



The Evening Times.

LAST EDITION

THE WEATHER.

Fresh to strong westerly winds, mostly fair and a little cooler. Tuesday, westerly winds a few scattered showers, but mostly fair.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1907.

ONE CENT

THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SINKS IN BOSTON HARBOR

Big Steamer Now Lies in Ten Fathoms of Water.

Bound for Savannah, She Struck Ledge in Harbor and Backed Off Into Deep Water—Crew Escaped and Rowed Back to Dock.

BOSTON, Nov. 4.—The steamer City of Birmingham of the Ocean Steamship Co. struck a ledge in the harbor early today while bound out to Savannah, and sank in ten fathoms of water about two miles below her dock. The crew escaped. The steamer, having made a special trip north with a cargo of cotton, started about 1.30 a. m. for the south. At a slight bend, where the channel enters what is known as the Middle Ground, the Birmingham hit an obstruction. She backed off into deep water, but before the character of her damage was known, her stern was flooded and fifteen minutes after striking, she sank.

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WELLS-THOMAS ASSAULT CASE

Thomas Fined \$20 in the Police Court This Morning—Other Cases Heard.

The Wells-Thomas assault case, in which Mrs. Wells of 115 Sheriff street, charged Arthur Ernest Thomas with assaulting her in her home on Saturday morning last was finally disposed of this morning when Judge Ritchie decided against the defendant, fining him \$20 or two months in jail. Both plaintiff and defendant were called to the stand and Mrs. Wells wanted to withdraw the charge, but his honor informed her that this would be impossible. Thomas denied the charge, saying that he went to the plaintiff's house to get a pair of boots and found Mrs. Wells in a very weak and semi-conscious condition, and when he spoke to her she threw up her arm and struck him in the face, her ring causing a slight cut. She asked him at the time how he dared strike her, but he tried to convince her that he had not. He had been house only a short time when Patrolman Finley appeared with a warrant for his arrest.

His honor did not seem to take much stock in the defendant's explanations, which were rather amusing, and as all ready stated imposed a fine of \$20 or two months in jail.

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The mental condition of Thomas F. Collins, who is sentenced to death for the murder of Mary Ann Macaulay has been the subject of considerable discussion since the Evening Times on Saturday published the exclusive story that Collins had been examined by physicians as to his sanity. Sheriff Lynde, in a conversation with a representative of a morning paper, denies some of the statements made in the Times article, notably the suggestion from Dr. Murray that Dr. Anglin should be engaged as an expert alienist to examine Collins. Sheriff Lynde says this suggestion was not made in his hearing.

A Times correspondent has interviewed Dr. Murray of Albert, and Dr. Marvin, Randall and John T. Lewis, of Hillsboro, the physicians who made the examination, and obtained from them statements of the facts that did happen, and of their opinion as to the prisoner's case.

Dr. Murray said that on October 30 he received a letter from Sheriff Lynde asking him to go to Hopewell Cape and make an examination of Collins. This Dr. Murray did, and he found Collins sane.

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pending doom, and seemed to avoid the subject. Collins impressed Dr. Murray as a person who regarded crime very lightly, and did not realize the consequences. He told the doctor that until he had been instructed by Rev. Mr. Worley, Baptist clergyman, he did not know it was wrong to frequent houses of ill fame or to tell falsehoods.

After interviewing Collins Dr. Murray saw Sheriff Lynde, and to the sheriff made the following statements: 1. "Collins does not appear to have a proper conception of the enormity of his crime."

2. "I would style him a moral degenerate."

Sheriff Lynde then said: "Then, Doctor, from what you have spoken you must conclude Collins is not responsible for his actions."

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Collins was a victim of certain habits which would affect his mentality. Such people, when angry, are dangerous, but not irresponsible.

Dr. John T. Lewis, of Hillsboro, said he examined Collins at the request of Sheriff Lynde on Nov. 1, and found him in good health. He talked with the prisoner for some time. The prisoner proved to be mentally lacking in some respects, but Dr. Lewis would not certify he was irresponsible. The doctor was not certain at whose instance he made the examination.

Dr. Edward Randall said that a number of people requested him to see Collins and on Nov. 1 he made an examination of him. He noticed from his talk that his "mind seemed soft on some points," but on other points he was all right. He did not seem to realize his position. Dr. Randall would not say that Collins was not responsible. Dr. Marvin said he had seen Collins on several occasions the last on November 1st. He pronounced Collins a moral degenerate and found that alcoholism had had an effect on his ancestry.

HAMBURG BANKERS SUSPEND PAYMENTS

HAMBURG, Nov. 4.—The banking and brokerage firm of F. Lappenberg suspended payments today owing to losses sustained through customers. The firm which also did an export and import business, enjoyed high standing in financial circles.

