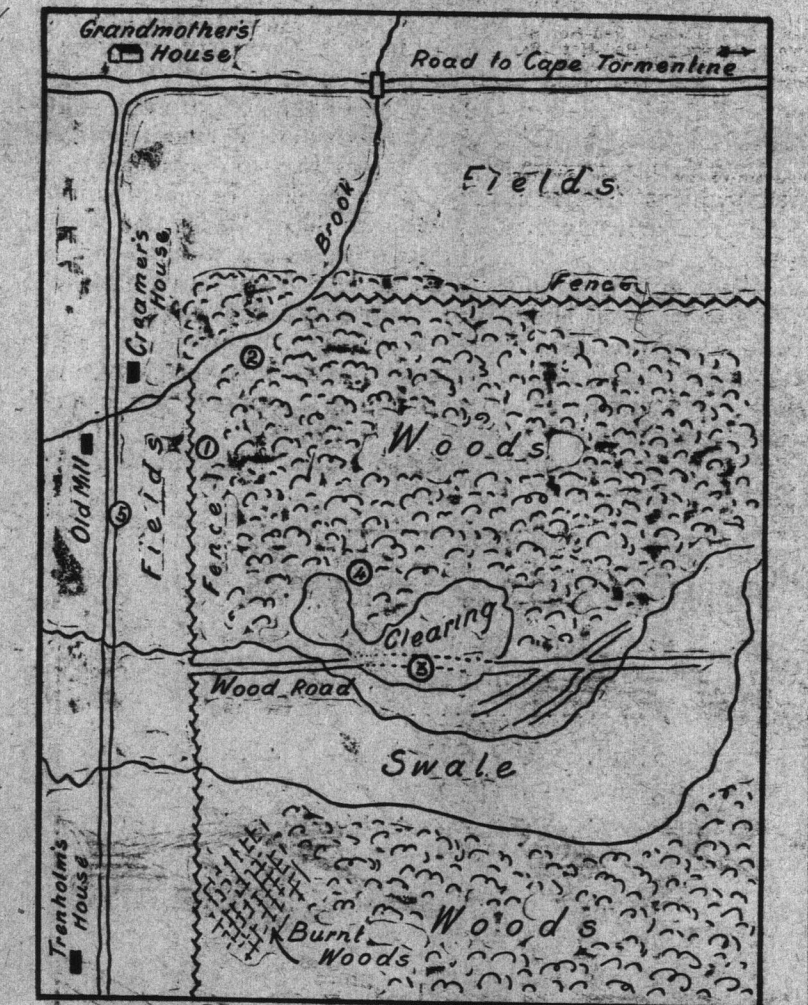


# CREAMER CHILDREN'S FATE IS STILL A MYSTERY

### Two Months Have Passed Since Their Disappearance and Not a Clue Has Been Obtained--Some Theories Discussed by a Staff Correspondent of the Sun who Made a Careful Investigation of the Territory



- DIAGRAM SHOWING TOPOGRAPHICAL POINTS IN BAYFIELD MYSTERY.
- (1) Where Tremholm and the children got into the woods and where they were seen by his brother and sister from (6).
  - (2) Is the place where Geneva left the others and returned home.
  - (3) The place where the footmarks were seen on Monday morning.
  - (4) The place where the ravon was seen.
  - (5) The spot where the branch road where his brother and sister were when they saw him. This road is a public road and goes back to the railway.

(Special Staff Correspondence.)  
 BAYFIELD, July 12.—Two months were rounded out today since the disappearance of their home at Peacock's settlement, three miles from this village, of the two young children of John and Ruth Creamer. So suddenly did the youngsters vanish that not a few hold the belief that the earth has swallowed them. Although the search has been kept up this week, hope of laying bare the strange secret of their disappearance is now at its lowest ebb, and if a few more days bring no results, their vanishing is likely to be regarded as a mystery, not baffling, but insoluble.

Although two months have now gone by, the mystery is the chief subject of conversation. Yesterday the country, the guests at the Moncton hotel still theorize as they sit smoking on the verandas. Strangers chatting on the N. B. & P. E. I. railway to Cape Tormentine speak of it before the weather and each day when the train arrives at Sackville from the Cape, the incoming passengers are greeted by the "Anything about the children yet?" and similar remarks.

