

A Shark Delivers Mail.

How Captain Cole of the Schooner Viola Had a Paper Brought to Him in Bay Chaleur.

A fish story comes from Bay Chaleur, which, if it were not for the subsequent explanation, would be the best on record. As it is, the affair was the cause of no little nervousness among the crew of the schooner concerned.

The body was hooked and hauled on board. Then it was opened and the crew were thunderstruck to find in the stomach a late issue of a newspaper directed to Captain Cole. Where did it come from was the question, and some of the men were almost inclined to the belief that the shark had been engaged by the marine and post office departments to act as special delivery messenger. They did not know what to make of it and would probably have been wondering yet only for the next thing that happened.

CAPE BRETON ELECTIONS

Have as Yet Caused Little Excitement.

SYDNEY, Dec. 4.—The county of Cape Breton is once more thrown into the throes of an election, though as yet the large majority of the electors appear to take but little interest in the contest, which lies between the liberals and the labor party, the conservatives having declined to put a candidate in the field, preferring to reserve their forces until the general elections probably next year.

AN UNLUCKY ENGINE.

Charles Weldon, of Kent County, Dead as Result of Kick From Horse

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 5.—Ill luck seems to follow L.C.R. locomotive 238—last week in the wreck at Oxford Junction, now in the shops for repairs. While Charles O'Neill, a boiler maker, was taking some rivets out of the boiler this morning, with his assistant, the sledge hammer slipped from his hands and knocked O'Neill unconscious. A bad wound was inflicted, requiring several stitches, but no serious consequences are anticipated.

LATE PRINCIPAL CAVEN

Was Buried Yesterday -- Funeral Largely Attended.

TORONTO, Dec. 5.—The funeral of the late Principal Caven was attended by an immense concourse of people, citizens of all classes and creeds turning out. Private service was held in the morning at the residence on Spadina avenue, after which the body lay in Knox College for a time, being viewed by a great many people, public service commencing at 2 o'clock. The procession to the cemetery included the lieutenant governor and premier of Ontario, representatives of all the Canadian colleges, city council, etc.

STEAMSHIP ASHORE.

PORT WILLIAM, Dec. 4.—The steamship Turlet Court, loaded with 10,400 bushels of wheat, went ashore this morning at White Fish Point.

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WANT LOWER RATE.

Woodstock Board of Trade Adopt Resolution Favoring St. John River Route for New Railway.

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RUMOR THAT JAPANESE WERE AGAIN REPULSED.

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MUKDEN, Dec. 5.—There is a persistent rumor that the force of Japanese sent to turn General Rennenkämpf's flank has been repulsed with great loss. The story is not yet officially confirmed, but details are given with great circumstantiality. It is stated that General Rennenkämpf, who knew the movement was maturing, awaited the Japanese at the mouth of one of the captured passes, and that the Japanese turning force threw themselves unsuspectingly into the ambush, where, after the fight, the Russians collected 500 Japanese corpses. It is feared that there are 1,000 more Japanese corpses which it has been impossible to collect owing to the fire of the Japanese. This does not include the Russian loss in wounded. The Russian loss, according to this account, was only thirty or forty men.

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 5.—A bronze tablet recently placed in St. Paul's Church in memory of Major Guy Howard of the United States army, who was killed in the Philippines in 1899, was dedicated today. Rev. E. Y. Bliss, the pastor of the church, accepted the tablet in the presence of a large gathering. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 5.—A young German who has given the name of Degault, who came to this city from Manchester, N. H., is dying in a lodging house as a result of swallowing an ounce of arsenic. He drank the poison while dependent. He is about twenty years of age. BREST, France, Dec. 5.—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Protivnik, which sailed yesterday for Tangleur, was met by the British torpedo boat and put into Camaret Bay yesterday evening through stress of weather, in a dangerous position owing to the continuance of the gale. Her commander has telegraphed to Brest for assistance. PARIS, Dec. 5.—The report that France has given adhesion to Russian overtures for a modification of the treaty of Paris so as to permit the Black Sea fleet to pass through the Bosphorus, is officially denied. SALONICA, Dec. 5.—A Greek band on December 3 murdered twenty-four Bulgarians in the village of Aitos, near Sorovitch. An order was issued today for the mobilization of sixteen battalions of Monastir Redifs. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 5.—Kadizoff, Kugloff and Alexieff, the assassins of General Strandman's wife, who with a valet was murdered and robbed April 12 last in the Strandman residence, admitted their guilt, were sentenced today, Kadizoff to life imprisonment and the others to twenty years each. PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 5.—The fight tonight between Bartley Connolly of this city and Max Cote of Biddeford, culminated in the second round, when exceptions on the part of Cote's friends were taken to an alleged foul blow. A mix-up ensued and the police put an end to the exhibition. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5.—The official figures for the attendance at the World's Fair were made public today. The total attendance was 18,741,073, and that of the closing day, Dec. 1st, 203,301. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 5.—The official vote of South Carolina for president follows: Parker, 52,883; Roosevelt, 2,271; Watson, 1. GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 5.—Geo. Ashley of Fall River and "Blink" McCloskey of Philadelphia fought fifteen rounds in a draw before the Gloucester Athletic Club tonight. DIED TOGETHER. Two Young Men Suffocated in a Room Full of Gas. NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—That two young men, who were found dead today, locked in each other's arms, entered into an agreement to commit suicide simultaneously by gas, is the belief of the police. They were James Gibbons and James Moran, the former of whom had been employed as a penman at the St. Louis Exposition. Their bodies lay in a small room on the top floor of a Second Avenue house. According to the information gained by the police, Gibbons hired the room a short time ago under an assumed name, and on Sunday while he and Moran were at the house he was reproached by his mother for dissipated habits. The youth assured her that she would not have cause to chide him much longer. The room was thick with gas when the young men's non-appearance today led to an investigation, and all possible openings to outside air had been stuffed with pieces of newspaper. WE MUST GO from heated rooms to the cold outer air, and the change sets off your coughing. Curing winter colds is not hard if you take Allen's Lung-Balms. A neglected cold is troublesome and dangerous.

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BACK FROM AFRICA. DR. CHADWICK

Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Duval Has Cabled His Wife's Attorney.

Home on a Visit. They Are the First Missionaries Who Have Established Themselves on the West Coast.

Sympathizes With Her in Her Trouble and Regrets That He is Unable to be With Her.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, the husband of Cassia L. Chadwick, whose financial troubles have been undergoing threshing out proceedings for the past week, has come out with a brief statement from Africa, situated about two hundred and fifty miles from Lagos, on the west coast. Rev. Mr. Duval has been in Africa about three years and a half, requesting that gentleman to disclose, requesting that gentleman to deny the published statement reflecting on Mrs. Chadwick's life and character. "They were absolutely false," the cablegram reads. "I wish to have it understood that I stand by Mrs. Chadwick in every particular in her present troubles. I feel she has been greatly wronged by the publication, and I believe she is being persecuted by some of her creditors."

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