

DEATH CLOSES LAST CHAPTER OF CELEBRATED MURDER CASE

Mrs. Mary E. Barrows, Long an Inmate of Maine State Prison, is Dead— Detectives Solved Great Kittery Mystery After State Officials Failed.

There died at the Maine State prison recently an old and broken woman who had not seen the outside of the walls of that institution for more than 32 years.

She was Mrs. Mary E. Barrows of Kittery, who in September, 1884, was convicted of being guilty of the murder of her husband, Thomas Barrows. The prison doors were locked behind Mrs. Barrows on Oct. 1, 1884, and they were never unlocked for her until last Saturday when her dead body passed out through the portals to go to its last resting place.

A few years ago Mrs. Barrows sought a pardon but it being denied her it is said that she had been content to remain a prison inmate for the remainder of her life, knowing full well that she would even be more lonely out in the world than she would be in the cell which had been her abiding place for so many years.

The Barrows-Blaney murder was a "cause celebre" in Maine a little less than a third of a century ago, but of course it had been forgotten by many who were once familiar with its details while to many others it meant nothing when the evening papers of last Friday announced the death of the aged Mrs. Barrows.

On the evening of Nov. 14, 1883, Thomas Barrows, a farmer of Kittery, was shot down in cold blood while he was going from the house to his barn. The shooting occurred at 8.30 when of course it was quite dark. According to the first story told by Mrs. Barrows she was looking out of the window when the shooting took place and saw her husband fall. She said she remained at the window until she saw the man crawl to the back door then she left by the front door and ran to the home of her son-in-law, Oscar E. Blaney, who lived about two miles away.

He was the first one she told of the affair. They returned together and when they got there as they afterwards told the officers, they found that Barrows had crawled through the kitchen and into a bedroom where he had died.

The pair notified the neighbors and a coroner was summoned. According to Blaney and Mrs. Barrows the dead man had shot himself but the suicide did not suit the neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Barrows, and their son-in-law, Blaney. Mrs. Barrows did not speak of her husband any too kindly in relating the details of the shooting and the stories the couple told were not always consistent.

There was no blood trail from the place in the yard where Barrows fell to the bedroom, although the bed where the body lay was saturated with blood. The body had been untouched when the coroner arrived and the course of the bullets indicated that he might have been shot by some one standing over him near the bed.

But more convincing than all these things was the fact that six bullets had been fired into the body of Barrows. That a man bent on suicide should be able to shoot himself six times was pretty hard to believe. Nor was this all. The revolver with which the shooting had been done was picked up and found to be a five chambered American arm. This meant that who ever had done the shooting had reloaded the gun, but no empty shells were found about the place. All these convictions of the officers and neighbors that Barrows had been murdered and they believed that both Blaney and Mrs. Barrows were concerned in the crime. The relations that had existed between the three confirmed these suspicions.

Mrs. Barrows was a second wife. Her maiden name had been Mary F. Cook and when quite young she had married one, Benjamin Cate, a widower, whose first wife had been Mary's sister Elizabeth.

The couple did not live happily together. Mrs. Barrows for one thing was too fond of other men and Cate frequently upbraided her for her alleged unfaithfulness.

Finally in 1880, there came to the town of Kittery one Thomas Barrows, an Englishman by birth, and a sort of tramp. He got work in Kittery and in the course of his being employed there he met Mrs. Barrows and the two became very friendly—originally intimate so the zossips said and there is no reason to doubt the truth of the charge. Barrows was at this time less than 30 years old while Mrs. Cate was about 40. Of course the relations between Mrs. Cate and the tramp Barrows didn't help matters out much at home and the couple had frequent quarrels.

It was charged that she tried to poison her husband and for sometime he would not eat of any dish which she had prepared for him unless she tasted it first.

