

AGED FARMER KILLS HIS SON AND HIMSELF

James Francis, While Insane, Kills Son Fred, Then Turns Gun on Himself

Death of Wife and Deeding of Property to Son Brought on Insanity—Daughters Locked in Room While Shooting Was Done Early Saturday Morning—Coroner Finds Inquest Unnecessary

A most appalling and gruesome tragedy occurred at Olneyville, about nine miles beyond Wolford, early Saturday morning, when James Francis, an aged resident, in a fit of violent insanity, shot and killed his son, Fred, aged 22, while he slept and two hours later he committed suicide with the same weapon.

Two daughters, Mabel and Anne, were asleep in an upper room. They heard the noise downstairs, but were not disturbed because their father habitually got up at nights and walked about making disturbances. After the gruesome affair was present to their eyes, they thought they distinguished two distinct shots—one when the son was murdered and the other when his father suicided. It was not until they had awakened about 7 o'clock, two hours after their brother was accustomed to arise from a slight mental ailment.

The home of the Francis family is in a desolated spot, isolated from neighbors but with a typical country place. The farm is extensive and the house well kept. There appears to have been a deal of unhappiness in the family. The second daughter, Anne, has been suffering for years from a slight mental ailment. The mother died about seven or eight months ago and since that time the mind of the father had been affected. His insanity was more of an occasional ranting. He was never considered dangerous and the members of his family regarded his affliction as an ailment from which he would gradually recover. It is said, though, that arrangements had been made to take him to the provincial hospital early this week. He was a powerful built man, about six feet in height; despite his years he was physically strong and he performed some pieces of work about the farm with the agility of a juvenile.

Even before he became ill, the elder Francis would get up during the night and prowled around the house. Recently he was noisy and frequently knocked and pulled things about the house in a way which attracted the attention of the children. Various descriptions were hung about the kitchen. It was with one of these—a twelve gauge shot gun, double barrel, that the deeds were committed.

Beyond these facts and what the daughters—Mabel and Anne heard in their room upstairs, all else directly appertaining to the tragedy is conjecture. The small family retired at an early hour Saturday night. The girls occupied a room together in the upper part of the house, while the father and son slept in separate rooms off the kitchen, with contiguous doors.

By the death of Mrs. Rhoads E. Raymond, widow of John Raymond, which occurred at her home in Hampton on Thursday, July 23, Kings county lost a resident of advanced years, who was widely known and, sincerely esteemed by all who knew her. Mrs. Raymond had reached an advanced age and she had been a failing health for several years and confined to her room for the last year and a half, her death was not unexpected.

MRS. GEORGE HICKS DROWNED IN LITTLE RIVER

Nearly everybody in the district of the St. John waterworks on the Little River road was out for most of yesterday in a remarkable demonstration of sympathy when it became known that Mrs. M. Hicks, the wife of George W. Hicks, a painter in the Bay, who has been missing under sad circumstances.

It is recalled by many that she had shown signs of melancholy for some time and the worst fears were confirmed when her coat was found on the banks or in the shallow waters of the Little River and later the body itself was brought to the bank by a party with grapping tools from St. John.

Mrs. Hicks and her fourteen-year-old daughter were in the barn milking at 6 o'clock in the morning. She then complained of being ill and feeling tired. The girl, however, did not pay any special attention to the complaint of her mother, but she was taken to the house and sent to bed with the milk. Not finding her mother return for some time she went to look for her and was astonished to find the barn deserted. Nevertheless, it was heard with great regret by many friends, that she was seventy-four years of age. Mr. Baxter was born in Norton, Kings county. He for several years taught in the Albert school, St. John West. After the St. John fire he moved to the Tobique, where he lived for several years, and twenty years ago he settled in Andover, where he made many friends. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and a life-long Liberal.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Ives, who is of the manual training staff of the Provincial Normal school, and Miriam, who lived at home with her father. Also two sisters, Mrs. McVey and Miss Amelia Baxter, of Haverhill (Mass.). The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. M. Hicks, 101 Main street.

The funeral of Mrs. John Heisterington was held Friday afternoon, July 16, at Andover. Service, which was conducted by Rev. J. R. Hopkins, of held in Trinity church, Andover, of which the deceased was a faithful member. The service was impressive and was attended by many friends who filled the church. Interment was made in Trinity cemetery. The pall-bearers were Wm. Pickett, Reid Bell, Charles Spivey and Colin Drake.

The death of Helenor G. Shampier, wife of the late William Shampier, occurred yesterday at the residence of her father, 103 Main street. Interment will be at Kingston (N. B.).

