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EXAMINATION OF MRS. MARSTEN, ACCUSED OF MURDER, IS BEGUN.

As Not Show Trace of Great Anxiety Over the Matter Which Has Stirred Meductic--Monday's Proceedings--Adjourned in Afternoon Until Thursday.

Meductic, Aug. 18--(Special)--The opening today of the preliminary trial of Mrs. Marsten, charged with the poisoning of her husband, George Marsten in the last, did not develop any sensational features. In fact the proceedings were routine and interesting rather than dramatic. Still the crown has several important witnesses who have yet to be called. Practically the same evidence as before the coroner's inquest was given in this morning and related chiefly to domestic affairs of the Marstens and story of those who were present at the Marsten's death bed.

The scene is laid in an early part of the day was dark, threatening rain and the atmosphere was out in force at the trial. The case is attracting a good deal of attention in the county, particularly in the section.

Meductic is a typical New Brunswick village of two or three hundred inhabitants and is beautifully situated on the St. John river, divided from Carleton Place by Red River, is 12 miles from Carleton Place and 9 from Carleton Place.

George Marsten, the accused, is a man of about 35, though looking fully 10 years older. He is of the average height and weighs probably 150 pounds. She looks rather pale and just now from recent illness, but there is no trace of anxiety or nervousness about her. Her general appearance is not unfavorable, the one weak feature of her face being the pale blue eyes which hardly ever glance at the person with whom she is talking. Otherwise Mrs. Marsten might be regarded as a woman who works, or as has been said, a not too strict observance of the moralities, has prematurely aged. There are three little children in the home, two girls and a baby boy of two weeks, the eldest child being eight years old.

Baby's Death. There was another child, but when a baby died under circumstances that pointed to accidental poisoning. It was given some milk and a short time later exhibited all the symptoms of poisoning, the theory being at the time that the dose was prepared for someone else. Mrs. Marsten told the neighbors someone had poisoned the milk.

Everett Marsten. Sunday night Everett Marsten talked of his brother's death. He knew of the clouds on the domestic home life and the reputations because of which there was little intercourse between the families. George Marsten had little to say in his own home, Peter, the other man in the case, practically running matters to suit himself. Although only living half a mile away, he was not informed of his brother's death, but learned it by accident. When he saw George last fall he was in perfect health and said he was in splendid condition. A few months later the change in his appearance was startling.

Told He Was Getting Poison. He was bloated, white, trembling and very feeble, with a wild look in his eyes. He heard from him that he had consulted Mr. Moore, a healer with a local reputation, and the latter said he could do nothing for him while he had consulted much poison. This George denied, and the man told him that he was getting poison in some way. His wife constantly talked of George's death, and on various occasions tried to get a deed of the property from him.

Everett Marsten, like his brother in Woodstock, is a prosperous farmer and highly respected. The preliminary examination opened, the quaint town hall was filled with a throng of farmers, old and young, who had forsaken their farms for the day. It was a curious assemblage, and on every stool face was depicted the intense interest usual in a community where sensations of this sort are, fortunately, rare.

Crown Prosecutor J. R. Murphy, Chipman Hartley for the accused and T. J. Ketchum, stenographer, drove in from Woodstock yesterday morning, and at 10.30 the court assembled, J. S. Law, J. P., presiding. A few moments later, Annie Marsten and her counsel entered the room and the woman took her place facing the court. Next sat her father, Elisha Stairs, a man of probably 65 years or a little more. Mrs. Marsten was plainly dressed in a dark blue gossamer and wore a sailor hat. She looked bright and animated, with a slight flush, which disappeared as the trial progressed--though not from fear or anxiety.

If Annie Marsten is guilty of the crime of which she is accused, she is one of the coolest criminals that ever appeared before a court, and that even more, she is a brazen one, and if she is not guilty, she is showing a kevy certainly not in keeping with her position either as a widow of two months or a person accused of a horrible crime.

Pleads Not Guilty. She stood while the information against her was read, but showed no nervousness except perhaps a harder pressure of her hands on the table on which she leaned. At the close she said "Not guilty," in a loud voice, and with a smile around her mouth.

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A REMARKABLE CASE.

CIVIL SUIT FOR \$400 BROUGHT AGAINST PRIEST.

Quebec Province Cure Proceeded Against By Parishioner on Grounds of Damages to Reputation--Would Not Minister Because Orders Were Not Obeyed.

