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THE WEATHER. Fresh south to southwest winds, fair and a little warmer today. Showers during the night and on Wednesday.

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TRIAL IN SECOND GRAFT CASE WAS CALLED TODAY

Six Men Face the County Court in Pennsylvania Charged with Conspiracy in Connection with Harrisburg Capitol--Prominent Men Involved.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 12.—The second of the series of conspiracy cases growing out of the contract for the furnishing and equipping of the new state capitol, called for trial today in the Dauphin county court involves six men. They are Congressmen H. Burt Cassell, of Marietta, Pa., head of the Pennsylvania Construction Company, which supplied about \$2,000,000 worth of metallic furniture for the building; Joseph M. Hustin, of Philadelphia, architect of the capitol and designer of its furniture; William P. Snyder, of Spring City, Pa., a former auditor general; William L. Mathews, of Media, Pa., a former state treasurer; James M. Shumaker, of Johnstown, Pa., a former superintendent of public grounds and buildings; and Frank M. Irvine, a traveling auditor in the auditor general's department. Snyder, Mathews and Shumaker were convicted in the first conspiracy trial of defrauding the state out of about \$10,000 in a bill for wooden furniture. An appeal for a new trial before the court in which they appeared today is still pending. Hustin was to have been tried with the others in the first trial, but secured a severance in the case that came up today the charge against the six men is conspiracy to defraud the state out of \$5,000,000 in a bill of \$17,700,000 for metallic filing cases and metallic furniture. Fourteen men have been indicted on various charges of fraud in connection with the furnishing and equipping of the capitol and the cases of those who have not already been tried will follow that called today. The state capitol as it stands today cost \$13,000,000 of which \$9,000,000 was expended in furnishings and decorations.

A SERIOUS FIRE IN ATLANTA, GA.

Fire Last Night Did \$100,000 Damage--A Half Block of Buildings and 175 Horses Burned.

Atlanta, Ga., May 11.—One hundred and seventy-five horses, two of them show prize winners, half a block of buildings burned with a hundred thousand dollars loss, a threatened panic in a crowded theatre nearby, and a half dozen persons injured, summarized the damage by a fire tonight in the business section of Atlanta. The flames started in the Pish-Orpheum theatre was crowded with persons watching a vaudeville performance. There was no serious panic.

WILL ATTEND HIGH COURT

Supreme Chief Roder Elliott of the Independent Order of Foresters Visiting the Maritime Provinces.

Moncton, May 12.—(Special).—Elliott G. Stephenson, of Toronto, supreme chief Roder of the Independent Order of Foresters passed through the city this morning en route to Halifax. It is Stephenson's first visit east of Montreal. He will return tomorrow and go to Summerside, leaving the island on Thursday for St. John where he will attend the New Brunswick High Court. The Nova Scotia High Court of Foresters is meeting at Halifax.

COLD STORAGE MEN REQUEST A GRANT

Frederick, N. B., May 12.—(Special).—This morning two delegations appeared before the provincial government relative to the establishment of a cold storage plant at Woodstock. The members of the delegation were R. R. Teed, A. G. Bailey and Wilford Hay of Woodstock. They requested Cold Storage Limited, the company now applying for incorporation, which Andrew Miles, of Woodstock, appeared for the old company.

CIRCUIT COURT

The adjourned case of Harris vs. Jamison, which was to have been heard here in the circuit court before Judge Landry, has been further postponed until Tuesday, August 4th, at 11 o'clock a. m., on application of the defendant.

DEXTER E. REID BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST WITH SHIP

St. John Man One of Crew of Ship Castle Rock, Missing Since September.

About a year ago he left here for the west on one of the homestead excursions, going to Broadview, then to Lethbridge, and finally to Seattle, where he must have shipped aboard the Castle Rock. Up to the time he arrived at Seattle he wrote home regularly each week and his aunt was at a loss to know why he had not written during the past few months. It was not known that he had gone to sea until the sad news contained in the clipping was received.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

MONTREAL AND LUDLOW. The real reason that more money is to be spent on the ferry steamer. Wun Lung, to fit her to take the place of the Ludlow, has not been stated. It is believed that negotiations are in progress between the city council and the federal government with a view to trading the Ludlow for the government ice-breaker, Montcalm. It is believed by the government that the Montcalm, in the limited area of this harbor, could collide with a larger number of craft than the Ludlow has been able to do, while the Ludlow's exploit a year or two ago of ram-

A CLERGYMAN GAINED THE CONFIDENCE OF PRISONER IN GUINNESS MURDER CASE

Lamphere Supplied Array of Facts on Which Investigators Hope to Solve the Mystery of the Private Graveyard--Most of the Victims Were Killed by Drugs and Then Dismembered.

