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DOUBLE DROWNING OFF BRIER ISLAND

Two Fishermen the Victims

Dory Capsized and Leslie McDormand Sank Shortly After--Murray Gower Made Gallant But Vain Struggle to Keep Afloat Till Sloop Came to His Assistance.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Digby, N. S., Dec. 25--Another drowning accident occurred off Brier Island last night, which has made a gloomy Christmas at Westport today. A large fishing sloop manned by Capt. William McDormand, Edward Cousins, Murray Gower and Leslie McDormand was returning from the fishing grounds...

The sloop was then equated away to save Gower, who had a small trawl log in each hand and was keeping aloft apparently with considerable ease. As the sloop neared him, he was seen to wave his arms, and to shout "Please save me boys, if you can." Mr. Cousins said, "Keep cool and we'll get you." A line was then thrown over near him but he paid no attention to the rope. As the sloop came up in the wind the poor fellow went down and did not appear again. It is not possible that the bodies will ever be recovered. Both men were single. Leslie McDormand was aged 22. He is survived by his parents Captain and Mrs. William McDormand, two sisters and two brothers. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and very popular in his native town. Murray Gower was 18 or 19 years of age. He was a son of Captain Gower and is survived by his parents, three sisters and seven brothers. He was a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and highly respected by all who know him. The affair has cast a gloom over the people of Long and Brier Islands.

NEGRO SOLDIERS FIRE INTO A CROWDED STREET CAR

Several Passengers Injured and Fourteen of the Rioters Arrested.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Dec. 25--Fourteen soldiers, the majority of whom are troopers of the Ninth Cavalry (colored) were arrested today in connection with the riot on a street car last night, when a number of shots were fired into a loaded car and several passengers were slightly injured by broken glass.

TERRIBLE SHOOTING AFFRAY BETWEEN MINERS AND GUARDS

Three Dead and Four Fatally Wounded--Strikers Have Been Out a Year.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 25--Three men were killed and four fatally wounded in a fight last night between guards employed by the West Kentucky Coal Company at Sturgis, Union county, and the striking miners at that place. The dead:

C. J. Dougherty, mine guard, Billy Malloy, miner. The wounded are: K. M. Moore, mine guard; Sam Barnaby, miner; William Goch, miner; Henry Delaney, miner.

The fight occurred in a down-town street, about one mile from the mine, but just what precipitated the fight is not known. It broke out suddenly, and continued until about twenty-five shots were exchanged. The members of the miners' union have been on strike for the past year. The coal company has been working non-union men under guard, and serious trouble has been expected. The fight caused a panic and a reign of terror existed for an hour.

PRIEST DROPS DEAD PUTTING ON VESTMENTS

Denison, Tex., Dec. 25--Rev. T. K. Crawley, of St. Patrick's church, while putting on his vestments to celebrate high mass, dropped dead today. He served as a chaplain in a New York regiment through-

KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN ON C. P. R.

Peter Larsen Mangled Almost Beyond Recognition Near Enniskillen, N. B.

ASLEEP ON TRACK

Report Says He Had Been Drinking, and Had Lain Down Across Rail--Said Train Was Held Long Time for Clearance--Man Died as He Was Being Brought to Welsford.

Mangled and cut, almost beyond recognition by a fast-moving freight train, Peter Larsen was found lying across the railroad track near Gaspereaux station on the C. P. R., about 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Larsen was not dead when, after the train had been stopped, he was picked up, but he expired soon after.

He was a Dane and was employed by Wilham Howard, of Gaspereaux station, to do chores about his place. After a conversation with some men at the Gaspereaux station house, who say he had been drinking heavily, Larsen started to walk to Enniskillen, about three miles distant. It is said that he laid down and fell asleep on the track and when a freight train, No. 23, bound for west St. John, came along he was not seen in time to stop the train. It is said that nearly the entire train passed over him and that when picked up afterwards he resembled a bundle of rags more than a human being. He was picked up and placed on the train, but it is said the train was held at a station a long time for clearance orders. It was decided to bring the man to Welsford but just before Clarendon was reached he died. His body was brought to Welsford, where it was placed under guard, pending the receipt of instructions from the coroner, who was notified. An inquest will likely be held.

Larsen was about forty-five years of age. He had no relatives in this country. He had some friends in Fairville, who were being sought after by the C. P. R. last evening.

