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TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

On the United States Battleship Iowa, Yesterday.

While the Vessel was at Target Practice, a Big Gun Burst Killing Three Men and Wounding Five Others.

PENSACOLA, Florida, April 9.—A disastrous explosion occurred on the battleship Iowa today while the vessel was at target practice in the Gulf. The forward port 12-inch gun burst from the premature explosion of a shell, twelve feet of the piece outside the turret being demolished. Three men were killed and five injured, two seriously. The killed are:

First class seaman Kiele.
Ordinary seaman Percell.
Gunnersmate Berry.

The injured: First class seaman Caught, ordinary seamen Thursdale, Brown, Mansdale and Purucker.

The men killed and injured were on the second, or gun deck at mess. Three pieces of the exploded gun, each weighing over a ton, passed downward through the spar deck, falling upon the men at mess, instantly killing the three named. All of the men were horribly mutilated.

The heavy missiles after passing through the gun deck continued down to the third deck, where they came in contact with the armored deck, the heavy steel bringing them to a stop, thus saving the engineers and firemen who were at work below. Although the upper decks were covered with men no one there was seriously injured. The explosion occurred just as the mess call had been sounded. Firing was to have ceased after the shot for the dinner hour. The range had been set and the Iowa was steaming along at a speed of 12 knots an hour when Lieut. Reed, in charge of the forward 12-inch turrent gave orders to load and fire. The time fuse was cut for the range, the piece charged, breech closed and the word given to fire. Following the report of the gun there was a smothered noise as the shell exploded midway in the gun and pieces of the bursted gun and shell were scattered broadcast. Three great holes were torn through the deck. Those who were below began coming on deck, some bloody and mutilated, while lying on the floor, crushed almost beyond recognition were the three unfortunate men. The Massachusetts, six miles distant, was signalled for aid and one of the cutters put off with the surgeon and assistants. The wounded men were taken to the hospital and their injuries dressed. The dead were brought to Pensacola.

Some claim the explosion was caused by a defective shell and others think that the frequent firing of the piece at Culebra during the winter, with the work done here during the past ten days, so strained the piece that the force of the charge burst the gun.

SAW MILL OWNERS

Interested in Experiments at Palmerton, Conn.,—St. John Men There.

(Special to the Sun.)

BOSTON, April 9.—There is much interest among saw mill owners in experiments which have been made at the Rockland paper mills in Palmerton, Conn., where, it is claimed, it has been demonstrated that wood board can be readily made from the refuse of lumber mills, such as sawdust, small wood, etc. The tests in Palmerton were made under the direction of Andre Cushing & Co. of St. John. As a result of these experiments it is understood that Cushing & Co. will erect a large plant at St. John for the manufacture of wood board. The concern holds both the Canadian and United States patent rights on the board, and it is expected the product will be placed on the market in the course of the summer.

It is claimed that an incidental advantage from the manufacture of wood board will be that it will solve the problem of disposing of the refuse of saw mills without creating a nuisance or obstruction in streams, or involving a danger.

In the experiments, E. H. Ellis represented Cushing & Co. The mill at Palmerton was run two days on experimental work, and some fifteen tons of board were turned out of a quality with which no fault could be found. The refuse was ground into pulp and then converted into wood board.

VERONICA TRAGEDY.

Three Members of Crew Committed for Murder

Of the Captain and Six Others on the St. John Bark--Two Men Turned Kings Evidence.

(Associated Press.)

LIVERPOOL, April 9.—Wm. Smith, an American, and Otto Monsson and Gustave Rau, Germans, seamen of the British bark Veronica of St. John, N. B., from Ship Island, Miss., which was burned at sea Dec. 29, were formally committed for trial today charged with murdering Captain Shaw of that vessel and six other members of the crew. Ludwig Flohr, a German, turned King's evidence and was discharged.

TORONTO, April 9.—The News London cable says: Monson, Rau and Smith, three sailors, have been committed for trial for the murder of the captain and six others of the crew of the St. John bark Veronica. They are charged with arson and conspiracy. Two other men who were connected with the murder have turned King's evidence. They make the plea that they were forced into the conspiracy with others, and being defenceless could not help themselves.

