

TERRIBLE CRIME OF A FORMER N. B. MAN

J. Gideon Keith Found Dead at Bangor by Side of Woman He Had Murdered—Bullets Ended Both Their Careers—Wanted to Marry Victim, Who Had Had Two Husbands and Eleven Children.

A terrible tragedy is reported from Bangor, Maine, in which a New Brunswick played a leading part. Lying cold in death, each with a bullet through the brain, the bodies of J. Gideon Keith and Mrs. Elizabeth Ready were found early Thursday morning in the kitchen of Mrs. Ready's home at 186 Washington street.

Besides being an agent for picture frames he had the reputation of being a "quack doctor," and was referred to as a "pill doctor" by one of the neighbors. His career at the best has, according to many, been a varied one and recently he has shown the effects of despondency and discouragement, which probably drove him to commit the crime. His home, maintained by his daughters, while bare of many of the comforts of a home, was neat and clean and well kept, reflecting to the credit of the two girls, who after a long, hard day at the factory found time to care for the house.

Keith lived with his three children, Annie, Lena and Earle, on Hancock street, in a house belonging to Barbara Millet, and according to the neighbors, he had been a kind father. The children were stricken in their grief over their father's death and the circumstances surrounding it, but they were unable to tell of their home life.

"He was always pleasant to us," said Annie, the eldest of the two daughters here, "and was a good father. We used to live in Houlton and moved from there about eight years ago to the city. He lived here a while then, and afterwards moved to Ashland where we made our home until two years ago when he came back here. Father was a general agent and he sold picture frames and jewelry. He was not employed by any firm but did his own framing. He was a very happy man. I never knew of his relations with Mrs. Ready, and didn't even know that he knew her until a little while ago, when we found out that he was going there regularly. He never said to us that he intended to marry Mrs. Ready, but we heard from her children that she had been married to him. There is a place called Belleville in Carleton county.

J. Gideon Keith is a native of Kings county, and has several relatives in this city. His brother, John E. Keith, was for a number of years driver of the mail in this city, and some months ago removed to Fredericton Junction, where he remained with his wife, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Cochrane, wife of a Baptist minister at that place. Later he returned to his former home at Cornhill, near the Havelock, Kings county, where he was engaged in the Bangor tragedy in an uncle of Miss A. Keith, who was manager of the Arctic rink in this city during the past winter, and also of Elmer Keith, of this city, employed with the International Correspondence School, also of another young man, Keith, who was in charge of a grocery store on Northumberland street.

Some interesting sidelights on the character of the man were furnished by the neighbors and those who knew him well. On his body when he was found was a Masonic emblem. According to the neighbors he appeared a quiet man, but he did not pay his bills and they say that the Masonic emblem was on the trunk of the shoe factory and the other in the trunk factory supported the household and helped to support him. He owed bills in several places and these back debts which he had contracted, were being paid by the daughters who were working hard to square him with the world. They were slowly succeeding in paying the debts.

Regarding Keith, the Commercial says: "Keith was born in the Province, and besides his three children here has a daughter in Belleville, N. B., Mrs. Jennie Betteger. A sister, Mrs. Lavice Wilton, lives on Larkin street, and he has relatives in Fredericton, where two of his field and Mrs. Jane Dundell, and George and John Keith.

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OBITUARY

The news of the death of John E. Farris, harbor master of the city of St. John, which occurred at 11:30 p. m. Sunday at the residence of his son-in-law, T. A. Armstrong, will be received with regret throughout the city and along the river where the genial official was so well and favorably known. Harbor Master Farris was sixty-one years of age. He had occupied the position for the last four years.

Capt. Farris had not been in good health for two years, and for six months had been confined to the house. His death came unexpectedly at the last, however. At 10:30 o'clock he took a sudden turn for the worse, and died an hour later.

