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# Woman's Nude and Headless Body Found; Husband Held

## IS ANOTHER CASE OF THE TRIANGLE

Thompkins Says Wife Had Enraged Him by Taunt.

HE CHOKED HER.

Severed Head, Placed in Furnace and Left Body in Trunk.

(By Canadian Press.)  
Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 10.—Ray Thompson, real estate dealer of Whitefish Bay and former member of the Milwaukee Normal School faculty, was in the county jail here last night, formally charged with the murder of his wife, whose nude and headless body was found Saturday near Dingus Bay, 11 miles from here. Thompson confessed that he strangled his wife until she became unconscious, placed her body in a bath tub and severed her head under a tap of running water, according to District Attorney George Shaughnessy.

His wife disappeared from her home last Thursday. The police said that another woman brought about the conditions at the Thompsons home which resulted in his attack on his wife.

In his confession, Thompson said his wife, after a quarrel, told him he was "only good for tending furnaces." This taunt enraged him and he caught her by the throat, choking her into unconsciousness. He carried her body to the kitchen, where he procured a large butcher knife, with which he removed her head. He carried her head to the basement and placed it in the furnace.

Later in the day he placed the body in a trunk, which he carried to the garage. He loaded it into his machine and drove to the spot where the body was found.

## SPIRIT SHIP FOR HALIFAX SEIZED

Owner to Spend Christmas in Uncle Sam's Atlanta Hotel

New York, Dec. 9.—The Dutch schooner Zeehoed, believed by federal authorities to belong to "Mannie" Kessler, "King of the Bootleggers," but declared by its captain to be bound for Halifax, N. S., was seized off Fire Island yesterday with \$200,000 worth of assorted liquors, and a few hours later Kessler and his partner, Morris Sweetwood, decided to take their medicine and withdrew their appeal from a conviction of wholesale bootlegging which carried with it a sentence of two years in Atlanta and a \$10,000 fine.

The pair will spend Christmas in the Atlanta penitentiary.

Customs officials declare they have reliable information that the Zeehoed is really the "Seahound" and belongs to Kessler. The captain and crew of the boat, however, denied acquaintance with Kessler and insisted that the cargo was consigned to a banker at Halifax. The captain gave his name as H. I. Kraus.

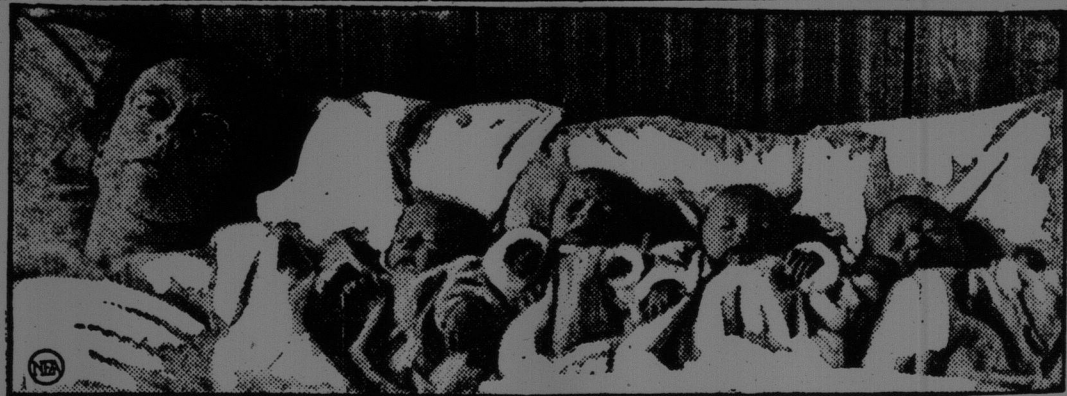
## NEW WATER TANK PLACED IN M'ADAM

McAdam, Dec. 9.—The new C. P. R. water tank at McAdam, which has a capacity of 100,000 imperial gallons, is erected on concrete piers and elevated on a steel tower to a height of 50 feet, which insures a good initial water pressure on fire hydrant lines until fire pumps can be started. The container or tank is approximately 28 feet deep and has a diameter of 29 feet. Connected with the bottom of the tank is a six foot drain riser pipe constituting additional storage for the water, which is pumped into the tank through this pipe. The last six feet of this pipe have been made into a chamber containing all the valves for the various pipe lines leading to and from the tank as well as a steam coil. The latter's function is to keep the pipes from freezing, and at the same time convey the heat up through the tank in a 20 inch steel heater tube, which runs through from the top of valve chamber to within a few feet of the roof, in this manner conveying the heat to the surface of the water in the tank. To assist retention of heat and as a preventative measure against cold weather a double roof is provided, forming a sort of insulation.

Outside the riser pipe from ground level to the bottom of the tank the insulation consists of hollow tile laid in cement mortar tied with steel bands. The water is received by the engine through two conveyors on the right of the tank.