Cate died in 1881. The relations between Mrs. Cate and Barrows continued after the death of Cate, but the widow was not entirely constant to him. At one time he fired at her in a fit of anger on account of her actions with other men. He did not hit her but in feeling from him the woman fell and broke her leg. Barrows served a term in Alfred jail for the offense, but after he got out he resumed his friendly relations with the Widow Cate and finally married her. The strange Englishman seemed to have a real love for the woman and was kindness itself to her, so the neighbors all said.

Although he had been a wanderer all his life he settled down in Kittery, worked hard and was getting a good living. His one out was that he had a violent temper and this he was especially wont to display when anyone tried to find out from him anything about his life before coming to America. Woe to him who started any inquiries along this line.

Mrs. Cate had a daughter by her first husband and after she had married Barrows, this girl was wedded to one Oscar E. Blaney, a small farmer who had been employed more or less as a section hand on the Boston and Maine railroad.

Blaney is described as a mild mannered man, none too bright perhaps, but the last person anyone would have picked for a murderer.

The marriage of the Cate girl to Blaney aroused Barrows' anger. Mrs. Barrows had some money left her by her first husband and the Englishman feared that the marriage of the Cate girl meant that Mrs. Barrows' money would go to the Blaneys instead of to him. Barrows did all that he could to separate the couple, denying Blaney admittance to his house and ill treating him in many ways.

Mrs. Barrows sided with the Blaneys and there was a good sized family row on when the shooting of Barrows took place.

All these facts were soon developed by High Sheriff George Getchell of Wells and Deputy Sheriff Dana Beachman of Limerick who were working up the case. Assisting them was Hon. Frank M. Higgins of Limerick, at that time county attorney and for many years afterwards one of the Republican leaders of the county.

But they could get no further and while the evidence that they had obtained made it morally certain that Mrs. Barrows and Blaney knew how Barrows came to his end, it was hardly sufficient to insure a conviction before a jury.

Having come to what seemed to them a dead end in the case, the county authorities sent to Boston and engaged the detective firm of Wood and Wiggin to investigate the case.

This concern at that time had considerable of a reputation for its criminal work in a number of mysterious cases. The confidence of the York county authorities that they would be able to solve the Barrows mystery was not misplaced. Detective Wood came to Kittery and after working awhile he obtained from Mrs. Barrows a confession to the effect that Barrows was killed by Blaney, and that she was an accessory both before and after the fact.

Accordingly he went to Dover, N. H. and bought a five chambered .35 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver. He obtained a single cartridge in the Dover store, but later he went to Portsmouth and bought more.

When he was returning home from Portsmouth he met his father-in-law who was on his way to the New Hampshire city and the latter took no notice of him. This slight angered Blaney and settled Barrows' fate, if there had been any chance for him before.

He returned home did his chores and then took the revolver, discharging it once to see that it would go off

and started for the Barrows' residence. He got there a little before 8.30 and hiding in a shed waited for the appearance of his intended victim. In a few minutes Barrows came out with his lantern to feed the stock. Standing within a dozen feet of him, Blaney opened fire. When Barrows fell, the would-be-murderer dropped the revolver and ran home.

Mrs. Barrows heard the shot and looking out saw her husband crawling toward the house. Without offering him assistance she threw on some wraps and ran as fast as she could to the Blaney house. When she found her son-in-law she told him that Barrows had shot himself.

Blaney started to return with her, but as they neared the house the woman said that Barrows was still alive and she added that if he recovered she feared he would make trouble. She urged him to finish the job. The story of the couple was that this fired Blaney to do so. When he reached the house he hunted around until he found the revolver. He filled the chambers with cartridges and went in to the house with Mrs. Barrows. Barrows was lying on the bed. Thinking that he was going to die he tried to make it up with his wife and son-in-law.

"I have got to go soon," he is alleged to have said. "Yes your time has come," answered Blaney and he pulled the revolver and fired four shots. Barrows fell back on the bed a corpse. Blaney coolly threw the revolver away and went home. Mrs. Barrows notified the neighbors that her husband had committed suicide.

They followed the investigation and confessions.

