

## UNION DYNAMITERS ALSO TRIED ARSON

Charles Moran Pleads Guilty and Makes Further Confession

Tells of Stealing 100 Pounds of Dynamite Which They Buried and Used as They Wanted It to Destroy Property of Contractors Against Whom They Were Striking—Tried to Burn Ironworks in Jersey City, But Firemen Got There Too Soon.



New York, March 27.—After Charles Moran, a member of the Housewives and Breadbakers' Union, had pleaded guilty to an attempt to place dynamite to the danger of human life he told Assistant District Attorney Train yesterday a startling story of the desperate means undertaken by some of the union men to avenge themselves on contractors against whom they were striking.

His revelations had to do with the stealing of one hundred pounds of dynamite which he and Thomas Weir, who was in the ill with him, carried for miles and then buried near Fort Lee, going there whenever they needed the explosive to carry out part of their plot with the destruction of the ornamental iron fence around the railroad station at the Belmont Park race track, which was to be burned down the Ragan Iron Works, in Jersey City, recently, and with various other exploits where dynamite was used to destroy property.

Further than this, Mr. Train says he has information, not given to him by Moran, however, that the attempt to destroy the new dwelling being erected by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company over the Westchester River, which was made on May 27 last and which failed only because the dynamite had not been placed properly, was the work of men connected with the Jersey City branch of the union.

Conviction to Be Difficult.

While Moran has given the names of the men who, he believes, were at the head of the party that it will be difficult to bring any of them to justice. For the principle of the party was only one or two men, and these they would tell, simply that they "wanted a kick turned" as a certain place. Then the man who received this information would get his own dynamite, engage his men and set the place on fire.

Donaldson line steamship Salado took away Canadian goods valued at \$20,804, and foreign goods valued at \$66,119; total, \$87,923.

C. P. R. line steamer Montfort, for Brazil, took away \$10,000 worth of Canadian goods, and \$15,910 foreign goods; total, \$25,910.

USED MEN AT THE OFFICE  
UP  
AND  
TIRED  
OUT

Every day in the week and every week in the year, men and women and children feel all sorts of aches and pains, and the task of daily life is made a torment by heart and nerve troubles. The efforts put forth to keep up to the modern "high pressure" mode of life in this age soon wear out the physical system, shatters the nerves and weakens the heart. Thousands find life a burden and others are unable to do their work.

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## BOUNTY CHECKS HAVE ARRIVED

Capt. Pratt of the Curlew Has Them Ready for the Fishermen

CRUISER TO SEA  
ABOUT APRIL 15

Welcome Trip for the Fishermen of St. John and Charlotte Counties Who Soon Know the Money is Coming—The System of Allotting the Cash.

The toilers of the sea between here and Campbellton will make profitable catches about the middle of next month. It will not be fish time, but lovely, fresh, clean, crisp, checks for real hard Canadian currency issued by the federal government. The checks, which will be distributed by Capt. John H. Pratt of the Dominion fisheries cruiser Curlew, represent the regular bounty and there are about 400 claims.

In Capt. Pratt's district, comprising St. John and Charlotte counties, are forty-five fishing craft, and for every pound of more than ten tons \$1 a ton is paid. Besides this, every man on a fishing vessel is paid \$7.10 and on a fishing boat every man is paid \$3.55. To those belonging to a small open boat the rate is \$1.

The checks—749 in all—were received on Wednesday last and by April 15 the Curlew, which is being prepared for sea, will sail for the fishing centres.

It is customary to send out before this date large printed notices to be placed in prominent places so that the various claimants will be aware of the coming of the Curlew. Sometimes, though, the notices are in advance of the notices, but there is rarely any difficulty in locating those to whom money is due. The Curlew is seen from afar and those who do not desire her, are soon aware of her presence because they hear a couple of long blasts. To them it is a pretty broad hint that the government's bounty is in the neighborhood and in course of time the commander of the Curlew finds himself being greeted with singular warmth.

The largest fishing vessel in the district is the J. E. Giesch of Campbellton, which carries a crew of thirteen and is of twenty-two tons. The smallest boat is the "She Said No," eleven tons, owned by Mr. Josephine Franklin.

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For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of J. C. Fitch.

DIED IN THE WEST  
Wife of Former St. John Business Man Passed Away in San Jose, California.

The San Jose Daily Mercury of March 23 tells of the death of Mrs. Mary Bent, who died on March 22. She was the wife of Geo. R. Bent, who formerly was a well-known merchant in the piano business in King street. The Daily Mercury says: "Mrs. Bent, who was a native of Nova Scotia and sixty-five years of age, came to this city about twenty years ago. During that period Mrs. Bent had been associated with an important business in the city, and she was well known to all who were acquainted with her. She was a devoted member of the First Methodist church of the official board of which her husband was a member."