BURGLARS AGAIN

Turn Up at St. Stephen, Break Into the American Express Office, but Get Very Litttle.

ST. STEPHEN, April 9.—Sometime during last night burglars pried open the front door of A. D. Taylor's store and effected an entrance. Mr. Taylor is agent for the American Express Co., and had quite a number of packages on hand, some for delivery and some for shipment today. A number of these packages were opened in a search for valuables. From one an electric belt was stolen. On the desk this morning was found a broken package containing a gold filled watch of no great value. The rest of the contents had been extracted but what the value is is unknown.

Mr. Taylor was not informed of its contents or value when it was left with him yesterday, and consequently it was not put in the safe. Apparently the robbers did not reap a rich reward.

NEW COMPANIES.

Messrs. E. Riley, N. Riley, Stanley H. Riley, St. John; Frank H. Le Quesne, London, Eng., and Herbert A. Gardner, Boston, Mass., are applying for incorporation as E. Riley & Co., Ltd., with a capital of $40,000 in $100 shares to purchase and carry on the milling business now conducted by E. Riley & Co.

Letters patent have been granted incorporating the J. E. Masters Co., Ltd., Moncton, and the DeWolfe Hardware Co., Ltd., St. Stephen.

MATERNAL ARITHMETIC.

Bachelor Uncle—"Only four pounds? That's a small baby to make so much fuss over. A baby always ought to weigh ten pounds."

Proud Mother—"You horrid thing! I love her just two and a half times as well as I could possibly love a ten pound baby!"

BICYCLES AND SUPPLIES.

We are paying particular attention to this business this season and have laid in a large stock of

BELLS, LAMPS, OILS, TOE CLIPS, HANDLE BARS, HANDLE GRIPS, TROUSER GUARDS, PEDALS, SADDLES, CYCLOMETERS, LACING, WRENCHES, RIMS, TIRES and everything required by bicyclists.

We will sell the CLEVELAND WHEEL this year, and this wheel needs no special words of praise as its good qualities are known and recognised throughout the Dominion.

When in need of anything in the BICYCLE and SUPPLY line don't forget to write us for prices and circulars.

W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd.

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A BOSTON MYSTERY

In Which a Moncton Woman Is the Central Figure.

She Is Young, Attractive and Has a Clean Record --Bailed by a Prominent Member of the Ruggles Street Baptist Church--Her Story.

BOSTON, April 9.—Many of the officials and newspaper men who have investigated the so-called Roxbury poisoning case express the opinion that it will be almost impossible to convict the former Moncton girl, Miss Christine Taylor Kidston, who is accused of attempting to kill Mrs. Cynthia Perkins, the invalid who had employed the girl as nurse. Miss Kidston in a lengthy statement made in the presence of her lawyer, says she is confident of maintaining her innocence.

The young woman is to be arraigned in the Roxbury district court on Wednesday next. If sufficient evidence is forthcoming to indicate probable cause for holding, the case will be considered by the Suffolk county grand jury; otherwise the defendant will be discharged. It is not expected the case will be continued. It is said the police are seeking to have a secret indictment returned.

Until this week it was not generally known that Miss Kidston formerly lived in New Brunswick. She came from Moncton about ten years ago, when she was 18. She is not a graduate nurse, but has been considered as well versed and careful in her profession. She is prepossessing in appearance, is rather tall and has a wealth of brown hair, which she wears in an attractive way. Her appearance in court will be in her favor.

Her home is at 99 Warwick street, Roxbury, where her mother, Mrs. Mary Kidston, two brothers and two sisters, reside. The latter are Mrs. Frances B. Shorey and Miss Daisy Kidston. E. J. G. Cameron of New York and John D. Cameron of Boston are connected with the Kidston family by marriage.