In this neighborhood the interest is even more intense. The soldier boys returning from Sussex inquired for the latest news before the train had drawn up at the station. At the farm house table it is discussed earnestly and with heat, and there are often as many theories as there are members of the household. The mother will say, perhaps that the bodies are still in the woods. This, however, the father will stoutly deny, saying that he himself has been over every foot of the ground. His idea is murder. The boys base their arguments on wild animals. The girls will suggest kidnapping, and baby will probably stick out for fairies.

They all dream of it by night and most of them have had visions. Dotted all over the Creamer farm spots are pointed out to the visitor as having been supernaturally disclosed as the resting place of the lost children. The green birch with the big strip of bark hanging down was vividly described by one who had never been in the forest. Its exact location was told. Beneath its roots the children were to be found. The tree has almost been undermined but nothing was discovered. Beneath the bridge that spans the by-road another found them while in his sleep, while to still another nocturnal visitor was imparted the knowledge that they lay beneath the old mill. Two eagles were seen on the top of the land by having a vision as regular as nightfall. There is one visitor, Tuttle by name, lately arrived who refused to pay any heed on the railway to the Cape saying that he had no money, but after he found the bodies he would deduct his fare from the \$100 reward which has been offered.

Letters were received from spiritualists in every part of the country. A St. John gentleman described the grounds around with no mean accuracy. A Woodstock mind medium fortified with a letter of recommendation from the solicitor general, offered to visit the spot on the payment of his expenses to the sum of \$50.

Even yet the farmer at his work takes a look over and anon in the direction of the forest, and should he

## ARE THE CHILDREN STILL IN THE WOODS?

The Creamer house stands only a few yards from the edge of a vast wood, and the safest solution then is that the children are still in the forest. However, of the hundreds who have searched, there is not a dozen who would express any such view, all claiming that the woods have been so thoroughly gone over by different men or on the second day after the disappearance swept in organized form through the forest for a distance of a mile and over, while women and children skirted along the borders. Although the recent case at Perth is cited, where the body of a man lost in the woods seven years ago, for whom diligent search was made, was found a few weeks ago on the borders of the woods, yet it does not seem possible that such an ending could come to this case.

Another important point to be taken into consideration is that the children would have been cut off by different barriers from getting far into the forest. Chief of these is the swale, as it is locally called a swamp, almost impassable at the present time on account of the water and bog. Naturally in May it would be even worse in this respect. That children could have made their way through this seems impossible. The swale, it is said, was not searched immediately after the disappearance, as it was supposed to be so impossible to find anything there, as it is covered with ferns of tropical appearance standing over two feet high. The swale from the road for a distance of a mile or more, varying from an eighth of a mile to over a mile from the Creamer house.

Not content, however, with viewing the swale as an impassable barrier, extensive searches have been made on the other side. Again a wire fence which extends a considerable distance into the woods from the other side would form a barrier there.

The chief evidence to support the idea that the bodies are still in the woods was the alleged discovery by Alex. Peacock, and three others early on Monday morning of three children's footprints in an opening in the forest called "The Birch Grove." Mr. Peacock is a reliable inhabitant of the district, and he and those with him were sure that they had found the steps of the children. So sure were they that they circled around it and they felt that the steps, feeling sure to run across the children every minute. Before they returned, the steps were obliterated by the marks of others passing through the grove. Mr. Peacock testified the foot prints as similar to those found near the fence.

The grove at the spot is covered with grass, except for the spot of mud where the three marks were found. Searchers have claimed that in another part of this grove, carion has been smelt, but although this section of the woods has been the most diligently searched, no other signs have been found. One searching party saw a raven rise from this same place, but again nothing was discovered. It is said that there is reason to doubt the truth of this, as a cry was heard in this direction during the first night.

Darkness came on about an hour after the children were last seen, and it is claimed that it would be as much as Ralph could go to bed at night before daylight. Geneva, however, although of course, she is much older, was able, when accompanying a party in to travel quicker than her elders and did not take much of a rest. None of the children, however, were accustomed to go to bed in the forest, and it is claimed that their mother thought that there were Indians there.