**CUTTY SARK REPORTED.**  
The St. John-built four-masted schooner Cutty Sark arrived at Vineyard Haven on Saturday. She is expected in New York today.

## And the Chorus Is Just Starting



There will be plenty of music around George L. Wittig's home in Baltimore. There used to be eight youngsters there. Now, four new voices have been added to the family chorus. Mrs. Wittig gave birth to quadruplets a few days ago. This is the first time more than one new member of the fireside circle arrived at once. Three of them are girls, and one is a boy. They weighed from four to five pounds each when born.

## MERCURY DROPS; SNAPPY THIS A.M.

Two Above Freezing Gives Tang to Air—More Summer Tales.

When citizens stepped out of their homes this morning they got quite a surprise. Sunday was like a day late in May but this morning the air had the old-time nip of December in it. The temperature was not quite down to the freezing point at 9 o'clock this morning, according to readings at the Meteorological Observatory, being 34 degrees above, but it had dropped 18 degrees from the highest temperature registered yesterday, while the lowest on Sunday night was 40.

D. L. Hutchinson, Dominion meteorologist, said that he would not undertake to predict a cold spell from now on. He said it was probable that at this season of the year we would have cold weather, but the very mild weather might continue.

A member of the staff of the Montcalm which arrived in port on Saturday from Liverpool, said that the people of England were skating on the ponds and lakes when he left there and that it was a great deal colder than on this side of the Atlantic.

More Summer Stories.  
A bouquet of marigolds, stocks, daisies and dandelions, picked yesterday at Sandy Point in the garden of a summer home there, was brought to the Times office this morning by Frank Hamm.

From Chapel Grove, on the Kennebecasis came lovely pansies picked on Sunday by Mrs. James Edwards and Johnnie-Jumps-Ups picked by Mrs. Walter Edwards.

The average temperature for the nine days of December this year has been 40 degrees and the average temperature for the corresponding period last year was 29 degrees. The average temperature for the month of December is 24 degrees.

In all there have been 18 days this season on which the freezing point has been reached, but for the most part the freezing temperatures have been experienced only as night frosts and the sun has sent the mercury up speedily. Fourteen degrees is so far the lowest temperature recorded.

One citizen, who made the trip to Sussex and back by automobile, reported that the roads were in good condition with no frost and no frozen ground. He said the new piece of road from Moncton to Norton has been just finished and only recently opened for travel, is in fine condition. Along the way the children were playing in the farmstead grounds in the light garments of summer-time. The water was at fresh level and in the interval land haycocks were efficient for Sussex, a well known bee-keeper was puzzling over the fact that some of his bees were swarming, something which bees are said to do only in spring-time. A man keenly interested in birds declared that he had seen wild geese going north. He was inclined to hint that, perhaps like Canadians in the United States, the geese were coming home for Christmas. On the athletic field at Sussex good sport could be had in batting flies. Apparently the "flies" also were convinced that it was spring and hot weather was coming soon.

Car drivers who had closed cars, which might naturally be supposed to be most comfortable for December, found they could not endure the heat and had to lower windows and endeavor to catch all the stray breezes. City and country alike are reveling in the warmth. The streets of St. John on Saturday night were thronged with leisurely crowds, Christmas shoppers thinking the warm part, but they were strolling in a fashion that suggested mid-summer rather than the air of December. Hundreds of citizens were at East St. John yesterday, inspecting the drydock and able to do so slowly and with comfort, for even that exposed situation had no cold winds. The Canadian Planter going into the dock and the Empress on the marine railway were objects of much interest and the numbers of men at work gave a sense of bustling industry.

Canoing enthusiasts went out from the city and paddled up river as far as Grand Bay. One motor boat owner thinking the boating season nearly ended went to locate his boat where it had been left at his camp at Sand Point. He discovered to his dismay that the boat was missing, whether it had gone adrift at high water or had been permanently "borrowed" was an unsolved mystery. The motor boat owner, Roland Tyntowsky, is looking for information about the lost craft.

There were several motor boats out

## And the Lion and the Lamb—



Here we have a close approach to the millennium, when a bull terrier and a kitten call all bets off and consent to pose amicably for their picture. The dog's name is Wee Pal, but beside Skeez, the kitten, we think he looks anything but wee.

on the Kennebecasis and automobiles were out in such a large number, as there was a distinct lack of coldness in the air. He passed hundreds of cars on the road and it appeared that every person who owned a car between these points was out yesterday enjoying a wonderful drive.

IS KNOCKED OFF DOCK INTO HARBOR

Harry Sellen, foreman at the C. P. R. Bay freight office, Reed's Point, had a narrow escape from drowning early Saturday morning when he was knocked off the dock by a landing stage and fell between the ship and the wharf. He was able to grasp a wire cable and hold on until a rescue was effected by the men on the wharf.