WEALTHY WOMAN LIVED IN POVERTY; DIED A SUICIDE

Mrs. Balfour, Who Drowned Herself at Los Angeles, Left Large Estate to the Poor and Relatives.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25--A story of remarkable interest is behind the suicide of Mrs. Mary Elsie Balfour, 55 years of age, who was today dragged from the depths of East Park Lake, where she had thrown herself last night. The woman lived alone in a shanty and was seen to enter the park unaccompanied last night.

In the suicide's handbag, on a torn envelope, there was scrawled in an almost illegible hand: "M. E. Balfour, 17 Turner street. My will is in the little trunk on the table. I want to be cremated."

Following the directions, the will was made known to the executor, who found in it that the woman disposed of large amounts of money, which she gives to relatives and the poor. It provides that after the expenses of cremating her body are defrayed, her money in the Hibernal Bank of San Francisco shall be distributed among the poor of San Francisco, preferably to five victims of the Copenhagen Bank are willed to the citizens of Copenhagen and Nestled, the latter place being referred to as the birthplace of the woman. An amount in the German bank of San Francisco and all other monies are willed to the woman's cousins, Julia Lorenzen, of Copenhagen, and Peter and Henry Lorenzen, of Nestled. She bequeaths considerable jewelry to her sister, Edvardine Nielsen, of Nestled.

The mayors of Copenhagen and Nestled are designated as executors of that portion of her estate and they are directed to give it to the poor. The will indicates that the woman passed through the San Francisco disaster and that the ordeal had affected her mind.

WOMAN CHURCH ORGANIST SUICIDES

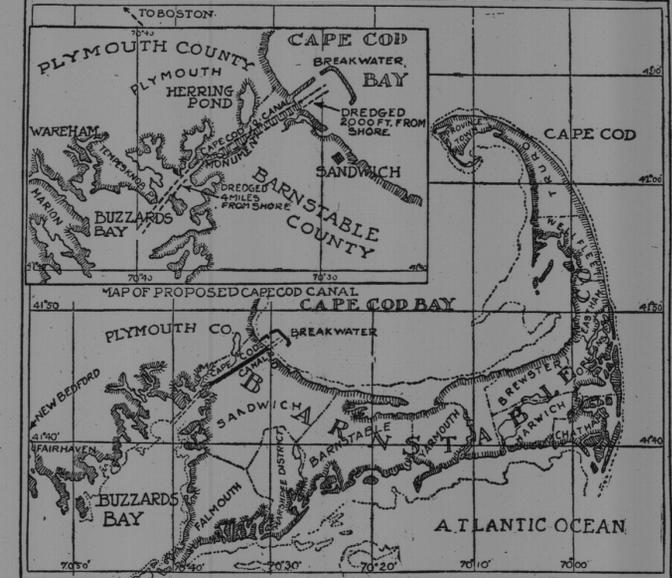
Wilmington, N. J., Dec. 25--Miss Elizabeth Hill, thirty-three years old, organist at the Readville Presbyterian church, and prominent in church work at Readville, where she resided, committed suicide at her home today by cutting her throat and then jumping into a cistern beneath the kitchen floor. Her body was found a short time afterwards.

Miss Hill's mother, with whom she lived, could give no reason for her daughter's suicide.

Three Trainmen Killed. Price, Utah, Dec. 25--Rio Grande passenger train No. 3 west bound, collided with a freight engine standing on a siding near Mounds, seventeen miles east of here, early today. Three trainmen were killed. The cars were not badly damaged and none of the passengers were hurt.

Sir William Howland Very Ill. Toronto, Dec. 25--(Special)--Sir William Howland, who is approaching ninety-six years, is dangerously ill.

ROUTE OF WATERWAY TO CONNECT CAPE COD WITH BUZZARD'S BAY



New York, Dec. 24--New York will be 140 miles nearer to Boston by sea and seventy-six miles closer by the Sound route upon completion of the proposed canal, which long mooted project has been actively resuscitated through recent absorption of a controlling interest by August Belmont & Co. Estimates from such data as are available indicate that a tonnage of coastwise trade of 22,000,000 tons now passes annually around Cape Cod by all or partly open sea routes. The major portion of this is expected to be diverted through the canal by the very low tariff promised and the averting of delay and danger associated through a greater part of the year with navigation in the stormy waters and sweeping tides off Cape Cod and the fog which menace craft there; as also in treacherous Vineyard Sound, a part of the "inside" route. Most of the tonnage is coal, and cheaper fuel for the mills of northern New England is one of the most important commercial prospects of the proposed canal building. From the shore of Buzzard's Bay, beginning in the town of that name, the canal is to be cut through the narrowest part of Cape Cod, the terminus of Massachusetts Bay being at Barnstable. From Shoals in Buzzard's Bay will require dredging for an additional distance of four and one-half miles, according to Mr. Parsons' engineers' report, and will make the total length of canal building twelve miles, with a depth throughout at low tide of twenty-five feet. It follows the valley of the Monument and Scusset rivers and is so straight that the maximum deviation is only 6,000 feet, or about half a mile on each side of a straight line. No engineering problem faces the building. Mr. Parsons said, and it is simply a question of removing so many million cubic feet of earth.