Steps are being taken to thoroughly organize Kings county with a view to contributing a number of machine guns for use of the Canadian forces. On Tuesday evening, July 27, a meeting was held at the house of the Hon. S. J. Dunham, at 730 Bedford street, to discuss the matter. It was decided to appoint a committee to make other arrangements to carry on a successful campaign.

A quiet wedding took place Saturday afternoon, at 302 Prince street, when Rev. W. Camp, of Lewis street Baptist church, officiated at the marriage of Hollis Lawrence McGee, of Hartland (N. B.), and Miss Dorothy E. Howard Dimock, of Boston, formerly of this city. Mr. Major is a member of the heavy battery and expects to leave for the front shortly.

Woodstock, N. B., July 23.—Woodstock provide a Lewis machine gun for the 68th Battalion. One thousand dollars was the result of the efficient work of the committee, who raised the total amount in twenty-four hours. Senator Longhead was wired to purchase the gun and a message was sent to Lieutenant G. Kirkpatrick, vice the citizens of Woodstock had made the contribution.

LONDON, July 28.—A Grand Trunk freight train plowed through a herd of cows which had wandered onto the railway tracks near St. Mary's. The train was stopped for about half an hour and the cows were killed. The accident occurred on Tuesday night, and the train was delayed for some time.

YARMOUTH PERSONALS

Yarmouth, N. S., July 24.—A very enjoyable reception and social was tendered Rev. William Phillips, the new pastor of Providence church, in the vestry of the church Thursday evening. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Revs. Bezanson, Hill, Schurman and Selvar. Mr. Phillips and his family of musical daughters will be a welcome addition to that circle of talent in Yarmouth.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong has been sending the week calling on his constituents throughout the county. Miss Ethel Campbell Worth, Rosindale (Mass.), who has been the guest of Mrs. D. C. Kerrill, has left to visit her sister in Canada.

Dr. W. G. Putnam and Mrs. Putnam have returned from an extended trip which included western Canada and the exposition. James W. Burrill returned on Saturday afternoon to Montreal.

Arthur Cody arrived from Boston on Tuesday morning and is a guest at the Grand. Walton Killam, who has been suffering with appendicitis, is very much improved. He is now in the Adirondacks recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. William Corning, of Lynn (Mass.), were passengers in and by the Prince Arthur on Saturday last, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Corning, Collins street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Osborne, of New York, arrived here on Saturday last on their annual visit. Mr. Osborne is a member of the Canadian Cotton Company, returned on Saturday last from a trip through the New England States.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crowell, of Montreal, arrived here on Saturday morning to visit Mr. Crowell's mother, Mrs. S. A. Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who went to Boston last week to meet Mrs. Brown, who has been on a trip to the Panama exhibition in San Francisco, returned home on Monday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Brown and little daughter, Phyllis. Postmaster Stoneham returned from Boston on Monday.

Bernard Goudey came from Lynn on Monday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goudey. Capt. Wray Goudey, Dr. Ross Millar has recently received an appointment to the Royal Army Medical Corps, and left Amherst on Saturday last to sail for Great Britain to engage in active service at the front.

Miss Hester McGill is from a prominent training school for nurses in Boston, and is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGill. Gerald V. Felton is taking a prominent part in favour of prohibition in the province of Saskatchewan. His addresses are attracting much attention.

Miss Nellie Killam left this week to visit the Misses Davidson, Bridgewater. Miss James Bond, manager of the Y. V. telephone office, Lunenburg, is on a visit to her home in Yarmouth. Miss Agnes Dods, of A. B. on Saturday afternoon last to spend some weeks here at her old home, "Gowan Bree". Walter Dods arrived on Tuesday morning and Mr. MacLean on Wednesday.

Willard F. Allen, now in England, son of Frank W. Allen, of Yarmouth, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Miss Annie M. Holden and her sister, Mrs. Gallard Strong and child, of Boston, arrived in Yarmouth on Monday morning. They are visiting their mother at Brookline.

Miss Florence Morrill, of New York, was a passenger by steamer Prince George on Monday morning. Mr. C. Hadden Lewis, of Dorchester (Mass.) arrived in Yarmouth on Saturday morning and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Lewis, Argyle street. Mrs. J. Harold Lovitt, of Philadelphia, arrived in Yarmouth on Saturday morning and proceeded to Bear River.

Miss Clara Horner, of New York, was a passenger by steamer Prince George on Saturday morning and is the guest of her brother, A. W. Horner, Salem. Clement Crowell, son of Rev. C. E. Crowell, has been appointed assistant purser and baggage master of steamer Prince George.

