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All France Mourns In Bernhardt Death

Nation Not So Deeply Stirred Since the Death of Victor Hugo

Actress Lauded in Press—Impressive Ceremony on Thursday and Friday and it May be State Funeral—Body Lies in a Floral Bower.

(Canadian Press)

Paris, March 27—All France mourns today for her well beloved daughter, Sarah Bernhardt, is dead. Paris is stunned, scarcely believing that she who was regarded as almost immortal

BERNHARDT.

in more than one sense of the word, has passed away. It seems not too much to say that not since the death of Victor Hugo has France been stirred so deeply.

As the Academician de Flers observes in Figaro, Bernhardt probably shares with Hugo and Pasteur the distinction of being the most illustrious person in the last hundred years of French history. "Divine Sarah" was undoubtedly one of the greatest ambassadors of French art and literature who ever lived.

It was thus befitting that the public which idolized her and which she in turn held so close to her heart, should have lingered revenently in the soft spring night outside the house in the Boulevard Periere, where she lived for thirty-eight years, sharing the vigil with the family within. After midnight, when the theatres were closed, came the people of the stage to pay tribute to their illustrious comrade.

Among them were Sacha Guitry, a playwright who had a filial respect for Bernhardt; Cecile Sorel, Rachel Boyer, and a host of other stars.

The visitors' book at the residence already contains 800 names, including those of personages in official, private, business and theatrical life.

Bernhardt lies on her bed covered by the flowers she loved so well. Tall candles burn at either side and at the foot of her couch, and in accordance with French custom, a crucifix and a bowl of holy water stand on a little table nearby.

On Bed of Flowers.

The chamber is already filled with the flowers brought by hundreds of her admirers. The first bunch of lilies was placed on the bier in the early morning hours by her grand-daughter.

Abbe Loutil, the great actress' close friend for many years, remarked that in death she had "recovered the beauty of her youth." "Her expression," he added, "is one of peace."

Plans for the funeral had not been made at noon today, inasmuch the French cabinet may decide to make it a state ceremony. Furthermore, Bernhardt's wishes, as they may have been expressed in her will, must be learned.

Bernhardt occasionally expressed the desire to be buried within the grounds of her house at Belle Isle, a romantic spot atop cliffs that overlook the Atlantic. However, it has not yet been decided whether she will be laid to rest there or in the family tomb in Pere Lachaise cemetery, Paris.

In any event there will be an impressive ceremony in Paris on either Thursday or Friday and there is a strong sentiment in favor of holding this at the expense of the nation.

As an officer of the Legion of Honor, Mme. Bernhardt is entitled to burial with military honors, but the public feels that she should be interred with the pomp befitting her incalcuable services to French art. The newspapers print columns about her. Many of the articles are signed with well-known names.

New Orleans, March 27—Because of the large French speaking population here there was probably no city in the U. S. where Sarah Bernhardt was more popular than in New Orleans. She was first seen here forty years ago.

Paris, March 27—It was later arranged that the body should lie in state at the home beginning at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The funeral will probably be held at the Church of St. Francois De Sales, but inasmuch as this "the week of the dead" preceding Easter, there can be no high mass.

Mme. Bernhardt's most valuable personal effects are being taken out of the house by her son Maurice, and sent elsewhere for safe keeping.

The suggestion of Madame Bernhardt's friends that she be given a state funeral was not taken up by the Government at today's cabinet meeting as it was explained there was no precedent for such a ceremony for any except noted public Governmental personages.

Official action today took the form of the dispatch by Minister of Fine Arts Berard, of an official representative to the Bernhardt home to sign the register and offer condolences.

Sarah Bernhardt, 77, world renowned emotional actress, poetess, novelist, painter and sculptor, died in the arms of her son Maurice, in her Paris home last night, following a renewed attack of uraemic poisoning, from which she had been suffering for some time. Her life was despaired of from the first but she made a hard fight against death and astonished her physicians by her repeated rallies. Crowds were outside the house and, when news of the great artiste's death was learned, huge bouquets of flowers were showered on the hame from friends. Messages of regret were received from all the world and friends came from far and near to pay their last respects. For sixty-one years the great Bernhardt was on the stage and even the loss of her right leg at the beginning of the war could not keep her from her acting. She was known the world over as the greatest actress that ever lived and was endeared to all who had seen her. Besides this she found time to be a poet, novelist, painter and sculptor.