SERIOUS BLAZE AT FREDERICTON

Business Building Practically Destroyed--Hatt, Morrison & Co. Suffer

NO CHRISTMAS SPORTS

Mild Weather Interfered With Curling, Horse Races, Etc.--Usual Services in the Churches--A Plucky Capture of a Runaway Team.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 25--The two and one half story wooden building on Campbell street, owned by Fred S. Williams, of Maryville, was badly damaged by fire between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning. The flames originated in the upper part of the building and made great headway before being discovered. A strong northerly wind prevailed at the time and sent showers of sparks flying over a block but fortunately it had been raining during the evening and they did no damage. The firemen kept two streams of water playing upon the building for over two hours and succeeded in extinguishing the flames after the roof had been burned off and the second story badly gutted.

The lower portion of the building is under lease to Hatt, Morrison & Co. and was filled with heavy groceries, which suffered considerable damage from water. Frank Mason used the second story for a blacksmith shop and lost most of his tools and stock. The damage to the building is between \$60 and \$1,000 and is covered by insurance. The same building was gutted by fire a few years ago. The intention of the owner is to have repairs made at once.

Wm. H. Taylor, barrister, of Calgary, returned here today to visit his wife, Alexander Howland, of Maryville, died last night, aged fifty. He is survived by his wife and four children. The body will be taken to Millville for burial.

A Plucky Capture of a Runaway. George Clynek made a plucky capture of a runaway horse on Queen street today. The animal started near the lower end of the city and Clynek made an attempt to leap into the pump as it was passing the post office. Although the animal was traveling at a breakneck pace Clynek succeeded, crawled out on the shafts, pulled the reins up from the ground and brought the runaway to a standstill.

The holiday passed over more quietly than is usually the case here. Special services were concluded in several of the churches this morning and brought out fair sized congregations. On account of the soft weather, the curling match between presidents and vice-presidents had to be postponed.

Homeless men were unable to use the new winter speedway at the trotting park but a number were out on government Lane this afternoon and had several exciting races. (Continued on page 7, seventh column.)

CANADIAN RAILWAYS CONTRACT TO SPEND \$62,000,000 ON LINES

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Dec. 25--The railways of Canada, according to a special article in the Globe tomorrow, have contracted for new construction and equipment this year more than \$62,000,000. The new lines under construction will total 3,114 miles, and the following expenditures are given: C. P. R., \$23,000,000; Canadian Northern, \$15,000,000; Grand Trunk, \$5,000,000; Grand Trunk Pacific, \$7,000,000; Great Northern, \$10,000,000, and Temiscaming & Northern Ontario, \$2,000,000.

FIRST FRENCH CHURCH CLOSED UNDER NEW LAW

Paris, Dec. 25--The first instance of the closing of a church under the separation law has occurred at Azay-sur-Indre, where the mayor in writing ordered the cure to leave both the presbytery and the church edifice, which he declared the communal authorities would take over in pursuance of the law. The cure consequently quitted the edifice, which was closed. The question of the legality of the mayor's action is arousing a considerable controversy.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTIONS FEB. 2

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Dec. 25--The British Columbia legislature has been dissolved, and elections will take place on Feb. 2.

BIG SNOW STORM AT MONTREAL KEPT BIG FORCE BUSY

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Dec. 25--Christmas was marked by a big snow storm in Montreal. Twenty-eight sweepers and several hundred men were required to keep the street car lines open.

AN ARMY OF POOR FED IN NEW YORK

Salvation Army Made Glad 25,000 With Christmas Dinners

"BIG" TIM'S GENEROSITY

East Side Politician Gathered 6,000 of the City's Wretched, Filled Them and Gave Each Shoes--Thaw rared Differently from 20,000 Criminals and Paupers.

