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## LAST NIGHT'S TRAGEDY

While there is nothing more brutal in a fairly contested boxing match than in a struggle on the football field, the former has been brought into disrepute by professional boxing, and in too many cases by the character of the principals and the abettors of such events.

St. John has never encouraged such contests as take place in some cities in the United States, but it has of late developed a tendency that might end in the patronage of slugging matches of the most objectionable kind.

Last night's lamentable occurrence, which cost the life of a strong young man, will check this tendency and we shall hear less of such affairs in this city. That, however, will be no consolation to the bereaved father, sister, brothers and friends of this young man, who was sober and industrious and esteemed by his fellows, but whose life has gone out under such very sad circumstances.

It is well to develop physical strength and activity. This is even essential to the fullest manhood. But the professional pugilist is not an essential, and the world could get along very well without him. The young man who died last night was not of the professional class. Men speak well of him. Deep sympathy will be felt for those who are bereaved.

It may be presumed that the mayor and the police will prevent any further contests of this sort in St. John for some time to come, and that there will be a full enquiry regarding last night's tragedy. There are stories to the effect that the bout should have been stopped at the fourth round, and that O'Regan was not physically fit to meet the heavier man. The inquest will no doubt place the responsibility where it belongs, and if it should happen not to fall wholly upon the shoulders of the men placed under arrest, the public will be no less anxious to know the facts.

Medical men state that it is extremely improbable that a fatality would occur in an ordinary boxing contest between two men in good physical condition. If one of them was not in such condition a medical examination ought to have shown it and prevented the bout.

## A DARING REPORTER

The Times has not been able to learn whether there was a collision between the calamity editor of the Globe and its shipping reporter, but the latter had the hardihood to insert the following cheerful paragraph in a prominent place in last night's issue:

"The grain shipments through St. John during the coming winter will probably be the heaviest in the history of the port. Advice have been received at West St. John that over 6,000,000 bushels are coming and this is more than a million bushels in excess of any previous winter. A large increase in all other lines is anticipated, and the whole winter port business promises to be very heavy. The C. P. R. will have thirty-five sailings, of which twelve each will be to London and Bristol last season. Further increases in the services would be arranged if there was dock room. The Allan Line and Donaldson Line will have weekly sailings, so that altogether there should be something more than one hundred sailings during the winter season."

Surely this paragraph must have escaped the eagle eye of the calamity editor, who is certain that St. John is not properly located to be a grain shipping port, and who would surely scoff at the notion that the trade of the port is likely to outgrow its present terminal facilities. But the shipping reporter has done well. May he persevere and prosper in his good work.

## PREMIER WITTE

To few men in the history of nations has come such an opportunity and such responsibility as now fall to M. Witte, the first Russian premier. Had he talked less for publication during and after the peace negotiations with Japan, the world would have held a higher opinion of him, but he is beyond all question a man of great ability. The proof lies in the record of his political career, and in the fact that he has prevailed upon the Czar to grant such sweeping reforms.

Prior to his appointment as peace envoy, M. Witte had been in some disfavor at court, because of his well known liberal principles and his outspoken criticism of the government's policy, but after he had concluded peace with Japan and returned to Russia he was easily the foremost man in the empire. It will be interesting at this time to quote from Who's Who a sketch of the life of the man who today fills so large a space in the world's thought.

M. Sergius De Witte was born at Tiflis in 1859, a descendant by his father from a family of Dutch emigrants to Russia. After graduating in 1879 at the Novosibirsk University (mathematical sciences) he entered the railway service. During the Russo-Turkish war he was director of traction of the South Western Railways. In 1879 he was appointed director of the department of exploitation at the South Western Railways administration, and took part in the railway commission of Court Baranov; wrote one of the volumes of the Transactions of the Commission, and prepared the whole of the statute of Russian railways. From 1886 to 1888 he was director of the South Western Railway, appointed director of the railway department at the ministry of finance, and president of the tariff commission, 1889.