Half-Brother Does Not Weep For Bernhardt

AGED LITTLE FRENCHMAN WAS ESTRANGED FROM HER

Furniture Repairer in Oklahoma Town Tells of Early Home Life and of Trouble That Arose—Both Too Stubborn For Reconciliation.

(Canadian Press)

McAlester, Okla., March 27.—While the world mourned the passing of the "Divine Sarah," an aged Frenchman sat in a little furniture repair shop in McAlester, his heart still filled with bitterness. He is Joseph Bernhardt, 78 years old, who says that Mme. Bernhardt was his half sister.

"I have no pity, no sorrow," he said when told of the death of the famous actress. "No friendship has existed between us for many years. When Sarah could have done much for me, she did nothing."

Joseph Bernhardt's claim to being a half brother of Mme. Bernhardt has never been disproved here, where Bernhardt has made his home for twenty-five years. Sarah Bernhardt was the second daughter of Pierre Bernhardt, born of his first wife, according to Joseph. He gives the history of the Bernhardt family as follows:

"The father, Pierre Bernhardt, was of Swiss descent. There were two daughters, Jeanne and Sarah, born of his first wife, and Rachael and myself were born of his second wife. My mother died when I was born. Rachael was two years older than I, and Sarah was four years older than myself. Jeanne was two years older than Sarah.

"Being the oldest it devolved upon Jeanne when mother died to mother the family. She was kind and good to me, but Sarah, even when I was little, mistreated me. She used to drink up half my milk and fill the bottle with water. Jeanne would scold her, but Sarah was always headstrong."

At six, Bernhardt says, he entered a show, doubling as a boy and a girl. Within a year he was brought to America and after several years spent in Columbia, Tenn., with a school teacher, who acted as his guardian, he went into the show business.

"I sketched thirty-five plays," he said. "Some of them I read to Sarah and she afterwards appropriated them.

"It was in Wheeling, West Virginia, that Sarah and I had our big fight. It came near being more than a fight with words. Sarah was just as high tempered as I am.

"Sarah received me in her rooms and I told her I thought it was as little as she could do to send me to school for a year or two. I was in the show business then. I told her that I had not had a chance, and that I at least wanted a business course. The way Sarah snapped me off made me mad and I told her in words perhaps too harsh that I hoped I would never set eyes upon her again.

"We parted in anger and have never had a conversation since that day. I have seen her several times since, but we were both too stubborn to give in, and have been strangers since.

"A few years ago Sarah sent one of her company here to make overtures, but I told him that if anything was done Sarah would have to make her own overtures."

Bernhardt says his sister Jeanne played in America with Sarah and later starred in her own company, afterwards marrying J. C. Smith, a Chicago druggist.

GIRL GETS THREE MONTHS FOR THEFT

Fredericton, March 27.—(Special).—Henrietta Holmes, colored, aged nineteen, charged with theft of a cameo ring from Mrs. J. B. McNair, was sentenced this morning to three months or fifty dollars fine.

SEEKING DIVORCE.

Justice Sanborn of the Cumberland Co. Superior Court in Maine, has reserved decision on the petition of Melvin O. Wells, formerly of Sackville, asking for a divorce from Lillian Wells, now of parts unknown. Wells told the court that he was married at Sackville in 1916 and that two years later he found a note in his home informing him that Mrs. Wells had departed, never to return. She requested him to make no search and he says he never did.

COURT REFUSES TO REGARD A. J. SMALL AS DEAD

Toronto, March 27.—Ambrose Small, theatrical magnate, missing since December 1919, is not "legally dead." Judge Coatsworth, of the surrogate court today dismissed with costs the application of Mrs. Ambrose Small for a declaration to this effect so that the estate could be administered. The judgment says that no evidence was submitted at the recent hearing to justify him in making such pronouncement.