New York, Dec. 25--New York celebrated today the most bounteous Christmas it has known in many years. Ideal winter weather--clear, cold and sunny--marked the day. It is seldom that New York does not turn out its myriads of thousands on holiday to take the transportation lines, but today it seemed that the city stayed at home for its dinner and other Christmas pleasures. To those who had not homes and a dinner, a feast was provided by the many charitable societies and no one had any excuse for going hungry.

Thirty-seven thousand of the city's poor shared in the distribution of Christmas dinners by the Salvation Army. Timothy D. Sullivan and the Bowers Mission. Five thousand baskets and 1,000 bags, each containing a fowl and "fixings" sufficient for a family of five persons or more, were distributed by Commander Eva Booth, of the Salvation Army at the Grand Central Palace from 11 to 1 o'clock. Tickets entitling the bearers to dinners, had been given out by members of the Salvation Army and the holders were admitted to the great hall in squads of 200 and presented with a basket of food.

The usual Christmas dinner at the palace was abandoned as Commander Booth was convinced that the recipients of the gifts preferred to take them to their own homes and prepare their dinners after their own fashion. They made it possible to add 1,000 bags to the amount usually distributed.

In the afternoon occurred the annual Christmas tree and distribution of more than 5,000 toys to the children. Commander Booth said that the poor had suffered more this year than last as the price of food and rents had been advanced.

Six Thousand in Sad Need. More than 6,000 of the homeless of the East Side partook of Christmas dinner at the Timothy D. Sullivan Association rooms in the Bowery. No distinctions were made between applicants except that the lame and blind were given preference in the line of those waiting for admission. The majority of those who came for food were evidently in sad need of clothing for many were without overcoats and hundreds wore only the remnants of shoes. The day was bitterly cold. As each man departed from the hall a pouchful of tobacco, a pipe and a ticket for a pair of shoes was given and then the hall was (Continued on page 7, seventh column.)

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CONGO SLAVES

BLUNDERS DIDN'T STOP WEDDING

Rev. Harold Clarke, China Missionary, Married to Miss Lillian O'Donnell

TELEGRAM WENT ASTRAY

Bride-elect, in Ignorance of Fier Lover's Arrival Till She Met Him by Accident at Fredericton Junction--Letter Arranging for Nuptials Also Side-tracked.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 25--The home of the Misses Clarke, on Markis street, was the scene of a pretty wedding this evening, when their nephew Rev. Harold Clarke, was united in marriage to Miss Lillian O'Donnell, of Doaktown, (N. B.). The bride looked lovely in a handsome dress of cream color with lace trimmings. They were unattended. The Presbyterian church having no pastor, Rev. Mr. Raimis, of Milltown, performed the ceremony. It being a quiet home wedding, none but immediate friends were present. The relatives of the groom were taken by surprise having but twelve hours notice in which to prepare for the event.

The groom, who is on a Presbyterian mission at Wei Wei Fu, Honan, China, sent a cablegram to his fiancée of the date of his arrival, but by some unaccountable blunder the message was not delivered to her.

Mr. Clarke having obtained a leave of absence for three months and taking advantage of the fact C. P. R. steamer and Overseas mail train from Vancouver, arrived at St. John on Friday and proceeded to the home of his bride, whom he met by accident at Fredericton, where he learned that no message had been received from him. He then wrote his aunt here that he would be home with his bride-elect. The letter went to Milltown in mistake so that when received the good people of his household had to hustle for the reception of the engaged couple.

"All's well that ends well," and after a few days here the happy couple will leave for a short visit to the home of the groom's sister in Toronto, before leaving again for his home in China. Rev. Mr. Clarke was born in St. Stephen, graduating from the High School, then attending at Dalhousie, where he received his degree, after which he was a teacher in the training school at San Fernando, Trinidad. After being ordained he had charge of Doaktown until his appointment four years ago to his present charge. The people of St. Stephen are proud of his position and ability as a clergyman and extend sincere congratulations to himself and bride.

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DIGBY PHYSICIAN MARRIED AT SANDY COVE

Dr. T. R. Ford and Miss Margaret Leary Wedded Monday Morning.

Digby, N. S., Dec. 25--A pleasant event took place in the Methodist church at Sandy Cove at 8 o'clock yesterday morning when Dr. T. R. Ford, of Digby, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. W. W. Leary, of Sandy Cove. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. B. Mack, pastor of the church.