Montreal, Aug. 18--From St. Philippe, La Prairie county, 16 miles from Montreal, comes a remarkable story. A farmer named Lefebvre became involved with Abbe Corbell, cure of the parish, owing to his refusal to discharge from his employ a man who was an excellent servant, but who was not satisfactory to the cure. Lefebvre had regularly paid his tithes and was much astonished when the cure, in making his pastoral calls, passed him by, giving as his reason that Lefebvre had disobeyed his pastor and was therefore not entitled to his ministrations.

Lefebvre claimed that, as he had paid his tithes regularly, he was entitled to the visit from the cure of the parish, and has entered a suit in the civil court against the cure for \$400 damages to his reputation. This case will be heard at Montreal next month.

To aggravate the situation, Lefebvre's wife became ill and the doctor advised that the priest be sent for. Cure Corbell was accordingly summoned, but declined, sending a message that he would never again cross the threshold of Lefebvre's home. Lefebvre drove to La Prairie, a distance of 12 miles, and secured a priest there, just in time to administer the last rites to his wife before she died. Cure Corbell refused to bury Mrs. Lefebvre unless Lefebvre apologized and dismissed his servant forthwith. This she declined to do. The outcome of the case is being looked forward to with great interest.

SAW SEA SERPENT AT SEVEN ISLANDS.

Story Which is Vouched for by Reliable People--Monster 60 or 70 Feet Long.

Ottawa, Aug. 18--(Special)--Mr. Wood, of Gloucester street, who has just returned from the vicinity of Seven Islands, where he is employed in the construction of the pulp works on the Marguerite river, says he saw a monster 60 or 70 feet long, and is yet, but there is no doubt whatever that there was something most unusual and extraordinary in the scene. He himself saw it himself at Seven Islands. He says that at Seven Islands they quite frequently see whales and seals, but this was certainly not the case on the other side of the bay. The story as Mr. Wood gave it is that Doctor Dobbin, a practicing physician at Seven Islands, together with several foremen of the Seven Islands Pulp Company, including Maurice Power, were out for a sail in a row boat, when suddenly they saw what they thought was the head of a seal appear above the surface. They commenced rowing toward it, when the head rose about 15 feet out of the water and finally the entire body of the monster appeared. They stated that it was at least 60 or 70 feet long and possessed all the ugly and repellent features of the serpent.

As they advanced it began to lash the water into foam and curled itself up into hideous shapes. It advanced to meet them with open mouth and glistening fangs, but Mr. Power, who had a revolver, fired at it and it disappeared, only to reappear on the other side of the bay. Whether the shot that Mr. Power fired took effect or not is not known, but the monster disappeared and the entire body of the monster of the Seven Islands Pulp Company, including Maurice Power, were out for a sail in a row boat, when suddenly they saw what they thought was the head of a seal appear above the surface. They commenced rowing toward it, when the head rose about 15 feet out of the water and finally the entire body of the monster appeared. They stated that it was at least 60 or 70 feet long and possessed all the ugly and repellent features of the serpent.

ANOTHER FATALITY IN THE COAL STRIKE.

Miner Shot and Killed by a Deputy--Appeal for Troops.

Norquahon, Pa., Aug. 18--In a clash between strikers and deputies here to night, Patrick Sharp, a striker of Lansford, was shot and killed almost instantly by a deputy. The shooting caused considerable excitement, but order was soon restored and the town is now quiet. A deputy named Harry McElmoye was arrested, charged with killing Sharp. The shooting occurred shortly after 6 o'clock. Five deputies were on their way to shaft No. 1 of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, outside of town. In the centre of the town they were met by a number of strikers, who began persuading them not to go to the colliery. The officers did not stop. The strikers, it is said, then began to abuse the men and followed them nearly up to the colliery. Just before the deputies entered the place a shot was heard and Sharp dropped to the ground. Witnesses say that the shooting was done by McElmoye, and that he stood only six or seven feet from Sharp when he fired his revolver. Only one shot was fired.

When it was learned that Sharp was dead there was the greatest indignation among the strikers and other townspeople, and for a time it looked as though serious trouble would follow. Cooler heads among the mine workers, however, prevailed upon the crowd to disperse.

Tonight David Snyder, assistant superintendent of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, appealed to General Gobin, in command of the detachment of the National Guard now on duty at Shenandoah, to send troops to Lansford to preserve order.

General Gobin said that he could not send troops until an appeal had been made by the sheriff.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Terrible Fatality at Midway, Harvey, Albert County.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE.

Oliver Gough and His Aged Life-Partner Trapped by Fire in Their Home, and Both Perish--He Had Rushed to Her Side When House Was Discovered in Flames.

