



### THE SEMI-WIEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B. MARCH 28, 1903.

A TERRIBLE TALE OF THE SEA Details of Mutiny and Murder

on St. John Vessel Received.

TOLD IN BRITISH COURT.

The tragic circumstances connected with the death of Captain Alexander Shuy, who commanded the British ship Veron-ica, of St. John (N.B.), and six others

lot was the prisoner Gustav Rau. On the Sth of December, between 3 and 4 a. m., Doran was on the forecastle head on the lookout. Rau, Smith and Flohr approached Doran and apparently entered into conversation with him. Rau had in his hand a belaying pin, and struck Doran three blows which knocked him senseless. They then placed him and locked him in the super lock of the senseles. him not to kill him, and this appeal was supported by Smith, who said: "Don't kill the cook; he's done nothing." Rau thereupon said his life would be spared on condition that he did everything he was taid. He was then evdered to make They then placed him and locked him is a locker, and Flohr appeared to have been placed guard over him. Hearing two shots in another part of the ship, however, Flohr rushed forward. Doran then apparently came out of the room somewhat in a correction and acked for a was told. He was then ordered to make offee.

Getting Rid of the Victims.

Ficht rushed for ward. Doran then apparently came out of the room somewhat in a senseless condition, and asked for a glass of water. Rau came up, struck him again on the head with the belaying pin, and killed him, the body being thrown overboard by Johansen and Flohr. The first mate, McLeod, at that time appar-ently approached the forecastle-end, where Rau and Smith were standing with loaded revolvers and belaying pins. Mc-teed, and the mark thus inflicted on Smith's head appeared today. Smith call-ed out, and with that Rau struck again ed out, and with that Rau struck again Brutal Murder of Captain and Sev-eral of Crew by Four Seamen— Two Men Shot Down Because They Couldn't Learn Stery to Tell Ashore. Smith's head appeared today. Smith called on the head and with that Rau struck again at McLeod and hit him twice on the head and knocked him insensible. Smith had apparently recovered in the meantime and he and Flohr threw McLeod over-board. Then Rau and Smith appeared to have directed their attention to the sec-ond mate. Abrahamson. Both went aft that time in his cabin. Abrahamson came out, and Rau and Smith between them fired two shots at him. Rau and Smith apparently followed in-

ica, of St. John (N.B.), and six others of the crew of the same craft, were inves-tigated in the city police court, Liverpool, on March 12, when the magisterial inves-cabin, but on the after part of the poop, tigation took place before W. J. Stewart, tigation took place before M. J. Stewart, tigated M. J. Stewart, ti

the stipendiary, into the charges of wil-ful murder against Otto Monson, aged 18 years; Henry Flohr 19; Gustav Rau, 29, and William Smith, 30, sailors, who form ed part of the crew of the vessel on the voyage which ended in such a sensational manner. There was also a charge of set-ting fire to the ship. The six deceased members of the crew besides Captain Shaw were A. McLeod, first mate; Fred Abrahamson, second mate, and Alexander Bravo, Gus Johan-sen, Jalius Parsson, and Patrick Doran, able seaman. Mr. Trubshaw conducted the case for the prosecution on behalf of the treasury, and Mr. Clarke appeared for Monson and Flohr. Monson, Flohr and Rau are G.smans, 

SHE ESCAPED THE KNIFE. Ten Months of Peace After Dreadful Suffering.

capable of undertaking the most serious and complicated surgical work, and hun-dreds of lives are sactified annually to this mad frenzy of incompetent men, to rush into work which should only be

undertaken as a last resort, and then only by by the most experienced and careful It is a pleasure, in view of these facts,

to read the following letter from a woman who has been saved from one of these dangerous operations. "I know I informed you long ago re case of piles and the I believe I am cured. Last for your book. I have ered since the and beist eleven had given handful relieve me

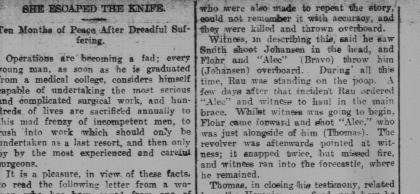
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my husband and myself ear of, we reedicine. I jus ommend your wonderf used one \$1.00 box of P ramid Pile Cure and two boxes of Pyramid Ointment and amid Pile Cure two boxes of Pyramid Pills, and I was, I hope, completely cured. If they ever show the slightest return I will certainly get some more medicine, but I hardly think I will need any more for it will be a year the 8th day of December since I had them and that makes it ten months and past now. Thanking you again and wish-ing you abundant success. I remain. Mrs. S. Hodgson, 105 W. 11th St., Des Moines,

