

Merchants' Week and Autumn Carnival to be Held Here.

Board of Trade Looking Up Attractions For First of October and Will Discuss the Matter Next Monday.

St. John is in all probability to have a merchants' week and autumn carnival, and the success of it will to a great measure depend upon the interest taken and assistance rendered by the citizens generally.

CANADIAN CRUISER TO ANSWER CHARGE FIRES ON TUG

But Latter Succeeded in Getting Away.

Was Fishing Near the Boundary Line in Lake Erie—No One Was Hurt by Shots.

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 14.—While fishing near the boundary line in Lake Erie this afternoon, the fish tug William J. McCarty, a small boat of 15 tons, was struck by shots from the Canadian cruiser Vigilant, which attempted to compel the tug to surrender.

TO ANSWER CHARGE OF MURDER.

Edward F. Cole Pledged "Not Guilty."

Took Proceedings Coolly and is Confident of Result—Day of Trial Not Yet Settled.

(Special to the Sun.) PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 14.—Edward F. Cole, of Hillsboro, N. B., was arraigned in the superior court this morning and pleaded "not guilty" to an indictment presented late yesterday afternoon.



JOHN F. STEEVES, The murdered man.

Edward F. Cole, charged with the murder of John F. Steeves, also of Hillsboro, in Falmouth, near Portland, on or about April 12.

SUPPORT TO IRISH NATIONAL CAUSE

Pledged by United Irish League of America.

Wm. Redmond, the Irish M.P., Denounced Government Proposition to Reduce Irish Representation.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Wm. Redmond, Irish member of parliament, was the guest of honor at an outdoor celebration in the city of Boston, held all day at the Huntington avenue baseball grounds.

KILLED WIFE THEN SUICIDE.

Love of Stage Led to Murder and Suicide.

Wife's Infatuation for Theatrical Performers Caused Tragedy—How the Bodies Were Found.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—His wife's fondness for the stage and stage people was the cause which led John E. H. Reeves to become first a drinking man, and finally the murderer of his wife and his own slayer, according to developments in the police investigation of the double tragedy on School street, Cambridgeport.

ROBBED OF \$300.

Hard Luck of Wm. Kennedy of the Prince Rupert.

He Left His Savings Under His Bed and the Roll Was Stolen—No Clue to the Thief.

Wm. Kennedy, quartermaster on the steamer Prince Rupert, playing between this city and Digby, stands to lose \$300, the amount of two years' careful saving, unless the efforts of Detective Killen meet with success.

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MORE PARTICULARS CONCERNING ARREST OF ELMER YOUNG.

Elmer E. Young, who came conspicuously before the public at the time the Hope Young child murder case was under investigation in June last, was arrested in this city yesterday afternoon on a bench warrant charging him with the larceny of \$45 from Mrs. Ellen W. Rogers of 38 Worcester street, East End, by means of false pretenses.

Young gives his age as 44 years. He has an office at 235 Washington street, and is in the Boston directory as a notary public. He is also said to follow the calling of a private detective.

The warrant was sworn out by Attorney James J. McCarthy of 211 and 214 Pemberton building, who represents Mrs. Rogers. Young came to the city yesterday afternoon, and immediately sent messengers scurrying to secure bail, but up to a late hour was still a prisoner.

As related by the police, the story is that Mrs. Rogers had a married daughter whose husband, an Armenian, conducts a restaurant at the corner of Tremont street and Union park. The daughter was seeking a divorce and Mrs. Rogers engaged Young as attorney. She claims that Young told her she was a practicing lawyer and exacted a fee of \$45. As the case went along Mrs. Rogers discovered to her surprise that Young was not an attorney, Young will be arraigned today.

UNCONSCIOUS FOR OVER TWO MONTHS.

Miss Ethel Gram Dies as Result of Kick from a Pony.

LENEX, Mass., Sept. 14.—Miss Ethel B. Gram, daughter of the late Henry B. Gram, a prominent New York lawyer, died just before midnight tonight at her mother's summer home, High-land, after lying for two months in an unconscious condition with a fractured skull received on July 15 last from a kick by a pony. The skull was crushed over the left ear, and although some of the most eminent physicians in the country attempted to relieve her, she never spoke after receiving the blow.

BROKER ARRESTED CHARGED WITH FORGERY

Harry Clifford Brown of Boston in Difficult Position—Was Society Man.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Harry Clifford Brown, a stock broker of this city, and a well known resident of Brookline, was arrested today by inspectors from the Boston Bureau of Criminal Investigation, on a charge of forgery.