Doctors agree that as there was a frost on the night of the 13th, that there would be little chance for the children to have proceeded further on Monday morning.

## THE NERVES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Dr. Weir Mitchell, the great American authority on diseases of the nerves, makes the following observations on school children's nerves:

An examination of time approaches as the headaches become frequent, the result of eye strain and exhausted nerves. St. Vitus' Dance is preceded by incessant winking, shrugging of the hands and twitching of the face muscles.

Girls become hysterical, nervous, cry easily, get fidgety, etc.

Under these circumstances the system demands such assistance as is afforded by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

Failure to restore the depleted nerves makes a complete failure of health almost certain, for nervous diseases do not get well of their own accord.

Because of its mild and gentle action and extraordinary restorative influence, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is especially suited as a treatment for pale, weak, and feeble children.

It imparts new vigor into brain and nerves, adds new firm flesh and tissue and builds up the system generally; 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmundson, Bates & Company, Toronto.

## THE MURDER THEORY.

There is no doubt in the mind of Creamer as to what happened to his two favorite children. He is firmly convinced that they were murdered, and is inclined to suspect Russell Tremholm, on account of his having been last seen with them and because of previous stories told concerning the boy by his little daughter Ollie.

He says Ollie told her mother not many days before that Russell was a dirty brute, telling her of an incident after their disappearance.

Creamer says that he tried to get a warrant out against Russell, but the authorities would not issue it. Such a possibility is absurd, except under one condition, namely that some at least of his family are aware of his deed and aided him in disposing of the bodies and in accounting for his time after their disappearance.

Altogether it may be said that if he is innocent that it would have been better if he had been arrested, together with Creamer and his wife, and the whole matter investigated.

At the present time the boy might have a life of torture with all eyes looking on him suspiciously. He is now working in his brother's lobster factory, and every motion is watched, the fact that he walked up and down the bridge which spans the brook causing that stream to be dragged again. Even in his sleep his companions like to hear him make some disclosure, and traps have been made to try to catch him.

To strangers, however, he is inaccessible except in the presence of his mother, who prevents him from answering every question of an inquisitive visitor. The boy's father is dead, and it is probably natural that he should lean altogether on his mother for support.

The boy has by no means a criminal appearance, but does not look particularly bright. As the result of an accident when young the boy's physical development also does not seem to be exactly normal. The boy is rather stooped and almost reformed in that

## THE KIDNAPING THEORY.

If there was any kidnaping, then it must be upon the theory that there was no pre-arranged plot, from the Creamer house. That anyone else would have taken them out seems almost impossible. It is not a millionaire to hold for ransom, and were no Gypsies in the neighborhood, and although there were a few Indian some place in the district, the days of kidnapping belong to past centuries. If, however, by some chance children are yet alive, the only possible chance would seem to be in the wigwam of some Indian in a distant part of the province.

## DO THE CREAMERS KNOW ANYTHING?

It is commonly asserted in Peacock's settlement that Mrs. Creamer must be aware of what happened to her children. She has taken it so coolly. After the first time in which she remained the greater part of the night on the road she certainly has not shown very much emotion. She is sure that her husband's kidnapping with her consent or with her permission does not seem to hold. Not only were no teams seen in the neighborhood that day, but it is certain that she has marks of relatives or friends have the children, while Geneva Goodwin of Sackville, her father, has been most energetic in the search, and has been down there during the week of searching. He even examined the houses of his own relatives. Creamer's emotion is too real and no one has suggested that he has any connection with the matter.

## THE BROOK DRAGGED.

The father himself made his way up the brook, lighting his way by a lantern, on Sunday night. The small mill race, on the other hand, has been dragged, and it is possible that the children falling into the brook in the woods could have been taken by it down through the fields to the straits, three-quarters of a mile away.

## DID THE EARTH SWALLOW THEM?

There is a story that a number of years ago on a neighboring farm that a cow grazed one day and three years afterwards its horns were found sticking up through the mire. The formation at the place is said to be somewhat similar to the bog in the swale.