In giving his judgment on the case, the judge said that on account of the "very bitter family feud" between Mrs. Small and the sisters of Ambrose Small, it was essential to exercise great care and act only upon reasonably clear evidence. While he regarded Mrs. Small as a most capable woman and was very favorably impressed with her evidence, he did not feel that he ought at present to decide the matter finally and against the sisters by giving Mrs. Small the estate of between $1,000,000 and $2,000,000 as her own.

"Men have disappeared," said the court, "and after a lapse of years have reappeared, very frequently, and it is possible that this is one of those cases. There is no outstanding fact proved pointing conclusively to his death and incapable of any other explanation."

It is understood that counsel for Mrs. Small are considering the advisability of appealing to a higher court in the matter. In the meantime the estate is being administered by a trust company.

SMUGGLERS REGAIN PIRATES' LOOT

Fusilade Reveals to Belford, N. J., Reason for Nightly Tour of Autos—Abandon Wounded Man.

Belford, N. J., March 27—This little town of 600 inhabitants or less stands revealed as a bootleggers' port. It has been just that for some time. At daybreak, however, a sharp engagement between rum runners and a rum pirate, in which one man was wounded, disclosed to Belford's inhabitants the business of the mysterious autoists who have been passing in dozens at night from Belford to inshore points.

Smugglers who got in here after the battle offshore in Raritan Bay, in which between fifty and 100 shots were exchanged between runners and a hawking pirate, told a story of the loss and recovery of 100 cases of Scotch through their own daring after the pirate had captured their craft and landed tis cargo near Fort Monmouth. The pirate, however, put a number of fast rum-running craft to flight, but they doubtless landed their loads somewhere else between Perth Amboy and Asbury Park.

According to the runners, it happened this way: Five or more small motor boats, led by a rapid power craft, took on their loads from the liquor fleet off Atlantic Highlands and headed for the mouth of the Shrewbury. Suddenly the skippers sighted a lightless craft skimming across the river to head them off. There was a sharp command to halt, which was ignored. Then the chasing boat opened fire but the leader of the runners crowded on full speed.

Following the shots there came a megaphoned command to 'lay to." This also was ignored. The smugglers then did some shooting on their own account, all the while heading for shore. More speedy than the other little ships in his fleet, the leader of the runners thought he could make land before being captured. He signaled to the others to scatter and to turn back into the bay.

The pirate ship, however, according to the story, soon overtook her prey and it was then that one of her crew was wounded. Standing in the bow of the runner, a man, leveled a rifle and fired. One of the crew of the pirate, now nearly alongside, threw up his hands and pitched headlong into the water. A feeble attempt was made to rescue him, but he struck out for shore.

The runner was beached on shore and her crew fled for safety, leaving the cargo in the hands of the pirate band. They had thought along, it was explained that their pursuer was a prohibition chaser, but when lookouts reported that the captors were hurrying to load the liquor trucks, resistance was decided upon.

Thomas Tooey and his wife were asleep in their small hotel near the Belford shore when their two dogs started to bark. Next the Tooeys head shots, about 300 yards offshore. They got out of bed and looked out the window, but could see nothing.

Three high-powered cars then drove into the yard of the hotel. Mrs. Tooey saw men loading these cars with cases and heard them speed away. Then a man knocked on the door of the little hotel. Mr. Tooey went to the door.

"Madam, I must use your telephone," he said. She showed him the way. He called a number, she replied, saying:

"Ed, give me a boat quick—Belford, yes, hurry up."

The runners, it seemed, were hastily gathering their forces for the raid which was made a half hour later. According to their story they found the pirates loading the captured liquor into a huge truck and recaptured it. The other runners, it was said, landed their cargoes successfully.

C. N. R. OFFICIALS.

W. N. Rippey, who was recently appointed district superintendent of the C. N. R., arrived in the city this morning on his first official inspection trip. He was accompanied by A. J. Tingley, superintendent of investigation, and G. C. Torrens, resident engineer. This morning they made an inspection of the terminals.