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it appear that they were in a destitut and starving condition. They remained three days on the island, being picked up on December 28 by the steamer Brunswick and taken on board. Shortly after they wer taken on board the steamer Thomas requested that he should be kept separ-ate from the others; and this request was acceded to. On Jan. I he had an inter-view with the master, Captain Brown, and told him what had taken place. On arrival at L'ebon, Captain Brown reported the matter to the British consul, who dir-

ected him to take the men on to Liver aree energies that the short order, energies that the short order, gives relief a nost instant of the short and the gives relief a nost instant of the short and the ine this power. You will think it magin however if you thirt, pain goes so quick-ly. Sold by dealers everywhere, in large 25c, bottles. pool. On the voyage to Liverpool, the three prisoners made statements to various mem-bers of the crew. Their statements were chiefly based on the story previously con-cocted. On arrival in Liverpool the pris-oners were arrested. A significant state-ment was at this time made by the prisoner Rau. Before being taken to the detective office, Rau said to Police Constable Inglis: "Where is the cook?" The officer "You do," and, turning to the other pris-oners, he added: "I didn't think he was so smart." Pri-oners were then charged and cautioned. Flohr, Monson and Rau made statements. Smith made no ment, and in reply to the charge said: "It is not true." Flohr's statement corroboraited Moses Thomas's story up to the hilt, and it was on that ground that the crown had thought it advisable to ask him become a witness for the prosecution. Evidence was then called.



how the Veronica was fired, and how he and the prisoners were, picked up and brought to Liverpool by the steamship Brunswick. His worship, having ascertained that the

prisoners could speak and understand Eng-lish, told them they could, if they desired ask the witness any questions.

Mr. Clarke, who represented Monson, said he did not propose at that stage to ask the witness any questions on behalf of his client.

Rau Cross-examines. Rau, when asked if he wished to put any questions to Thomas, said: "Yes; I want

to ask him many things." In reply to Rau, witness said he did not tell prisoners that the other fellows would

ill them. He did not have the revolver. Prisoner Rau-Which is the worse man? Didn't you tell us we should tell the tale and it would come true, because you knew more English law than we did? No. Monson-You're a liar. Rau-Yes, you are; the biggest liar I

ver came a'cross!

Mr. Stewart-You must not say that now. You can tell that to the jury at the

Rau-Didn't you kill the coolie? ...o. Mr. Stewart-Whether or not he assis d you in killing them all makes no dif-Rau-Did you see any revolver on me?

Certainly. And you didn't have a revolver? No

Smith was afterwards asked if he had any questions to put to the witness. He make a statement. His worship pointed out to Smith that

he could ask any questions he liked, but he must not make a statement.

Smith, proceeding, said he would like to know something about Thomas's character. He (Smith) once sailed with the witner before on a three-masted schooner. His worship, realizing that Smith would

ot confine himself to questions, directed that the depositions of Thomas should be read over. dents of Kings county, being about 75 e prie

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years of age, and practically a life-long resident of the county. He was a son of the late James Keator, and brother to the late Dr. Geo. E. S. Keator. He was twice order, for

married, his first wife being Miss Ford, by whom he had one son, Jeremyn, at present

Keator, of this city.

Steel Trust Has Something New.

Trenton, N. J., March 26-The secretary of state's office received a telephone message this evening from the office of the United States Steel Corporation, saying that another charter would be filed by that company to-morrow morning. No information was given as to its nature.

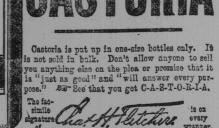
King Edward to Visit Scotland.

London, March 26-It is officially announce ed tonight that the King, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, will make a visit to Scot-land in May.