"Mrs. Bent is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. E. V. Hunt, Mrs. F. L. Argyle, Mrs. J. E. Trueman, Anna L. Bent, George R. Bent, Jr., of San Jose; and Mrs. George Anderson and Mr. E. Newell of San Francisco."

The funeral took place at San Jose on Sunday, March 25.

Heart Trouble

The heart itself has no power—no self-control. It is made to beat by a tender nerve that is scarcely visible to the naked eye. Yet ten thousand times every day this delicate nerve must assist the heart to expand and contract.

There have also been negotiations by the C. P. R. with Chief of Police Clark, acting for the Clark estate, for purchase of part of the property in Lancaster near the company's track to Bay Shore, but the matter has not been closed. It is believed the C. P. R. intend to erect a large warehouse at this point, and probably rent to the McCormick Harvesting Company for a storehouse and distributing centre in the lower provinces.

MR. KENT ENGAGED  
Will Bore Well at Isolation Hospital—Supply Running Short.

At a special meeting of the board of health held yesterday afternoon, it was decided to bore an artesian well for the isolation hospital, there being danger of the present supply giving out.

T. R. Kent, of Sussex, has been engaged by the board to bore the well and on completion of a contract he is carrying out in Grand Manan he will commence work at the hospital. At the meeting yesterday John Kelly, James Reynolds, James Ready and Dr. C. M. Pratt were present.

The secretary of the board, Thos. Burns, says that the report to the effect that the present water supply for the isolation hospital is impure, is incorrect.

## FROM GRAVE ASKS AID FOR JAPANESE

Frank A. Vivanti's Appeal, Written Just Before He Dropped Dead, Issued by Committee; Has a Local Interest.

The following from the New York Herald of Monday last has local interest, as it refers to F. A. Vivanti, who married Miss May Dover, daughter of Mrs. James Dover, of St. John. The Herald says: "Like a voice from the grave comes an appeal on behalf of Japanese famine sufferers penned by Frank A. Vivanti only a few hours before he died."

Mr. Vivanti was chairman of the Japanese famine committee of the Red Cross Society and had taken a leading part in the organization for relief of the "Scots of Japan." He was reported to be starting by reason of the failure of the rice crop in the region dominated by the Sendai mountains. He had just left the office of the Red Cross Society, at Forty-second street and Fifth avenue, where he had been going over the wording of an appeal for aid to William Chenevix Tamm, secretary of the organization, and was hurrying to keep an appointment with his physician when he was stricken.

Recalling many years in Japan, Mr. Vivanti was well qualified to appreciate the situation in the famine district and the difficulty of alleviating the suffering of the mountaineers because of their independence and pride. Years ago he spent much time hunting and fishing with them, and gained great admiration for their high qualities. For service rendered to the Red Cross in Japan he was decorated by the emperor.

Railroads Made Change.

"For twenty years I lived in Japan," wrote Mr. Vivanti in the appeal now made public by the society, "and in that time it was my habit to hunt wild boar and deer with the people of the Sendai Mountains. At that time Sendai was undeveloped, and no deer were there. I have seen them, along the coast, fishing. In valleys back of the mountains there were agricultural communities raising rice wherever water could be obtained, and to some extent potatoes. Rice, however, was the great agricultural staple and any interference with the rice crop meant serious deprivations in foodstuffs."

"When I visited Sendai, twenty years ago, game was abundant. Now, however, I am told that the deer have been exterminated from the mountains. The deer have gone there and out immense forests, so that the game is practically extinct. In consequence the agricultural work of the country has been ruined. The deer have gone there and out immense forests, so that the game is practically extinct. In consequence the agricultural work of the country has been ruined."

"Now, these people who are starving I know intimately from personal contact. They are, if I may so characterize them, the Scots of Japan—a sturdy, honest, industrious, law-abiding people, not mercenary, but ambitious. They would not starve than beg, and I know that in their present emergency they will keep silent and endure whatever comes rather than seek charity. They were a race of men, and I was not surprised to find that in the war they furnished some of the greatest soldiers."

Calamity Not Their Fault.

"I know them so well that I know that this calamity is not to be faulted at them, unless it be their loyalty to their country. Three years ago they suffered from a famine, and meantime they have sent thousands of men to the front. They are in times of prosperity and have admitted their fragility. Nothing is wasted. They are never rich, but, having admitted their fragility, they are never poor. They are never rich, but, having admitted their fragility, they are never poor."

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GROWING MORE FRUIT

Man from British Columbia Here and Talks of Increase.

