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### MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

The re-union of the McLean Killies in Boston yesterday was a distinct success. They were given a flattering reception in the big parade which was held, and entertained at a Scottish picnic, after which was a banquet in the Boylston Cafe. Lieut. Col. Guthrie was the chief speaker at this function. He dwelt upon the organization of the American Volunteers of the C. E. F., giving an explanation of their objects.

Capt. L. A. Demers, dominion wreck commissioner, after enquiring into the collision in which nineteen of the lives aboard the French barkentine Gallia, on August 7, had been lost, held that the other vessel, was in the wrong. The certificate of the master, W. P. Bennett, has been suspended.

The congregation of the Catholic church of Milltown, N. B., on Sunday evening, after the service, presented a purse and address, the alter boys the same, and the Ladies' Aid of the A. O. H., an automobile kit to Rev. Dr. Mc-

han, who has been transferred to St. John.

Prof. Edgar Allen, Ph. B., M. A., of Edgewood, R. I., has been appointed to the chair of biology at Mount Allison University, and Dr. James King, M. A., as professor of religious education.

George Higgins of Truro, N. S., was fined \$200 or six months in jail on Saturday after being found guilty of having a whiskey "still" in his house.

Russian and Australian forces have captured the town of Empta from the Bolsheviks, with ten guns and five hundred prisoners. Using tanks, the Poles have captured the fortified town of Bobruisk with 500 prisoners. Bobruisk is the western defence to Moscow and the key to White Russia.

A treaty providing for the protection of fish in the coastal boundary waters of Canada and the U. S. on the Pacific has been signed by the United States and Great Britain.

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### RECENT WEDDINGS

**Wright-Williams.**  
Long Reach, Sept. 1.—An event of interest to a wide circle of friends took place Saturday morning, August 30, 1919, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Merritt Williams, when their second daughter, Gladys Mabel, was united in marriage to Sergeant-Major (W. O.) Silas C. Wright, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright, of Hopewell Hill, Albert county, by Rev. E. Ramsey.

The bride, who looked charming in a silk burgundy and carried a large bouquet of sweet peas, was given away by her father.

After luncheon was served the happy pair left for St. John en route to the New England States on a honeymoon trip. The bride wore a blue serge traveling suit with hat to match.

The bride was recently employed in the office of the N. B. returned soldiers' commission in St. John and has a host of friends throughout the province. The groom was employed as station master at Albert prior to his enlistment and proceeded overseas with the 20th Battalion in the early part of the war. After returning from his honeymoon trip, the happy pair will reside in St. John where the groom is employed on the staff at headquarters, M. N. S.

Many useful presents were received including a handsome set of furs for the bride, given by the groom and the headquarters staff presented them with a handsome clock and some cutlery.

### RECENT DEATHS

**James A. Floyd.**  
James A. Floyd, aged seventy-two years, passed away yesterday at the General Public Hospital, following an operation. Mr. Floyd was a resident of Bloomfield Station and leaves to mourn besides his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Elisha Fowler, of Hampton Village, and Mrs. John Wood, of Bloomfield Station; also two sons, Leonard J., applicant employed by the provincial government, and Robert, of Bloomfield Station.

The late Mr. Floyd was a prominent farmer in Kings county and was very well known. He was a life-long member of the Baptist church and his death will be much mourned by the residents of Bloomfield Station.

The funeral will take place from his late residence at Bloomfield Station at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

**Esther Helen Williams.**  
Gagetown, Aug. 28.—Throughout the province many friends of Russia Williams, ex-shepherd of Queens county, and Mrs. Williams, will regret to hear of the death of their youngest daughter, Esther Helen, who passed away at her home in Forestville (Conn.), in the early morning of August 15. Esther, who was a sweet, bright girl of sixteen, had been ill for over a year following a heavy cold, but it was not until several weeks ago that her condition became alarming. On August 8 she became confined to her bed and failed rapidly until the end came. Esther was a general favorite in Gagetown, where the family had resided until last May when they moved to Forestville, and her early death is the source of deep regret to many.

The funeral service was held on Friday morning at the Episcopal church, in Church avenue, and quantities of lovely flowers expressed the sympathy of Forestville friends. In St. John's Sunday school here, at which Esther was a devoted attendant since childhood, there were special hymns and prayers, on the following Sunday; as well as in St. John's church.