Miss Marie Lange, of Ottawa, is visiting Mr. Seymour C. Baker. Miss Madeline Guest left last week to visit her aunt, Mrs. William L. Brown, West Noversville (Mass.). Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Ellis and two children, Mr. John (N. B.), are visiting Mrs. Ellis' father, Sheriff George H. Guest, Parade street, who has been spending a few days at his home here, returned to Yarmouth yesterday morning.

A more vigorous campaign for recruiting is to be taken in Yarmouth. On Sunday evening in Zion U. B. church the musical service was of a high order. The choir was assisted by Mrs. Berline, wife of Signor Berini, who sang two solos, and Miss Aimee Lafreacin, violinist.

J. F. Ehrigott was a passenger to Boston on Wednesday evening and returned home yesterday. Mrs. Timothy Lombard and little daughter left on Monday for her home in St. John, after visiting relatives and friends. Miss Edith W. Trask, daughter of J. Logan Trask, was recently appointed teacher in the domestic science department of the public schools of the city of Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Brown, of Port Maitland, announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Madeline, to Stanley Edward O'Brien, of Clark's Harbor. The marriage will take place early in September. Rev. G. W. Miller, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Wolfville, is now enjoying his annual vacation. Mrs. Miller and son, accompanied by Mrs. Ross, are spending some weeks in Yarmouth county.

1,000 LOST LIVES IN CHICAGO DISASTER

Officers of Company Owning Steamer Under Arrest, But There is No Explanation of Cause of Accident—Authorities Plan Relief Fund of \$200,000—A Sunday of Gloom for Chicago.

Chicago, July 25.—The death ship Eastland tonight had given up 820 bodies. The estimated total of those who went down to death in the Chicago river yesterday morning when the steel steamer bearing 2,408 excursionists rolled over at her dock, remained at approximately one thousand. Of the total of 2,408 persons on board at the time of the catastrophe, 1,027 including the crew of 72 have reported themselves as safe. Of the 588 thus remaining unaccounted for it is believed 400 are alive and that 188 bodies still are in the river.

About three scores bodies were recovered today. By noon divers had concluded that all bodies had been removed save those that may have been crushed into the mud under the Eastland's portside and those that had gone down the river with the current. Under the glare of searchlights and acrid lights strung about the ship, rescuers continued their work tonight.

The Eastland lies on her side in the river with divers still floundering through her ghastly interior and burrowing under her in a death search while Chicago, appalled, is just beginning to realize the real significance of one of the greatest marine disasters. While the grieving thousands who lost dear ones walked through the morgues in the Second Regiment Armory gazing into the faces of the dead, half in hope, half in despair, Chicago citizens and city state and federal officials turned their attention to investigating that must bring forth some explanation of the catastrophe, and the work of providing relief for those left destitute.

RELIEF FUND OF \$200,000. Acting Mayor Moorhouse and his advisors today decided to raise a relief fund of \$200,000 to be distributed by a sub-committee acting under the direction of the National Red Cross, the Associated Charities and the Municipal Health Department. In addition to this the Western Electric Company, whose employees formed the majority of the ill-fated excursion party, announced that \$100,000 from its employees insurance fund was available for relief. Numerous private relief funds were started.

Meanwhile Mayor Thompson who was at the Panama Pacific Exposition to take part in the celebration of Illinois Day, was speeding toward Chicago on a special train to take his place in investigation and relief work. Coroner Hoffman issued an appeal to the public for a fund for the burial of whatever dead may remain unidentified. City officials with one voice declared that all dead should have proper burial.

In churches and homes throughout the city there were offered prayers for the thousands whose hearts have been pierced by grief. The day was one of gloom. There was more than the usual Sabbath quiet everywhere and the crowds of outdoor pleasure seekers were thin. As was the case yesterday baseball games were postponed. Various theories as to what caused the Eastland to turn over were discussed but without prospect of a definite explanation being reached until the official inquiries to be taken up tomorrow are finished. The most discussed theories are four: that the boat was overloaded; that she was not properly ballasted; that a tug that made fast to warp the Eastland from the dock started pulling too soon; that congestion of passengers rushing to the portside attracted by some passing steamer tipped the steamer over.

Miss Alma Malone, arrived on Friday morning, and is visiting the Misses Hopkins, Forbes street. Mrs. Leafe Porter and son, Bernard, have returned from a visit to Bridgetown. Charles K. Dowley, of Truro, is spending his vacation at Mrs. Dowley's, Lovell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor have returned to Halifax. George C. Park, of New York, was a passenger by steamer Prince Arthur on Thursday morning. He was accompanied by W. N. Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cobban and son, Douglas, of Groveland (Mass.), are taking their vacation at their cottage at Carleton. Mr. Cobban is proprietor of a large store in Groveland and at Haverhill (Mass.), and before leaving he gave his employees a fine holiday Newburyport, the party going in a large auto truck, which was much enjoyed.