Mrs. Cynthia A. Perkins, the wealthy widow residing on Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury, has employed an attendant for some time, Miss Kidston having been at her house frequently during the past three years. An attendant engaged just before the poisoning was one Mrs. Julia Diggins. It appears that Miss Kidston one day last week while calling at the Perkins home made coffee for Mrs. Perkins. The invalid drank some of it, but complained that it had a queer taste. Later the Diggins woman, who had purchased the coffee at a grocery, and Miss Kidston also partoook of it. All three were sick. Miss Kidston left the house as soon as she was seized with illness, and was later sent to a hospital. All three eventually recovered. Some of the coffee, which was thought had been poisoned, was found in a coal hod, but no one will admit placing it there.

Miss Kidston was quite prominent in church circles, and after her arrest a prominent member of the Ruggles Street Baptist Church went on her bond in $3,000, thus permitting her release. Although there were several apparently suspicious circumstances, the belief is growing that the young woman is innocent, and that the police have been hasty in placing her under arrest. The fact that she drunk some of the coffee is considered a strong card in her favor.

It is claimed that Miss Kidston had some slight difference with Mrs. Perkins some weeks ago. It is also claimed that in her will the aged invalid named a sum which was to go to the young woman, but that when Miss Kidston returned to the Perkins house after an absence of some weeks, last week, she found that the will had been altered and that she was no longer a beneficiary. Those who know Miss Kidston, however, scout that such a circumstance would lead the girl to do anything wrong.

Before her lawyer, H. T. Richardson, the former Moncton girl, has made a lengthy statement. In part it is as follows:

"Thursday afternoon I left a house on Massachusetts avenue, where I have a room, and went to the home of Mrs. Perkins on Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury. I got through at Mrs. Perkins's house about two weeks before that. I had neglected to take all my belongings from her house, and partly to get these things I went to her home. But I think a lot of Mrs. Perkins and I was also anxious to know how she was getting along.

"When I arrived at the house I found she had engaged Mrs. Diggins, a stranger to me. Mrs. Perkins was very sick and she was awfully glad to see me. I at once took off my jacket and hat and tried to do all I could for her. She had been vomitting a number of times, the new girl told me, and while I was there she vomited. I knew the different medicines she took and I looked for the prescription that I thought would relieve her. The bottle was empty, and as Mrs. Perkins was in such distress I thought the best thing I could do was to send Mrs. Diggins for a physician. Mrs. Diggins was sent for Dr. Jones, who lives almost directly across the street from Mrs. Perkins.

"He came over, and when he learned that Mrs. Perkins had been vomitting so much during the past two or three days, he ordered us to give her black coffee.

"Mrs. Perkins said she did not have any coffee in the house, and I told Mrs. Diggins to go into Harpers' store on the corner of Devon street and Blue Hill avenue and buy a quarter of a pound of his best coffee.

"She was gone a long time, and when she came back she gave me the bag containing the coffee. The bag was not tied with string, but the top of it was just punched up, as if the bag had been handed to her in a hurry.

"I was in the room with Mrs. Perkins when she came in, and I went out into the entry and followed her out into the kitchen. She handed me the bag and I put it down on the table and got the coffee pot in the pantry, took it to the sink and rinsed it out. I then put a portion of the coffee in the pot and put it on the stove to brew.

"I went back in the bedroom with Mrs. Perkins, and when I thought the coffee was ready to serve, I went out into the kitchen.

"But, before that, I forgot to say that I asked Mrs. Diggins for an egg to put into the coffee when I made it, as that was always my custom.

"She brought me the white of an egg and the broken shell in a cup. The yoke was missing. She said she had used the yoke. I put the white of the egg and the shell in the coffee to settle it.

"Well, when the coffee was cooked I poured out some in a cup for Mrs. Perkins. I took it in to her myself. I handed it to her and she dipped up a spoonful and took one or two sips. She then said, 'Christina, take that coffee away, the smell of it makes me sick.' I said, 'Why, no, Mrs. Perkins, you must drink it. The doctor says it will stop you from vomitting.'

"She insisted that it should be removed, and Mrs. Diggins took it out to the kitchen. I sat then in the room for about five minutes talking with Mrs. Perkins. Then I went out into the kitchen and I noticed that the coffee in Mrs. Perkins's cup had disappeared. I like coffee and it smelled so good I took a cup from the shelf and poured some into it. I think I drank about half the contents and afterward I noticed that it did not taste just right.