Besides her parents, one sister, Miss Zerelda M. Williams, formerly of the Merchant's Bank, St. John, and a younger brother, Everett, as well as a large circle of relatives and friends remain.

**Nathaniel Inch.**  
Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 1.—(Special)—Nathaniel Inch, a well known resident of Fredericton, died at his home at an early hour today. He was aged sixty-six years and had been ill for several months with sclerosis of the arteries. He was a native of Queens county, a widow and three daughters survive. The daughters are Mrs. Laura Winter, of Wyoming; Miss Sadie Inch, at home, and Mrs. William E. Saunders, of Fredericton. Two brothers also survive, G. A. Inch, of Fredericton, and W. Ted Inch, of Jerusalem, Queens county. Mrs. Beverley Pender, of Clones, Queens county, is a sister. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon.

**George C. Beaman.**  
George C. Beaman, of Kars, Kings county, aged sixty-four years, died on August 30, after a long illness. He leaves to mourn one son, Medley L. C., of 102 City Road, also two daughters, Mrs. S. E. Logan of this city, and Mrs. Henry Haines of Lynn (Mass.). Mr. Beaman was a resident of St. John for years and kept a grocery store here. He was twice married and lived there until a short time ago. The funeral took place from his son's residence at 11 o'clock today and interment was made at Hampton.

**Miss Agnes Burns.**  
Fredericton, Sept. 1.—Miss Agnes Burns, daughter of Mrs. Isaac Burns, died at her home here this morning after a long illness of tuberculosis which developed from an attack of influenza. She was twenty-three years of age and besides her mother is survived by two sisters and one brother.

**William Allen Mace.**  
Sussex, N. B., Sept. 1.—William Allen Mace, aged seventy-four years, died at noon Sunday at the home of his brother, Oldfield Mace, Maple avenue. Deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Keady, and two sons, Herbert H., of San Francisco (Calif.), and William A., of Savory Island (B.C.). Mr. Mace was a man of high reputation and in business a successful contractor in Vancouver.

About three months ago he came east to his native county of Kings for the benefit of his health and two weeks ago was stricken with paralysis.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, service at the home of Oldfield Mace, Maple avenue. Interment at Smith's Creek with Rev. J. M. Rice officiating.

**Mrs. Margaret M. Archibald.**  
The death of Mrs. Margaret M. Archibald, widow of Eldridge Archibald of Truro, N. S., occurred yesterday at the residence of her son, I. Franklin Archibald, 31 Mecklenburg street. Mrs. Archibald was a daughter of the late Alex. Lepper of Truro, N. S., and beside her son one brother, George M. Lepper of Norwood, Mass., and two sisters, Miss Susan E. Lepper and Mrs. F. E. Cox, both of Wakefield, Mass., survive. The funeral will be held this evening, from her son's residence at eight o'clock and the body taken to Truro on the late train tonight for interment.

**FUNERALS.**  
The funeral of Miss Jane Haslam took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30

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## ENGLAND LAUGHS OVER NEW BOOK

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### WHO WAS THE AUTHOR?

Nine-Year-Old Girl, as Alleged or Sir J. M. Barrie—A Romance of Mingling Classes

(Toronto Mail and Empire).

Novel-reading England is laughing over a book called "The Little Visitors," ostensibly the work of a nine-year-old child, Daisy Ashford. The spelling and punctuation are what might be expected of a nine-year-old, and the matter, from extracts that have appeared, are delightfully droll. But it is not just London is so interested; it is because of the suspicion that the book is a hoax, and not the production of nine-year-old Daisy Ashford but the considerably older Sir J. M. Barrie. An indication of how charming the book must be is the belief in some quarters that Barrie is the author, and that he is playing a joke on the public. Those who have read "Sentimental Tommy" will understand what a master Barrie is in revealing the heart of a boy, and will be ready to believe that he could write a book for a nine-year-old girl with much greater art than she could write it for herself. Barrie does not absolutely deny authorship, but int-

mates in the introduction that the work is genuine, and is offered to the public with no changes except the breaking up of the chapters into paragraphs, the infant prodigy having written each chapter solid. He explains that the book was written by a nine-year-old whose photograph is published, together with a facsimile page, and left unregarded for the time. The author, he says, is now an adult.