The shooting was done on November 14 and Blaney and Mrs. Barrows were indicted on January 15. At the same time an indictment was found against Mrs. Barrows' daughter, Martha Blaney, charging her with having been an accessory before and after the fact.

George C. Yeaton, Esq., still engaged in active practice was assigned by Justice Virgin who was the presiding Justice at the trial to defend Blaney who pleaded not guilty. Mrs. Barrows engaged as her counsel John B. Donovan and William Buxby, both of Alfred as her counsel. Both are lawyers.

Mr. Higgins was county attorney and the late Governor Henry B. Cleaves was attorney general. Hon. Ira T. Drew another veteran York county lawyer and dead some years was also counsel for Mrs. Barrows.

The trial was a long one and occasioned so much excitement that it was found necessary to lock the court room door to keep out the crowds which wanted to hear the testimony. On Monday, February 4, at 1.25 the jury returned with a verdict of guilty.

But this did not end the case. Every device known to the law was invoked for delay and to save the two respondents if possible. Finally the case came up for sentence and both were ordered to be hung. This was the last death sentence ever imposed in Maine, but it was never executed.

Evening news of the fact that the man and woman were taken to Thomaston the following October.

Blaney had been there ten years when he anaized to hang himself. Mrs. Barrows remained to the time of her death. It is said that she was refused a pardon by Gov. Curtis and refused to say that she had no money or friends and that if she left the prison she would have to go to the poor-house. She was 74 years old at the time of her death and 42 when sentenced.

Before her death she asked the warden of the prison Mr. Waterhouse, that her body be given to science and this request was complied with. Her body was taken to Portland and was turned over to the Maine medical school.

Mrs. Barrows is described as a woman about five feet six inches in height with a hard, sallow face and apparently devoid of feeling. She was a natural criminal and her end was what might have been expected.

Shediac, Nov. 24.—The pupils of Shediac Cape and the Dorchester Road schools held a very successful entertainment followed by a bean supper and sale of home cooking, on Thursday evening, the 16th inst. in the Agricultural Hall at the Cape. The proceeds amounting to a sum in the vicinity of a hundred dollars are in aid of the Belgian Fund being raised by the schools of the province.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society will hold a tea and sale of home cooking in Tipperary Hall on Saturday afternoon.

Miss May Harper is spending a week in Moncton, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. S. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Webster, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith, Miss Gladys Smith, Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Murray and Mr. H. B. Steeves were among Shediac people who went to Moncton to see

the motion picture of the Battle of the Somme.

Mrs. John Gillard and family spent Saturday with Moncton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gibson have been spending some time at Carleton Point, P. E. I. Mr. Gibson being a member of the Roger Miller Co. Ltd., who have the contract for the Car Ferry Terminal at that place.

Mrs. H. B. Steeves spent Saturday in Moncton, the guest of Mrs. H. S. Bell.

Mrs. E. C. Turner left town on Friday on a visit to Boston friends.

Mrs. G. M. Campbell, of Halifax, spent a few days here recently the guest of Mrs. R. C. Tait.

Mrs. James Stewart has returned from a visit to Prince Edward Island, and with Mr. Stewart will be guests at the Walden for the winter months.

Mrs. Harry Smith entertained the ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle at their meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Shediac people learned with regret this week that Captain Allan D. Harper had been wounded at the front. Captain Harper is a Shediac boy, a son of the late Mr. Charles Harper, of this town, and was at the time of enlisting on the staff of the Bank of Montreal in Belleville, Ont. He has been on active service for some weeks, having gone overseas in the early summer. Captain Harper who is a graduate of the high school of this town and a very bright and promising young man, has a large circle of friends here who are hoping that his wounds may not prove serious. His mother and sister, Miss Grace, are at present residing in Moncton.

