

### THE PANEL GAME

Played on a Rich Montreal Wholesale Grocer.

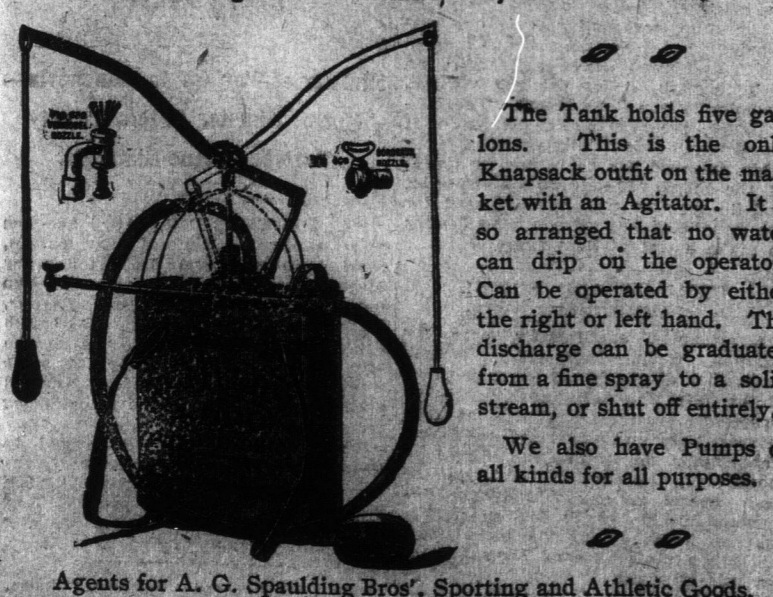
The Old Man Squealed and the Perpetrators of the Alleged Black-mailing Plot Are in Custody.

MONTREAL, April 30.—C. A. Barber and a woman giving the name of Sarah S. Allison, are claiming to be Barber's wife, and under arrest on a charge of having obtained cheques and notes to the amount of \$18,000 from D. C. Brossau, wholesale grocer, of Montreal, by a blackmailing scheme. The victim of the game met the woman on Monday, and after a short chat she asked him to go to her flat at 21 Chesterfield avenue, Westmount. When the pair arrived at the place, the woman threw her arms about the man and kissed him, calling him pet names. In the midst of the scene the door of a closet opened and a six-foot man with a knife and handgun in one hand and a revolver in the other appeared. With a roar of rage he denounced the grocer as a scoundrel, and accused him of having written a confession which Brossau signed and the woman witnessed. The document was also an agreement to pay \$18,000, by giving three cheques of \$6,000 each, and two promissory notes of \$6,000 each. This was done and Brossau was then stripped of his clothes, locked up, and left alone. On Tuesday morning he managed to break out of the place, and after dressing, jumped some ten feet off the gallery and ran hastily and as speedily as possible from the place. He stopped payment on the paper and then went to Chief Detective Carpenter with his story. Arrests followed. On being taken before Judge Desnoyers the woman said she had done what she did under compulsion by Barber. Today in English court, which is private, the man pleaded not guilty.

### GANGING BROS.' NEW FACTORY

Repairs are being pushed rapidly forward on Ganging Bros' factory by Contractor Thomas Toal. When completed the firm will have a thoroughly equipped factory and the most modern in Canada. The second burned section, the space on the lower floor formerly occupied as a chocolate dipping room, will be used for a stock room for manufactured stock. The second floor will contain enlarged packing rooms. The third floor will contain the pan and coconut goods room, which was formerly in the rear section. The elevator will be removed from the east to the west side, near where the new wing joins, to better serve both buildings. The engine has been removed to the new extension of the main building, where a new cold storage plant of more than double the capacity of the former plant is being installed. The former cold storage plant has been sold complete to the White Chand Co. of St. John. An artesian well has been sunk to supply water for condensing the hot ammoniacal gas after it has taken the heat from the chocolate room. SEVERAL CHANGES will be made in the front section of the burned building. On the third floor west D. A. Vaughan will be located with his paper box factory, while the eastern side will be used for a stock room for fancy and regular paper boxes. The second floor will be largely occupied by the firm's offices, the entrance

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### EARTH REPT OPEN FOR ALMOST A MILE,

## And Turtle Mountain's Top Buried Tons of Frank, Alberta, Beneath Millions of Tons of Rock—Over One Hundred and Twenty Lives Lost—Earthquake or Volcano?

(Special to the Sun.)

### FRANK, N. W. T., April 29—An earthquake has buried the town beneath the rocks of Turtle Mountain. Loss of life is fearful including miners, women and children

[Frank is a station on the Crows' Nest Branch of the C. P. R. It is a coal mining town of recent origin, situated 5 1/2 miles west of McLeod, 15 miles east of Crows' Nest Station and 51 miles east of Fernie. Turtle Mountain, one of the peaks of the Rockies, towers high above the village and the coal pits.]

