

EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.

THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places An' Things of More than Ordinary Interest, Recorded in a Short Readable Form—Notes of The News.

Saturday. The steamer May Queen will receive freight for Grand Lake and Salmon River on and after Monday, the 22nd inst.

There was no change in the moulder-strike situation yesterday. It is proposed to arrange a base ball game for the benefit of the apprentices.

Mr. H. C. Tilley went to St. Marys yesterday in the interests of the Sun Insurance Company, which had \$500 on Mr. Jos. Smith's residence, destroyed by fire.

Zera Seaman, the magician, well-known in St. John, died down about a few days ago. He was a familiar figure round the old Mechanics' Institute and the theatre-going public will sincerely regret his death.

St. George's Society will celebrate this year by attending service on Sunday evening at Trinity church. On Tuesday, the president and Mrs. Walker will hold a reception from 4 to 6 o'clock, and in the evening the annual dinner will be held at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. T. F. Best, who will lecture in this city on April 30, on the "War in South Africa," passed through 33 engagements. He describes many of these in a graphic way, including the engagement in which Lieut. Borden and Birch lost their lives. Mr. Best was the Y. M. C. A. representative with the second contingent.

Superintendent McPeak, of the Shore Line Railway, arrived last evening, after completing repairs upon the Dryden, consequent upon the recent wash out. Near that station there was a wash out 200 feet long and six in depth. Connections have been made between St. John and St. Stephen, and this morning will see the line again in working order, and trains on schedule time.

The occurred last evening at his home, Douglas avenue, of Mr. Titus Whelpley, aged 70 years. Deceased was a native of Queens county, a ship carpenter by trade, but had, latterly, been in failing health, which a few weeks ago developed into an attack of paralysis. He was known by many throughout the city, and had been for fully 40 years a member of Main Street Baptist church. His wife survives, also a sister, Mrs. David Cronk, of St. John.

Mr. James P. McIntyre received a telegram last evening from Chicago, informing him of the death, in that city, of his cousin, Mr. Edward McIntyre, aged 24 years. Deceased was a son of Mr. Robert McIntyre, and will be remembered here by many young people, from a Chicago educational institution. His parents, and one brother, survive. The family left here about ten years ago.

Monday. Private George Smith, the soldier who lost both legs in a railway accident in South Africa, arrived in the city on Saturday.

During the past few days the tide has been so high that a large number of the wharves have been covered. Large sums of persons visited the falls yesterday afternoon and at low tide the scene of the rushing waters was magnificent.

The nine Italian immigrants who recently walked from Sand Point to Vanebovo, intending to go to Boston, and who were returned by immigration agents, were left on Saturday via I. C. R. for Montreal. Interpreter Chris. Nichols, acting for the immigrants, received the required amount of money from their friends in Tuesday.

Invitations are out for an at home by the Eclectic Club, of the Mount Allison Ladies' Society on April 23.

Inspector E. P. Steeves, of school district No. 3, has appointed Tuesday, May 15, as Arbor day in his district. The same day has been appointed for district No. 6 by Inspector J. B. Meagher.

Special evangelistic services are being conducted at the Boys' Mission by Mr. Whitney, assisted by Mr. Knight, the latter a baritone singer, who has sung at the Moody revivals, and is an excellent vocalist. Tonight Mr. Knight will also preach. The services are at 7:30 o'clock.

Messrs George Ayres, of North End; H. B. Vessey, of Chipman; George Irving, of Vernon River, P. E. Island; Allan Williams, of St. Stephen, will present themselves at Sackville on the second Tuesday in May as candidates for the Methodist ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Whiting of Elm Hill, Roxbury, says a Boston paper, announce the engagement of their daughter, Eva K., to Mr. Wesley Dunn Allen White of Boston. The groom's mother formerly resided in Apanaqui, Kings county.

At the public missionary meeting in Trinity church school room, last night, Miss Etches, one of the C. M. S. Secretaries in London, Eng., and Miss Trent, of Toronto, Ont., a missionary from Japan, delivered addresses. Rev. J. A. Richardson presided.

The marriage of Fred Cook, formerly of this city, but now of Lowell, Mass., and Miss Harriet Sullivan, took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sullivan, St. Stephen, Saturday noon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Marshall.

There are going on in Halifax under direction of Manager Averill, for of Zephra.

STORY OF RIVALRY.

Interpreters After Winter Port Business.

GOLD CAP PROMINENT.

Theodore Bernard and Chris. Nichols Bond Their Energies Towards Securing Business for the C. P. R. and I. C. R. Respectively—A Clash Results.

The most interesting incidents in connection with the winter port business, and as interpreters, between Theodore Bernard and Christopher Nichols—rival interpreters.