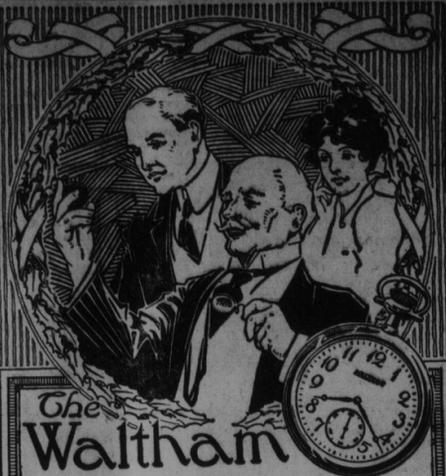
Mrs. D. S. Harper has lately received word that her grandson, Mr. Edward Talbot, formerly of Calgary, and well known here, who is a second lieutenant in the 33rd Infantry Regiment in India, has been transferred to Mandalay, Burma, and not to the Philippines as he expected. Mr. Talbot, who is only twenty years of age, joined the Imperial forces for service in India a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. James Prier received word that their son, Arthur, who was wounded some weeks ago while on active service, is improving slowly. Arthur is a patient in a London hospital.

Another Shediac boy who has been secondlie serving the Empire, but is now sufficiently improved to be ordered back to active service, is Arthur Biddington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Biddington.

Our community learned with regret on Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Otty Mills, of Shediac Cape. The deceased lady was only ill for a few days and her many friends will find it hard to realize that she has been forever removed from their midst.

The late Mrs. Mills was very prominent in the social life of the Cape, and had been president of the Red Cross Society of that place since its formation two years ago. Mrs. Mills was formerly Miss Eva M. Cannon, and is survived by her husband, one son and a number of brothers and sisters residing in Western Canada and the United States. The members of the family who have been thus suddenly called upon to part with one of their number the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended.



Waltham
DEAR Old Dad! Even though he says, "You shouldn't have done it," you yourselves know that's just Dad's way of showing his appreciation. Make it up to him this Christmas for some of the good times he has given you. For the finest man in the world nothing could be better than the finest watch—the Waltham Colonial Thin Model. The Maxim automatic gun was invented in 1884 in London and was immediately adopted by the British. Some years later Sir Hiram, created a baronet by Queen Victoria, after having become naturalized as an Englishman, invented the first smokeless powder.
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OBITUARY

Sir Hiram Maxim.
London, Nov. 24.—Sir Hiram Maxim, inventor of the automatic system of firearms, died at his home here today.

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FUNERAL NOTICE

Members of Union Lodge, Portland, No. 10, P. and A. M., are requested to attend the funeral of our late brother, Joseph Seymour,

from 254 Carmarthen street, at 2.30 p. m., on Sunday, November 26. Members of sister lodges are invited to attend.

By order,
J. TWING HARTT,
Secretary.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Royal.
A. E. Jameson, Halifax; A. B. Fortier, Toronto; J. A. Boak, Chicago; N. W. Fawcett, Josiah Wood, Sackville; Arthur LeBlanc, Campbellton; Lawrence and wife, Parraboro, N. S.; E. B. Garrigue, C. F. Schuzler, Toronto; Ross Thompson, Fredericton; W. P. Lowell, Calais, Me.; J. A. Webster, Shediac; W. E. Howe, Fredericton; J. B. Rubenovich, S. S. Ahearn, Montreal; H. P. Metcalf, E. L. Garnau, Quebec; G. H. Murdoch, Boston; J. Howes, E. L. Lawrence and wife, Parraboro, N. S.; T. C. Allen, Fredericton; A. A. Cummings, Portland, Me.; G. W. Muddiman, J. Dolg, Montreal; S. J. Hambro, A. T. Laine, J. H. Riddell, Toronto; J. Robinson, Miramichi; L. J. Tweedie, Chatham; T. P. Hetherington, Cady's; C. S. Everett, St. Andrews.