VICTORIA, B. C., April 29.—A volcanic eruption has occurred near Frank, Alberta. The country is covered with lava and scores for 50 miles and the river is dammed with lava, causing a flood.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 29.—Private advice from Frank, Alberta, state that 140 are dead because of the disaster, which occurred there at 4.30 o'clock this morning. Details of the disaster are not yet obtainable.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 29.—A special to the Times from Vancouver says: BY an unexpected and unprecedented disaster, 140 persons lost their lives in the little town of Frank, Alberta, this morning and further details may increase the number of victims.

About four o'clock, after the night shift was preparing to come from work from a mine, either an earthquake or a volcanic eruption occurred on the top of Turtle Mountain which overlooks the town of Frank. There was a tremendous upheaval, which shook all sleepers killed, and over 20 miners are imprisoned in the mine, with little hope of rescue. The loss of life is estimated at over 100, mostly women and children. A Mr. Leitch, his wife and four children are among the dead. The mountain is still throwing up rock.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 29.—Baynes Reed, superintendent of the meteorological survey here, developed the fact that the earthquake disclosed the slightest trace of a seismic disturbance. The reports of a volcanic eruption or earthquake at Frank, N. W. T., are utterly discarded by him.

(Special to the Sun.)

MAULBOUD, N. W. T., April 29.—Latest reports from Frank indicate that a volcanic eruption occurred there at 4 a. m., today. The earth opened up for three-quarters of a mile in length, and three millions of tons of rock and lava fell from the mountain, which overhangs the little town. The coal pit mouth and several buildings near there were buried. It is estimated that the loss of life is about seventy residents of the town, and in addition about fifty miners who are entombed in the mine.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. at once arranged for trains to convey doctors, nurses and hospital stores.

ON THE RIVER.

Lots of Steamers for the People's Accommodation.

All the river steamers are now running on their regular schedule. The Victoria made her first trip of the season Wednesday, while the May Queen has made three trips. Freighters have not been very large this spring, as there is little stuff to come down. Potatoes brought a good price last fall and in consequence the farmers sold about all their crop. Through freight to Fredericton and Woodstock has been fair.

With the completion of the Beatrice B. Waring and the arrival here of the steamer Princess from Quebec, the up river people will have little to complain in the way of river service. Never before in the history of the river have there been more steamers on the various routes than at present, and with the addition of the two steamers named things will hum. The Farmers' starts for town and his wife has forgotten to tell him to buy her some bonnet strings or hair pins she can catch on the next boat and land at Indianston almost on her husband's heels. It will be a case of "boast past the door every two minutes for all points north and south."

On the Fredericton-St. John route the old favorites, the David Weston and Victoria, will run every day except Sunday. The Maid makes daily trips to Gasqueton. The Hampstead to Hampstead; the May Queen regular trips to Grand Lake, the Crystal Stream to Washdemoak; the Spring-

field to Bellisle, and the Clifton to Hampton.

When the Princess arrives she will be put on the Washdemoak route in opposition to the Crystal Stream.

The Beatrice Waring will be launched in a few days and will go on the Bellisle route and the Springfield on the Fredericton-Gagetown run, leaving Fredericton each morning. Here the Victoria will be met by the steamer Aberdeen, which will go on the route as soon as the Fredericton-Woodstock season is over, which only lasts for a few days in the spring and a few trips in the fall.

It will be a case of pay your money and take your choice and the survival of the fittest. One who knew river steamer man remarked to the St. John Herald this morning that he would not be surprised if there would be lots of shares in river steamers for sale cheap this fall.

It is understood that the residents of Chatham were assisting the subscriber of placing a fast steamer on the Grand Lake route.

DR. WARNEFORD BURNED OUT.

HAMPSTEAD, N. B., April 29.—Fire broke out in the woodshed at the rear of the residence of Dr. E. H. Warnford, Hampstead, at 1:15 this morning, and spread quickly to the barn, where the horse, carriage and a large quantity of hay were consumed. The residence containing offices was also burned, only a few articles being saved.

A horse pump and water from the Fredericton-St. John route saved the residence of Rev. E. A. Warnford and adjoining buildings. The house was insured for \$1500 in the Liverpool, London and Globe.

KENT CO.

Arrested on a Charge of Burglary—Seriously Ill—County Court's Sole Case.

(Special to the Sun.)