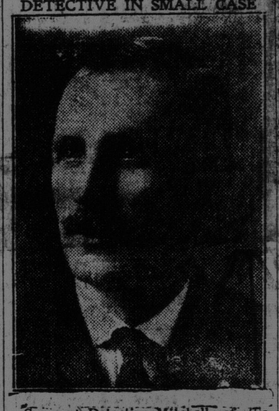
I. O. G. T. BOWLERS.

In the I. O. G. T. Bowling League last night on Victoria alleys, Thorne Lodge rallied their three strings as No Surrender failed to appear for the League game, forfeiting the game to Thorne Lodge.

MRS. AMBROSE J. SMALL

A pleasing portrait of Mrs. Small, wife of the missing Toronto theatrical magnate. The Small case has recently been re-opened and former witnesses are once more being called on for their versions of evidence concerning the disappearance of Mr. Small.

DETECTIVE IN SMALL CASE



Sergeant Detective Mitchell, of Toronto, who has caused a sensation by saying that he knows an area of seventy acres within which Ambrose Small is buried. He has declined to disclose the locality of the seventy acres.

Smash Window; Seize $10,000 In Jewelry

New York, March 27.—Two young men armed with a glass cutter and brick smashed the window of Silberstein's jewelry store on the southwest corner of Broadway and Ninety-second street last Thursday afternoon and took $100,000 worth of ornaments from a tray. They escaped in a taxicab, which drove through Ninety-second street to Riverside Drive and disappeared in the stream of afternoon traffic.

The daring theft was done swiftly before the eyes of the Broadway crowd who thronged the street. In an automobile standing at the northwest corner sat Mrs. Lynn Shorer of 45 Tremann Place and Lucille Fletcher of 155 West Eightieth street. The women saw the two men stop in front of the window.

One of them pulled a glass cutter from an inside pocket and cut a square on the glass. His companion tossed a brick into the middle of the square and the cut glass fell inward with a crash. Both men clutched handfuls of jewelry from the nearest tray and ran. The women were so surprised that by the time they realized they were witnessing a burglary the robbers had reached their taxi and were driven away.

Mrs. Isaac Silberstein and John Beasley, a clerk, were in the rear of the store when the glass crashed in. Beasley ran to the window and what he saw there sent him to the street, shouting for the police. Patrolman Thomas Hart of the West 100th street police station was on post at Eighty-ninth street. He telephoned a report to the station and half a dozen detectives under Lieutenant John McCurley took up the hunt.

One of the thieves is described as about twenty years old, five feet eight inches in height, and weighing about 150 pounds. His companion was older, and darker, and wore a dark gray overcoat and a dark felt hat.

The police believe the pair to be members of a gang of window thieves which has been operating on upper Broadway for some time. Similar robberies have been reported from several stores in the district and the police estimate the losses during the last few months at $50,000.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Easter holidays in the public schools throughout the city this year will be the same as in former years, consisting of Good Friday, Easter Monday and Good Tuesday

ARRANGING FOR BASEBALL SEASON AT MEETING HERE

"Dick" Casey and the Fords in From Boston for Conference This Afternoon.

For some weeks baseball fans in this city have had to be content with reading accounts of the doings of the major league players in their southern training camps and listening to vague rumors about the plans for their favorite pastime here during the summer months. Today the situation has assumed more of a concrete form and at the time of going to press an important meeting was being held, the outcome of which is to determine just what class of baseball will be in vogue in these parts during the summer.

When the Boston train pulled into the Union Station at noon today one of the first passengers to alight was Dick Casey, the popular first baseman, who was here last year with visiting teams from the States. He looked like a big leaguer en route to the spring training camp, and his happy smile was with him. He was accompanied by Joe Ford and his brother, Ralph (Lefty), who were warmly greeted by a few acquaintances present. They were met by William J. McMahon and escorted to an up-town hotel, where the meeting took place.

A Fredericton respatch mentions the St. Croix Valley and Fredericton as parts of the proposed circuit, but aside from the fact that the object of the meeting was to form an International League, those attending were noncommital. They said that if their plans materialized baseball should boom in the province this year and fans should be treated to an exceptionally fast class of ball. If the league goes through the games here will be played on St. Peter's Park.