John Edwin Farris was born in Waterbury, Queens county, the son of the late Capt. Duncan Farris, who was drowned on command of the "Farris" in 1857, and for four years of age. Coming to St. John when a young man, Mr. Farris engaged in the steamboating business and was also captain of the tug "Storm King" and "Fushing," going from command of the "Farris" to the "Storm King" in succession to the late Charles Taylor. In 1888, he superintended the building of the steamer "James H. Dunbar," widow of Alfred S. Dunbar died. Mrs. Dunbar's maiden name was Almira Ricker, and she was born in Miramichi. She was 85 years old. She had been a widow since 1868.

Mrs. A. F. Dunbar. In Cherryfield, Me., last week Mrs. Almira H. Dunbar, widow of Alfred S. Dunbar died. Mrs. Dunbar's maiden name was Almira Ricker, and she was born in Miramichi. She was 85 years old. She had been a widow since 1868.

Mrs. W. C. Taylor. Moncton, N.B., May 31.—Death this afternoon claimed another of Moncton's oldest residents when Mrs. W. Taylor passed away at her home in Stradman street, where she had lived many years. She was aged eighty-eight. She was born at River Philip (N.S.). She is survived by her husband, W. C. Taylor, and her daughters—Mrs. E. W. Taylor, Mrs. M. Taylor, and Mrs. M. Taylor.

Gideon McLeod, Penobscus. Gideon McLeod, a widely known and respected resident of Penobscus, died on Saturday morning last after a brief illness. Mr. McLeod, who was in his seventieth year, had been ill only one week. Pneumonia developed and thereafter he sank rapidly until the end. Judge McLeod was born in Penobscus, N.S., and was the son of the late Gideon McLeod, who was a member of the local team. He was a member of the local team. He was a member of the local team.

Mrs. James J. Kaye. Mrs. Anne Elizabeth Kaye, widow of James J. Kaye, Q. C., died Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock, having been ill for five years. She is survived by five daughters—Georgina M., wife of Dr. L. C. Allison; Mary S. B., wife of Dr. F. J. Riddell; Edith E., wife of Charles J. Kerr, of Boston; Florence S., wife of Henry W. Booth, of Boston; and one son, George W. Kaye, of St. John. Her funeral will be held at 2 o'clock on Monday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Kaye, of St. John.

John McKinnon. Norton, May 30.—(Special).—This morning at 6 o'clock, while getting up to go to work, John McKinnon dropped dead from heart disease. He had not been working all the week but was about all day, complaining only of general weakness. His death is a great shock to the community and the stricken family have much to grieve over.

Woodstock News. Woodstock, N. B., May 31.—The junior local baseball team, on Island Park, this afternoon. The players were—Woodstock, G. H. Spence, captain; F. Riddell, pitcher; Hugh Judge, H. Bagley, C. Hamilton, C. Graham, I. Emberton, W. Swaney, Benton—Godsue, Anderson, Hazlet, S. Egan, McInnis, W. McInnis, Day, McPherson, Deakin; umpire, L. W. Speer, Clyde Hall. The visitors left for home on Tuesday.

Salisbury News. Salisbury, N. B., June 1.—Mrs. Cox, teacher at River Glade, was in Salisbury last week on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, who has been ill for some weeks, will be removed to the hospital on Monday, when an operation will be performed.

Mother of M. G. Teed Dead in Dorchester. Dorchester, N.B., May 31.—(Special).—At an early hour this morning Mrs. J. E. Teed, who last week suffered a stroke of paralysis and who has been gradually sinking, passed away. Mrs. Teed, who was sixty-nine years of age, was the widow of John E. Teed, whose reputation as an architect and contractor was widespread in the Maritime provinces and Quebec. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. McGrath, of Dorchester, and four sons—W. G. Teed, K. C., of St. John; Rev. A. W. Teed, of Richmond; S. J. Francis Teed, of Dorchester; and B. Teed, barrister, of Alameda. Seth Bulmer, of Sackville, is a brother. With the exception of B. Teed, all are now in Dorchester.

Home to be Married. William Stackhouse, a former St. John boy, but for the past five or six months a resident of Saskatoon, returned to this city a few days ago to be married to Miss M. G. Teed, a daughter of the late John E. Teed, in a happy event to take place Wednesday.