S. E. Oliver, of Balfour (B. C.), who is spending a few days in the city at the Royal, is an enthusiastic believer in the fruit growing industry of British Columbia, particularly the Nelson district, from which he has been made there in the past few years is almost incredible. "Five years ago a few Chinese gardeners raised perhaps \$300 worth of produce along the shores of Kootenay Lake. This year the white grown along the lake will ship at least thirty car loads of strawberries alone to Manitoba, while the exports of other fruit will also be very large. The land is much limited in extent, and is somewhat expensive to clear in this district, but the returns are very high once the soil is in shape."

"The climate and scenery are ideal, while the transportation facilities are first class. This latter is owing to the mining and smelting industries which necessitate plenty of trains and ships, and which the fruit grower reaps the advantage in many ways."

"The mining outlook today is better than it ever was in the Kootenay, owing to the improved system of treating the ores that have been discovered in the last few years, making it possible now to send profitably ore that not long ago would have gone to the waste dumps. The old boom spirit seems happily pretty well down to a good business basis, with good results to all."

Mr. Oliver is east on a business trip, and will leave for Winnipeg this week.

## NO DOUBT OF EASTERN SECTION

Senator King Says Government Does Not Intend to Abandon G. T. P. in New Brunswick

OPPOSITION TO  
SUNDAY LAW

Believes Act Will Pass, However, But Will Be Modified in Committee—Senator is Going on a Trip to the Pacific.

Senator G. G. King, of Chatham, arrived in the city Thursday from Ottawa and is at the Royal. He and his son-in-law, Mr. Richardson, of Chatham, will leave for Vancouver today.

Speaking of the Grand Trunk Pacific Senator King said it never was and is not now the intention of the government to abandon the Quebec-New Brunswick section. He had it on good authority that the survey would be continued about May 1st.

Asked as to recent happenings in the senate, Hon. Mr. King said the committee that was formulating new rules for that body reported just before he came away on the adjournment being taken for three weeks. There are not, he added, any material changes made.

Speaking of impending legislation he mentioned there was considerable opposition to the proposed Sunday law springing up. This opposition was not confined to those who oppose the proposed law from religious motives—such as Jews, Adventists and Indians who are a very small minority of the population of Canada. The member for Winnipeg, speaking of the measure in committee, had pointed out the serious danger of keeping open of what a stand from Saturday night to Monday morning. The stoppage of these cars, the member argued, would result in congestion at all the divisional points and great danger not only to the freight but to the passenger trains as well. He held the same view of all the great railway trunk lines.

Senator King is confident the Sunday law will pass eventually, but thinks that in committee the provisions will be modified considerably.

TAX RATE WILL  
BE OVER \$1.90

Increase of Nearly 20 Cents as Compared With Last Year.

While no accurate statement as to the new rate of taxation can be made until the requirements of the municipal council are definitely known it is safe to say that the rate will be required to pay about \$1.90 per \$100 during the ensuing year.

Until the present council took action no allowance has been made from year to year for the payment of the amount of the tax. In the past the amount of the estimates each year have been expended and sometimes exceeded while the revenue of the chamberlain's department, on account of defaults, fallen from six to eight per cent short of the estimated figures. As a consequence during the last year an over expenditure amounting to about \$80,000 has been reached and a charge on the city at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent in the form of an overdraft at the bank. By making an assessment from 8 to 10 per cent over the actual limit of expenditure a margin, it is figured, sufficient to allow for defaults will be created and any surplus can be applied in reduction of the heavy over expenditure mentioned. In the accompanying table a rough estimate is made between the estimates for 1905, which required a rate of \$1.75, and the proposed figures for 1906:

1905. 1906.  
Tax assessment ..... \$110,653 117,467  
Fire assessment ..... 42,000 50,000  
Levy ..... 2,000 2,000  
Police ..... 24,000 25,000  
Liquor ..... 20,000 20,000  
Schools ..... 97,246 102,256  
County ..... 33,478 38,477  
Sewerage maint. .... 10,000 10,000  
Total ..... \$67,577 \$75,238  
4-1/2% ..... 3,041 3,386  
\$70,618 \$78,624

An increase of about \$2,500 will add one cent to the taxation and taking \$44,000 the estimated increased assessment for the ensuing year will give approximately a rate of \$1.90.

The municipality is expected to require an increased assessment of \$15,000 and this sum is allowed for. In the city's estimates an example of the method pursued can be seen in the fire department. The expenditure will amount to about \$49,000, which includes the \$4,000 increase to the firemen, while the amount assessed for is \$35,000, leaving a wide margin for the defaults referred to.

ANOTHER CLUB HOUSE  
IS BROKEN INTO

A telephone message was received in the city Thursday by E. A. Goodwin that the Fishing Club house at Rocky Lake had been broken into by Indians and a quantity of blankets and other articles stolen. The message came from C. E. Harding, who was informed of the fact by a number of lumbermen who had been at the camp.