St. Peter's team has been practically re-organized and from all indications will be stronger than last year. While there are numerous rumors current, it is known that the vast majority of the old players will again appear in the green and white and also that two or three new players will appear in their line-up. The outcome of the meeting and the plans of those interested in the formation of the international league will be awaited with keen interest by local fans.

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TRAGEDY AT SOO

Estranged Young Wife Shot and Killed in Student's Room.

Soo, Mich., March 27.—Mrs. Thelma Beyer, 19, of Soo, Ont., said to be the wife of Randall Beyer, a student at the University of Minnesota, was shot and killed yesterday. Fillimore E. H. K. Heikkilla, a high school student was held pending an inquest. Heikkilla is said to have told the authorities the shooting was accidental.

Mrs. Beyer had been estranged from her husband for several months, and with her baby, made her home with her parents in Soo, Ont. She was killed in a room here occupied by Heikkilla. Officers said they found no evidence of a quarrel.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I want to read you a letter I received this morning. Listen:—

"'How would you handle a man who would catch a little dog by the throat, punch it in the stomach with his fist, throw it on the hard ground and kick it all over its body until it yelped with pain, simply because the poor little animal did something to arouse a nasty temper? This was done in sight of two ladies and several children.'

"Now, Hiram," said the reporter, "what should my answer be?"

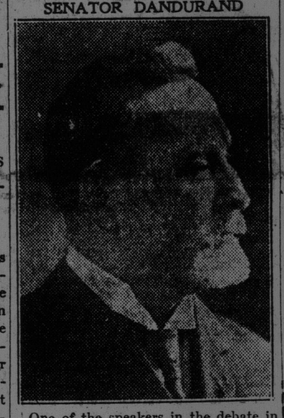
"Well," said Hiram, "if you ask me what I'd do to that feller, I'd give him dog biscuit an' water an' a cat-o-nine-tails every day fer a week—an' then rub in some salt an' let him go. I cal'late every time he seen a dog—or any other critter—after that, he'd wrastle with his temper quite a spell afore he showed himself a wuss brute than any of 'em. The's some things I can't stand—an' beatin' a dumb critter is one of 'em. If we're human—let's be human. If we aint—let's take to the swamp where we belong—yes, sir."

Irish Estimates Show Increase

Dublin, March 27—President Cosgrave in the Dail yesterday announced that the total estimates for the next fiscal year were £42,520,000, an increase of £3,500,000 over those of the current year.

The main increases are for the army and police, the former costing £10,600,000, an increase of £3,000,000. Compensation for damages to property requires £10,250,000, and for personal injuries, £500,000. The president said he would not make his regular budget statement until after Easter, but that he would announce the estimated receipts today.

SENATOR DANDURAND



One of the speakers in the debate in the Canadian Senate upon the important subject of the Hoppe claims in the far west. They are supposed to contain anthracite and other varieties of coal in unlimited quantities. They were discovered and owned before the war by a German who claimed to be an American citizen. The Government cancelled his claims and there have been much litigation and legislation concerning the lands since.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The depression which was over Manitoba yesterday has moved eastward to Temiskaming, with increasing energy and another high area with zero temperatures has come in over the Western Provinces from the northwest.

Forecasts:—

Gales and Snow.

Maritime—Fair and cold today, followed tonight and part of tomorrow by strong winds or gales from southwest, with some light snow and somewhat higher temperature; colder again by Wednesday night.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds and cloudy, with some light local snow tonight and part of Wednesday.

New England—Fair tonight and Wednesday, colder Wednesday and Wednesday night, fresh, possibly strong southwest, shifting to northwest winds, cold wave in extreme north portion and in eastern New York.

Toronto, March 27.—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday.	Lowest night.
Prince Rupert	40	50	38
Victoria	42	56	42
Kamloops	30	60	30
Calgary	28	44	24
Edmonton	14	28	12
Prince Albert	*4	32	*6
Winnipeg	*10	36	*12
Sault Ste. Marie	6	24	6
Toronto	30	24	13
Kingston	18	22	4
Ottawa	12	22	6
Montreal	8	16	6
Quebec	6	16	*2
St. John, N. B.	12	22	4
Halifax	18	28	0
St. John's, Nfld.	20	28	14
Detroit	32	26	24
New York	36	32	30

*Below zero.

