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WEATHER Moderate northerly winds, fair and cold today. Wednesday, southeast shifting to west winds, unsettled, with light snow or sleet.

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ONE CENT

A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY IN A SHEFFIELD ST. HOUSE; A WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Second Women Reported Dying as Result of Her Injuries.

Clara McGuigan and Margaret Hayes the Victims --- Fire Discovered About 12.30---Comparatively Little Damage Done to House --- The McGuigan Woman's Clothes Burned Entirely Off.

As a result of a mysterious fire in a Sheffield street house shortly after noon, Clara McGuigan a well known resident of that section was burned to death and Margaret Hayes also well known to the police is at the hospital and will probably die.

Emma Dickson's Story

Diligent enquiry on Sheffield street in the vicinity of the terrible tragedy, after matters had quieted down, failed to get any connected story as to how it happened or what the cause was of the blaze. There are various stories leading to suggestion of causes. A Times man sought out Emma Dickson and found her considerably quieted down.

Clara McGuigan was about forty-one years of age, and a native of England. She had resided on Sheffield street for over ten years. Her maiden name is not obtainable at time of writing, but she was a well known character, being known as English Clara, having married a St. John man.

Terrible Injuries

Conner Beryman will hold an inquest. Margaret Hayes, who is about forty-five years of age, was terribly burned when the fire department arrived. She is in a semi-conscious condition and with all possible haste was taken to the hospital in the ambulance, accompanied by members of the Salvage Corps.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, March 17 (Special)—News was received here this morning of the death at Gloucester, of John A. Denahoe, son of John Denahoe, of this city. He was for some years employed as a clerk in the provincial secretary's office, and removed to Gloucester about a year ago.

EQUITY COURT

The regular monthly session of the equity court was held this morning His Honor Chief Justice Barker presiding. In the matter of Harris vs the Moncton Exhibition Association postponement was granted on application of M. G. Teed until the 20th inst. D. Hazen vs. The case of the Attorney General vs. The St. John Lumber Co. was allowed to stand.

TONIGHT'S FIGHT

Tommy Burns and Jim Roche to Ba'le for World's Championship in Dublin.

DUBLIN, March 17—Ireland has never taken greater interest in any sporting event than it is manifesting in the fight today between Tommy Burns and J. W. Roche for the heavy weight championship of the world. It has practically overshadowed the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Dublin at least. This intense interest arises mainly because this is the first time in years that an Irishman has fought in his own country for the championship. There is also a deep seated feeling that Roche will be able to wrench the honors from his Canadian opponent.

POLICE COURT

In the case of Longlais vs. Thibodeau, motion was made for an injunction restraining the sale of real estate under power contained mortgage. Order made. A rap on the nose is all the thanks Patrolman McNamee got for interfering in an ugly encounter between Joseph Heelan and John Ferrish a colored man yesterday afternoon.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR SYDNEY

SYDNEY, March 17 (Special)—A prospectus has just been issued by Messrs. B. Dickenson and John V. Calver, the latter formerly of the staff of the Dominion Hotel, for the purpose of floating a company to be known as the Marine & General Engineering Co. Ltd., of Sydney, Cape Breton.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT TO MONTREAL TRAIN

A peculiar accident happened to the Montreal train today when it arrived in the depot. Just as it was about to start a standstill the coupling between two cars in the centre of the train broke and as the air brake was instantly applied by the snapping of the connecting hose the cars stopped before they had gone a distance of more than 5 feet. Had the break occurred before the train reached the station quite a delay would have been caused.

MILLINERS FLOGGING TO ST. JOHN NOW

Wholesale Millinery Openings of Local Firms Will be Held Tomorrow.

The Very Latest Ideas in Up-to-Date Head Gear for the Fashionable Madames and Misses.

Already the milliners from all over the province are gathering for the big wholesale millinery openings which are to be held tomorrow.

Brook & Paterson, M. R. A., Limited and the Leason House Wholesale all made excellent displays that will no doubt delight the hearts of the buyers and give them many anxious moments in the making of selections.

This spring's styles give promise of being very popular as they are all neat, attractive and wearable models, while the trimming and adornments are very tasty.

WARSHIPS ORDERED TO SCENE

The French cruiser D'Estrees has been hurriedly ordered here from Santiago de Cuba, where she went to coal, and the British cruiser Indefatigable, now at Kingston, Jamaica, has been instructed to steam for this port.