Chicago, May 12.—A despatch to the Tribune from Laporte, Ind., says: A complete solution of the mystery of the Guinness murder farm is expected within forty-eight hours. The officials who have been conducting the search for the victims of the house of many victims admit this fact today. They refused, however, to make known their purpose further than to say that final steps may be taken today or tomorrow at the latest. The mystery surrounding four of the fourteen deaths which are known to have occurred at the place is cleared by the allegation that Ray Lamphere, the former farm hand, prisoner in the county jail set fire to the home of Mrs. Bella Guinness on the morning of April 28, and thereby caused the death of the widow and the three children. For this, if proven guilty, he is liable, under the provisions of the Indiana State laws, to conviction for murder in the first degree as well as for arson. Indictments against him upon both these charges will be asked for by the grand jury on Wednesday.

As to the manner of death of the ten murdered persons, whose bodies were discovered in a little patch of ground guarded by closely woven wire netting, the evidence of the officers in response to queries as to the arrest of one or more accomplices provides the only answer. That the victims came to their death through the administration of a deadly amount of chloral was proven. The places at which the drug was purchased during the last eight years have been found. That the corpses then were remembered either in a chamber of horrors on the second floor in the Guinness home or in the basement, has been shown to the satisfaction of the investigators. Two knives, one a six inch dagger and the other a needle pointed double edged surgeon's knife, have been found in the ruins.

That the big stolid Norwegian woman carried some of them into her lair by the bait of matrimonial advertisements and then had an active hand in killing them and disposing of their bodies, is said to have been established without doubt. The one remaining question, that of whether she had assistance in her crimes, is to be met by the action that is expected almost hourly. The arrival at this point has been preceded by a hunt for minute rumors which have been made public. Here and there bits of evidence have leaked out and the great array of facts, it is said, was secured from statements made by Lamphere.

The chief agent in securing the confession of the prisoner has been the Rev. E. A. Schell, pastor of the First Methodist church who ever since the day of the prisoner's incarceration has been a visitor at the cell. On the reports of the clergyman, the investigation have built their case.

Laporte, Ind., May 12.—The "mining" operations which have been promised by Sheriff Smutzler for several days, started in earnest today in the ruins of the Guinness home. Louis Schultz, who was employed by the sheriff to stoke the ashes in the cellar, completed his apparatus early and began work.

Additional evidence regarding the methods by which the persons whose corpses were found in the Guinness farm was death, was unearthed this morning. At least two dozen pairs of scissors, bent and curved in the fashion of surgical instruments, are said to have been found in the cellar, and in addition, three knives, two of a surgical character, and the other a dirk, were picked up. It was believed by some that the dirk may have been the chief instrument employed in the series of murders, but the fact that there was no mark of a penetrating wound on Andrew Heiglein's body is a refutation of this theory. Chloroform or some other deadly drug is thought to have been used to encompass his death. On all the other bodies on the farm there is no negative evidence to disprove the dirk theory, the knives and scissors are thought to have been used in dismembering the bodies.

PRINCE EDWARD IS SAID TO HAVE AWFUL MURDER CASE

Joseph D. McMillan Shot Down by Alonzo Docherty--The Murderer Dragged His Victim's Body Into the Woods and Then Confessed His Crime to the Parish Priest.

Charlottetown, May 12.—(Special).—One of the most sensational murders that has ever occurred here was reported on Sunday night at Miscouche, a small village about five miles from Summerside. The victim is Joseph D. McMillan, aged 25, a prominent young farmer, and his slayer is Alonzo Docherty, aged 21.

On Sunday afternoon, McMillan, accompanied by Stella McDonald and her sister walked from Miscouche to Summerside. In the evening, McMillan and Stella left on their return to Miscouche, walking along the railway track.

ing he handed her the revolver and cartridges which she handed over to the priest. A representative of the press he said "I did the deed and know I shall suffer for it. It means either the gallows or penitentiary for life. I would not like the latter for I would play away and die any way. I had no quarrel with McMillan. He was one of the best fellows in Miscouche. My deed was not prompted by jealousy. I was in the habit of carrying a revolver through the woods and had placed that one in my pocket on Sunday. Some uncontrollable impulse seized me when I met McMillan and Stella. I had kept company with her for three years."

U. N. B. SHOWS UP WELL

D. R. Smith, of the university of New Brunswick, who passed through the city today en route to his home in St. Martin, speaks well of the chances of the college in the inter-collegiate sports.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, May 12.—(Special).—Prices were generally steady today, there being a few fractional recessions from yesterday's high level. Lake of the Woods was a new high level on a movement at 87 1/2; Dom. Coal sold at 54 1/2, to 54 1/2; Twin City 87 3/4 to 12; Dom Steel 18. There were fractional declines in Pacific at 159 1/4, Mackay at 84 1/2, and Montreal Power at 83.

