C. Treadgold was interviewed late tonight by our correspondent. He said that he, with Miss Blair, was skating a quarter of a mile away from where Miss Bessie Blair was. They heard a cry for help. It was repeated "help," and both turned to where the cry came from. They made to what they thought was a dark spot on the river. This turned out to be Harper's cap. Then came a cry from the water to keep back that the ice was thin there. It was then that they saw a man in the water holding on to the ice. Treadgold shouted to the man to hold on firmly that he had a cord with him and would pull him out. As he was winding the cord off his body, Blair, with a boat, came along and both of them pulled Creelman into the boat. When they got him in he asked where Miss Blair was. Treadgold replied that Miss Blair was right, meaning the miss who was with him. It was only when they got Creelman to Blair's house that they learned from him what had really happened. Creelman must have been nearly 20 minutes in the water.

Dr. Herridge's Sermon.

At the morning service, speaking of the sad and untimely death of Miss Blair and Mr. Harper, Dr. Herridge stated that it was beyond the capabilities of human life to conceive why two such young and promising lives should be cut off. "Of this distressing accident," said Dr. Herridge, "I cannot trust myself to say much now. It is almost sufficient for us to picture to ourselves the brave little girl, ten years old, in the dark waters to her death undelivered and the strong, brave young man, who, without thought or fear of death, threw himself into the water, made a gallant attempt to rescue but only to go down to death with her. Both were very dear friends of mine and this enables me to more fully realize the deep grief of those who are here bereaved. Theirs was a sad and sudden exit from this world but those of us who are left behind can find consolation that through the doors of death, they have passed into a realm of love inseparable and a place which passeth all understanding."

At the Evening Service.

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At the Funeral.

The funeral of Miss Bessie Blair will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the residence of Rev. W. T. Herridge. The body of Miss Blair was discovered under the ice, 10 feet from the spot where she went into the water. The bodies were discovered by Mr. Blair, the Gateau Point man, who did such good work in the rescuing of Mr. Creelman.

A party of dominion and city policemen were also searching for the bodies. They were assisted by some of the government house people, including Captain Bell A. D. C.

The water at the point where the remains of the accident went through is less than 2 feet deep. There was a strong wind from the west on the afternoon of the accident. The remains of Miss Blair will be buried in Beechwood cemetery along her brother, who is buried there. The remains of Mr. Harper will be buried at St. Andrew's church.

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