WANT STUBBS FOR MONTREAL

To Take Part in the Race There Next Saturday—Subscriptions Asked For.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—It is the intention of the St. John's Jockey Club to have the famous race horse Stubbs to take part in the race there next Saturday next (King's birthday). Subscriptions to defray expenses are being asked for through the newspapers. Stubbs, of St. John will be one of the men to go.

THE COAL SUPPLY

The steamer Ragnarok is expected to arrive here this afternoon from Philadelphia with a cargo of soft coal for the C. P. R. The steamer will have contracted for 6,000 tons to be brought here by this steamer.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE OUT OF THIS PORT

St. John is to have another steamship line. It is known as the Scotia Steamship Co., and will operate a line of steamers between St. John, Halifax, Cuba and the principal Jamaican ports. Furness, Withy & Co. will have charge of the business at this port. Two steamers will be utilized in the service, the Senator and the Amantia, both of which are new and powerful.

VALUABLE ANIMAL BELONGING TO DE B. Carrite Drowned in Lower Cove Slip.

Between nine and ten o'clock this morning a valuable horse, the property of de B. Carrite & Co., Water street, was drowned in the Lower Cove slip. The horse and driver were taken to the hospital. The horse was a valuable one.

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PROHIBITION COMMISSION HELD FIRST SESSION TODAY

CRIMINAL STATISTICS

Annual Report of Department of Justice Issued Today.

OTTAWA, Ont. Nov. 4.—(Special.)—The annual report of the department of justice was issued today. It is for the nine months period ending March 31st. There were in custody on March 31st, 1,143 prisoners compared with 1,439 on July 1st, 1906. In Kingston on March 31 there were 409; St. Vincent de Paul, 410; Dorchester, 211; Manitoba, 219; British Columbia, 122. Besides these there were 42 in Alberta jail since made the penitentiary for the two western provinces. There were 17 paroled, 29 pardoned, 12 deaths and one escape during the nine months. The one successful escape was from Alberta. The number of absolutely illiterate in the prison population was 17 per cent, married, 434, single, 948, widowed, 41. There were 14 per cent total abstainers, 44 per cent temperate, and 42 per cent intemperate. Lads under 20 constitute 11 per cent of the total and it is safe to say, adds the report, that not more than 1,000 of this class is benefited by the penitentiary experience. There were 83 Canadian, 221 from Britain, 14 from the British possessions and 315, alien.

PROBATE COURT

Judgment Given This Morning In the Estate of the Late Francis G. Jordan.

In the probate court this morning Judge Treuman gave his decision in the estate of the late Francis G. Jordan. His honor allowed that the sewer built on the property was to be treated as a permanent repair and be charged to the fund. The sum of \$4,000 deposited in the Savings Bank to be given to Mary Shea, a servant, would bear its own expense, as no provision had been made relative to securing the interest intact. The sum of \$12,000, also in the Savings Bank, was to be given to the heirs of the deceased, it having been deposited in two separate lots, viz., \$7,000 and \$5,000.

Under the provisions of the will, at the expiration of five years the real estate was to be sold and distribution made as follows: \$250 to the Home for Aged Females; \$250 to the Protestant Orphan Asylum, and the balance to be divided among the nieces and nephews of the deceased in their equal proportions.

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Met at Charlotte-town Behind Closed Doors.

Will Take Evidence in Island On Both Sides of Case, But Has No Power to Examine Under Oath--The Lobster Fisheries.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—The commission appointed by the New Brunswick government to examine into the working of the prohibition act in this province held its first sitting today. The meetings are not open to the public or press. The commission has no power to examine under oath, unless the witnesses be taken to New Brunswick, which may be done later.

The commission will sit at Summerside, Souris, Georgetown and other points. Evidence will be taken on both sides. On Saturday R. N. Vennart, assistant commissioner of fisheries, Ottawa, held a conference with fishery officials here on fishery matters generally and lobster fisheries particularly. In some sections of the province the fishermen's unions are asking that the opening of the season now set for April 20th, be delayed till May 1st, also that the law prohibiting the taking of seed lobsters be more stringently enforced. Today the conference meets at Moncton. Accompanying Mr. Vennart on his tour are Inspectors Matheson, of P. E. Island, Bertram, of Cape Breton, Robertson and Harkin, of Nova Scotia, Chapman and Calder, of New Brunswick.

Murdock Morrison aged 64 a farmer of Roseberry dropped dead shortly after leaving the train at Surrey Station. He was returning home from Charlottetown. He had previously been in excellent health.

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