WANT SPECIAL AUDIT OF COUNTY ACCOUNTS

The Finance Committee Recommends This to the Council--Estimates for the Year are About the Same as Last Year.

The quarterly meeting of the municipal council is being held this afternoon in the council chamber at the court house. The warden and the various committees will be chosen and the estimates for the year considered. W. J. Dean of Musquash is said to be slated for the wardenship in succession to Alderman Hamm. Among the important matters which will come up for discussion is a recommendation from the finance committee that a special auditor be at once appointed to revise the system of keeping the accounts of the municipality and make a report. The estimates for the year show little change from last year. The total amount is \$105,054.08. The reports of the finance committee and the buildings committee were submitted. The committee on finance and accounts recommended that the following assessments be made upon the city and county for the several services and purposes named: For contingencies \$23000.00, Alms House and Work House 20000.00, General Public Hospital 31000.00, Local Board of Health 7000.00, Interest and sinking fund, Alms House, 2nd series 600.00, Alms House 3rd series 600.00, Hospital Loan 15000.00, Hospital improvements 1200.00, Geol. improvements 650.00, Isolation hospital 500.00, Common school 16394.08.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Revisions, Lancaster Police, Lancaster Fire District, Lancaster Fire debentures interest, Lancaster Sewerage, Total, and various committee recommendations.

SOLDIERS DISPUTE RESULTED IN FIGHT

Wholesale Shooting of Soldiers at Camp Stotesberg Near Manila.

Manila, May 12.—The wholesale shooting of soldiers yesterday at Camp Stotesberg appears to have been the result of a dispute between Private Beacham and Sergeant Hoey. Private Wilson and Sergeant Hoey were endeavoring to induce a young soldier to stop chumming with Beacham on the ground that he was an improper character. Beacham brooded over the matter and ceased with drink, attacked and killed Hoey and Wilson. The shooting of the other is reported to have been unintentional. The three bodies were brought to Manila today for shipment to America.

COL. ANDERSON IS SARCASTIC

He Intimates That Commissioner Fraser of the Marine Department Lacks Conscience

Ottawa, May 12.—(Special).—The probe was again applied to the marine department today on the resumption of the enquiry before Judge Cassels. Col. Anderson, chief engineer, was again on the stand and admitted that the service might be affected on account of the feeling between himself and Commissioner Fraser. He always lacked confidence in Fraser. The latter had a big pull in the department and what he said went regardless of expense or who was overruled. Fraser was very thick with Deputy Minister Gouraud. The suspicion of Fraser indicated that the minister had reached the same conclusion as himself. By the light of the commissioner's latest outlays contractors naturally benefited.

CANDIDATES IN DAWSON

Vancouver, B. C., May 12.—Though a political convention has not yet been held, the probable candidates for Dawson are said to be George Black, lawyer, for the Conservatives and F. T. Congdon, former commissioner, for the Liberals.

HE TOOK THE HINT

St. John's—Really? I began to think that you were never going.

A SUGGESTION TO ABOLISH AGENT GENERAL IN LONDON

Sharp Discussion in the Public Accounts Committee Over Annual Grant to Duff-Miller.

Frederick, N. B., May 12.—(Special).—At a meeting of the public accounts committee of the legislature this morning there was a sharp discussion over the annual grant of \$200 made by the province to Agent General Duff-Miller at London, and a majority of the members seemed to favor recommending the government to abolish it. Mr. Smith, little or no benefit from the outlay, moved that the committee recommend the government to discontinue the grant.

WILL BE CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

Kenora, May 12.—(Special).—The first prosecution in connection with the numerous fatal explosions along the railway construction through this section of Ontario, is about to be entered. John Oppy, a man in Gordon Brothers camp, where an explosion occurred on March 17th, killing four men and seriously wounding Oppy himself, will be charged with criminal negligence. Oppy has just been released from the hospital.

THE TRAVELING EXPENSES OF DAIRY SUPERINTENDENTS

Mr. Labliss brought up the International Railway matter and asked that ex-Attorney General McKeown be heard in explanation. It was finally agreed to let the matter stand until to-morrow, when ex-Premier Robison can also be present.

SKINNER'S ACCOUNT FOR \$84 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

C. N. Skinner's account for \$84 for professional services in connection with the Collins murder case, came in for a good deal of criticism from Messrs. Smith and Prescott, who thought that the solicitor general should have conducted the case without assistance.