

A FAMOUS SEA FIGHT RECALLED BY THE ONLY SURVIVING OFFICER

Rear-Admiral Smith, Now Here, Tells How Kearsarge Destroyed the Alabama Off the Coast of France, Forty Years Ago—Interesting Remarks on International Law as Affecting Recent Seizures.

A man who participated in one of the most dramatic naval actions of the last century was in the city yesterday. He was Rear Admiral J. A. Smith of Washington, and is the only officer alive today who saw, from the spot where the United States corvette Kearsarge, the destruction of the Confederate cruiser Alabama, off Cherbourg, France, just forty years ago.

The admiral (who is on the retired list) has been abroad, accompanied by his daughter, Miss J. B. Smith, of Warren (Pa.).

Those Russian Seizures. It is no less a privilege to hear Admiral Smith's views concerning present day naval affairs, the war in the east, and particularly the Russian seizures of British shipping in the Red Sea.

International law is rather finely shaded. Regarding the interception of a ship, circumstances should practically govern the action. There are no hard and fast rules. A naval commander would be justified in seizing any ship bearing provisions and ammunition to a beleaguered fortress.

Some times the question of humanity arose. In everything treated with the commanding officer. Admiral Togo's command in sending to the bottom a Chinese gunboat was a case in point.

The English sympathies were largely with the south," said the admiral, "for between the cotton growers and the mill owners there existed a mutual interest. Kearsarge and Alabama.

Three years passed. The Alabama was the bogey of the American merchant marine and the great objective point of the Federal navy. The Kearsarge was commissioned to capture or annihilate her.

Weddings. Cook-Lantern. A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday evening at St. Patrick's church, Boston, when Miss Katherine Lannan, of this city, daughter of the late Patrick Lannan, was wedded to John T. Cook, of Boston, by the Rev. Thomas Walsh. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will visit St. John in the near future.

Back to Honolulu. Rev. J. W. Wadman, of Yokohama, Japan, who has paid a brief visit to his parents, Henry and Mrs. Wadman, Victoria (B. C.), left on Friday en route to the Hawaiian Islands where he will resume at Honolulu his missionary work.

Living in Newfoundland. A letter has been received by Policeman Hamm, from Charles Amos, formerly of the city police force, but now employed in a Newfoundland lumber camp.

The Oddfellows. The grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. American order, meets in Fredericton at 10:30 o'clock a. m., Wednesday next. Grand Secretary Fozze, Grand Treasurer Balcolm and J. A. Laidlaw, representative of Mysic Lodge, Halifax, arrived in the city Saturday and will leave for Fredericton today.

Edward S. Farren HAS WON THE CUP For Which St. John Riflemen Have Competed for 32 Years. A VALUABLE PRIZE.

Mr. Farren Only Joined the Association Last Year, and Now Owns the Coveted Trophy—Others Who Have Won It for One Year—High Scores Made This Year.

To Edward S. Farren, of No. 73 Harrison street, belongs the distinction of winning the corporation cup—a trophy that riflemen have been endeavoring to win for thirty-three years.

The cup was presented to the St. John Rifle Association in 1872 and at yearly competitions ever since the little solid silver goblet, bearing a stamp of an increasing number of marksmen's names, has aroused in each competitor his best efforts.

Mr. Farren's score was 98—with Dr. Manning previously near at 96—out of a possible 105. In order to win the trophy it is necessary to make the highest score at two of the annual events, and this Mr. Farren has accomplished. Last year his was the champion shoot—an accurate fore shadowing of what would happen this season.

During the 32 years in which the cup was striven for only twice was it nearly won. In 1887 Sergt. Henderson, of the 62nd Regt., came very near being the owner and other close competitors were Dr. Manning and Major Hart, and Lieut. Frost.

The cup is about eight inches high, globet shaped and with three crossed rifles. It is covered with the names of the yearly winners and may be regarded as unusually valuable in view of the associations connected with it.

The match of Saturday afternoon was distinguished by reason of the winning scores being the highest ever made in a shoot for the trophy. In the last stages of the shoot Mr. Farren had the lead of two points over Dr. Manning. Both men made a possible at the final range, each placing seven shots in the seven inch bulls eye.