In 1892 he was appointed minister of ways and communication, and in August of the same year minister of finance. In 1899 he was appointed secretary of state to his majesty; actual privy councillor, 1899; and in 1903 president of the committee of ministers. His later career is well known. M. Witte is an honorary citizen of fifteen Russian cities, and has received many honors from his sovereign and from educational institutions and various societies.

## TRANSFORMATION

It will be said of Emperor Nicholas that he has yielded under pressure and in the face of civil war what he might have yielded with a good grace many months ago, at a time when such a concession would have made him beloved of his people. And the saying will not be without a large measure of justification. Nevertheless, whether it be through fear or a late assertion of that higher courage which finally disengages self in the desire to do what is best for others, he has done well. There will be a disposition to condone the past; to remember the effects of his training and the traditions of his race; and to say that if now he throws himself into the work of the regeneration of Russia he will deserve, in spite of the past, the veneration of his people and the respect and esteem of the world. For with his signature attached to a proclamation granting the reforms the people have urged, the whole aspect of affairs has changed. Russia would not at this time make a very successful republic. The mass of the people do not desire it. The pathway of reform may be trodden much more safely if the Czar, surrounded by an able body of liberal ministers, retains the leadership, with a genuine determination to "make the bounds of freedom wider yet."

One can hardly grasp the full meaning of the change that has come about within twenty-four hours. Yesterday all was dark and threatening. Today the dawn of a new era is proclaimed. True, there are difficulties, pressing and formidable, to be overcome. There is still the revolutionist—the anarchist. But the great mass of the citizenry, especially the property owners, the merchants, the well-to-do mechanics, the farmers, and the great body of the professional class, have had so much of terror and trouble that they will gladly rally behind a strong government which manifests an earnest desire to advance the real interests of the masses.

By a stroke of the pen, the Czar has made possible the most stupendous national transformation recorded in the pages of modern history. It is for him and his advisers had gone to press, and, as problems that arise, and out of chaos bring the order and the development of which the Russian nation unexpressed is beyond all shadow of a doubt so capable.

The most momentous item of world news given to the public since the declaration of peace between Russia and Japan was that which the Times' second edition gave to the citizens last evening. The news, like that from Russia which this paper, came some time after the result edition had gone to press, and, as Saturday, it was felt that the intelligence would be of sufficient interest to the public to warrant an up-to-date newspaper in incurring the additional expense of a second edition. This feeling was amply justified by the eager public demand for the Times containing the announcement that the Czar of Russia had yielded, and that the people were to be granted civil and religious liberty under a system of representative government.

The Citizens' League will meet again on Thursday evening. There should be a large attendance, in order to decide the future status of the organization. The same reason exists now for such a League as existed last winter.

And now the city proposes to have a west side lighting plant. This makes three in prospect. The west side citizens should consider themselves a highly favored people.

## ITALIANS ARRESTED

Five Loch Lomond Workmen, Who Threatened to Kill Paymaster, Are in Custody.

At the instance of James Sinclair, yesterday Chief Clerk, Deputy Chief Jenkins, Detective Killen, Sergeants Caples, Kilpatrick, Baxter and Officers Sullivan, McGillem, Marshall, Bowes and Greer went out to Loch Lomond and placed five Italians (who are charged with having threatened to kill Mr. Sinclair) under arrest.

The police learned, when they reached the McArthur & MacVay section of the waterworks that twenty-three of the gang of thirty disturbers of the peace had gone to Boston yesterday morning. They evidently expected trouble, for they left without receiving wages due them from the 4th inst. The five prisoners were accompanied by "Jimmy" Spatola, who acts as interpreter for them, and shortly after they were brought to the city they were arranged before Magistrate Ritchie. All pleaded not guilty when the charge was read to them. The prisoners were then remanded until Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

Mrs. Edward N. Emery will receive her friends on the afternoon of Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2 and 3, at 23 Richmond Street.