"I told Mrs. Perkins that I thought the coffee tasted peculiar, and I went out to the kitchen table where I left the bag after I made the coffee, to see if there was anything the matter with it. I could not find it there. I asked Mrs. Diggins if she put the coffee away, and she replied 'No.'

"I looked around for it and could not find it. I asked her if she would look for it and she did. She went to the pantry, to the ice chest and to Mrs. Perkins's room, but she could not find the coffee.

"I told her that I thought it was very funny where it could have disappeared to, and she asked me if I did not take it into the bedroom.

"I told her that I did not see the coffee after I put some in the pot. She then reminded me that she had recently cleaned out the pantry closet. After searching about the shelves she found a bag of coffee, as I supposed, in a bowl. She took it out, and holding it out to me, she asked, 'Is this the bag from which you took the coffee?'

"Why, no, certainly not, I replied. I made the coffee, as you know, from the bag you bought at Harper's.

"I took the coffee from her and looked at it. Somehow it did not look like coffee. I thought there was something mixed with it. Really, it looked as if it was rotten or old. It did not smell like coffee should either. The coffee she handed me, that she brought in from the store, was nice smelling and was so strong that you could smell it all over the house.

"But, when I was putting it in the (Here Mr. Richardson stopped Miss Kidston, saying, "I guess we won't say anything about that now, Miss Kidston.")

(Miss Kidston paused, and then continued after this interruption by her counsel.)

"Well, we looked around again for the bag of coffee that Mrs. Diggins brought in from the store, but we could not find it. I then began to feel sick and my throat was burning. I went into the bathroom and vomited a little.

"I then put on my hat and jacket and bade Mrs. Perkins good bye. I went into Mr. Harper's store and talked with Mrs. Harper. Mr. Harper was up stairs, she said, and did not sell Mrs. Perkins's girl the coffee.

"I asked her if she thought there could have been anything in the coffee that made me feel so sick, and she replied, 'Why, no, of course not. It was fresh coffee and the best mocha and Java in the store.'

"After that I went across the street to Dr. Jones's office.

"In his office I was very sick, and it was I who told Dr. Jones he had better send for the police.

("Now that is enough for that part," said Mr. Richardson here.)

"I did not go back to Mrs. Perkins's house until the officers came over for me. I lay down on the bed over there, and soon one of the policemen came in with something on the small coal shovel and stuck it in front of my face and said, 'Did you ever see this before?' 'See what?' I asked, as I thought he had dirt or something like it on the shovel.

"I told him 'No,' and then they began to question me. It was coffee they had on the shovel, and I did not know until they began to question me that it was the coffee that Mrs. Diggins bought at Harper's that they found in the coal hod.

"No matter what those officers say or anybody else, before my God I can say that I did not throw the coffee in the coal hod nor did I hear Mrs. Perkins tell me to do so.

"The police were very suspicious of me, I could see, and I knew that there was something wrong. I told them that I did not throw the coffee away, but they seemed to disbelieve everything I said to them."

("You have said enough about that, Miss Kidston," again Mr. Richardson said.)

"There was no trouble between Mrs. Perkins and myself. We always got along nicely together, and I think a lot of Mrs. Perkins."

("Did you ever have any 'falling out' with Mrs. Hurd, the janitor's wife, in the block, Miss Kidston?" was asked.)

"Yes, I did," she answered.

(She then looked over to Mr. Richardson, expecting he would check her here. He did not, however.)

("What was this trouble between you and Mrs. Hurd?" asked the reporter.)

"Well, Mrs. Hurd is a——"

(She did not finish. Her lawyer checked her and forbade her to say anything more about the Hurds.)

("May I ask Miss Kidston one or two questions," was asked of Mr. Richardson. "That depends on the questions," he replied. "I will tell her whether to answer or not. Go ahead then with your questions.")

("Did you see Mrs. Diggins drink any coffee, Miss Kidston?" the reporter asked.)

"No, I did not," she replied.

("Do you know whether she did or not?")

"Only from what she said."

("Did you cry out after drinking the coffee, 'I am poisoned'?")

