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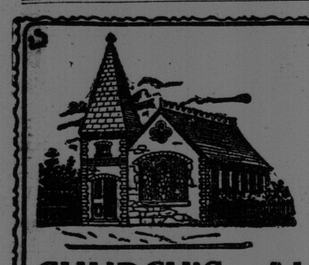

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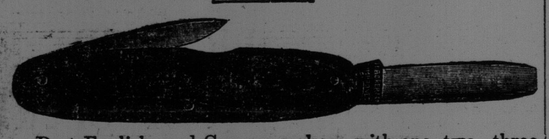

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DEATH STAYED THE HAND OF AUGUSTA LITTLEFIELD

Manuscript of Unfinished Poem by Former Toronto Lady Found in the Room Where She and Her Sister Died

BUFFALO, March 14.—A pathetic incident in connection with the deaths of Mary E. and Augusta R. Littlefield, who were asphyxiated in their room in Franklin street, was the finding of an unfinished manuscript by Augusta Littlefield, entitled "My Garden of Dreams." Two stanzas and a part of the third had been completed by the writer, when, it is believed, the poisoned atmosphere in the small room caused her to lay aside her pen and seek rest in one of two easy chairs used by the spinster sisters. Her verses follow:

"Come, live with me in my mystic world,
Where there's never a tear or a sigh.
And all God's children are equally blessed,
And there's never a last good-bye.

"It's sky is the first and brightest of blue,
With clouds so dreamy and white,
For the bright sun shines in the beauteous place,
After the sombre night.

"Oh, this dream world of mine none can describe,
Its silvery sweetness, soft and rare,
But words are — — —.

Undertaker Hatch in Biffalo has taken charge of the bodies. They will be buried in Toronto.

SHIPPING TIED UP BY FOG IN NEW YORK HARBOR

Railway Traffic Delayed, Ferry Boats Wandering Around, Steamers Detained Outside—Trains Collide.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Shipping in the harbor and bay today was badly hampered by a dense fog. Ferries were badly delayed.

Traffic on many of the railroads on which thousands of commuters travel to the city was much delayed, and those living in Jersey City was subjected to further annoyance, while the pilots of the ferry boats crossing the river to New York groped about in the fog.

The Red Star Line steamer Vaderland, and the Holland American Line steamer New Amsterdam, which were reported by wireless telegraph and should have arrived yesterday, are probably anchored off Sandy Hook, waiting for the fog to lift.

Other steamers — the Majestic and Victorian, Liverpool, Weimar, Bremen, Peninsular, Lisbon, Necker, Naples — were delayed.

One man was seriously injured and more than a dozen others were slightly hurt in a head-on collision between trains on the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway during the fog early today.

WALL STREET FLURRY CONTINUED TODAY

Prices Generally on the Down Grade—London Advices Affect the Market.

NEW YORK, March 14—The stock market opened in a turmoil of excitement again today and after making a momentary stand against weakness broke gain quite generally. Individual stocks were unloaded at rapid declines indicating the continuance of forced liquidation. The struggle between opposing forces at the opening was stimulated by news from London where a sharp rebound had occurred after a period of extreme nervousness and the announcement of two failures. The supposition that the worst was thus disclosed at that centre prompted some aggressive support at the opening here and some leading speculative stocks started one to two points above last night. Fluctuations were feverish and violent and the trend of the market was not clearly perceptible. Union Pacific made a downward plunge of 3½ below yesterday's closing, Amal. Copper, ⅝; American Locomotive and Sloss Sheffield 3½; Sugar 3; Brooklyn Transit 2⅝. Many active stocks one to two points.

The stocks which had opened higher were forced to a lower level with the general list. U. S. Steel was liquidated in large volume. The renewed slump naturally gave more uneasiness. It was announced that the Bank of England had refrained from advancing its discount rate.

In all probability Fred Robson who was injured in a coasting accident in Carleton a few nights ago, will recover. It was learned at the hospital today that he was greatly improved.