St. John Bills Before Legislature Committee

Both Meet Opposition; Committee Into Private Session—One Regarding Second Hand Stores Recommended After Detective Sergeant is Heard—Bond Issue for U. N. B. Benefit.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, March 27.—Unexpected opposition to the bill relative to the adjustment of taxation payable to City of St. John by residents of the county who work in the city and vice versa developed this morning when the bill was being considered by the municipalities committee of the Legislature. Councillor Murray Campbell, Lancaster, appeared to oppose the bill and quite a controversy took place in which city commissioners, county councillors and members of the Legislature took part. The bill will be considered in private session.

A like disposition was made of the bill to amend the police act of 1865 so as to allow second hand stores in St. John to remain open an extra hour each week day evening except Saturday. L. P. D. Tilley, appeared in support of the bill and opposition was voiced on behalf of the Retail Clerks Association and other citizens by Hon. Dr. Roberts. A telegram from the Retail Merchants' Association arrived during the meeting protesting against the extension of the hour, saying that the Association was unalterably opposed to it for moral and business reasons. After hearing the police view on the matter from Sergeant Detective John T. Power, the committee decided to recommend the bill.

Afternoon Session.

Second reading will be given this afternoon to several bills including one introduced by Hon. J. E. Michaud to authorize rural municipalities to make loans to farmers, and another introduced by W. E. Scully, M. P. P., St. John, to enable the City of St. John to provide for superannuation or retiring allowances to employes.

The debate on the budget will be resumed and it is expected that Dr. H. I. Taylor, Conservative, Charlotte, will begin the criticism for the opposition.

Superanuation Bill.

The main sections from the bill introduced by Mr. Scully follow:

"1.—It shall and may be lawful for the City of St. John to establish a fund for the payment to permanent employees of the said city, of superannuation or retiring allowances, or of a gratuity to the dependents of employees dying while in its service; and also to establish a fund for contributions to such fund by the said city and by the employees of the said city."

"2.—The City of St. John having decided by resolution, by law or ordinance to establish such fund or funds as provided for in the foregoing suction, hsall have power to assess and collect in each year in addition to its other assessments, a sum sufficient for the purpose required, and may issue debentures from time to time for such an amount as the Common Council may deem necessary, under the provisions of section 29 of the Act 52 Vic Cap 27, for the purpose of forming a nucleus for any such fund."

(Official Report.)

Committee Room, House of Assembly, Fredericton, N. B., March 27.—The committee on municipalities met this morning and reconsidered the bill to amend the St. John Police Act.

Shop Closing Bill.

Mr. Hayes, the chairman, said the bill had been referred back because there was strong opposition.

L. P. D. Tilley said that the Retail Merchants' Association of St. John opposed the bill. The opposition was based upon competition and also upon opposition to any increase in hours of business.

Hon. Mr. Roberts said that there also

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BEATTY GIVES C. P. R. FIGURES

Montreal, March 27.—In his annual report to the shareholders yesterday, E. W. Beatty, K. C., president of the C. P. R., recommended further extensions of the systems in Saskatchewan and Albetra. The contemplated construction will add nearly one hundred miles to the lines.

Dealing with the ocean services, he commented on the competition presented by government owned lines and said that those of the U. S. had been of a demoralizing nature. On the Atlantic in 1922 the C. P. O. S. had increased the number of their voyages over 1921 from 136 to 188. Net profits had been increased by $234,000. The average cost of operation per voyage had decreased by $54,000 to $89,000 in 1922. On the Pacific, said President Beatty, the trade in 1922 had been "disappointing," and the company had encountered most severe competition from the U. S. Merchant Marine.

TEN PER CENT PAY INCREASE AT SYDNEY, C. B.

Sydney, N. S., March 27.—The British Empire Steel Corporation today announced a ten per cent wage increase for the Sydney steel workers.