"Well, I think I did not cry out at all. I stated that the coffee tasted peculiar, and I may have said that there was poison in it."

("You said there was poison in it, the coffee you drank?")

"Yes, I think I may have said there was poison in it or I thought it was poisoned. I am not positive of everything I said."

("Did Mrs. Perkins, in your presence, say she thought the coffee was poisoned when she first tasted of it?")

"No, sir, she did not. She said, 'Take that coffee away; the smell of it makes me sick to my stomach.'"

("You didn't see her raise up in her bed and cry 'There is poison in that coffee; take it away'?")

"No, I did not. She simply said that she did not want the coffee, and I suppose it was because her stomach was in such a weak condition."

("Did you know Mrs. Diggins before Thursday afternoon?")

"I never saw the woman in my life. She is a stranger to me."

("Are you positive that there was no string on the coffee that Mrs. Diggins brought in from the store?")

"I am positive. The top of the bag was merely squeezed up."

("Can you give any reason why the police should have fastened suspicion on you at once?")

"Yes, I can. But they did not suspect me at first. They ——" ("We will not say anything about that, Miss Kidston, now," broke in Mr. Richardson. "I think you had better consider this interview with the Journal closed. It is not wise to do too much talking. I should like very much, though, to hear somebody on the other side do more talking," he laughingly continued.)

"Well, Mr. Richardson, I want to state again that I am innocent of the crime the police have charged against me. I am not so frightened now as I was at first. I have been through a terrible ordeal, but I know that I shall come out all right."

HAMPTON.

Criminal Cases in the Kings. Co. Court—Local Ews.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., April 8.—Geo. B. Hanson of Bangor, Me., has opened a barber shop in one of the front rooms of the Vendome Hotel.

Michael McDade, the well known insurance agent and ex-legislative reporter was a visitor here on Saturday. Miss Agnes Tufts of Marysville, York Co., was the guest of Miss H. L. M. Lodge on Saturday.

George Myers of Sussex was committed to the county jail on Saturday in connection with a Scott Act offence.

LeB. V. Skillen of St. Martins is registered at the Vendome.

Mrs. James Carvell, widow of the late lieutenant governor of P. E. Island, has arrived for the season, and is occupying rooms in the house of Geo. E. Frost, druggist, on Front street.

Audrew Ruddick and family, who have been living in the N. M. Barnes house on Everett street since last summer, have rented the Sprague house on Railway avenue, which has been thoroughly repainted and improved.

The first sugpereaux of the season were caught by Harry Brown of the Village, on Wednesday last.

Messrs. Scovil, Otty and Bates of the Rothesay College, are home for the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond J. Evans of Chipman are spending a few days with the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. E. Evans.

Mrs. John A. McAvity of St. John spent a portion of Saturday here in preparation for the regular summer visit of her family.

Thomas Smith, the young son of Ben. Smith, baker of Station road, is rapidly recovering from scarlet fever.

Miss Bessie Mabee of the Village, who underwent a surgical operation at Sussex, was reported very ill last evening.

Miss Millie A. Stewart, who is at present teaching Standard IV. of the Victoria annex school, St. John, visited her friends here on Saturday.

Miss Mary Ryan, daughter of George M. Ryan, of the postal service, is visiting friends in Halifax.

The Rev. A. B. McLeod, winner of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, gold medal and the Morrice travelling scholarship of $500, reached here on Saturday, and yesterday left for London, and the continent to pursue his studies. He will take a year's course at Oxford.

The church services for holy week are of daily occurrence. On Friday a Passion service will be held in the Anglican Church at the Station from 12 noon to 3 p. m., and another service at the Village at 7.30 p. m. Service will also be held on Good Friday morning in the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Special music will be the order in all the churches on Easter Sunday—that at the Village Baptist Church taking the form of a cantata, entitled "The Mighty Victor," in which the Sunday school and choir unite.