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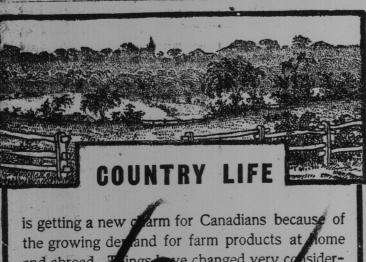
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## The Disastrous Voyage of the Veronica.

all went well until December 7, and it was evident from the statement of one of the witnesses that at that time a con-spiracy was formed by the three prison-ers and others to murder certain mem-bers of the etw. The Giet Three Murders

#### The First Three Murders

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made a mistake. The story was to the effect that one man had died of yellow fever when coming through the Florida The Disastrous Voyage of the Veronica. Mr. Trubshaw, continuing, said the prisoners were charged with the wilful murder of Captain Alexander Shaw; the finet mate, McLeod; the second mate, Ab-rahamson; and able-seamen, Bravo, Jo-hansen, Parsson, and Doran, who were members of the British barque Veronica, on the high seas on a voyage between Ship Island, Mississippi, and Monte Video, on or about Deember 7, 1902. The ill-fated barque was of 1,100 tons, and with a cargo of lumber, set out for Ship Island on October 11, 1902, having on board a crew of 12, comprising those During all this time Julius Parsson ensequence of the darkness and smoke. On their boat they had only 11 biscuits and Ship Island on October 11, 1902, having on board a crew of 12, comprising those alleged to have been murdlered by the three prisoners, Flohr, and a witness named Moses Thomas, who was cook and steward. From the evidence which he proposed to call in would appear that all went well until December 7, and it was exident from the statement of one

piling up the men's clothing on top of it. Rau himself saturated the heap with para-A small boat was launched and provision-ed, whilst another boat was lowered, with

the object of capsizing it, so as to make large quantity of provisions.

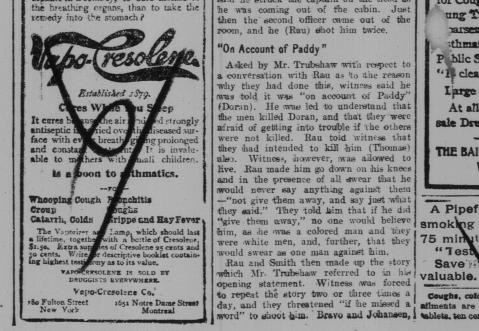
The Ship Fired.

The ship Fired. The ship was then fired. It was not first Sunday in December, on which day urite, clear who fired the ship, but so far witness turned into his berth between as he (Mr. Trubshaw) could ascertain from | and 8 o'clock in the evening. The door of the evidence, it was done by Rau, or at any rate it was done at his instigation. He was awakened in the middle of the The men left the ship in the small boat, which sailed for five days, and eventually reached Cajucira Island, on the South American coast, which was practically a desnext thing he heard was Rau crying out: ert island. Belore reaching the island, "I have killed the chief officer, the cap-Rau ordered that the remaining provisions tain and the bo'sun, and there is no one should be thrown overboard, so as to make left but the cook." He (Thomas) there upon barricaded his room.

Witness went on to corroborate Mr. Trubshaw's statement as to what ensued. When he was released he was allowed join in the prisoners' conversation, aft having sworn not to repeat anything he heard or saw. Rau told him that Paddy (Doran) had been boasting that he was he best sailor on board, and the cre the best sailor on board, and the crew thad killed him. Shortly afterwards the chief officer (McLeod) came out of his room and asked: "Where is Paddy?" Smith, who was standing by, gave him a saucy answer, whereupon McLeod struck him a blow on the head. He (Rau) then crept up behind and struck McLeod with a belaying pin, killing him. Rau said he then went to the forecastle and killed Julius (Parson), and threw him overboard. He then went aft, with the intention of

He then went aft, with the intention of killing all those left in the cabin-the cap not seem more effective tain, second officer, and witness. H2 (Rau)

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#### Cosk Tells of Mutiny Breaking Out.

Moses Thomas, a young colored man said he had been going to sea for the las it appear as though the captain had been drowned. The boat, however, did not cap-size. The other boat was equipped with sails, oars, compass, etc., as well as with a subsection of the boat was end of the barque ver-size. The other boat was equipped with sails, oars, compass, etc., as well as with a 10 years, and was a ship's cook and stew

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Asked by Mr. Trubshaw with respect t

would swear as one man against him. Rau and Smith then made up the story

They sailed from Biloxi, Mississippi, on

Charles Bunker, Rusiagornish. ST, LAWRENCE RIVER OPEN SATURDAY, This Will Be the Earliest Opening of

Navigation on Record.