Hopewell Hill, Aug. 18--(Special)--A sad fatality which terribly shocked the people of this district occurred this morning, when Oliver Gough and his wife, an aged couple living at Midway, Harvey parish, were burned to death in their home at that place.

Mr. Gough arose as usual and made on the fire in the stove and proceeded to do his chores at the house, leaving his wife and daughter, Mrs. Chastain, sleeping in the house. Mrs. Chastain was aroused by the crackling sound of fire and arose to find the house enveloped in flames. She saw her father running from the barn towards the house. Mr. Gough ran to the room occupied by his wife and before a rescue could be effected both perished in the flames. The charred remains were found in the ruins this forenoon.

Mrs. Chastain was overcome for some time by the smoke, but recovered. Mr. and Mrs. Gough were about 70 years of age and were highly respected. Mr. Gough was well known in this vicinity where he worked in the capacity of a farmer and his sad fate is greatly deplored. He leaves a grown-up family.

TO SWINDLE EX-PRESIDENT COMPANY.

Two Men Held for Trial for Effort to Get \$28,000.

Fordeville, Ky., Aug. 18--After a preliminary hearing today, J. H. Beaman and A. B. Schlichtbaum, charged with the complexity in a conspiracy to defraud the American Express Company out of \$28,000, were held to answer to the grand jury in the sum of \$30,000. The charges of a similar nature against W. A. Holt were dismissed.

ASSISTANCE FROM WELSH MINERS.

British Pounds Will Be Sent to Aid United States Coal Strikers.

London, Aug. 18--William Abraham, member of parliament for the Rhondda Valley division of Glamorganshire, and president of the South Wales Miners' Federation, in an address delivered today before the Rhondda Valley miners, urged the acceptance of the proposal of a financial contribution to assist the striking miners in the United States, who he said were fighting for the cherished principle of arbitration. The meeting passed a resolution in favor of contributions being made to the United States.

A WIRELESS SERVICE.

Planning Establishment Between Highland Light and Boston.

Boston, Aug. 18--The project of establishing a wireless telegraph service between Highland Light and Boston is being considered. A representative of the American Marconi Company has been in consultation with local steamship line agents and others to whom establishment of the service is of vital interest, including Edwin G. Preston, secretary of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, who is responsible for the plan. It is understood that the step is viewed with favor by the company.

NOW AN INVESTIGATION.

Somebody Sent a Sack of Fleas Through the Post Office--It Was Opened.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 18--Postmaster of Allegheny was sent to V. J. Bradley, manager of the railway mail service in New York, a telegraphic request for an investigation and report on the sending of a sack of fleas through the post office. A "tie sack" from New York was opened in the post office yesterday and immediately thousands of fleas jumped out. All the clerks began to scratch themselves, and the women clerks fled to the dressing room and would not go back to work for two hours.

IN STATE OF SIEGE.

DETERMINED RESISTANCE TO CLOSING OF SISTERS' SCHOOLS.

Soldiers Driven Off by Defenders--Wall Breached But Assaults Failed to Carry Position, and Are Finally Compelled to Retire.

Brest, France, Aug. 18--The attempt made by the authorities today to close the sisters' schools at P'oudaniel, Folgoet and St. Men, the last villages in Brittany where unauthorized schools were still open, is meeting with determined resistance. At P'oudaniel, in spite of a heavy shower of rain, a crowd numbering several thousand people rallied with hosts to the summons of the police commissaries. When an attempt was made to force the strongly barricaded door it failed, the defenders in the manœuvre crying "Judas," and singing Breton hymns, mingled with cheers for liberty and shouts of "Down with Combes."

The commissaries tried to attack the school by the garden wall, which they ordered the soldiers to breach. This was done in the midst of showers of filth and muddy water from the defenders, who manned the breach, armed with clubs, and prevented the commissaries from penetrating into the garden. The soldiers attempted to scale the wall with the aid of a pile of faggots, but the defenders deluged the faggots with petroleum and set them on fire, whereupon the commissaries and troops drew off amidst cheers for liberty and for the sisters.

Paris, Aug. 18--The Temps says Commandant Leroy Ladurie, of the 10th Infantry, who refused to obey an order to aid in closing unauthorized schools, has been placed under arrest.

Rome, Aug. 18--Members of the religious orders expelled from the Vatican authorities for permission to settle in the United States. Several of them have come to Rome personally to urge their requests. A reply has been sent to them, pointing out that there are no vacancies in the United States and the difficulty arising from the fact that the expelled sisters do not speak English.

NEW YORK SOCIETY FAVORITE A SUICIDE.

