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The Mate of the Herbert Fuller Could Not be Shaken in His Testimony by Cross-Examination.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Mate Thomas Bram of the barquentine Herbert Fuller, when he was conducted into the United States Court room this morning, found his way obstructed by the largest crowd that has yet been in attendance on this remarkable trial, and many were excluded from the court room for lack of room. On resuming the witness stand, defendant denied that any angry words had passed between him and the second mate, as has been alleged by the witness for the Government. The manner in which the lumber was stored on the deck and its relation to the windows of the cabin and its rooms were described by the witness substantially as on his direct examination. He repeated, by direction of the District Attorney, what he had told on Thursday regarding the events of the night of the murder, but though the cross-examination was searching and direct he did not vary in the slightest from his previous testimony. Neither was anything new developed. During the examination the defendant maintained the confident and self-contained attitude that has characterized his appearance since he took the witness stand on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Hoare resumed the examination of Bram this afternoon by putting a series of questions in regard to the log-book and the loose leaves in the book. Bram related the positions of the bodies and the marks and scratches in the rooms. He also described where the blood was found, and he said he looked the place over to learn all he could. He was in the cabin when the bodies were brought up, and he followed up each body. He never asked Monks to tear up the statement first drawn, which contained the theory of the triple murder. Witness said he thought the statement correct at the time, but later in the afternoon began to think differently. He said he did not suggest to Monks to write that he was sick, and he signed on general principles.

Bram was asked what course he was on on the day after the tragedy. He asked for the log-book, and here both sides got into a discussion over the right to refer to it. Finally he was allowed to tell the course, which was about southeast. The matter of lashing the wheel was again reverted to, but Bram only repeated his former testimony. The witness was again asked if he told Lohac, "If we don't get Brown guilty we will all get two years each." Bram emphatically said "No."

Thus the accused went through another day's trying ordeal without flinching in his testimony. The court adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday.

POOR MRS. HALPIN.

A Woman Who Was Born in Canada Went Out to Buy Christmas Toys and the Effort Killed Her.

New York, Dec. 26.—Mrs. A. Antoinette Halpin, wife of ex-Assemblyman William Halpin, died last night at her home, 339 West Twenty-second-street, from nervous exhaustion, collapse and gastritis, caused by the excessive use of Jamaica ginger. Mrs. Halpin was 28 years old, born in Canada, and had been in this city 21 years. She was the daughter of John O'Donough.

The circumstances attending Mrs. Halpin's death, which resulted from gastritis, were singularly sad. Mrs. Halpin, who had been extremely ill for several weeks, insisted upon accompanying her husband Thursday on a shopping expedition, insisting that she be allowed to select the Christmas toys. With the dawn of Christmas, however, she suffered a serious relapse. Dr. Mason was sent for, but medical aid was of no avail, and her death occurred early Christmas evening. The Halpins had been married only a few years.

Reduced Rates on Grain and Flour.

General Freight Agent Sutherland of the Atlantic division of the C.P.R. has notified the Board of Trade that on and after Jan. 1 the C.P.R. will reduce the rates on flour, grain and grain products from Ontario mills to St. John for export by sailing packets to Bay of Fundy and all other Nova Scotia water points as low as the current Boston rates.

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East End News.

Dr. Noble will come out for School Trustee in Ward 2.

The Carlisle popular entertainment at Dingman's Hall was a capital affair. Among the performers who did good work were La Petite Queen, Miss Maud Ryan; the Maguires, Bert Ryan, Otto Lyon and Carlisle.

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FIVE FATALLY WOUNDED.

Four are Still Under Ground With No Hope of Rescue.

This Calamity Happened at the Indiana Mines Near Princeton—The Mine is a New One and it is Believed it Was Not Sufficiently Guarded—Two of the Wounded Died After Being Taken Out—Fire Damp Prevented the Rescuers From Getting to Work.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 26.—A terrific mine explosion occurred in the coal mines of Maule & Son, a mile from this city, at 2.30 o'clock to-day. Seventeen men were in the mine at the time of the accident, and up to this hour (10 p.m.) eight have been taken out dead and five badly injured. Two of the latter died shortly after being taken out. Their names are unknown. Four more are still under ground, and there is no hope for them, as the rescue cannot be attempted until the mine is cleared of fire-damp to enable the men to go down.