Quebec, March 26 - (Special) - Order nto operation April 1.

The government steamship Druid is now at King's wharf, taking on buoys, and will be ready to sail Saturday. Menier's steamer, Savoy, came out o vinter quarters today and will leave for Inticosti Saturday in the Druid's wake This is the earliest opening of St. Law

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Charles Bunker passed away at his home in Rusiagornish Monday evening. Deceas-ed was 72 years of age and had been ailing for some time. The late Mr. Bunker was well known throughout this county as a most successful farmer and a thoroughly upright and respected man. A widow, three sons and three daughters survive. Mrs. Patrick McMahon.

The death of Mrs. Patrick McMahon occurred at her son's residence Tuesday have been issued by J. U. Gregory, gov-ernment officer, to have all lighthouses in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence go Michael, and a daughter at home survive. evening, after a long illness. Deceased was the widow of Patrick McMahon. One son,

Captain William H. Leavitt, Formerly of St. John.

St. John. The friends in St. John of Capt. William H. Leavitt will regret to learn of his death, which occurred at Llandudno, North Wales, on the 5th inst., after a painful illness. Captain Leavitt was the second and last survising son of the late William Leavitt, an old time merchant and ship owner of this city. He will be remembered by the older men in shipping circles in St. John, having for a number of years sailed from this port in command of large vessels. Some years ago he retired from the sea and settled at Llandudno, where he has since resided. Miss Elizabeth Stevens

Miss Elizabeth Stevens died at the home of her niece, Mrs. John B. Eagles, Doug las avenue, Wednesday at the age of years. Up to a short time ago she was about the house. She was a sister of Cap tain John Stevens, a veteran river navi-gator, who is hale and hearty at the age of 86. Deceased was a daughter of the late Subael Stevens, of South Bay.

Alfred V. Phillips, Formerly of Nova Scotia Alfred V. Phillips, a well known ranch-er, who has been farming near Daulton, died at his home March 18, about noon,

after an illness of about two weeks. His death was due to peritonitis. The deceas-ed was a brother of Matt Phillips, the well known raucher. He had an extensive acquaintance, having been a roadmas-ter on the Southern Pacific railroad for ter on the Southern Pacine rainoad for many years, and constructed the Raymond branch road. For the past three years he had been ranching. The deceased was a native of Nova Scotia, and was 42 years and eight days' old. Besides a wife and two sons, he leaves a brother, Matt Phil-

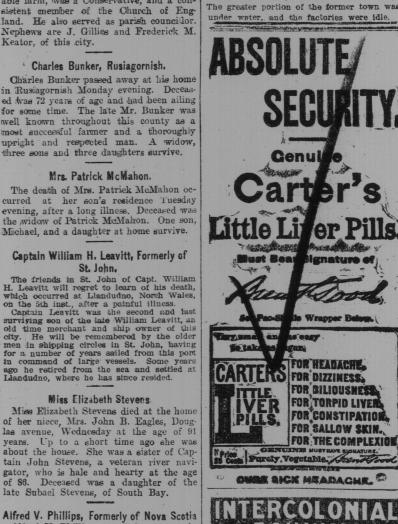
lips, and two sisters, Mis. H. Crow and Miss Ida Phillips. He was a Mason, and a member of Tulare lodge.—California

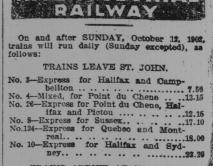
Paper. Grover I. Langin, Chipman, Queens Co.

Grover I. Langin, the 18 year-old son of Isaiah and Adeline Langin, died at his home, Chipman, Queens county, on Wed-nesday, March 18, of quick consumption. He was a young man of quiet habits, dear-ly lowed in his home, where he will be lly missed.

Only 14 months ago another brother, Orville, just in the prime of life, was taken from this home, and in this added bereave-ment, the family has the sympathy of all who know them. Father, mother, thre sisters and six brothers are left in mourn







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