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## OBITUARY

Special to The Standard

Reta Fay Hatfield

Hartland, July 7.—The death of Reta Fay Hatfield occurred on Sunday evening at the home of her uncle Heber H. Hatfield after an illness of 18 months. Reta was fourteen years of age and an orphan having lived with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hatfield since the death of her parents several years ago. She was for a time a patient in the Jordan Sanatorium, Riverside, and every possible means was taken to allay the dread disease but about four months ago returned to her adopted home unimproved. She was bright and lovable, though quiet and reserved in disposition and bore her long illness with patience and good cheer. Her nearest surviving relatives are a little brother and sister, George and Dora of Simonds.

Thomas Anderson.

After a lingering illness the death of Thomas Anderson occurred on Saturday, July 6, at the age of 76 years, at his late residence, 182 Water Street, West St. John. He was highly esteemed by all in the community. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, and seven sons, James, of Lancaster Heights; Andrew of Sackville; John, Avard, Wallace and Leonard, all of West St. John, and Thomas, an original member of the 26th Battalion, and now in England.

The funeral will be held this afternoon from his late residence, service at 2:30 o'clock.

John A. Mitchell.

Ridgefield, Conn., July 6.—John A. Mitchell, editor of Life, died at his summer home here, following a stroke of apoplexy suffered earlier in the day. He had been editor of the magazine for about thirty-six years. Before he took charge of the entire paper he was a celebrated cartoonist and illustrator. Mr. Mitchell was in his seventy-fourth year.

H. Percy Steeves

Special to The Standard  
Hartland, July 7.—A telegram to Fred H. Steeves announces the death of his brother H. Percy Steeves at Riverside, Calif. He had been ill for nearly two years of stomach trouble. He is survived by his wife, the daughter of the late C. A. Simonson who lived a number of years at Somerville and by four children. Besides his brother H. F. Steeves also a sister in Hartland, Miss Marion Steeves. Mr. Steeves was born at Somerville where he lived until he became a man, when he spent most of his time in the States. He lived at Boston, Presque Isle and Houlton at different times going to California about nine years ago.

Robert LeB. Stevens.

The death took place on Saturday morning at his late residence, 148 Germain street, of Robert LeB. Stevens, after an illness of but three months' duration.

Deceased was in his 65th year, and leaves his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Duncan A. McLean, of Sydney, N. S., and two sons, John R., of Glace Bay,

## MURDERED KIERS TED ATTEMPTS TO FORCE HIS WAY OUT OF JAIL

Queens County Man Digs Away Plaster and Laths on One Side of His Cell, But Encounters Sheet Iron and After Abandoning Work Craftily Covers Up Hole in Wall—Will Be Sentenced Soon.

Special to The Standard.

Gagetown, July 7.—It develops that Robert Kierstead, who was convicted of murdering his wife, Elsie, at their home last December, recently attempted to break out of the county jail here. The prisoner is a craft man and apparently has been doing some hard thinking since his confinement. Kierstead tore a large hole in the plaster and laths on one side of the cell wall, but when he encountered sheet iron he was forced to abandon the attempt to dig his way of freedom. The sheet iron is between the cell wall and the bricks. It was his intention to dig his way through the wall onto the insanity ward of the county registry office, a one story building which adjoins his cell on the eastern corner of the second story of the jail.

Covered the Hole.

When Kierstead found he could not get through he covered the hole in the cell wall with an old pair of trousers so the jailer could not see it. It is thought he had been working at the wall several days, using some of the jail fittings as implements. He also managed to plug his cell with old rags.

Kierstead is looked upon as a dangerous man and he looks it. He has a wild appearance but apparently is not insane. His cell looks out on the main street of Gagetown. He chewed tobacco almost constantly before his trial and begged it from passersby. He distinguished the side of the cell with tobacco juice. He has been allowed no tobacco since the day he was found guilty of the crime. He is growing a black whisker and long black hair. His looks are far from prepossessing.

Kierstead will be sentenced shortly, the supreme court having decided against his appeal on the insanity plea. It is possible his case will be referred to Ottawa. He has few if any sympathizers in Queens county.

The jailer is keeping constant watch of the prisoner and there is little chance of the prisoner attempting to escape again.

## HOW GERMANY CAN OBTAIN PEACE

With the American Army on the British Front, July 5.—(By The Associated Press)—Until Germany accepts the conditions laid down by President Wilson, she cannot have peace, and she can have peace tomorrow she accepts them. Rt. Hon. Lloyd George, the British premier, gave this message to the American troops training on the British front, after he had seen them at review today.

The arrival in France of one million American soldiers had made the German emperor realize that his defeat was certain. The emperor, the premier said, had had many illusions regarding the war. One of these was that the new American troops would not be capable of meeting those of Germany, trained to the minute.

Premier Lloyd George reiterated forcefully that the Allies do not covet N. S., and Stephen E., residing at Norton.

Diseased gentleman was the eldest son of the late Stephen E. Stevens, of the Masonic order, being a member of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22.