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DEATH OF A DRUNKARD STARTS TEMPERANCE REVIVAL

Lumbermen in Eagle Settlement Camps Destroy Liquor in Their Possession and Sign the Pledge—Enthusiastic Meetings Held

MONCTON, March 14—A big temperance and religious revival has been started among the lumbermen who work in the camps in the vicinity of Eagle Settlement, four miles from Salisbury, with the result that over a hundred have signed the temperance pledge, and enthusiastic meetings are being held nightly in Eagle Settlement church. The revival was brought about in an interesting manner. Some time ago one of the lumbermen was called to the bedside of a friend whose illness was due to intemperance, and so impressed did he become with the occurrence that on his return to the camp he started an agitation. His companions were also impressed. Whiskey bottles were produced and smashed and the pledge signed. The movement has now spread to other camps and has become general throughout the community. Last evening several members of the Christian Brotherhood of the First Baptist church of this city and the pastor of the church went to Eagle Settlement and assisted at an enthusiastic gathering.

HOLD MASSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF McCOURT

Moncton Hockeyists off to Halifax for the Starr Trophy—The Fight for the Stanley Cup

BERLIN, Ont., March 14.—The local professional team defeated the famous Wanderers, of Montreal, by nine goals to eight in last night's exhibition game. The game was fast and clean throughout.

In the Manitoba League series Brandon plays Strathcona tonight and if the former team wins, Kenora and Brandon will be tied for the league don and Kenora will play three games to decide who plays the Wanderers, the first game taking place the coming Saturday, the second game Monday and if a third is necessary, Wednesday night.

If Kenora wins, the Stanley cup series will likely start the latter part of next week. The first cup game will probably be held in Kenora, the second in Winnipeg and if a third is required, Winnipeg will see it.

Vigorous objections will be taken by Kenora against Mr. Foran's ruling regarding the playing of Simth and Westwick on their team.

CORNWALL, Ont., March 14.—The inquest into the death of Owen McCourt, was held here last night. C. Masson, the ex-Truro hockey player, was held responsible by the following verdict:

"That the said Owen McCourt came to his death by a blow from a hockey stick in the hands of Charles Masson, during the progress of the game of hockey played in the Victoria rink, in the town of Cornwall on the sixth day of March, 1907, and that in the opinion of this jury, although there is no evidence of any ill feeling previous to the blow, there was no justification by personal provocation for the above blow at the hands of Charles Masson.

"Your jury further recommend that an act be passed by the legislative assembly, whereby players and spectators engaged in or encouraging roughness or foul play in the game of hockey may be severely punished."

MONCTON, N. B., March 14—The Victoria hockey team leaves this afternoon for Halifax, where on Friday and Saturday they play the Crescents in an attempt to bring the Starr trophy back to New Brunswick. The regular team will line up for the games. Trites, left wing, who injured his knee sometime ago, did not take part in the matches with Sackville, but will be in shape to play at Halifax and in case he is not, Stoyles will take his place. The latter put up fine hockey in both games against Sackville here. Tremaine Kennedy is also being taken as spare. The remainder of the team will be: Wortman, goal; Frank Brown, point; Jno. Brown, cover; Greggory, centre; Crockett, rover; Cushing, right wing.

PROCEEDINGS IN THAW TRIAL.

NEW YORK, March 14—Crucial point in the trial of Harry K. Thaw has been reached. It revolves about the affidavit which Abraham Hummel has in his possession and which is said to have been dictated by him at the instance of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. The legal fight to admit this testimony began yesterday when District Attorney Jerome made the most impassioned address yet heard at the trial, in which he pleaded eloquently for its admission. The fight will continue today and Delmas, for the defense, will argue against its admission. It was to give the defense time to study precedents and to otherwise prepare for the fight, that court adjourned yesterday after a brief session. The importance of the affidavit was brought out by Mr. Jerome in his adress yesterday. He told of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's story on the stand, which she said she told to Thaw in Paris, and the district attorney said if the jury believed this story they would carry it in their minds and seriously weigh it in determining the question of whether Thaw's mind was unbalanced by it.

"If, on the other hand, I am allowed to show that Evelyn Nesbit did not tell Thaw that White had drugged and assaulted her, the jury should weigh this in determining or not this man was of unsound mind."

Mr. Jerome declares, that in the affidavit, Mrs. Thaw swore that she had never told White this story. Furthermore she said that Thaw had tried to induce her to sign papers to put White in jail, using the story as a basis, and when she refused, he stripped her and beat her, lashing her with a whip until her skin was lacerated.