Remington Brooded Over Breaking of Betrothal to Miss Van Alen.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 18--Bitter disappointment over an broken matrimonial engagement is believed to have been the cause of the suicide at the reading room of the club house of the Remingtons of New York. Mr. Remington came to the reading room at 1 o'clock and shortly after 2 sought the seclusion of the committee room on the second floor of the club house. About 2.30 two sharp but muffled reports were heard, but no one in the building appeared to have ascribed them to automobiles going by, and no attention was paid them. About an hour afterward Mr. Remington's body was found, he evidently having been dead for some time.

His engagement to Miss May Van Alen, daughter of James J. Van Alen, and granddaughter of Mrs. William Astor, has been the topic of discussion for some months. At first it was denied and then affirmed, and it is generally believed there was a definite engagement up to within the last three weeks, when it was broken. Since then Mr. Remington has been very gloomy and despondent, although when asked about the engagement he affirmed that he was to be married in the fall.

When his body was found blood was seen coming from his mouth and a revolver was found near his feet. Medical Examiner Stewart found that three shots had been fired, and all three had taken effect, although the first shot did not enter the skull. He was killed by a third shot to the forehead. He then turned the revolver towards the front of his forehead, but the second bullet glanced up over the head, not entering the skull. The third was fired through the mouth and entered the brain. The revolver was very large, 38 calibre, self-cocking bullet-dog. The medical examiner said it was one of the heaviest he had ever seen.

Mr. Remington was about 35 years old, and a member of the firm of Remington Brothers, advertising agents of New York. Although of no very large means, he nevertheless was quite closely identified with the social circles of this city and New York. He had a great many friends in both places and had been a constant visitor to Newport for seven or eight years. He met Miss Van Alen some years after the marriage of Miss Van Alen's sister, Sarah, to Robert J. Collier, in this city, July 26, it was stated the engagement between Mr. Remington and Miss May Van Alen had been broken. It is said Mr. Van Alen was greatly opposed to the engagement.

Mr. Remington had always been known as a man of very quiet tastes. He was an expert automobilist, well liked and had many friends. He was very fond of athletic sports, and up to two or three years ago was quite well trained as an athlete.

The news was broken to Miss May Van Alen tonight and she was greatly affected. Mr. Van Alen positively refused to make any statement.

Birthday of Francis Joseph. Vienna, Aug. 18--The 72nd birthday of Emperor Francis Joseph was celebrated here today with a review of 30,000 troops.

MONCTON BRAKEMAN SUSPECTED OF A SERIES OF AUDACIOUS FORGERIES.

Several Legal Gentlemen Are Very Much Interested, for They Had Advanced Dollars on Documents Which Turn Out Bogus--Remarkable Property Transaction Crowns All.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 18--(Special)--Quite a number of citizens, including several legal gentlemen, are mourning the departure from the city of a young I. C. R. brakeman named Henry R. Pierington, who, they allege, is a forger to the extent of some hundreds of dollars. According to some facts which came to light today, Pierington's boldness and audacity have never been equalled in the forging line in this city. They say he did not stop at forged notes, but went so far as to steal himself another man's property, and then give a mortgage on it.

Two or three months ago Pierington went to C. A. Steves, barrister, to raise \$150 by mortgage on a property in Albert county for which he held a deed, alleged to have been given by John Somers, and executed before E. Girouard, barrister. Pierington got the money, as everything seemed straight. In addition to this he discounted a note signed by his brother-in-law, Moses L. Somers, with L. W. McAnn for \$32.50, and also discounted notes with Moses L. and William Somers and Wright Edmondson's name attached, totalling about \$135, discounted by R. A. Borden.

The notes held by McAnn came due Friday last, but Pierington had disappeared.

BIG TIMBER LAND DEAL.

TEMISCAMINGUE LIMIT SOLD FOR SOMETHING LIKE \$300,000.

The W. C. Edwards Company the Purchaser--Some of the Best Timber Lands in Canada--Cheese King Impressed in England by Canada's Progress.

Ottawa, Aug. 18--(Special)--One of the largest transactions in timber limits that has taken place in Ottawa in recent years was quietly concluded recently when the W. C. Edwards Company purchased from the Arthur Hill Company of Michigan, a big limit in the Temiscamingue region. The limit is said to contain some of the best timber in Canada. The purchase price is in the neighborhood of \$300,000. The Edwards Company will at once start to use the limit and an agent is already appointed to go up and take charge of it. A large flour and cereal company, which is designed to be to Canada what the American Quaker Company, which manufactures Quaker oats and other standard brands, is to the United States, will be floated on the Canadian market in a few days. Some of the best known names in Canada are connected with the company. The promoters confidently expect that in the near future the British flag on wheat will be modified in favor of Canada and the other colonies. Should this become an accomplished fact, they believe it will drive every American cereal production out of the Canadian market and leave the field clear for the Canadian manufacturers.