RICHIBUCTO, N. B., April 29.—The County Court opened on Tuesday, Judge W. Fraser, presiding. The only case was that of Frasier, of Harcourt, versus Edward Hannah, of Hexton. This was an action brought to recover a horse seized from the plaintiff. The jury discharged H. H. James for plaintiff, J. D. Phinney and W. D. Carter for defendant.

J. W. R. Jardine's store at Jardineville was broken into a few nights ago and twenty-five dollars and a quantity of goods were stolen. The thief, a Frenchman, was arrested yesterday charged with the crime.

John Fother, of Kouchibouguac, one of the worst burglars in the county, is seriously ill. Dr. Power visited him twice this week in consultation with Dr. Du Ollid.

Lynn, Mass., April 29.—Building Labor Union No. 14 at a special meeting tonight voted to order a general strike of building contractors who have not signed their acceptance of the new wage schedule of \$10 a day for 40 hours work. Five brass have signed the schedule.

### MONCTON.

Several Cases of Smallpox Discovered at Irishtown.

Deaths of Edward G. Trites and R. M. A. Manuel—Salary Increase in the I. O. O. F. General Office.

MONCTON, April 29.—Robert Hutchinson, well known to the traveling public as clerk of the Hotel Mintz, has severed his connection with that house and accepted a similar position at the Hotel Brunswick. Mr. Hutchinson enters upon his new position on Monday next.

Several mild cases of smallpox have been discovered near Irishtown, on the border between Kent and Westmorland and about 10 miles from Moncton. Several houses have been quarantined and the school closed.

Edward George, son of E. T. Trites, postmaster of the I. O. O. F., died this morning after a protracted illness. The deceased young man was 22 years of age.

The transcript this afternoon publishes the following salary increase in the I. O. O. F. general office, dating from March last: Chief engineer, J. C. Burpee, \$300; H. C. Williams, \$300; R. A. French, \$150; M. McKeen, \$150; C. H. Carmen, \$50; Chas. Cooke, \$150. Engineers of maintenance: J. C. Burpee, \$300; H. Jardine, \$300; J. Hamilton, \$300; E. O. Condon, \$300.

R. M. A. Manuel of the I. C. R. audit office died this morning, aged 57 years. He leaves a widow and one son, Chas. Manuel, St. John.

MONCTON, April 29.—At a meeting of the school trustees and members of the Evangelical Alliance a resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to the lieutenant-governor praying for compulsory education. The resolution states that many parents do not see the necessity of sending their children to school; that truancy is prevalent; that impropriety and crime are the result, and that the time has arrived when the school law of the province should be supplemented with some measure whereby upon vote of a city or district it shall be compulsory for parents to place their children under instruction in school for at least a definite portion of each year until the children are of the age of fourteen years. The petition also believes that urgent necessity exists for a further amendment of the school law aimed at securing for children under fourteen years of age, who may be working in factories or other industrial establishments in the province a given number of hours schooling per week during the ordinary working hours of each factory or industrial establishment.

George E. Brown, of Moncton, who has two sons, Guy and Otto, in the U. S. Marine Corps, has received word that the former, who was nineteen years of age, fell from a vessel off the coast of Formosa on March 29th. The vessel was wrecked by a run of water. The body was not recovered.

At an adjourned meeting of the board of trade and citizens, held tonight, a resolution was passed regarding the permanent exhibition movement, the substance of which is now assured. It is proposed to form a joint stock company to be known as the Moncton Exhibition Association Company, limited, and a bill for incorporation will be forwarded to the lieutenant-governor. The stock list has been opened and over two thousand dollars subscribed, almost without solicitation. No doubt the full amount will be subscribed within the next few days. Several sites are available, but the opinion of tonight's meeting was unanimously in favor of a site this city being covered about 25 or 30 acres being required for driving park and exhibition grounds.

### BOSTON.

Will of a Rich Nova Scotian Now Being Adjusted—Easport Bank Officer Confessed and Paid Fine of \$650.

(Special to the Sun.)

BOSTON, April 28.—The contest over the will of L. J. Morton of this city, in which several Nova Scotians and institutions in that province were interested, has reached a stage where all matters in dispute are now being adjudicated by the Suffolk County probate court having obtained the original document to stand upon opposition being withdrawn. Mr. Morton's estate is valued at fully \$25,000. The will was opposed when it was filed for probate, those objecting to it being George E. Lyford and Charles Morton of Halifax, nephews of the testator. After bequests to several institutions given below, Mrs. Beatrice C. Tupper and Adele J. Lyman of Cambridgeport were given one-fourth of the estate each and the remaining half is given to Mrs. A. Millicent Sutherland, executrix.

The following are the bequests to charitable institutions, etc.: \$1,000 to the Association for the Improvement of the Poor, Halifax, and \$500 each to Blind Asylum, St. Mark's church, the Dispensary and Protestant Orphans Home, all of Halifax.