NEW YORK, March 14.—When the Thaw trial opened this morning Abraham Hummel was recalled to the stand. Delphin M. Delmas immediately began his argument in reply to District Attorney Jerome as to the advisability of the evidence Hummel has to offer regarding an affidavit Evelyn Nesbit is said to have made. In this affidavit the district attorney stated yesterday, Miss Nesbit asserted that Thaw had beaten her when she refused to sign papers charging White with her ruin, and swore that the charge against White was not true. In his argument, Mr. Delmas said: "We still contend that this witness was acting as attorney to this girl. It is not for him, by his word, to deny that such a relation existed. However, we will reserve that objection."

Mr. Delmas then turned to the admissibility of evidence contradicting the statements of a witness made out of court. He said he had not objected to Mr. Jerome's address yesterday, as he trusted to the "fairmindedness of the jury, which is my only protection." Mr. Delmas finally asked that the court court rule out Hummel's testimony as improper and having no bearing on the case.

STANLEY AND MINTO ARE STILL FAST IN THE ICE

PICTOU, N. S., March 14.—The steamer Stanley from Georgetown on the 11th inst., is still in the heavy ice near Cape Bear, with about twenty-five passengers on board.

The Minto from Pictou, the 5th inst., is also in the heavy ice three miles off the east end of Pictou Island. Forty of her passengers arrived safely at Pictou yesterday.

They walked about four miles over the ice where the were met by teams and driven to Pictou. Eighteen of her passengers are still on board.

The weather today is unfavorable and neither boat can move until we get a strong southwesterly wind.

BILL PROVIDING FOR NINETEEN ALDERMEN IS LIKELY TO PASS WITHOUT A PLEBISCITE

Some Members of the Committee Oppose It—Street Railway Objects to the New Paving Bill on the Ground of Increased Expense—No Decisions in Either Case.

As a result of the meeting of the municipalities committee in Fredericton today, it is altogether probable that the amended bill, providing for the ward system of elections will be recommended to the legislature. The committee met at ten o'clock this forenoon in private session to consider this bill, and discussed it for some considerable time. While no decision was reached and no vote taken, the feeling of the committee was that the bill should be passed. There has been considerable talk of a plebiscite, but it did not appear, from expressions of opinion today, that such a clause should be attached to the bill just now. On the contrary, it was felt that electors of St. John would be better qualified to vote sensibly on the question after they had tried the ward system for a year, and that if the plebiscite is desired it may be taken in 1908, while for the present the ward system may be introduced in order to make it effective for the elections to be held next month. This amended bill, which it now seems probable will pass the committee, provides for two aldermen in each ward and six aldermen at large.

Later in the forenoon the committee held an open session at which the permanent paving bill was presented by Ald. Baxter and supported by Ald. McGoldrick. This bill is being strongly opposed by the St. John Railway Co. Col. McLean appeared before the committee and spoke against it. Mr. H. M. Hopper, secretary-treasurer of the company, was also present. Col. McLean contened that the bill imposes greater liability on the company, as corporation will, under its provisions, be compelled to pay more large- [illegible] on the streets traversed by their cars. This was discussed very briefly and will come up for further consideration this afternoon.

Ald. Baxter also brought up the sewerage maintenance account and was just explaining it to the committee when adjournment was taken at one o'clock. The feeling of the committee in regard to the street paving bill seemed to be quite favorable.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 14.—The committee on corporations this morning recommended the bill relating to the Imperial Coal Company with the addition of a section specifying the manner in which the addition of a section specifying the manner in which the money arising from the sale of debentures is to be disposed of, fifty per cent. for working capital and the balance for development.

The law committee met and recommended the dental bill with some slight verbal amendments. The principal feature of this bill is that it requires a dentist to be a student for three years at a college of dentistry.

The Moncton police bill was also taken up. Mr. Chandler explained that its object was to take the control of the police out of the hands of the city council and place it in the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Robinson said he had petitions both for and against the bill. He read a telegram from J. E. Barss stating that the temperance Federation at a special meeting expressed strong opposition to the bill, also one from J. E. Brown that the Evangelical Alliance were opposed to the bill. He also read a telegram from J. T. Hawke, president of the Board of Trade, that the council of the board unanimously endorsed the bill and that it was supported by the overwhelming majority of business men.

Mr. Sweeney said he had telegrams to the same purport, and also a petition by leading citizens in favor of it. Mr. Copp thought that the bill should seriously be considered and he wished to have an opportunity of consulting with his colleagues. The bill stands over until tomorrow.

Municipalities committee this morning resumed consideration of bill to amend civic representation of St. John.