The ambulance was called and conveyed him to his home at 100 Acadia street. His hand was quite badly lacerated by the wire cable and this and the shock will keep him confined to the house for a few days.

## GRATITUDE!

The success of the greatest sale in our history—the overwhelming expression of public confidence, evidenced by the making of so many new friends, as well as the confidence of old friends pledged anew—has filled our treasure chest—goodwill to overflowing.

It is the most valuable asset we've realized from our great bargain event that just ended Saturday night.

The building of permanent goodwill has always influenced every transaction made in this store—it has established our policy, and it is evident that it must be deep and firm in the confidence of the public if we continue to extend and to grow.

And, we would be ungrateful, indeed, should we fail to make a public expression of our gratitude, for the passing of this great merchandising sale, and we thank the public in general for the confidence placed in our store.

So, sincerely, we say "Thank You" and invite you to visit us again, at your convenience, to view the showing of bright, new Holiday Merchandise so prevalent throughout the store. If low prices, courtesy and splendid service will hold your friendship and patronage for life, we are going to stretch every point possible to do it.

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## ALL READY TODAY FOR DRIVE FOR PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME

Large Committees Start Work Today—Enthusiastic Meeting.

If the enthusiasm shown by the men who gathered at the Imperial Theatre yesterday afternoon, to get the last word from the central committee before the drive started today, can be taken as any criterion, the success of the campaign, so far as St. John is concerned, is assured and the city will go away over the amount allotted as its quota toward the amount needed for the new home for the Protestant Orphans of New Brunswick.

The chair was occupied by L. P. D. Tilley, chairman of the executive committee for St. John. In his opening remarks he outlined some of the work which had been done in preparation for the drive. There had been listed 15,000 names for the city and over \$2,000 for the province. Each of these had received a personal letter and through this means and the daily press and window cards the public had been made acquainted with the needs of the orphans and the reason for the drive for funds. He pointed out that every dollar subscribed would go toward the building fund as a few friends of the institution had made provision for the expenses of the campaign.

As indicative of the spirit of the public toward the drive Mr. Tilley told of the reception he received from one man on Saturday. He had gone to this man expecting to get \$100 but he actually got \$500 and he believed many such experiences would come to the canvassers.

He then introduced E. A. Schofield, provincial chairman, who told something of the reception which had been met with in other portions of the province. He pointed out that the Protestants of the province were on trial in this campaign and it was up to every one to do his full duty. The Frontenacs of New Brunswick had made provision for less than 200 orphans while the Catholics, with a lesser population, had made provision for the care of 2,000.

He expressed the opinion that proper care of the orphan would keep many a lad out of the penal institutions of the country as statistics had shown that many of the boy criminals were those who had lost their parents. He said that at the coming session of the Legislature the Act of Incorporation would be amended to provide for a larger Board of Directors with representatives of each county on it.

Dealing with the drive he pointed out to the men present that each individual had his part to do and that the whole campaign and urged each to start early and keep it up until the last name on his list had been seen and his name secured on the dotted line.

At the conclusion of the address a vote of thanks to the management of the Imperial for the use of the building was moved by G. E. Barbour and seconded by Dr. James Manning.

Working Organization.  
The following representative citizens compose the working organization that will start to canvass St. John this morning:

**Campaign Committee.**  
E. Allan Schofield, general chairman; H. Usher Miller, treasurer.

**Executive Committee.**  
Leonard P. D. Tilley, chairman; E. A. Schofield, R. D. Patterson, W. A. Lockhart, LeBarton Wilson, Thomas Bell, Wm. M. Campbell, J. W. Brittain, H. Usher Miller, Geo. D. Ellis, Frank McAvity, Lt.-Col. Alex. McMillan, C. H. Peters, R. D. Patterson, Hon. W. F. Roberts, Howard P. Robinson, H. C. Rankin, Bayard Stillwell, W. Grant Smith, Guy L. Short, E. A. Schofield, L. P. D. Tilley, E. J. Terry, LeBarton Wilson, Robert Willis, Hon. R. W. Wigmore, George L. Warwick.

**Ward Workers.**  
Following are the ward workers:

**Brooks Ward.**  
Chairman—C. B. Lockhart.  
Captains—Charles J. Brannen, Elmer Ingraham, Charles Kohr, Richard R. Lee, Joseph Smith, Leonard Wilson.  
Workers—S. S. Wright, T. M. Murphy, R. J. Anderson, Leonard Adams, W. L. Bagnall, Alfred L. Belyes, Francis M. Barnes, G. O. Fowler, D. Auriel Duffy, J. W. Fillmore, W. G. Haslam, George Hare, William A. Hamm, Percy J. Legge, William A. Macaulay, F. S. P. McFarlane, Norman P. McLeod, George Lee, Alfred Dodge, Frank L. Perry, E. J. Puddy, W. H. Price, J. H. Robinson, H. C. Ring, Oscar Ring, Harry T. Sheffield, Fred M. Stanley, Robert K. Smith, John S. Williamson, Fred Wilson, C. H. B. Wright.