The dead are: Robert Maule, treasurer and general superintendent of the Maule Co.; James Turner, Robert Poneylight, David Nolan, A. Colegate, Will Cruz, John Holmes (miner), James Ryan, Carl Poneylight, single, of Belleville, Ill., two unknown.

The injured are: W. Grills, will recover; Will Booker, jaw broken, eye blown out and badly burned; Frank Turbes, seriously burned; Thomas Price, single, severely burned.

WAS A NEW MINE.

The men, after a lay-off one day for Christmas, went down in the mine to assist in cleaning up the debris of a small explosion of fire damp. It is but a short time since coal was discovered here. It is believed that the mine was not sufficiently guarded. The injured are in such condition that they are receiving all possible attention, and nearly all will recover rapidly. Immediately after the explosion all the men were summoned to the shaft, but all efforts at rescue were balked by the fire-damp. The men were put to work as quickly as possible drawing the gas from under the ground. The force of the explosion was terrible, and some of the bodies are in an awful condition. In two other cases limbs were blown off and found mangled in other ways. The dead brought to the surface were taken to the undertakers or morgue. It will probably be 24 hours before any attempt at rescue can be made, and there is held out for them but little hope.

Later—Shortly after 11 o'clock the fan had done such good work that the mine was nearly cleared. A rescuing party reported that they could hear men groaning, and it is believed that Mr. Maule may be rescued alive. The work is being pushed to the utmost, and they hope to bring others to the top before to-morrow.

LEFT 23 DEAD.

More Skirmishing in Cuba—Spanish Claim Victory and Cubans Say it Was a Massacre.

Havana, Dec. 26.—News from Mantua, in the Province of Pinar del Rio, gives the details of an encounter on Dec. 20 between Lieut. Llamio, commanding a body of local guerillas and volunteers. The Spanish force, arriving at a place called Dancho, found an insurgent camp, from which they were fired upon. The soldiers returned the fire, whereupon the rebels fled in disorder, leaving 23 dead on the field. The arms and effects of the insurgents were captured and their camp destroyed. Eight of the dead rebels were identified, but who the others killed were is unknown to the people residing in the locality. The Government forces sustained no loss.

This information comes from a Spanish source, and it is added that by the defeat of this band of rebels the zone in which they were found is entirely clear of insurgents. It is learned from other sources that the affair was similar to others, and that the dead rebels were simply pacifices, who had no means of defending themselves against the Government troops.

Last night bands of rebels fired on the towns of Santiago de Los Vegas, Rancho Boyerer and Calabasar, all in the Province of Havana. The attacks caused great excitement among the inhabitants, who feared that the insurgents were able to raid the towns and give them to the flames. After firing a few shots, which were productive of no results beyond scaring the people, the rebels withdrew.

The latest report concerning the movements of General Weyler, who was encamped near San Cristobal, is that he marched to-day. No information is given regarding his objective point. He has had no encounter with the enemy since his return to the Province of Pinar del Rio from Havana, notwithstanding his elaborate plan of campaign, which necessitates the use of 30,000 troops.

KENTUCKY'S CRIME LIST.

Seven Lynchings in a Week, Supplemented by About a Dozen Other Shooting and Stabbing Affrays.

Louisville, Dec. 26.—Kentucky's crime list this week is long and bloody. In addition to the seven lynchings for the week, the past 48 hours have been enlivened with the following deeds of violence.

On the Big Elkhorn, near the Virginia line, Tom Edelson stabbed Bud Stein to death.

Charles B. Walt, a prominent white man, killed Harry Foster, colored, at a dance in Boone County.

Last night a man was murdered in a Christmas row in a logging camp near Pineville.

At a frolic in Breathitt County four men were cut and one named Riley was mortally wounded.

Tollgate raiders celebrated Christmas by chopping down the gate near Mortensville, in Woodford County, the second time this gate has been destroyed.

Bill Morrow amused himself by shooting candles off the Christmas tree at Kavanaugh Chapel in Lawrence County, and when George Pack remonstrated, Morrow shot him in the abdomen and escaped on horseback.