Mr. Lantalum could not say very much more than was said yesterday. It was the wish of the council that the bill should pass and he thought that was sufficient.

Mr. Lowell agreed. The council represented the city and they were responsible. He considered a plebiscite was highly unnecessary. He thought the bill should have a trial and if it was not satisfactory it could be amended.

Mr. Maxwell said there was a very strong feeling in the city against the bill as shown by the petition he presented yesterday. The bill as it then stood had not been before the council and as it proposed such an entire change in the manner of electing the council, it certainly should go before the people for them to express their approval or otherwise.

The attorney general asked what would be the additional expense caused by the extra number of aldermen.

Mr. Maxwell replied about $200 per man—$800 altogether.

Mr. Hazen said that he had been opposed to the change from the ward system to the present one and had voted against it, but found himself in the minority. But as the present system had been brought about by a plebiscite, he thought that it should not be changed without another appeal to the people. He thought that this might be done at the next civic elections and that the people should have an opportunity of saying which of the three systems they preferred, the present system, the old ward system, or the proposed district system. He was entirely opposed to any increase in the number of members of the common council.

Mr. Robertson said that he had always made it a rule that any request coming from the council of the city of St. John ought to be supported by the representatives of that house. The council had the right to speak for the city and they were the responsible parties. He saw nothing objectionable in the bill and should therefore support it.

FLOODS IN THE STATES.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 14.—The stage of water reached in the rivers here today was thirty feet and it was rising eight inches an hour. The stage at five o'clock was eight feet over the danger mark. The low portions of Pittsburg and Allegheny and surrounding towns were inundated. Skiffs and wagons are being used for transportation in the floooded sections.

The weather bureau says the present flood is the most remarkable on record and the situation is serious. The health bureau has notified the people to boil drinking water as the water is poisonous, owing to the flooded conditions and a typhoid fever epidemic is feared.

Alarming reports are being received here from all parts of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Every stream is overflowing its banks. Many towns are almost submerged, hundreds of houses are surrounded by water and the people are living in the second floors. The coal mines along the rivers in the Monongahela Valley are flooded and thousands of miners are idle. Mills and business houses have one to three feet on their ground floors, stopping business. Damage to property will be at least $500,000. In Alleghany county several fatalities have occurred on account of the high water and a number of deaths are reported from the river sections. The danger is increased by heavy ice gorges in the Monongahela and Alleghany valleys. The ice gorge alone in the Clarion river at Parker, Pa., is three miles in length, and continued rains and a high temperature threaten to start it moving.

All the railroads entering Pittsburg, except the main line of the Penna. and Pittsburg and Lake Erie, are crippled. On the Baltimore and Ohio road traffic is almost suspended and on the branch lines there is a complete suspension. Trains on the West Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania Railroad are being brought direct into the city, as they are unable to reach the Allegheny station. Street car lines in the suburbs are either suspended or are running spasmodically, and many persons are having much difficulty in reaching the city.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 14—The Conemaugh river and Stony Creek today broke out of their banks, following the heavy rains of the past twenty-four hours. The street car service has been abandoned and several mills have shut down. The aristocratic residential section is under water, while a few inches more will inundate many of the principal business streets.

EVERYBODY SUSPENDED

M. P. A. A. A.
Halifax, N, S., March 5, 1907.
Official Bulletin No. 384.

Record.—John O'Neil, St. Mary's A. A. and A. C., has been granted the record of 10 minutes and 12 seconds, for one and a half miles with a turn, single shell, which record was made on the North West Arm on August 22nd, 1906.

Suspensions. — The following who took part in sports, under the auspices of the Maritime Racing Association, in Victoria Rink, St. John, N. B., on Thursday, March 7th, 1907, are hereby suspended as follows:

"All those who competed against Hilton Belyea, as published in St. John, N. B., papers, are hereby suspended indefinitely.

"All other competitors in the races, as published, except in the junior boys and small boys races, are hereby suspended for thirty days."

Also—Barclay, Moores and Thompson, of Campbellton, are suspended indefinitely, for competing with Hilton Belyea, of St. John.

F. W. MEYER,
Hon. Secretary M. P. A. A. A.

The steamer Empress of Ireland, from Liverpool, is due at Halifax this afternoon, and after a brief stay will sail for St. John, due here tomorrow afternoon. Besides the Overseas mail there are 1,500 passengers on board.