## BERLIN, July 14.—The Berlin police, at the instance of the Roman Catholic authorities, have confiscated a novel recently published here entitled "The Sinful Bishop." The story describes the numerous temptations to which Catholic clergymen are subject on account of their vow of celibacy, and its author is a Catholic priest. The act of the police has caused considerable astonishment, as the novel in no sense offends against morality.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.  
 The Kind You Have Always Bought  
 Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

## MAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING

### Fatality Occurred at Welsford Thursday Night

### Was Sitting With Merry Party in Orange Hall—Four Others Were Stunned By Shock—Other Places Struck

During the terrible storm on Thursday evening the Orange Hall at Welsford, where about thirty people were enjoying the dance, was struck by lightning, and Ludlow Neepe, a young man of Nerepis, was instantly killed, and four others stunned by the shock. The lightning struck the flag pole on the roof, and following this down entered, breaking the wall and throwing splinters to each side.

Two young men Charles Sprule and Geo. Roberts were sitting directly in front of the place where the lightning entered, but the splinters seemed to deflect the flash, which passed between these two across the room to where Mr. Neepe was sitting. He was smoking a cigar, chatting with the others in the room, and when the flash of lightning lit up the room it blinded the occupants. When they could see again what was going on Mr. Neepe was lying on the ground. The only mark apparent to those near him, was a slight scratch on his chin, as though he had been struck by a flying splinter.

J. N. Smith was the first to recover from the shock and he picked Mr. Neepe up. He sent two of the men immediately for Dr. Arnold, who tried all means of resuscitation in the hope of saving the man but he soon found that death had been instantaneous. There was a slight mark over the man's heart and his face and neck were blue from the shock. He was taken to his home in Nerepis yesterday morning.

In the afternoon a severe electrical storm passed over the village, lasting for about an hour. After this storm ceased many of the visitors to the picnic left for home. The storm recommenced about nine o'clock in the evening, when all but thirty of the merry-makers had left for home. The second storm was very severe and as it looked as though it would not clear up for some time an impromptu dance was arranged in the hall, and the men to form a two sets of dancers, the rest of the party remaining seated. During the dance the lightning struck the building, and the persons who were on the floor were thrown into the air. The matter being still under deliberation.

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## BIG SOUTHERN COTTON FIRM IN DIFFICULTIES

AUGUSTA, Ga., July 13.—Alexander & Alexander, one of the largest firms of cotton factors in this state, is financially embarrassed, and discrepancies of \$145,000 were discovered in the firm's accounts following the disappearance of Thomas W. Alexander, head of the company. Mr. Alexander left Augusta Saturday after borrowing \$200 from a friend, saying he was going to New York. The following night his brother, Bishop Alexander, the junior member of the firm, received a telegram from him asking that three letters be found there be delivered. On the 15th day of the month, in which a statement was made of the financial embarrassment of the firm, and saying that if Mr. Alexander was not back in Augusta by Wednesday he would have been seen again. Another letter was addressed to a local cotton mill president and a third to Mr. Alexander's wife.

The manner in which the money was secured has not been made public by the three banks which are the losers, except that it was in the shape of loans. The Georgia R. R. Bank sustains a loss of \$115,000, which was marked on its books today, charged to the surplus and undivided funds account. The National Bank of Augusta loses \$70,000 and the National Exchange Bank \$25,000. The available assets of the firm amount to about \$80,000, while the personal liabilities of T. W. Alexander, in addition to the amount of loans, are about \$28,000.

## WIDOW COMES FIRST FOR HUSBAND'S INSURANCE

NEW YORK, July 13.—That a widow is entitled to be the beneficiary of her husband's life insurance, although her father may be named as beneficiary prior to the son's marriage, was today decided by the appellate division of the Supreme Court. The case was that of Catherine Davidson, widow of Patrick Davin, the father, and the Knights of Columbus. The deceased, James Davin, was insured for \$1,000 by the Knights of Columbus. The widow claimed the beneficiary while single, and when he married he did not change the name of the beneficiary. The widow claimed the money and the Knights paid the money, although the widow's father claimed it. The court cited two cases, one in Connecticut and one in Massachusetts of similar conditions where in each it was decided that the lawful beneficiary was the widow and not the father. The court ruled that the widow was entitled to the money.

