

BLIND TOM DEAD; A FAMED PIANIST.

PLAYED IN HAMILTON AND CREATED A FUROR HERE.

Was a Musician From Childhood; Mentally Weak, But Thrilled Immense Audiences All Over World.

New York, June 16.—Blind Tom, the famous negro musician, marvellous of three generations of playgoers, died in Hoboken, N.J., where he had been living for years in retirement and subsisting on charity.

While he was always known as "Blind Tom," Thomas Wiggins was never totally blind, and could always distinguish between light and dark.

Three weeks ago, as he sat before his piano, in this home of Mrs. Eliza B. Lerche, the widow of his old master, at No. 60 Twelfth street, Hoboken, he had thrilled great audiences before the civil war, he suddenly stopped and fell paralyzed.

But Tom couldn't understand that he was different, and soon went back to his piano. When he found that his right hand could not strike the keys he said, with his voice quivering, "Tom's fingers won't play."

Again and again he tried. Finally, when he realized it was useless his big blind eyes filled with tears and he wept like a child.

Last Saturday night Tom went to his piano again and began softly his old lullaby, "Down on the Swanee River," but his voice broke, sobbing, he rose and said: "I'm done; all gone, missus."

The next she heard was a faint cry and a thump near the bathroom door. He had dropped dead from a second shock.

Back in the slave days, when he was but two years old and clothed only in an old shirt, he sat beneath the window of his first master, Gen. James Bethune, a Georgia planter, and heard the sound of a piano.

Thrilled, he crawled trembling up the steps into the parlor where the music was.

Gen. Bethune saw how apt the child was, and said, "The child is music-crazy. Poor little thing." Then he placed him before the piano and let him strike the keys.

Blind Tom made several Canadian tours and played in the old Mechanics' Institute Hall here a number of times in the early '70's. He created a furor here on his first visit.

LUCKY BOWMANVILLE. A Former Townsman Leaves It a Large Legacy.

Bowmanville, June 15.—Mayor Spry has been officially notified that the late James H. McGill, of Washington, D. C., has left a large legacy to Bowmanville, but while the amount is considerable, no one here knows how much.

CHAOS IN MACEDONIA. Situation the Worst Since Massacres of 1903.

London, June 15.—In an interview today on the Macedonia situation, W. A. Moore, secretary of the Balkan Commission, said: "Though the diplomatic situation was never so hopeful, the actual situation in Macedonia was never so terrible."

Laxa-Food. Every day people tell us of the benefit they are getting from this food. Indigestion and constipation cannot stay if it is used.

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STAMPS RUIN HER VOICE.

Norfolk, Conn.—The case of Miss Myra Silvernale, assistant to the postmaster of Norfolk, is interesting to the physicians of St. Luke's Hospital.

Many people unconsciously poison themselves. The bowels, kidneys and skin should rid the system of waste matter.

MAKE FOR PEACE. Pan-Anglican Conference Listens to British Premier.

London, June 15.—The Pan-Anglican Conference, arrangements for the holding of which have been in progress six years, opened today with services in Westminster Abbey.

The Pilgrim Society to-night gave a dinner in honor of the members of the conference at the Savoy Hotel.

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CANNIBALISM.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND, THIS TIME NEAR COBALT.

Guide Was the First Victim—Left for Hunting Trip, With Two Companions, and Remains Were Found Badly Mutilated.

Montreal, June 15.—Chief K. P. McCaskill, of the Quebec Provincial police, to-day gave out what meagre details are to hand of what he believes to be another murder, and in which cannibalism was present.

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BOY PREVENTED SUICIDE.

Knocked Bottle From Desperate Man's Hand.

Toronto, June 16.—Richard McLean, of 265 St. Clair avenue, West Toronto, took laudanum to the extent of two ounces last night, and the only reason that he is alive is that the poison was taken in close proximity to Dr. Macnamara's house and that McLean was seen to take it by a boy, who, with rare presence of mind, sprang to McLean's side and knocked the bottle out of his hand.

McLean, shortly after 8 o'clock, walked of Devonport road and Queen street, and asked to see Mr. Padgett. The latter was out and McLean left the store and walked along Queen street until he came to the rear of Mr. Padgett's premises.

To the police McLean gave as his reason that he was driven almost out of his mind by rheumatism. It had become unbearable and he thought death was the easiest way out of it.

FED ELEPHANT A BOMB.

Stranger's Malicious Trick in the Bronx Zoo.

New York, June 15.—An unknown man caused great excitement among the crowds that thronged the Bronx Zoo yesterday by feeding a bomb to Sultana, the big elephant.

Sultana is very fond of sweets, and will throw away peanuts to make a quick dash for candy or cake. Some man whose identity was not discovered concealed in a piece of cake a small box of parlor matches, the kind that crackle when lighted.

PASTOR JUMPS HIS JOB.

Resigns and Walks From Pulpit, While Part of Choir Goes With Him.

Chatham, June 15.—Last evening Rev. G. A. Sellar, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, announced at sermon time that as his opposition to the liquor traffic and liquor men did not meet with the approval of part of the congregation, he would cease to be their pastor, and would resign forthwith.

POWER OF LEGISLATURE.

Can Do Anything It Likes Within Its Jurisdiction.

Toronto, June 16.—In dismissing the action of the Florence Mining Co. against the Cobalt Lake Mining Co. yesterday, Justice Riddell said: "The legislature, within its jurisdiction, can do everything that is not naturally impossible and is restrained by no rule, human or divine. If it be that the plaintiffs acquired any right, which I am far from finding, the legislature had the power to take them away. The prohibition, 'Thou shalt not steal,' has no legal force upon the sovereign body. And there would be no necessity for compensation to be given."

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