The charges upon which the broker was taken into custody were those of raising two certificates, each representing one share of the Boston & Albany R. R. Co. to 20 shares, and issuing the certificates as security on notes, upon which Brown is alleged to have obtained \$17,000 from the Washington Trust Co.

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BOTTLE DRIFTED ACROSS ATLANTIC.

Cattlemen Threw It Overboard Containing Letter to Montreal Star.

(Special to the Sun.) MONTREAL, Sept. 14.—On March 1st, 1899, the Dominion Line steamship Labrador was wrecked on the coast of Scotland. The ship was a total loss. But all on board were saved. When the ship struck, Geo. B. Brandford, a cattlemen, recorded the fact, placed it in a bottle and threw it overboard. The letter was addressed to the Montreal Star. It turned up today, the bottle having been picked up at New Harbor, Hermitage Bay, Newfoundland, on August 17, by Reid Durnford, a fisherman. In five years the bottle had drifted across the Atlantic, 1,600 miles between the two points.

AMHERST MAN SAYS WIFE WAS DESPONDENT.

Howard C. Fraser, agent for farmers' tools at the Amherst, N. S., is in Boston tonight for his wife Margaret V., who disappeared from her home a week ago Saturday, and who he said yesterday afternoon that he was greatly worried about her, as she had been despondent for some time before leaving home, owing to her worry about his business affairs, and that he didn't know where she might go.

Mr. Fraser said he had traced her on a train as far as Vancouver, and had learned definitely from the immigration officers there that she was on the train when it reached that point. Although he couldn't trace her beyond Vancouver, he feels quite confident that she came on to Boston, as the train on which she was travelling was bound for that city.

Mr. Fraser has two children, a boy and a girl. The girl is only seven years. Mrs. Fraser took the little one with her.—Boston Globe.

CONDITION OF AFFAIRS AT SHANGHAI

Growing Out of the Chinese Boycott May Have Serious Commercial Effects.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The state department today received a communication from Consul General Rodgers at Shanghai, which sets forth the condition of affairs there commercially. One phase of the movement which is disturbing to all business minds, he says, is the effect it is likely to produce upon the finances of that great centre of commerce. There are at the present time in Shanghai warehouses approximately 150,000 bales of American piece goods, valued at nearly \$3,000,000. The question, therefore, of marketing this commodity and of collecting the money under the present conditions, and with Manchuria closed, he adds, presents a very serious condition, and is apt to cause great difficulty, not only to the Chinese merchants, but also to the importers.

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BOSTON, Sept. 14.—There is a mystery in the office of the British consul, in the shape of the disappearance of a gold watch and three silver medals, which were to be presented to Captain E. P. Doughty and three members of the crew of the fishing schooner Fish Hawk, who saved the crew of the Canadian schooner Swanilda, wrecked at sea Oct. 26, 1903. The gold watch and medals were authorized by the Canadian government in recognition of the conspicuous bravery of the daring fishermen, who rescued the Swanilda's crew during a gale of wind, in a dory. The express company that received them is at a loss to tell where they are, and the expectant recipients of the reward are wondering if they will ever get them. Capt. Doughty, who was in command of the Fish Hawk at the time of the rescue, returned yesterday from a fishing trip with the schooner Ida M. Silva. He went to the British consul's office, expecting to get his watch, but was disappointed.

CHARRED BODY FOUND NEAR BEDROOM DOOR.

TORONTO, Sept. 13.—Lying near the door of her bedroom, where she had been overtaken in her effort to escape, the charred body of Mrs. Beal, sixty-three years of age, was found early this morning after the alarm of fire had been given by Miss Taylor, the only other occupant of the house, at 48 Shannon street.

The exact cause of the fire and the time it broke out are unknown. It is certain, however, that it originated from a lamp by which the aged lady was in the habit of reading her Bible each night. Miss Taylor had been awakened some time afterwards by the crackling of fire, but the other woman was dead.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF FEVER DEATHS.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 14.—There was an increase in the number of new cases and of deaths of yellow fever today. There were really seven yellow fever deaths, but one of them does not appear on the record. It is the case of an Italian who, in the delirium of the fever, secured a revolver and blew out his brains. The situation at Tallulah is improving. Other country reports were: Patterson, 20 cases, two deaths; Kenner, eight cases, two deaths; St. Rose, two cases; Barataria, two cases; Clarke Cheniere, one death; Sary, two cases; Berwick, one death; Houma, two cases.

BEARS ARE NUMEROUS NEAR MONCTON.

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ELITE ENAMELED WARE. SUPERIOR IN FINISH and QUALITY. MADE TO WEAR.

We have just received Preserving Kettles, Sauce Pans, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Rice Boilers, Etc.

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