The April term of the Kings county court opened this morning, Judge Wedderburn on the bench. The following grand jurors answered to their names: Robert H. Cosher, Isaac Campbell, Benj. F. Myles, Jos. Campbell, George Ryan, Jas. E. Price, Leslie Scribner, Robert Sherwood, R. W. Menzie, Oliver A. Smith, M. Wright Fleweelling, J. Wm. Smith, Wm. A. Connors, Edwin L. Perkins, Wm. H. March, Thomas Gilliland, Thomas Bell, Burpee Freese, Byron McLeod, James Lamb, Geo. E. Ketchum, H. J. Fowler, Fred T. Fenwick, Herbert Cother.

Geo. E. Ketchum was elected foreman, and the jury was addressed by his honor. He said he had three cases to submit to them, two of which involved very intricate and unusual questions, and would require most careful consideration. The first was charge against John Munro for stealing and concealing two promissory notes valued respectively at $10 and $20, growing out of the purchase of a horse. The particulars were very carefully rehearsed and the jury cautioned against arriving at a hasty conclusion in regard to the guilt of the party charged.

The second matter was a charge against Herbert Wanamake for assault on George Myers with intent to commit murder, as submitted in the indictment sent up by the magistrate before whom the preliminary examination was held, but which had been amended by the crown prosecutor to an assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The particulars in this case grew out of a Scott Act prosecution, the defendant being a constable on duty. His honor expressed the opinion that they would only be able to find the party guilty of common assault. The third case was against John Munro for stealing a pocketbook containing $100, the property of Andrew Carr. This case was such as could be readily gone into, and involved no delicate points. He thanked them for their careful hearing and relied on their well known intelligence for just conclusions on all matters submitted.

There were no civil cases entered and the court, on resuming its sitting at 2 o'clock had to wait for the grand jury, which returned at 3.30, having found a true bill against Herbert L. Wanamake for common assault. As the case was adjourned till tomorrow on account of the absence of Geo. W. Fowler, counsel for defendant, who was detained on his journey from Ottawa, Wanamake and his sureties, Jesse T. Prescott and H. H. Parlee, were bound over to appear on Wednesday at 10 a. m.

The petit jury were: David Ross, Waterford; Andrew McClearey, Studholm; James Murray, Waterford; Henry H. McIntyre, Sussex; John Madigan, Havelock; Samuel Allison, Norton; James E. Waddell, Kingston; Elisha P. Fullerton, Kingston; J. Henry Dixon, Hampton; John J. Burnett, Norton; John Whalen, Sussex; Edward Northrup, Springfield; James Coates, Havelock; Samuel Perry, Havelock; C. W. Patriquin, Norton; David J. Booth, Springfield; John H. Mace, Sussex; G. Abram Coates, Studholm; Herbert H. Sherwood, Upham; E. R. Demill, Hampton.

At 5.30 p. m. the grand jury brought in a true bill in the case of Joseph Galbraith, charged with stealing a pocketbook and $100, the property of Andrew Carr.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., April 8.—On the reopening of the county court this morning Herbert L. Wanamake, charged with a common assault on George Myers at the latter's premises on the 15th day of January last past, pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Geo. W. Fowler, K. LeB. Tweedie, K. C., acting as crown prosecutor. It appeared that Wanamake is a constable, who, having served Myers, who is proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Sussex, with a summons in a Scott act case, was ordered out of the house, when he drew a revolver and threatened to shoot, upon the calling of names and the passage of high words. The crown witnesses were the informant, George Myers, Henry E. Wilson, Joseph Faucus, Duncan McLennan, J. M. McIntyre, J. Milton Dann.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

After dinner Mary E. Kyle, the table girl at the hotel, was the last witness for the prosecution, and Mr. Fowler laid the case of the prisoner before the jury, claiming there had been no assault, or if an assault, it was simply for self-protection in the discharge of his duty. Herbert L. Wanamake, the prisoner, swore to serving the summons on Myers, and to being followed by him and with curses and threats, caught hold of him and ordered him out of the house. Twice he struck him off, warning him that if he struck him he would put a hole through him, and drew his revolver, which Myers tried to grab, and in doing so struck his forefinger, tearing off a part of the nail. Mr. McIntyre came out and saying to Myers: "Don't make a fool of yourself," took him back to the end of the hall, and witness then went out. Myers had previously threatened to smash him when serving papers on him.