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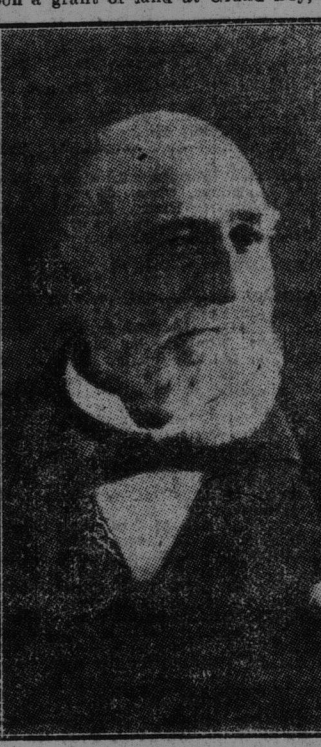
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Ald. Joseph B. Hamm was born at Grand Bay, Kings county (N.B.), June 8, 1880, and is therefore in his 26th year. His parents were Captain David and Sarah (Brittain) Hamm. He is of German origin and a descendant of Charles Hamm, who with his wife emigrated to America prior to the revolutionary war, and settled in New Jersey. At the breaking out of hostilities Charles Hamm joined the Royal army, and after the close of the war he came, with other loyalists, to New Brunswick. Locating upon a grant of land at Grand Bay, near



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Westfield, he cleared a good farm, which he occupied for the rest of his life. Here Mr. Hamm's father was born, and subsequently himself.

Mr. Hamm resided at the paternal homestead until he was twenty-four years old, when he established himself as a horse dealer at Indiantown. In 1886 he moved to Charlotte street, where the Furlong building now stands. From there he moved to Coburg street, to what was known as the Mammoth Stables, buying out Henry Boudin. The firm name was then Brown & Hamm, Archibald Brown being a partner. They were burnt out in 1888, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Hamm then moved to the north side of King square and later to the Furlong building again, where at that time the horses were stabled upstairs. Shortly after that he built on Union street, where the new McLaughlin Carriage Company now are, and occupied that stand for 21 years, moving in the spring of 1904 to the quarters now occupied at 20 Germain street. In 1878 Mr. Hamm was elected from Wellington ward to the city council, in which he served three years, and was then appointed inspector of coal, serving in that capacity until the office was abolished. He was elected alderman for Kings ward in 1898, and served until the spring of 1899. He was again elected in 1902, and is still a member of the council for Kings ward. Mr. Hamm has seen much service in the council, having been a member of the board off and on for over 29 years. In the year of 1904 he served as deputy mayor.

Mr. Hamm has, in his fifty-one years residence in St. John, seen many changes and tells some very interesting stories of the old days when staging was the means of travel and railroads were a thing of the future. In the year of the Trent affair he drove with troops to Fredericton and back for 60 days almost without a rest. Mr. Hamm considers the horses of those days superior to most of the fancy stock of today, as they were harder and better fitted for long drives.

He has been a member of the St. John Agricultural Society for 35 years. In 1885 Mr. Hamm married for his first wife Barbara, daughter of Matthias Hamm of Grand Bay. She died in 1875. In 1876 he married for his second wife Miss Annie Currie, daughter of William Currie of Sunbury county. Mr. Hamm is the father of three children by his first union, namely: A. G. Hamm, who is engaged with him in business; Ada, widow of William Dennison; and William, now in Oregon.

In politics Mr. Hamm has been conservative until the last few years, and is a member of Brussels street Baptist church.

EVOLUTION OF THE  
SALVATION ARMY

A well conceived and well carried out idea of the growth of the Salvation Army during the past 45 years was presented at the Opera House last night. The theme was the "Evolution of the Army," and those who attended saw a representation of each stage of its growth from the humble beginning, known as the Christian Mission, to the mighty organization whose banners move from pole to pole and whose influence is felt almost all over the civilized world.

"The Army," said Commissioner Coombs, "has for forty years turned the eyes of men from iniquity to that which is good. The Army has lived through misrepresentation and slander. The mighty city of London, where General Booth labored nearly fifty years ago, had conferred upon him the freedom of the city, and given 8000 £ with which to purchase food and feed the London poor.

There were dramatic, orchestral selections and musical drill. The latter part of the evening was devoted to prize-gate and social work. Col. Piquette, referring to the former, said that during the past year 716 discharged prisoners in Toronto secured positions. The total number discharged being 700.

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