Mr. Horton died last January.

To the charge of smuggling 3,000 boxes of herring from Campobello to Eastport, Wilfred S. Alexander, assistant cashier of the Trust National Bank of that city pleaded nolo contendere when arraigned in the United States district court at Portland. He had been previously indicted by the grand jury. Judge Hale fined Alexander a total of \$500 and costs, and he was freed.

### BOBBS FOR MEXICO.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 28.—An agreement for the settlement of the Boer colony in Mexico has been completed. Eighty-three thousand acres of ranch land has been obtained in the State of Chihuahua. General W. E. Snyman will bring on fifty families now in New York. He expects to settle 1,000 more in Mexico on another tract.

### POISONED BY PATENT MEDICINE

Child Dies in Agony of Strychnine Poisoning.

Two-year Old Daughter of Theo. Vanwart Apparently the Victim of Drugs in Liver Pills.

A little two-year-old daughter of Theodore Vanwart of 21 Metcalf street, north end, died in painful convulsions about one o'clock yesterday afternoon shortly after taking an overdose of some medicine of her mother's, which it was thought, had been placed beyond the reach of her and the other children in the family. The drug which it is supposed caused her death, was contained in pills of a well known proprietary brand advertised for liver, kidney and intestinal troubles. The box, containing three or four of these pills, had been hidden by Mrs. Vanwart in a bureau drawer.

Shortly before twelve o'clock yesterday the little one, whose name was Roberta Kitchener Vanwart, ran to her mother gleefully with the information that she had taken her pills. Questioned closely, she said she had eaten some sweet little pills she found in a box in the bureau. When Mrs. Vanwart found the empty box her eyes darted anxiously to the child. She then denied that she had taken them. Perplexed, the mother began looking around to see if they had not been emptied in the drawer or on the floor, while she was doing was attracted by a sharp cry of pain of the little one, who almost immediately went into convulsions. She was at once put in a hot bath and Dr. McIntyre was summoned. When he arrived the child was in strong tetanic convulsions, and he suspected that she had taken strychnine poisoning, he at once administered antidotes and did all that was possible for the little sufferer. But his aid came too late, for about an hour after the pills were taken death ensued.

Dr. McIntyre said last night that the symptoms exhibited were certainly those of strychnine poisoning. The tetanic convulsions and rigidity were very pronounced, and as it is peculiar in poisoning from that drug, the patient was conscious until shortly before death, although suffering great agony. No knowledge precisely what medicine it was that she had taken, he stated, however, unable without further examination to state positively that strychnine or any other poisonous drug was given to the child. Though the formulae of most of these patent medicines were kept secret, it was probable that strychnine in some concealed quantity was present in many of them.

Mr. Vanwart, who is a limeman formerly in the employ of the Street Railway Company in St. John's, Newfoundland, where he is working for the Reid company. The sad news was wired to him yesterday, and a reply was received late yesterday stating it would be impossible for him to sail for home before Saturday. Mrs. Vanwart, who was nearly frantic with grief, was completely prostrated by the news. There are two other children, both boys, older than the dead child.

### DORCHESTER.

Funeral of Late Hance W. Masters—Probate Court Business.

(Special to the Sun.)

DORCHESTER, N. B., April 30.—The Westmorland County Probate Court was in session yesterday and disposed of two estates as follows:

The estate of Isaac Allen, will proved citations issued to pass accounts Powell & Co., solicitors.

No. 2 estate of Hannah Spence, widow, heirs of administrator, styled and called Alfred T. Spence, Powell & Co., solicitors.

The funeral of the late Hance W. Masters took place this afternoon. The services in the Episcopal church were conducted by Rev. E. Wood and Rev. Dr. Campbell, and at the grave by Rev. E. H. Thomas. The Royal Arms and other burial services. Flags were half masted and business was suspended throughout the town.

### DIED AT GAGGETOWN.

The death is announced at Gagetown of Miss Sara DeBlois Peters, the deceased lady was a daughter of the late Hon. Henry Peters, at one time a resident of this city, and a partner in business with the late Mr. Wiggins. On retiring from business he removed to Gagetown. He was for some years a member of the Legislative Council and afterwards was registrar of Queens Co. The deceased lady was one of a large family of daughters and enjoyed the good will of all who knew her.

ALL ST. JOHN MEN.

FREDERICTON, April 30.—The petitioners for the bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Atlantic Railway Company, which was presented yesterday, are James Manchester, Howard D. Troop, Charles N. Skinner, William H. Thorne, Alex. E. Barahall, Arthur I. Truman, and Thomas Bullock.

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