William Ogden, guide, has left for Rocky Lake to make an examination of the premises. There is a supposition that the club house was broken into by the same two Indians who, as charged, went through the camp on the South Branch of the Olenok to belonging to D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., and others.

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## TERRIBLE MURDER OF SIX ITALIANS

Bodies Found Horribly Hacked by Knives in a Minneapolis Shack—Victims Were Evidently Tortured to Death as None of the Wounds Were Deep—Much Money Found in the House—Thought to Be Work of the "Black Hand" Society.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 28.—The bodies of six Italians, covered with blood and terribly hacked with knives were found by the police in an old frame building on Tenth avenue, conducted as a laborer's lodging house. Four of the bodies were found in a first floor room, and a bloody trail led into the cellar, where two more were discovered. It is believed that the men were victims of a fight last night in which 12 men took part. The place was rented to nine Italians who, it is now believed constituted a "Mafia" or "Black Hand" organization. They brought three others to the lodging house last night.

After midnight six men were seen to leave the house. The police had heard a noise but thought it was only a little fight and paid no attention to it, but this morning an investigation was started. The door was broken open and a horrible sight was revealed.

Blood lay in pools all about the room, and beside the four dead bodies were found three long knives with their blades bloody. The murderers had evidently left the injured men blood to death, for the wounds were not deep but rather long slashes running lengthwise along the bodies. The faces were also frightfully cut and marked.

In a tin box on the floor of the room was found a check for \$333 made out to Nicolo Demtri, the box also contained \$500 in Italian gold pieces and \$500 in American currency. Several watches were also found, one being marked Nicolo Demtri. It contained a complete set of vestments of a Greek Catholic priest, even to the mitre. In this atelier were found passports in Turkish, Greek and French.

Another atelier with similar vestments and garments was found labelled Carco Demtri. Other articles were marked Dehon Caponi and Sami Yevani. The police believe that the victims were lured to this spot and then told that they must die. A fight was started but during the fight not only the three victims but three of the assailants were killed.

Apparently robbery was not the motive, for the money was left untouched and the victims all had small amounts of their persons. The nine men who rented the place were mysterious in all their movements during the two months of residence in Minneapolis.

Veteran of the U. S. Postal Service, Eighty-eight Years Old, is in Louisville.



John D. Strassburg, Oldest Post Office Employee in America.

Louisville, Ky., March 27.—Of the thousands who are employed in Uncle Sam's post office the veteran is John D. Strassburg, the oldest man in service on the last. He is still at work in the Louisville post office, where he had been employed thirty-three years on March 16. It was on that day in 1843 that he applied to the postmaster of Louisville and was given a position. He has been with the local office ever since and has never lost a day save on account of absence.

Mr. Strassburg was born in Germany and had just come to America when he secured this position. On June 2 he will be eighty-eight years old. He is as active as ever and expects to work for Uncle Sam for years to come.

Those who want to draw the age limit on government employees should have a look at Mr. Strassburg handling the mail in the Louisville office.

MRSHIP FEATURE  
OF THE EXHIBITION

President Skinner Also Tells of Other New Attractions in View.

The exhibition next fall promises to have a number of features never before seen in St. John. A. O. Skinner, who has been in charge of the association met the treasury board last evening, informed the aldermen that an air ship was being arranged for and he told of other features. "Fakirs" row is to be abolished. The four gentlemen in the deputations all briefly addressed the board.

Mr. Skinner said the directors had already started to arrange for an automobile and motor boat show, and an air ship which had never been exhibited in Canada. The fireworks display would be a good deal better show for the same money as before. The government had intimated that the deputy minister of agriculture would be present and lend any assistance possible.

R. B. Emerson said the council had always treated the association with generosity. They had no intention of being overshadowed by the Halifax exhibition, but would benefit by it.

D. J. McLaughlin said he thought the coming exhibition would give a grand opportunity for St. John to surpass itself. The large number of people and exhibitors who would be attracted to the maritime provinces would no doubt come here before taking in the exhibition in Halifax.

C. B. Allan endorsed what had been said. It was patent, he said, that exhibitions were of benefit to a city. These features were increasing and he believed the best exhibition east of Toronto, and last year when it came towards the fall he believed the people of St. John did not like to feel that they were not doing anything to put their city to the front.

In reply to a question, Mr. Skinner said the roof of the main building needed repairs. He did not anticipate they would ever call on the city for a guarantee, but they could not go on with the exhibition without the city's contribution. As mentioned elsewhere, a grant of \$3,000 was made, and \$2,000 guarantee also given.

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