## TRAIN ACCIDENT NEAR DORCHESTER

DORCHESTER, July 13.—While Conductor Wilson of the freight westbound was running this evening about one mile east of Dorchester the second car from the van left the track, putting the next car and the van off and tearing up about fifty yards of track. A wrecking train was despatched from Moncton. No one was injured. The wrecked train was delayed some hours by the accident.

## MARRIED CHINAMAN THEN NEGRO

HAMILTON, Ont., July 13.—Nellie Chantler, the Toronto girl, agreed on a bigamy charge in 1905 held, until the police look up Toronto, when she was expelled from the district. A Toronto Chinaman, is not legal because Charlie has a wife in China. The colored minister who married her to Calvy Campbell, a negro youth, she claims, was expelled from the district and this ceremony was also illegal. The girl is twenty years of age.

## THEATRES ARE NOT PUBLIC PLACES

NEW YORK, July 12.—That the manager and proprietor of a theatre has a right to say who shall enter his place of amusement and who shall not, his public place, being a private and not a public place, is the gist of a decision handed down today in the appellate division of the supreme court. The decision dismisses the complaint of James S. Metcalf, the dramatic critic, against Charles Burnham, a member of the Theatre Managers' Association, for excluding Metcalf from Burnham's theatre. Metcalf charged that Burnham and other theatrical managers had entered into a conspiracy to prevent him from exercising his lawful calling.

## CASTORIA

BOSTON, July 14.—The Herald says that Mrs. Weston, the actress, was married to William Payne at Portsmouth, N. H., yesterday. The ceremony was performed, it is said, by Rev. Dr. Emerson Kroyer, an Episcopal clergyman, at his home in that city. Mrs. Carter McPayne and a party of friends arrived in Portsmouth in automobiles from Boston late in the afternoon.



## KING EDWARD WELCOMES THE CANADIAN DELEGATES

Showed that He is Closely Watching Canadian Affairs --No Reference Made to His Visit to Canada-- Chamberlain Unable to Meet Canadians Today--Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson Coming

MONTREAL, July 13.—The Star's London cable has the following:—The King gave the most cordial reception to the Canadian delegates at Buckingham Palace at noon today. It was especially gratifying to know that the visit was due to the King's initiative. He wished to give practical evidence of his keen warm interest in the colonies. Lord Brassey as lord-in-waiting, himself an ex-colonial governor, presented in turn Sir Daniel MacMillan, Sir Sandford Fleming, Messrs. George E. Drummond, F. H. Mathewson, R. Wilson Smith, J. F. Ellis, W. F. Cockshutt, M. P. The King expressed the sincere hope that the deliberations of the Congress would result in good for the Empire. The delegates say the King was most cordial and tactful, and showed how closely he watched Canadian affairs, and how gratified he felt at Canada's abundant prosperity. He hoped they were thoroughly enjoying their visit to London and would come soon again. He made no reference to his Canadian visit. It is understood that the delegates were also privately advised not to refer to it, the matter being still under deliberation.

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## How Squire

BOBBIE and his father had a quarrel about the money that was to be paid for the purchase of a new house. "Do you know why it is that a guinea pig have none, his father?" Bobbie said that come he really didn't believe. "Do you know why it is that a guinea pig have none, his father?" Bobbie said that come he really didn't believe. "Do you know why it is that a guinea pig have none, his father?" Bobbie said that come he really didn't believe.

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CLEVELAND'S savings bank, today, 400,000. It is the largest savings bank in the United States. How do you suppose you managed to become a millionaire? It is only one way. Buy the savings bank.

## Can You

GIBRALTAR, July 14.—The seawater steamer Gibraltar, which was sent to Sparta upon receipt, yesterday, of a report that the New York school ship St. Marys had stranded at that point, returned today and reported having found the schoolship off Sparta. When sighted the St. Marys was bound for Gibraltar and required no assistance.

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