Olympic Trials at Halifax. Halifax, N.S., June 1.—At the Olympic trials today the time made was slow, owing to the heavy condition of the track. The trials were to decide upon the men to be sent to Montreal and Toronto Saturday. The men selected and who won the events yesterday are: H. W. Flemming, in 100 metres; W. Ross, in half mile; E. Schaefer, in 200 metres; H. Homer, in 1,500 metres; H. W. Fleming, in 400 metres; A. Rodgers, in five miles.

REORGANIZING CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT

Likely to Abolish Positions of Chief Game Commissioner and Chief Fire Warden—Four District Officials In-cluded.

In the scheme for the reorganization of the crown lands department, which is now being prepared by the government, it is reported that the office of chief game commissioner and chief fire warden will probably be abolished. The province will be divided into four districts with one man in charge of each section who will be responsible to the surveyor-general.

When asked by a Telegraph reporter yesterday for some information as to the proposed changes, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, the surveyor-general, said the reorganization of the department was proceeding rapidly and a number of changes would be put into force at once. By dividing the province into four districts and placing control in the hands of one section, it is believed the best results would be obtained. Each man would be responsible for his district and would have number of wardens under him.

WEDDINGS. Vaughan Scribner. Kingston, May 27.—The residence of Rev. George Howard, Hampton Village, was the scene of a quiet wedding this afternoon, when Miss Ruth N. Scribner of Long Point, Kings county, became the wife of Frederick Vaughan of Kingston. The happy couple were unattended. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan drove to the home of Miss Carrie M. Kelle, Bellville, where they will be for the present residence. Many friends throughout the county will wish them a long and happy journey through life.

Hopewell Hill News. Hopewell Hill, June 1.—The funeral of the late Mrs. John E. Teed, took place on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. After a private service at the home of the deceased, the body was taken to the Methodist church where a very impressive service was preached by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Hicks, from James, 4th Chapter, 14th verse: "Whosoever you know what shall be on the morrow. For what is life? It is even as a vapor that appears for a little and then vanishes away." The hymn sung was "There is No Night in Heaven," "Abide with Me," and "Adele in Jesus." The interment was made in the Hopewell cemetery.

Three Daughters of Millionaire Forsake Society. Chicago, Ill., June 1.—Denying themselves the honor and privileges of society, Misses Adelaide and Vivian Walsh, daughters of James Walsh, millionaire ex-president of the Southern Indiana R. Co., have dedicated their lives to the care of the sick and injured. Now upon the school of the graduation of Miss Adelaide Walsh from the vessel and card care are likely to be a total loss. The crew get shore safely with most of their belongings. The vessel is insured.

Newfoundland Schooner Wrecked. Sydney, N. S., June 1.—(Special).—Schooner Julia Forey, Captain Chas. Hillier, of Sydney Bay (N.S.), which left North Sydney Bay, ran ashore on Cranberry Head last night while putting back to port for shelter. Most of the vessel and cargo are likely to be a total loss. The crew got shore safely with most of their belongings. The vessel is insured.

At a meeting in Toronto last week, at which W. S. Fisher was among those present, a committee was appointed to draw up a simple but effective form of will, which will be sent far to the ships and also the transportation companies, and submit it to the transportation commission for their approval.

The Grand Lodge of Oddfellows for the Maritime provinces will meet this year in Charlottetown. It is expected that 200 members and delegates will be present. The annual convention will be held the second day of the meeting and the new ritual of the order will be exemplified.

Flying Machine Record Broken. Rome, May 20.—Dagard, the aeronaut, beat the world's record today, flying 12,750 metres and making the air fifteen minutes and 20 seconds.

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ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, JUNE 2, 1908. A.M. Sun Rises.....4:41 Sun Sets.....8:00 High Tide.....1:32 Low Tide.....5:07 The time used is Atlantic standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Monday, June 1. S.S. St. John, from St. John's, N. S. S.S. St. John, from St. John's, N. S. S.S. St. John, from St. John's, N. S.

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