**Dufferin Ward.**  
Chairman—T. Moffett Bell.  
Captains—C. H. Lee, George Lewis, T. M. Bell, G. L. Short, H. E. Mercer.  
Workers—K. F. Gault, Gilbert London, Fred Brennan, C. C. Kerby, Charles McConnell, Richard Thomas, Charles Wasson, William Vall, R. A. Elliott, Alexander Thorne, Harry McConnell, Fenwick Armstrong, C. Millidge, Chester Bourne, Gordon Vall, D. R. Willett, J. W. Thomas, A. L. Harshaw, R. R. W. Lilly, James Gilchrist, E. S. Cochran, C. M. V. Spence.

**Dukes Ward.**  
Chairman—Ralph Stephenson.  
Captains—Harry J. Machuga, Paul Cross, Cecil R. Mercereau, Harry L. Sullivan, Isaac Mercer.  
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## Juror Forgets About Case; Trial Halts

Newark, N. J., Dec. 8.—A sleepy juror, who suffered a lapse of memory, and forgot all about the case he was hearing, caused Federal Judge Runyon to declare a mistrial in the case of Howard Sheek and Michael Camorato of Atlantic City, charged with conspiracy to smuggle liquor.

John Gross, juror No. 12, served in the United States navy during the war and had recently been discharged from a convalescent hospital after being gassed. With the other jurors he left the courtroom for a brief recess during which he fell asleep. When he was awakened he said that he knew nothing about the case. He was taken to his home. Because of his service record, Judge Runyon decided not to punish him for contempt.

## BALLOTS ARE SENT OUT FOR STRIKE VOTE

Canadian Railroads Refuse Award Made by Conciliation Board.

VOTE IN BY JAN. 15

Several Departments in the Maintenance of Way Service are Affected.

(By Canadian Press.)  
Detroit, Dec. 10.—Refusal of Canadian railroads to accept a conciliation board award granting certain classes of maintenance of way men a wage increase of two cents an hour led to the mailing of strike ballots to approximately 30,000 Canadians, members of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees and railway shop laborers, on Friday.

Announcement of the strike vote was made at headquarters of the Brotherhood here. Grand President P. H. Gjosdal. The ballots are returnable on January 15, 1924. They call for an expression of the views of the men on "withdrawal from the service" if their original demand of a general wage increase of five cents an hour is not granted.

President P. H. Gjosdal's announcement reviewed the events leading to the present situation. It detailed the efforts made for an amicable adjustment of the dispute from April 14 last, when the original demand of a five cents an hour increase was made, to acceptance by the men of the conciliation board's award by which maintenance men receiving less than 40 cents an hour would be given an increase of two cents an hour.

The men affected by the vote are trackmen, bridge and building men, water supply men and crossing watchmen.

## GREAT BOOM FOR THE NORTH SHORE

Vast Pulpwood Orders Received by Firm in Campbellton

Campbellton, Dec. 7.—An announcement of considerable interest and one which seems indicative of a boom in the pulpwood industry in this part of the country comes from the local office of the O. J. Klein Transportation Co. During an extended trip to New York and through the eastern states, from which he has just returned, Mr. Klein announced that this wood will be moved by the O. J. Klein Transportation Co.'s boats and chartered vessels during the navigable season of next spring and summer, to Sorel, Que., and to a terminal which is now under construction on Lake Ontario.

The announcement of these extensive operations will be good news not only to farmers and owners of marketable pulpwood through the territories mentioned, but also to the lumbering industry in the next few years. By reason of this the unemployment situation here, which has been just returned, is expected to be improved and a corresponding benefit experienced by farmers throughout this part of the country.

## Form Death Brigade

Five Hundred Women in Italy Oppose Order Issued to Absorb Town.

Venice, Italy, Dec. 10.—Five hundred women of Murano, the little island town a mile north of Venice, where the world famous Venetian glass is made, have organized themselves into a "battalion of death" to save their town from being absorbed by the Venice Government order for the change having been issued.

Transfer of the municipal offices was scheduled for yesterday, but the women stormed the municipal building, attacking carabinieri who tried to ward them off, and about twenty of them succeeded in breaking through the cordon and gaining entrance.

Although the transfer of the Murano office effects was prevented by the battalion, the town today officially remained annexed to Venice.

## WOODSTOCK MAN INJURED IN FALL

Woodstock, Dec. 9.—Charles Bowlin, a prominent contractor of this town, was seriously injured yesterday morning at Indian Point, by falling over a bank. He was brought home and is now under the doctor's care.

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