Harry Stein, Halifax; Joseph Belliveau, C. Belliveau, Memramcook; J. Dalziel, Fredericton; T. L. Fleming, Truro; M. Barrett, Riverside; J. E. Bigelow, Truro; J. Keating, W. P. Beaton, Halifax; M. Noel, St. Andrews; J. J. Lantierne, Carleton Place; John A. Lovett, Yarmouth; G. D. Gibbs, Fredericton; F. Daley, Moncton; G. W. Hopper, Truro; J. H. Muir, Halifax; Thos B. Carson, S. Lance, St. Martins; D. J. Malone, Boston, Mass.; Wm J. McAdam, St. George; E. B. McWilliam, J. Roberts, Chance Harbor; G. W. White, Fredericton; W. M. Kearney, New York; T. L. Salterio, P. P. Ginnah, Halifax; P. P. Brennan, Bath; E. R. Folkens, W. S. Mason, Millstream; Jas Baldwin, Halifax.

NEWS SUMMARY

New York, Nov. 24.—Lehigh Valley October net after taxes decrease \$159,000. Four months' increase \$85,900.

Continental and Commercial Bank reports Chinese loan over subscribed. Books closed immediately after they were opened.

Attorneys for government and railroad deadlocked at Kansas City as to the test case for Adamson law.

American members of Joint Mexican conference confident of an early agreement.

Officially announced that Great Britain has agreed to modify contract with Midvale Steel, Remington Arms, Union Metallic Cartridge and Winchester Arms that have proved too costly to the manufacturers.

WILCOX'S MONTH-END SALE

of Men's Women's and Children's Clothing is equal to any sale we ever held at any time of the year. As we are overstocked and need the room for Christmas trade, we must move our heavy stock regardless of cost, and as this is the time you need your Coat or Suit, now is the time to get it. You will never have the same chance for the next two years to buy clothing at such prices.

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MEN'S SUITS Worth \$20.00 . . . For \$16.00
MEN'S SUITS Worth \$18.00 . . . For \$14.50
MEN'S SUITS Worth \$16.00 . . . For \$13.98
MEN'S SUITS Worth \$14.00 . . . For \$9.98

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MEN'S OVERCOATS Worth \$24.00 . . . For \$19.00
MEN'S OVERCOATS Worth \$22.00 . . . For \$17.50
MEN'S OVERCOATS Worth \$18.00 . . . For \$14.00
MEN'S OVERCOATS Worth \$15.00 . . . For \$12.50
MEN'S WORKING REFERS From \$7.50 to \$10.00 At Special Cut Prices.
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MEN'S WHITE DRESS SHIRTS Worth \$1.50 . . . For \$1.15
MEN'S WHITE DRESS SHIRTS Worth \$1.25 . . . For 98c.
MEN'S WHITE DRESS SHIRTS Worth \$1.00 . . . For 75c.
MEN'S HEAVY ALL-WOOL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS Worth \$1.35 . . . For \$1.00
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MEN'S PANTS From \$2.25 to \$5.00 At Special Prices.
MEN'S KID GLOVES Worth \$1.35 . . . For \$1.00
MEN'S FUR-LINED GLOVES Worth \$3.00 . . . For \$2.50
MEN'S GREY SUEDE GLOVES At \$1.00 and \$1.25
BOYS' SWEATERS Worth \$1.00 . . . For 49c.

Westfield, No.
spent a few days.
Mr. J. Belyes week-end guest and Mrs. E. A. Mrs. L. A. Co. a recent visitor man.
Miss I. Stevens weeks with her B. I. Stevens.
Miss E. Nash from St. John, with friends.
Mr. G. P. Lee a recent guest Gilliland.
Mrs. F. A. Wood to St. John this week months with her, Mrs. J. V. Mrs. G. W. the ladies of the home on Wednesday.
Miss Gilliland Sunday with her.

Day
A meeting of Board of Trade morning. Am used was the and it was suggested taken up with the Maritime view to make the summer, or if at least have the Maritime of the United S merce will be January 20 of the scheme.

To Sole Rev. Malcol Stanley, Rev. I. and Rev. Pierston have been nice marriage.