The late Mr. Stevens was a very capable man, and was well liked by all who knew him. The entire sympathy of all go out to the bereaved family in their great loss.

Mrs. J. A. Wilson.

A recent issue of a Winnipeg paper tells of the death of a former resident of this city, Mrs. J. A. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson was a daughter of the late John F. Lawson and while here was an active worker in the Waterloo street Baptist church. About fourteen years ago she with her husband removed to Winnipeg.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Harold and two daughters, Ellen and Gertrude, all at home. Miss Annie Lawson and George R. Lawson, 3 Peters street, are brother and sister of the deceased.

The funeral service was held at the First Baptist church, Winnipeg, of which she had been an active and consistent member.

## FOUR ARE DROWNED IN QUEBEC LAKE

W. A. James, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Three Children Lose Lives.

Ignace, Que., July 7.—A young Indian brings word of the drowning of W. A. James, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., two of his children, Beattie and Bobbie, aged respectively twelve and four, and Sammie Tait, two years of age, on Lake Acanaic, two miles south of here. A party of eight, including Mr. James, his wife, father and mother, his three children and Sammie Tait, son of James Tait of Ignace, while out in a motor launch ran on a reef and the launch immediately sank. Mr. James was able to save his parents, his wife and one of the children, but was drowned while trying to save the remaining three children.

## WELL-KNOWN LADY OF YARMOUTH IS DEAD

Mrs. Charles H. Bryant Dies Suddenly—Mother of Mrs. George S. Gardner of Rexton.

Special to The Standard.  
Yarmouth, N. S., July 7.—The death of Mrs. Lydia H., wife of Charles H. Bryant, occurred at her home Sunday after one week's illness. Although far from enjoying good health Mrs. Bryant was able to be out on the street Saturday. On going home she was taken ill and her strength gradually declined until the end came. She was formerly Miss Lydia H. Hatch, of Danversville, Maine, but as a young woman lived mostly in Bangor, where her marriage to Mr. Bryant took place. They moved to Yarmouth about forty-five years ago. She was an active member of the Wesleyan church, the mission school and the ladies' auxiliary hospital society. Besides her husband she leaves three daughters, Miss Arletta Beveridge and Miss Ida Marlon, organist of the Tabernacle church, Yarmouth, and Mrs. (Rev.) George S. Gardner, Rexton, N. B.

## TURKEY HAS A NEW SULTAN

He is Mohamed VI., Son of Abdul Aziz.

Amsterdam, July 6.—Mohammed VI. was proclaimed Sultan of Turkey in the throne room of the Top Kapu Palace yesterday morning, according to a Constantinople despatch received here.

Mohamed VI. is Yussef Izzeddine, son of the late Sultan Abdul Aziz. He was a first cousin of Mohammed V. who died last week.

## WEDDINGS.

Cumming-Buchanan.

Special to The Standard.  
Newcastle, July 6.—The Winnipeg Free Press, evening bulletin of June 12th has the following report of the wedding of a sister of Messrs. Wm. and D. C. Smallwood, of Newcastle: Leonard Smallwood, of Maple Glen, and Mesdames David Perrie, of Maple Glen, and William Russell, of Newcastle. St. Stephen's church was the scene of a quiet wedding this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the Rev. Charles G. Peterson officiated. The bride, Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Buchanan, formerly of Mount Stewart, P. E. I., to Mr. Alexander Cumming, of Shoal Lake, Man. Mrs. P. E. C. Buchanan was at the organ and played the wedding march from Lohengrin. Mr. and Mrs. Cumming will leave this evening for the maritime provinces via the Great Lakes, returning in about two months' time, when they will take up their residence at Shoal Lake.

Lowerion-Palmer.

Rexton, July 6.—A quiet but interesting wedding took place here, Wednesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer when their daughter Sara became the wife of Roy Geo. Lowerion of Mount Whately, Westmorland County. The bride was un-

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attended and was given away by her father. As she entered the parlor, Miss Annie Palmer played the bridal chorus from Lohengrin. Rev. F. W. M. Bacon performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and intimate friends. After luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Lowerion left for their future home at Mount Whately.

## DR. MONTZAMBERT HERE.

Dr. F. Montzambert, director general of public health for the Dominion, is in the city on his annual inspection trip of quarantine stations. Yesterday he partly inspected the station on Fortridge Island, and will complete his inspection today. He reported, everything in good shape, with little need of repairs. This evening he proceeds to Halifax, thence to Sydney and will leave on his western tour of inspection next month. Everywhere he said he found things in very good shape in spite of war conditions.

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## CAMP SUSSEX

Camp Sussex, July 7.—The newly erected Y. M. C. A. building is the centre of recreation for the men and is very popular. The Protestant services were held in the Y. building this morning. This evening Hon. Capt. R. Benson, the senior chaplain, preached in the Baptist church. Col. McAvity and his staff were present. The promotion of Major C. D. Knowlton is popular with all ranks. Major Knowlton visited the camp Saturday and received the hearty congratulations of all his friends.