Both were rival candidates for the position of interpreter in connection with the landing of foreign passengers on the west side.

Bernard, however, worked last season in securing employment with the Elder Dempster line.

Since then Nichols has not been loath to see that Bernard had a slight leaning of friendship towards the C. P. R., and had demonstrated this on several occasions.

Nichols, on the other hand, has for some time been friendly disposed towards the I. C. R. and has for some time rendered his services gratuitously to the company's railroad in securing passengers from sunny Italy, for that road.

Nichols made a name for himself in looking after immigrant passengers and was convinced that the I. C. R. that there was good business to be had from the winter port steamers, if carefully looked after, and as a result of a personal interview with E. Tiffin, I. C. R. traffic manager, he has been employed to visit the steamers in the interests of the I. C. R.

Nichols now claims to be on equal footing with his rival, and matters have waxed warm between the two on the arrival of the last two steamers. Nichols accuses Bernard of misinforming the passengers and also immigration officials as to the circumstances of the passengers.

Whether this assertion is or is not true, it is a fact that the daily papers have had misleading information concerning the handling of these passengers.

On the arrival of the Lusitania recently, some dozen or more immigrants were kept on board ship because Immigration Agent Lautman was informed that they had not sufficient money to land. Probably one of the most amusing things which has happened during this winter season, and which has been the subject of much conversation among the interpreters, occurred Saturday, Bernard and Nichols.

Both were present for some days, waiting for money, and Nichols telegraphed a contractor in Montreal on Saturday for money, which he received. The contractor was in the territory, got the passengers and sent them to Montreal via the I. C. R.

Not to be out done by Nichols, Bernard was sharp on time yesterday upon the arrival of the mail steamer Wassau. Nichols happened along a few moments later and walked on deck just in time to hear his rival delivering an oration to the immigrants. During the course of his remarks, Bernard told his disciples to beware of Nichols, and pointing to his rival, he explained that he was there to protect them.

As soon as Nichols appeared on deck, Bernard told him that he was there to make a race at Nichols, who was forced to retreat.

Nichols was of the opinion that Bernard's official cap and gilt band were largely responsible for the implicit confidence the Italians had placed in him.

So he started back to the ship in the afternoon wearing a cap with gilt band, not exactly like Bernard's, but it filled the bill. With his uniform cap he proudly walked into the I. C. R. passenger office later, with twelve more passengers for Montreal.

The interpreters' escapades come as a sequel to the winter port business and there is little doubt that there has been considerable crookedness on the part of some one in handling these passengers. It is a known fact that hundreds of passengers before leaving Italy have been in possession of cards directing them to travel by the government railway, after arriving in Canada and then others substituted.

As a result of the harsh words used by John towards Nichols, during his oration on the Wassau yesterday, Nichols has threatened the Greek with an action, while all that John can say in reply, is that "Nichols talks too much with his hands."

UNABLE TO GET STEAMERS.

Dominion Line Representative So Tells the Montreal Labor Commissioners.

Montreal, April 22—(Special)—At a meeting of the labor commissioners today, John Torrance, representing the Dominion line of steamships, said his company had been unable to charter any steamers to come to Montreal in place of those taken off to sail from Portland, Me. It was hoped, when the arrangement with the Grand Trunk was completed, that the company's new steamers, now building, would be able to come here; but the imperial government has chartered them, and no other company was willing to charter its boats to come to the St. Lawrence route under existing conditions.

BECAME RAVING MANIAC.

Arrested With Wife of Another Man. Fall River, Mass., April 22—Martin English, for 25 years a showman in New England, was taken to the city hospital tonight, a raving maniac. English came here some time ago with Mrs. Annie Bennett, formerly of Fall River. Mrs. Bennett's husband, Moses E. Bennett, accuses the woman of having deserted him, and she and English were arrested last week charged with an offense against morality. While confined in the local jail English became suddenly insane.

A FLYING MACHINE.

The Denny's Are Building One for a Spaniard.

London, April 20—Mr. Archie Denny, in a speech after the Shamrock launching, referred to the diversity of the work the firm were constantly engaged on, and referred specially to the novelty which they had just completed for James Gordon Bennett, and revealed the secret that they have practically finished a flying machine for a client.

The flying machine referred to in Mr. Denny's speech at the luncheon was designed by a young Spaniard named Vergara. Accompanied by his father, he came from Spain where, last winter, he corresponded of the Associated Press, he conducted successful experiments with models of his idea.

The machine now building at the present time is a motor and is a model in a fortnight. Senior Vergara is modest in a fortifying regard his invention, but it can be judged that it must possess no little practicability and new ideas to induce a hard headed firm like the Denny's to take it up.