COSTELLO WILL NOT RACE ON DULUTH COURSE

Neutral Course on Schuylkill for Contest With Hoover

Tommy Gibbons Knocks Out Omaha Man in Round One — Buff-LaRue Bout is Stopped — Late Sport News.

(Canadian Press.)

Philadelphia, March 27.—Paul Costello, of this city, national singles sculling champion, announced today that he would not agree to race Walter M. Hoover, world's title holder, in Duluth for the Philadelphia gold challenge cup.

Costello said he had written Russell J. Johnson, one of the officials in charge of the race, suggesting that it be held in neutral waters or on the Schuylkill River in this city. He declared that after training on the placid Schuylkill River he would be at a decided disadvantage in the rough waters of Lake Superior where Duluth's course is located.

Hoover, as holder of the trophy, has the right to select the site, but the selection must be approved by the cup committee.

Peoria, Ills., March 27.—Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul light heavyweight knocked out Andy Schmader, of Omaha, in the first round of their scheduled ten round bout here last night.

Detroit, March 27.—A scheduled ten round bout between Johnny Buff and Gene La Rue, was stopped in the eighth round here last night, the referee declaring that La Rue was not trying. Buff had outboxed La Rue up to that point, so newspapermen agreed.

N. S. Tennis.

Halifax, N. S., March 27. — L. A. Gastonguay, honorary secretary of the Nova Scotia Tennis Association, announced today that the annual tournament will be played this year during the week of August 6, at Sydney. The last time the annual championship matches were played in Sydney was in 1912. Last year they were held in Bridgewater.

Busy In Harbor

The port congestion in St. John now is the worst in some time and several steamships are being held up for days by inability to find docks for discharging and loading. At some of the piers there are two steamships lying side by side and working that way.

The total number of steamships now in port is twenty-three and, although this is not a record number, it is causing quite a bit of trouble to the harbormaster's department to keep things moving smoothly. The Rathlin Head is lying outside the Lord Antrim at No. 4, Sand Point; the Fredericia and the Essex County are both at No. 15, Sand Point; and there are six boats in the stream waiting for berths. The Yaque has been waiting for two days to get a chance to discharge her raw sugar at the refinery and the Lorentz W. Hansen arrived today with another cargo of raw. The Chignecto also has some sugar. The Brecon was forced to leave her berth to make room for the Marloch with passengers and the Lord Dufferin's place at McLeod's was taken up when the Chignecto arrived.

Things will be relieved somewhat when the Comino sails tonight and the Manchester Importer gets away in the morning but there is no room to spare at any of the berths. The Lord Downshire, the Manchester Merchant and the Canadian Commander are due this week while the Gyp, the Tredinnick and others will be in early next week.

MORE BOMBING IN HAMILTON

Hamilton, Ont., March 27.—Early today a bomb was exploded against a dwelling at 38 Simcoe street west. The whole front of the house was demolished but none of the people were injured. Jos. Restizo, Jos. Scibetta, Chas. Barbonario and Wm. Pasquale were arrested on suspicion.

A bomb wrecked a house in the same street about a year ago.

On Sunday there was an explosion in the Uniform Cap Co., building in that city followed by a fire which destroyed the building. The owner, A. Aaron Uger, has held to the theory that this fire was started by a time bomb, to cover up robbery of goods from the warehouse.

MISS MARY A. FURLONG.

Miss Mary Agnes Furlong, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. and the late Thomas Furlong, passed away this morning early at her home, 259 Germain street, after a short illness. She leaves to mourn, her mother, four brothers, Robert, Maurice, Gerald and Edward of St. John, and two sisters, Mrs. Edgar T. Feran and Miss Grace Furlong of St. John. The funeral will be held on Thursday from her late residence at 2.30 o'clock.

LEE-FAWCETT

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Treen, Dorchester, Mass., on Wednesday, March 14, Miss Lillian V. Fawcett, daughter of Mrs. Laura Fawcett, of Sackville, N. B., was united in marriage to Frederick Lee, of Sydney, C. B. They will live in Sydney.