The scores of the prize winners are as follows: Points. E. S. Farren, corporation cup and P. R. A. medal, 98 Dr. J. Manning, 96 J. T. McDougall, 91 Major J. T. Hart, 91 R. S. Wetmore, 91 J. D. O'Neil, 91 J. F. McKeown, 89 E. F. Robinson, 85 J. M. Robinson, 85 A. L. McIntosh, 84 H. Sutherland, 83 J. D. O'Neil, 83 Neil Morrison, 81 L. Belyea, 80 J. E. Frost, 80 E. K. McKeown, 79 W. A. Maxwell, 79 P. Campbell, 76 S. Jones, 76 A. O. Burnham, 76 1872—Capt. J. S. Hartt, 94 1873—Sergt. J. Hunter, 94 1874—Thomson, 83 1875—Sergt. Carmichael, 83 1876—Lieut. W. Z. Earle, 82 1877—Lieut. J. Hunter, 82 1878—Lieut. G. P. Thompson, 81 1879—Lieut. J. T. Hartt, 80 1880—Sergt. J. Hunter, 80 1881—Lieut. J. T. Hartt, 84 1882—Lt. S. Jones, 84 1883—Lieut. E. O'Shaughnessy, 84 1884—Lieut. E. O'Shaughnessy, 84 1885—Pie. Manning, 84 1886—Pie. A. R. Lordly, 84 1887—Lieut. J. Hunter, 84 1888—Lt. M. Henderson, 84 1889—E. S. Wetmore, 84 1890—Bandman McKay, 84 1891—Lt. J. T. Hartt, 84 1892—Pie. C. T. Burns, 84 1893—Lieut. Lordly, 84 1894—Capt. J. T. Hartt, 84 1895—Lieut. W. A. Lordly, 84 1896—Capt. J. T. Hartt, 84 1897—Comp. Maxwell, 84 1898—Lieut. Parley, 84 1899—James Hunter, 84 1900—Major J. T. Hartt, 84 1901—Major F. H. Frost, 84 1902—Lieut. J. S. Frost, 84 1903—E. S. Farren, 84 1904—E. S. Farren, 84

THE CANADIANS WERE FAVORITES At the Great Salvation Army Congress in London. COL. SHARP AT HOME.

Gives Telegraph Readers Some Impressions of the Great Convention—The Japs Were Cheered Everywhere—Gen. Booth to Tour North of Scotland in an Automobile.

"The red coats, the broad felt hats, and maple leaf badges of the Canadian delegates took up a good deal of room in the Londoners' seats," said Lt. Col. John D. Sharp, who, with his wife, returned on Saturday from the congress in London of Salvationists from all parts of the world.

The United States delegates," he continued, "led so far as strength was concerned, but we welcomed them, and all the others, in popularity."

It was a wonderful assembly—that congress of 15,000 warriors of the Cross in the city where thirty-nine years ago the campaign was started by the man whose legions in every clime now know him as "the general."

On Thursday, Charles Pidgeon, Carleton, received a telegram from Cambridgebridge (Mass.), announcing the death of his only brother, George W. Pidgeon, a carpenter, at one time well known here. He moved to the States some twelve or fourteen years ago. He was forty-seven years of age, the youngest son of the late Chas. Pidgeon, of St. John, and was a widower.

Thos G. Durgin. Thos G. Durgin, recently died at Bridgewater (Me.), aged seventy-nine years, nine months and twenty-five days. Mr. Durgin was born in St. John, but leaves seven children—three sons and four daughters; also eight grandchildren—one daughter and two sisters.

Col. J. N. Green. The death took place in Boston on Tuesday, July 26, of Col. Joseph N. Green, founder of the New Brunswick Southern or Shore Line Railway, as he called it. Col. Green was well known in this city and up to 1880, when mortgages were foreclosed and he lost control of the road, was a frequent visitor here. He is survived by one son, Captain Louis D. Green, of the U. S. Army, and a daughter, Miss Jessie Green, of New York. Besides the Grand Southern Railway Col. Green also built the Bar Harbor branch of the Maine Central and the Penobscot Central electric road. He was at the time of his death working on a project for a thirty mile road to pass through some of the Boston suburbs.

Mrs. James McKillop. The death of Mrs. James McKillop occurred Friday after a lingering illness of her residence Fort Dufferin, West End. A husband and four daughters survive.