Senior Vergara said to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "My plan is quite simple and my machine is equally so. It is constructed on the same principle which enables birds to fly. There is no balloon or other similar device attached, but always believed that aerial navigation is only a dynamic problem and I hope that I have solved it on these lines. Other inventors of the present day have worked on the principle that aerial flight is a static or hydrostatic problem. The machine, now building at Dumbarton, will be propelled by manual power. It will be capable of carrying two men. We will eventually substitute a motor for the manual power, but at first these primitive methods rather help to explain the principle upon which we are working. Any scientist will understand what we are aiming at when he hears that we have got air ships, or rather an aerial flying machine that is apparently workable on purely dynamic lines."

The Denny's refuse to give out any further information than that contained in the speech of their junior partner, but they evidently by much more than hitherto carefully concealed experiment in aerial navigation.

THE AMHERST SHOOTING.

Trial of Camelle G. Fisher Yesterday Afternoon—Captain Downey Badly Hurt.

Amherst, N. S., April 22—(Special)—Captain William Downey, jr., (of Joggins Mines, received serious injuries on Saturday afternoon. Men had been erecting a smoke stack at the mines, and were engaged in taking down the derrick when one of the guys gave way, and a portion of the derrick fell on Captain Downey. His nose was broken, hip dislocated and he was rendered unconscious. The dislocation of the hip was reduced, and he is doing fairly well.

Camelle G. Fisher was arraigned before Judge Morse this afternoon, under the Speedy Trials Act, on the charge of shooting Murdoch Cutcliffe, and Louis MacKenzie on deck last night in the harbor. Mr. T. Pipes, K. C., appeared for the crown, and Mr. Stuart Jenks, for the prisoner.

Fisher pleaded "not guilty." Cutcliffe, one of the men shot gave evidence practically the same as that of other witnesses at the preliminary. He testified in his own behalf, that both Cutcliffe and MacKenzie made at him on the morning of the shooting; that he tried to defend himself with his hands, but he remembered having the revolver in his pocket, having placed it there two days before. He did not want to do more injury than just to defend himself; he did not know that he had his Cutcliffe until the afternoon; that the second shot was occasioned by his fall when MacKenzie threw him as he still had his hand on the revolver.

Dr. McDougall and James MacKenzie both testified, their evidence being the same as at the preliminary. Mr. D. W. Robb, president of the Robb Engineering Company, testified as to Fisher's good behavior.

Mr. Jenks, counsel for the accused, argued that the shooting was purely in self-defence, and that it had not caused grievous bodily harm.

Fisher addressed the court, stating that Fisher had no right to draw a revolver and that such things should not be allowed.

Fisher reserved his decision until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Rev. Mr. Fisher, father of the accused, was in the court during the trial.

A POST OFFICE SENSATION.

Civil Service Clerks Come Across a Record-Smasher in the Mail.

There was a fun at the post office this morning. A mail order shipment from the Dodds Medicine Company was the cause of it. It contained several dozen boxes of the well-known remedy, Dodds' Kidney Pills; but the interest lay chiefly in the address. One by one the parcels made heroic efforts at pronouncement. One by one they gave up in despair, and passed it on. It is safe to say that since the order was received by the Dodds Medicine Company the other day, written through it in fair, legible handwriting, no one into whose hands it has fallen has been able to do more than stutter in the attempt to pronounce the name (and whereabouts) of the sender. He or she lives in Iceland, Europe, and that's about all one can put into spoken language. Here is the whole thing in cold type, however, and the reader can try for himself: Signorud Jonadottir, Kirmarstodum, Reykholm, Barstrandarsaylu, Iceland, Europe.

The Dodds Medicine Company feel naturally proud that the fame of their remedy has spread into such a remote quarter of the world.—Toronto Star.

REMORE, DESPAIR, AND ILL-HEALTH.

Young Italian Woman Takes Paris Green and is at Point of Death.

Boston, April 22—In a little one-room tenement at North square, while her husband and children were at supper, Carmella Turca, 35 years of age, attempted to end her life by taking a dose of paris green. She now lies at the point of death at the Massachusetts general hospital. Remorse, despair and ill health prompted the act. Seven years ago Turca, a master plumber, lost his wife, she leaving him with two small children to care for. He wrote his friends in Italy to send him a woman fitted to become his wife and care for the children. Carmella, the prettiest girl in the village, was sent, and as Turca was considered wealthy, she was thought fortunate. The two were married, and, seemingly lived happily. Later, however, Carmella had second unhappy marriage.

Turks Reported Defeated. Vienna, April 22—It is reported here that the Turks have suffered defeat at the hands of the Arab rebels in Yemen.

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1881 .. 1,824,518 .. 26.82
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