**Mr. Saltene's Defect.**  
The book starts off briskly with this sentence: "Mr. Saltene was an elderly man of forty-two and was fond of asking people to stay with him," and as Barrie observes, "the first line of the tale either him for all time." She proceeds to describe Mr. Saltene as having whiskers "very black and twisty" and being middle sized "with pale blue eyes." He wore "a pale brown suit, but on Sundays he had a black one, and he had a topknot every day as he thought it more becoming." Mr. Saltene, it appears, is a kindly man of sociable instincts, but he was conscious of one grave defect. "I am not quite a gentleman," he writes to a friend, while asking him to bring a young lady "whichever is the prettiest in the face" for a visit; "I am not quite a gentleman but you would hardly notice that, but could be helped somehow." It appears that Mr. Saltene had "quite a young girl staying with him of seventeen, named Ethel Monticue," and it was Ethel whom Mr. Saltene took with him to visit his accomplished friend, Bernard Clark. The two fell in love, of course, and the imagination of Daisy Ashford in describing the love passages is afforded ample scope.

**In High Society.**  
Leaving Ethel rather unconventionally with Bernard, Mr. Saltene, provided with an introduction to a noble earl who would teach him how to be more of a gentleman than he was, went to the Crystal Palace, where the Earl of Clincham resided. The Earl, who lived like other gentlemen in "compartments," readily agreed for a reasonable consideration to put Mr. Saltene up to the tricks of gentlemanly behavior, and the pupil was installed in a "basement compartment." They secured cards for a royal reception, presided over by the Prince of Wales, and thither they betook themselves. Mr. Saltene had no Court dress, but improvised by turning up the legs of his trousers, borrowing a pair of white stockings and using rosettes for garters. The reception is thus described: "The sumptuous room was packed with men of a noble nature, dressed like the earl in satin knickerbockers and with ladies of every hue and with long trains and jewels by the dozen. You could hardly move in the throng. Dukes were as sought, as there were a good lot of princes and archdukes, as it was a very superior levee indeed. The earl and Mr. Saltene struggled through the crowd till they came to a platform draped with white velvet. Here in a golden chair was seated the Prince of Wales in a lovely ermine cloak and a small but costly crown. He was chatting quite genially with some of the crowd."

Is it Barrie?  
It will occur to the reader that "small but costly crown" is one of Barrie's touches, and we rather suspect that children do not believe that princes sit round in ermine costumes, but that grown-ups have fastened this libel on their intelligence. There is something in the picture that reminds one of "A Kiss for Cinderella" with the inimitable fancy of "Lord Times" at the great levee. In the low scene in which Bernard asks Ethel to be his wife, we

have a fine piece of humorous writing. "Bernard placed one arm tightly around her. Will you marry me Ethel he uttered you must be my wife it has come to that I love you so intensely that if you say no I shall perform dash my body to the brink of yon muddy river he panted wildly.

"Oh don't do that implored Ethel breathing rather hard.

"Then say you love me he cried.

"Oh, Bernard, she sighed fervently I certainly love you madly you are to me like a Heathen god she cried looking at his manly form and handsome flashing face I will indeed marry you.

"How soon gaped Bernard gazing at her intently.

"As soon as possible said Ethel gently closing her eyes.

"My darling whispered Bernard and he seized her in his arms we will be married next week.

"It has That Appearance.

"Oh Bernard muttered Ethel this is so sudden.

"No, no cried Bernard and taking the bull by the horns he kissed her violently on her dainty face. My bride to be he murmured several times "Ethel trembled with joy as she heard the mistle words.

"Oh Bernard she said little did I ever dream of such as this and she suddenly fainted in his arms outstretched arms.

"Oh I said gaped Bernard and laying the dainty burden on the grass he dashed to the waters edge and got a cup full of the fragrant river to pour on his true loves pallid brow."

Well, what about it? Is this what a nine-year-old genius would write? Of course, Barrie is a genius, too, and it is difficult to say what they will or will not do. One rather hopes that it will turn out that Barrie is the author of a book of delicious humor. Of late years he appears to have been almost

wholly preoccupied with the stage. Yet, who can regret this who say "The Old Lady Show Her Medals," and the thrilling "A Well Remembered Voice?"

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