The bride, who was unattended, wore a traveling suit of blue with hat to match. After luncheon had been served at the home of the bride's parents, the happy couple were conveyed to Digby and left on the east bound express for Milton, Queens county, the former home of the groom. After touring the province for a few days, Dr. and Mrs. Ford will return to Digby, where they will in future reside.

The church was very appropriately trimmed for the occasion and the wedding gifts were numerous and costly. The affair was kept very quiet and the genial doctor's most intimate friends here knew nothing about it until after the train had left for Halifax.

NEIL FLORENCE, AN ACTOR, DEAD FROM ILLUMINATING GAS

New York, Dec. 25--Neil Florence, an actor, 45 years old, was found dead in his room at a boarding house on West 23rd street today. The apartment was filled with illuminating gas which was escaping from two open jets. At the boarding house preparations had been made for a Christmas dinner to which a number of actors had been invited. Florence was expected to preside. His lifeless body was found on his bed when an servant was sent to call him for dinner.

Florence had recently returned to New York from a theatrical tour in the west. Masked Men Held Up Gambling Den. Goldfield, Cal., Dec. 24--Two masked men held up seventeen occupants of the best known gambling den, James F. Weldon, was married a few days ago to Miss Trites, daughter of Abner Trites, of this city. Mr. Weldon is the owner of more tenement houses than any other one man in Moncton. His income from rents being about \$6,000 yearly.

Want Atrocities Stopped

Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and Others Urge United States Secretary of State Root to Use His Good Offices to Prevent Further Barbarities.

New York, Dec. 25--A letter signed by J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and other prominent citizens of this city, was addressed to Secretary of State Elihu Root today, directing his attention to conditions in the Congo Free State where, it is asserted, "flagrant inhumanity exists," and urging him on behalf of the American people to use the "moral support" of the United States government to correct the abuses.



PIERPONT MORGAN

The communication reads: "Over a year has passed since the report of the commissioners chosen by the chief executive and virtual owner of the Congo to investigate conditions in that state was published. In spite of their natural desire to give all possible credit to their sovereigns, the commissioners felt constrained to report the existence of measures and practices of flagrant inhumanity. Among these measures and practices are the following: 1. The exaction of a labor tax so onerous that many natives on whom it falls have little if any freedom of movement. 2. Appropriation of land to such an extent that the natives are practically prisoners within their own territory. 3. Grave Charges. 4. The employment under the authority of the government as sentries of cruel, brutish employes, chosen from hostile tribes, who murder, pillage and rape the people for whose protection the government is avowedly established. 5. The abuse of the natives by white representatives of officially recognized companies. 6. The binding of little children to years of labor and uncertain wages by contract they do not understand, and even more serious, maltreatment of children supported by the immediate care of the government. 7. The sending out of punitive expeditions, not for the purpose of establishing peace, but for the purpose of terrifying the natives into paying a tax which, as administered, even the commissioners regard as inhuman. 8. It is to be remembered that these are not charges brought against the Congo government, but findings of the commission appointed by the chief executive of the government to investigate and report on the facts. Acting upon these findings, a second commission, also appointed by the king, has recommended measures of reform. No steps have been taken to adopt them. There is no evidence that the Congo government is undertaking seriously to remedy these evils. The powers which created the Congo government have insisted a right to call that government to account inasmuch as the United States gave its moral support to the establishment of the Congo government. It is justified in giving its moral support to any undertaking to secure conditions in the Congo that will not disgrace civilization. We wish to assure you that for any measure you may adopt in order to give the powers such moral support of the United States, you will have our earnest and urgent approval."

Dr. Lyman Abbott, of New York, and Dr. T. R. Ford, of Digby, N. S., are among the signers of the letter. The letter is being sent to Secretary Root by special messenger.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDS WIFE; THEN KILLS HIMSELF

New York, Dec. 25--John J. O'Rourke, twenty-eight years old, an electrician, shot and seriously wounded his wife, Lillian, aged twenty-four, and then killed himself with the same weapon early today at their home in Richmond Hill, Long Island. The shooting, the police say, followed a quarrel between the couple.

Mrs. O'Rourke was struck twice, once in the arm and in the head. Her husband, on seeing her fall to the floor, sent a bullet through his brain. Mrs. O'Rourke's wounds probably will not be fatal.

Wealthy Moncton Man Marries

Moncton, Dec. 25--(Special)--Moncton's best known landlord, James F. Weldon, was married a few days ago to Miss Trites, daughter of Abner Trites, of this city. Mr. Weldon is the owner of more tenement houses than any other one man in Moncton. His income from rents being about \$6,000 yearly.