Angus MacMurphy, K. C., and wife, of Toronto, left on Thursday morning for home. B. E. Fox enlisted and has been accepted for overseas service in the Canadian contingent, leaving Monday or Tuesday for Aldershot. Mrs. C. B. Cady and son and Miss Helen Burns, of Bridgewater (Conn.), are visiting their sister, Mrs. George T. Bain, Alma street.

The marriage takes place today in the Church of the Advent, Roxbury (Mass.), of Hiram Flint, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Flint, and Miss Hazel Roosa. The wedding march will be played by Carl Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Baker, of this town, who left for Boston on Wednesday evening. Miss Margaret Butler, of the W. U. T. office here, is on a visit to Miss Isabelle Hills, Mahone Bay.

Mr. A. L. Galtzer left on Tuesday evening for New York to join her husband, whose steamer Chincina arrived there on Monday. Harold Rodey, of the staff of the Yarmouth Herald, left yesterday morning to visit relatives in Berwick and Kentville.

Miss Helen Larkin, of New York, arrived in Yarmouth on Wednesday morning to visit her father, Captain Nehemiah Larkin. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers and Mrs. Joseph C. Rogers, of Haverhill (Mass.), were among the passengers by steamer Prince George on Wednesday morning. Miss Kate Walker, of Winthrop (Mass.), was a passenger by steamer Prince George on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Samuel Messenger, Main street. Mrs. Rolston and son, William, arrived in Yarmouth on Wednesday morning from Boston. MISS MCKEIL'S APPEAL. MEETS WITH RESPONSE. Sixty dollars have already been received by Mrs. Cecil R. McKel, Fairville, in response to the appeal for funds for comforts for the hospital by Miss Theodora McKel, sister of the late Private McKel of the Princess Pat's.

This amount \$25 was the gift of the Lancaster Red Cross Society and two sisters at Brown's flats contributed \$11. The others contributing for the worthy cause are: A. L. Galtzer, James McAvery, Nora Harrington, Lou Robinson, Chipman Schofield, H. A. Lutes, (Berry Mills); Mrs. H. A. Lutes, (Berry Mills); Mrs. Sumner Townshend, Miss K. Townshend, Miss Helen Corbett, Mrs. W. G. McLeod, Miss Brennan, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Duncanson, J. K. Schofield, Miss A. P. (Sussex); Mrs. G. Hegan, Miss Lillian Shaw (Leopold); Miss Gertrude Reid, Dr. J. H. Allingham, Mrs. Raynes, Percy Bosence, Mrs. Winifred Webb, Mrs. Wm. Chessman, Two Friends, (St. John).

Another Neutral Goes Down. London, July 26.—The Norwegian steamer Finnrode, of 3,819 tons gross, was sunk today by a German submarine. The crew was landed at Stornoway, Scotland. Shipping Bulletin in Britain. London, July 26.—Lloyd's shipbuilding returns which, owing to the war, are confined to details of merchant vessels, show that there were 484 steam vessels of 505,025 gross tons, and eight sailing of 1,600 tons under construction in the United Kingdom during the quarter ended June 30, 1915, or 81,000 tons less than at the end of previous quarters, and 215,000 tons below the figures in the corresponding period of last year. During the quarter, ended June 30, 1915, 71 steamers of 147,864 gross tonnage were launched.

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London, July 29.—The patient by the Russians is in day. This decision would of the Russian general staff have been offering, apparent to encircle the city, were tantion to fight it out with.

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TAKING TIME FOR SEC London, July 29, 3.45 p. says: "Now that the German chances. Together with b race; that shells, not men, to recover her second wind.

ONLY REAR GUARD AC London, July 30, 3.07 a. telegraphing under order "It is not believed that saw, and probably only a "The post office moved

EVACUATION MATTER London, July 30, 3.03 a. day says: "The general news tod have crossed the Narew an distance to the south last "The sky is alight with the most optimistic are of Warsaw is evacuated by th "The loss of Warsaw wa would be stupid to minimize would be equally unwise to whole.

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Kaiser Prepares For Entry. London, July 29.—The cap saw naturally would be ma sion for great celebrations, and it is reported that E liam has arranged to make into the city, accompanied press. The empress has been to Field Marshal Von head-quarters at Allenstein, and left there yesterday Crown Princess Cecelia for which is across the Polish. In the meantime fighting an intensity continues are on triangle, and as Berlin c