Funeral of Mrs. James A. Dickey. Amherst, N. S., Aug. 5.—(Special)—The unusually large procession following the body of the late Mrs. James A. Dickey to her grave in St. John was a fitting testimony of the esteem in which this estimable lady was held in the community.

Mrs. Catherine Seery. Mrs. Catherine Seery, widow of the late Edward Seery, in his day a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Fredericton, died at her home on Carleton street, Fredericton, on Friday.

Brooke Mowatt. Edward Mowatt, Presbyterian catechist at New Maryland, York county, was called to Montreal Friday evening by a telegram announcing the death of his brother, Brooke Mowatt, youngest son of Rev. Dr. Mowatt of Eskine church, Montreal, formerly of St. Paul's church, Fredericton. The young man had been suffering for some time from brain trouble and underwent an operation for tumor on Thursday last, but it was not a success and he died shortly afterwards. He was twenty-two years of age and was a native of Fredericton, having been born there while his father was pastor of St. Paul's. The remains were interred at Montreal.

Mrs. G. O. Huestis. Lunenburg, Aug. 5.—The wife of Rev. G. O. Huestis (retired), of Lunenburg, passed away at 5 o'clock on Thursday morning, aged 75 years. Of the family of eight children six still survive her, three sons—E. E. Huestis and Theodore Huestis, contractors of New York, and F. W. Huestis, captain on a vessel from New Brunswick.

There are said to be 3,000 lepers in the Hawaiian Islands.

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York and now in Australia; and three daughters—Mrs. B. Baldeston, of Charlottetown, wife of the provincial auditor for P. E. Island; Mrs. H. M. Bennett, wife of the customs officer at L'Anse-au-Loup; and the unmarried daughter Elizabeth, who are all at home at present. Of her own family only two brothers survive her, and those live in St. John, one a retired Baptist minister, Rev. and Mrs. Huestis were married in the Brunswick street Methodist church, Halifax, in the year 1851. They were married by the late Rev. E. Evans, D. D. The interment will take place on Saturday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The day of her burial is the anniversary of his eighty-third birthday.

Captain A. Reid. Capt. Almer Reid's funeral services were held in Brooklyn (N. Y.) on Friday evening. He was born in St. John (N. B.), Jan. 8, 1848, and had command of many vessels sailing between New York and the West Indies. His death was caused by cancer.

Mrs. Mary A. McFadden. Mrs. Mary A. McFadden, widow of Thomas McFadden, aged 56 years, died Saturday morning at her residence, Sand Point.

Lieut. Lear. All who have attended Salvation Army services in this city will regret to learn of the death of Lieut. Lear, who was stationed here last fall. Her death occurred at Kennebec on Saturday. Interment will be at Halifax on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Cameron. News has been received of the death by drowning of Mrs. Cameron, wife of William Cameron, of Stellarton. They were residing at their summer cottage at Sylevester, Middle River. Mrs. Cameron had gone in bathing alone, but particulars of her drowning are not yet known.—Halifax Herald.

Mrs. Ellen Colson. Mrs. Ellen Colson, wife of John Colson, passed away at her home on Taylor street, Gloucester (Mass.), on Friday evening after an illness of about a year's duration. The deceased was a native of Chatham (N. B.), and has resided in Gloucester since girlhood. She was twice married, her first husband being Robert Bishop, who died some years ago. By this union they were several children, those surviving are one son, William B. Bishop, and two daughters, Mrs. Elmer E. Knight, of Reading, and Mrs. Osborne Knowles, of Gloucester. By the second marriage there was one daughter, Miss Olive F. Colson, who has her father's survivors.

James Bingley. Dignity, Aug. 8.—James Bingley, ex collector at Port Gilbert, St. Mary's, died in Yarmouth last night. He was in Yarmouth in 1839, but came to Fredericton in 1841, where he was a member of the large shipbuilding business carried on by his brother Jacob. He ran a general store and in 1848 appointed a regular collector of excise, although he filled the duties of that office for several years previous to that. He was taken ill a few weeks ago a Thursday started on a three weeks' absence and was in Yarmouth when a doctor when the end came leaves a widow, four daughters a son. He served several terms in the civil council and was an ex-officio member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was also well known among the public as proprietor of "The Tub" Barton's only summer hotel.