CHILD EATS FIFTY PILLS

She Died in Agony Before Medical Aid Came. MONTREAL, March 17 (Special)—A little girl named Germaine Pagnais, residing with her parents at 186 Lasalle street, was found dead yesterday in a strange way. While playing in the cupboard she found a box containing fifty purgative pills, and thinking they were candy, ate all of them. Medical aid proved fruitless and she died.

A REIGN OF TERROR HAS BEEN INCEPTED IN HAYTI; MASSACRE OF CAPTIVES

Taken From Their Beds Before Dawn of Day and Shot Near Cemetery.

Port au Prince is in a State of Panic --- Foreign Warships Ordered to Scene at Once --- Streets Almost Deserted and Only Officials Dare Show Themselves---Situation is Now Terribly Complicated.

NEW YORK, March 17—Details of the terrible massacre of political prisoners at Port au Prince, Hayti, are given in the following special cable to the New York Herald. The cable comes from Port au Prince, under Sunday's date.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Sunday.—A reign of terror has suddenly been inaugurated here. Horace Coicou, Pierre Louis Coicou and Massillon Coicou, brothers, the first an artist, the second a pharmacist and the third an author of high standing; Felix Salnave, a well known resident of Port-au-Prince; General Alloupiou, Casimir Merce, father-in-law of the chief of police, and M. Merce's son; Doctor La Mothe, Paul St. Fort and two others not so well known, MM. Roche and Benjamin, were taken out of their houses this morning and summarily shot near the cemetery.

This is the first act of the administration of General Villardouin Leconte, the minister of foreign affairs, and M. Borno, the new minister of state, who was Haytian minister to Santo Domingo. The proposed arrangements with France permitting those in the consulate at Gonaves to leave the country on their giving a solemn pledge not to return.

FOREIGNERS TERRORIZED

The greatest excitement prevails here. Foreigners are terrorized and are waiting for a warship. Many refugees are in the German and French legations. The government says it has captured other letters from General Firm and complains that he is using the French consul for conspiring, which the French consul energetically denies.

THE TIMBER SCANDALS

OTTAWA, March 17 (Special)—Before the public accounts committee today A. W. Fraser of Ottawa was examined in regard to tenders for timber berths. He stated that the Imperial Pulp Co. was composed of Sir Daniel McMillan, lieutenant governor of Manitoba, Thos. Burrows, M. P., and Mr. Pettinson, secretary of Winnipeg. He was acting in several cases for Mr. Burrows. Mr. Fraser said that in some cases he used the name of W. H. Nolan, Montreal in tendering for berths, having the authority of Nolan to do so. He said he never received any information in regard to tenders from officer's department.

YORK COUNTY COURT

FREDERICTON, March 17 (Special)—Judge Wilson presided at the March term of the York county court, which opened here this morning. There was no criminal business and the civil docket consisted of only three cases. In William Richards vs. William Roche, no defense was offered, and the court assessed the damages at \$238. The case of F. B. Edgemoor vs. R. L. Black, was stood over until Friday and Gill vs. Gill, an appeal case, was postponed until the same time.

DIED IN THE WEST

AMHERST, March 17 (Special)—The body of George Carter, a young man, who died from injuries received while working on the C. P. R. construction work at Cranbrook, B. C., about three weeks ago, arrived last night, accompanied by a young man sent by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company out of respect to the deceased, who was a very popular employe. The body will be taken to Dorchester for burial today. Mr. Carter leaves a father and mother, three brothers and one sister.

ENGAGEMENT IS DENIED

ROME, March 17—A denial is made at the Italian court of a marriage engagement between the Duke of the Abruzzi, a cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, and Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins, of West Virginia. The Duke of the Abruzzi, it was stated, is expected to be in Rome on March 28, to be present at a banquet by the Prince of Monaco on Oceanography.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE GREEN HILLS. A gentleman with just a hint of a smile in his voice expected the reporter who the Times new reporter wrote. "You remember how green the hills were as you saw them from the deck of the steamer going down toward Moville? And the quaint villages—and the cottages—and the cliffs by the shore? Aye, that's where I'd like to be today. And do you remember the bit of turf you carried away from the cabin near the old ruined castle at Moville? And the ride from Belfast to the Giant's Causeway? And the stories the boy told you about Finn McCool? And the ladies of your party that were afraid to row into the great cove? And the ride to Dublin? And the girls in Phoenix Park? And the girls you fitted with on the voyage over to Wales—the drive that were going to Manchester? Well—I needn't talk to you—but if you were I today—you'd want to be in sight of the green hills, and among the red beds of Sharnock. God bless you, boy—it's St. Patrick's Day."

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