Members of the Eastern Press Association of Quebec spent tonight in Ottawa. They will leave for Parry Sound in the morning. Alex. E. MacLaren, M. P., of Stratford, the cheese king of Ontario, returned from Ottawa on the Tansian, and arrived in England today on his way home. He says he was much struck with the progress Canada had made in impressing herself on the people of Great Britain. When he was there over four years ago everything from Canada was called "American," but now people they will give the preference to Canadian goods.

"Canada," he says, "must spend money advertising, if she is to reap the advantages. We must keep it going. Ontario should have an agent-general in London, and the thing that should be impressed on Canadians is that more care must be taken in packing goods. Fruit, for instance, must be packed in finer style and in smaller packages. As to cold storage, one thing I noticed was the lack of proper facilities for handling goods when they arrived on the other side. Cheese or butter sent across in cold storage is bound to deteriorate if dumped, as it is, into hot warehouses or piled on the wharf. This calls for a remedy."

A slight improvement was reported in Sir John Bourne's condition. He is taking more nourishment than for some time. Doctor Roddick, of Montreal, has held a consultation with the local medical advisers. While Sir John is not by any means out of danger, there is some hope for his recovery.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE.

Former Chief Engineer of Grand Trunk Just Reached Home from Visit to New Brunswick.

Montreal, Aug. 18--(Special)--E. P. Hannaford, formerly chief engineer of the Grand Trunk railway, died suddenly today at his residence here. He had been away with his family at Campbellton (N. B.), and while there heart trouble, which had been threatening him, became more acute about 10 days ago. They returned yesterday, but from the strain of the journey he succumbed. He was born in England in 1834. He leaves two sons and two daughters.

ROYAL RESERVES COMING TO HALIFAX.

Regiment Being Formed in England Will Replace the R. C. R's.

Halifax, Aug. 18--(Special)--The Royal Reserve Regiment, now being formed in England, will relieve the third Royal Canadian Regiment on this station. The reserve regiment is composed of men of all regiments in the British service, who are about finishing their time, and has no young men in the ranks. The transfer will probably take place before two months. Two companies of the 3rd R. C. R. will remain in Halifax to form an infantry school, one company will go to St. John (N.B.), one to Montreal, one to Ottawa, the balance to British Columbia and the west.

ANOTHER VOLCANO HORROR

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY LIVES LOST

Island Swept Some Days Ago--Destructive Flood from Crater--Houses Destroyed, and Work of Ruin Still Goes On--Marine Disasters Also.

Yokohama, Aug. 18--The little island of Torishima was overwhelmed by a volcanic eruption between Aug. 12 and Aug. 15, and all the inhabitants, numbering 150 persons, were undoubtedly killed. The island is covered with volcanic debris, and all the houses on it have disappeared. The eruption is still proceeding and is accompanied by submarine eruptions in the vicinity, which make it dangerous for vessels to approach the island.

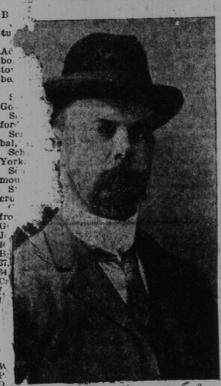
Torishima is one of a group of islands extending between the Bonin Islands and Hondo, the biggest island of Japan.

WAS A MATTER OF CLOTHES WITH BOER GENERALS.

But After Both, DeWet and DeWet-Lare Were Fixed Up They Were All Right.

London, Aug. 18--Mortague White, the former consul-general in London, has issued a statement, authorized by the Boer generals, as follows: "The generals are proceeding to the continent for the purpose of greeting Mr. Kruger and Mr. Steyn and attending the funeral of General Lucas Meyer. Their present intention is to return to London as an early date for the transaction of business."

"During their brief stay in London the generals have been the recipients of many invitations and kind messages of welcome, which they fully appreciate. Their real reason for declining the invitation Saturday was that they did not consider their attire quite suitable for a ceremonial visit, and the necessarily short notice conveyed to them did not give them the time for necessary preparations. But they were glad of the opportunity of paying their respects to the king on the following day, after they had made the necessary purchases and they are gratified at the kind manner in which they were received by his majesty."



Chipman Hartley, Counsel for Mrs. Marsten.



J. R. Murphy, Prosecuting Attorney.

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