Joe Robertson ejected John and George Rexrot from a Christmas tree celebration at Columbia, and they returned and shot him in the abdomen, inflicting probably fatal wounds.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. George Postlethwaite of Lakefield Fell in a Fit While Carrying a Lighted Lamp.

Lakefield, Ont., Dec. 26.—Mrs. George Postlethwaite was burned to death here this evening. She was subject to fits and is supposed to have fallen in one of these while a lamp was in her hand and set fire to her clothing. She was burned to a crisp and the room was on fire when her husband came in at 6 o'clock.

Deaf Mutes Had a Party.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 26.—The pupils of the institution for the deaf and dumb received their presents yesterday morning and had a party in the evening.

Mr. Gilbert Parker was interviewed here this afternoon as to his play, "The Seats of the Mighty," as to which he said Mr. Tree is satisfied with it and will open his new theatre in London, England, with it.

Given Up as Lost.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 26.—The schooner Aurora, which left St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 12, for Charlottetown, has been given up as lost. She had a crew of three or four men on board.

Dyspepsia or indigestion is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts, loss of vitality in the stomach to secrete the gastric juices, without which digestion cannot go on; also, being the principal cause of headache. Parmalee's Vegetable Pills, taken before going to bed, for a while, never fail to give relief, and effect a cure. Mr. F. W. Ashdown, Ashdown, Ont., writes: "Parmalee's Pills are taking the lead against ten other makes which I have in stock." ed

THE VENEZUELA SETTLEMENT.

Delegates Return From Caracas to New York and Say the Treaty Was Well Received.

New York, Dec. 26.—Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuelan Minister to the United States, and James J. Storrow of Boston, Counsel for the Venezuelan Government by the Boundary Commission, who went to Caracas a month or so ago, with the protocol of the Venezuelan agreement, for the settlement of the boundary dispute between England and Venezuela, and to secure its ratification by President Crespo and the Venezuelan Congress, returned to this country to-day on the steamer Caracas. They refused to make a definite statement. As to the alleged disapproval by Venezuela of the clause in the agreement which fails to recognize the sovereignty of the country by giving it direct representation on the commission and the 50-year occupation provision, it was explained that the contentions did not arise from the Government, but from a few sensational and irresponsible newspapers, which were clearly ignorant of the true meaning of the document.

Senor Andrade handed the reporter a clipping from a Caracas newspaper, which he said represented the ideas and views of the people of his country. It said: "In the matter of the boundary agreement the unwarranted attacks upon the Government are based on no solid arguments, and we are surprised to see such rumors set afloat after everything concerning the boundary question has been settled satisfactorily. Under the 50-year clause the only possessions which Great Britain will have are these little settlements between the Essequibo and the Pomaroom River. The 50-year clause will exclude Great Britain from the Orinoco country and the Cuyuni River, which is the portion of the country that Venezuela is especially desirous of keeping."

Mr. Storrow was not inclined to discuss the treaty. "Two or three papers," he said, "went off half-cocked and wrote articles against the treaty. Public men, jurists and diplomats wrote intelligent articles of the agreement in the newspapers, and after a while the people understood it clearly and opinion quickly changed. It was commended generally just before we left the country, two ex-Ministers to England being among its advocates."

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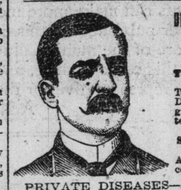

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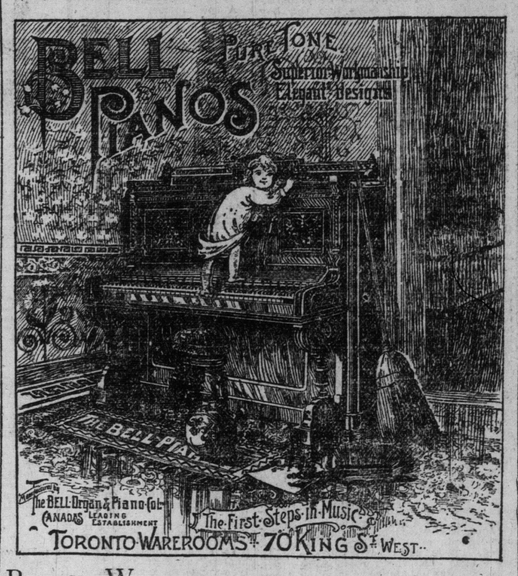

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