Chas. W. Stockton swore to seeing Myers lay hold of Wanamake to put him out of the hall and heard the threats and curses, but he did not see the revolver pointed at Meyrs, but it was held upright, pointing to the ceiling.

Mr. Fowler in his address to the jury claimed that this whole suit had been got up to intimidate constables who were directed to serve Scott Act papers. Constables are permitted to carry arms to protect themselves. Wanamake was threatened and was justified in drawing his weapon, and Mr. Fowler claimed for him a verdict of not guilty.

Mr. Tweedie closed for the crown and his honor laid down the law and summed up the evidence with marked impartiality. The jury retired at 4.10 and returned an hour later with the statement that they had not agreed. They were sent back, but again made the same report at a later hour.

The court then adjourned until Thursday morning.

THREE KINGS.

One Celebrated His 85th Birthday.

Britain's Monarch Greeted at Old Gibraltar With Royal Salutes -The Kaiser Will Visit Paris Ere Long.

GIBRALTAR, April 8.—King Edward, who wore a field marshal's uniform, and his suite landed here today. His Majesty was received by the governor and by the naval and military staffs while royal salutes were fired. A procession was formed and the King drove through the streets, which were lined with soldiers and demonstrating crowds, to the neutral ground, and on returning went to Government House.

King Edward was present tonight at a state banquet given by Sir George Stuart White, the governor of Gibraltar and the defender of Ladysmith during the last South African war. During the banquet the King announced that he had promoted Sir George White to the rank of field marshal.

COPENHAGEN, April 8.—King Christian today celebrated his 85th birthday in the best of health and was the recipient of very many congratulations and gifts.

LONDON, April 8.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Copenhagen telegraphs the statement that the German emperor before his departure from Copenhagen on learning the Princess Waldemar of Denmark, formerly Princess Marie of Orleans, intended to visit Paris, said: "We shall meet there. The correspondent adds that he has other good reasons for believing that Emperor William intends to visit Paris.

THE CORNISHMEN

Send Sir Wilfrid Lawson Back to Parliament, as a Protest Against the British Government's Educational Policy.

LONDON, April 9.—The parliamentary vacancy in the Camborne division of Cornwall, due to the death of W. S. Caine, (progresive liberal), was filled today by the return of Sir Wilfrid Lawson with an increased liberal majority.

The figures were: Sir Wilfrid Lawson, liberal, 3,558; Arthur Strauss, liberal-unionist, 2,869.

Considerable rowdyism marked the canvassing. The students of a local mining college had frequent encounters with the villagers.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson's increased majority was not expected, as he was bitterly assailed for his so-called "Little England" attitude. Sir Wilfrid openly declared that the government ought to give back the Transvaal and Orange Free State to the Boers and he otherwise identified himself with the ardent pro-Boer party.

Mr. Strauss, who already had represented Camborne for five years was considered to be a strong local candidate. The liberal success probably was due to the dissatisfaction of the non-conformist Cornishmen with the government's educational measures.

Sir Wilfried Lawson's election brings back to Westminster a picturesque figure, long known for his vehement enthusiasm in the cause of temperance.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain sent a telegram to the electors pointing out that throughout the war Sir Wilfrid had "invariably sympathized with the enemies of his country."

FELL EXHAUSTED AND UNCONSCIOUS.

Mrs. R. W. Edwards, 31 McMurray Street, Brantford., Ont., suffered for five years with nervous exhaustion, headache and dyspepsia. "The pains in the head would almost drive me crazy; I could not sleep nights, but would walk the floor in agony until I fell exhausted and unconscious. For the past nine months I have used Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and from a mere skeleton this medicine has built me up in flesh and weight until I am strong and well." It would be scarcely possible to produce stronger evidence of the wonderful power of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

BRET HARTE'S GUESTS.

(London Express.)

An amusing story is being told among lawyers of a Walloon peasant who had gone to law with a neighbor. In conversation with his lawyer he suggested sending the magistrate a fine couple of ducks.

"Not for your life," said the adviser. "If you do you'll lose the case."

The judgment was given in his favor, when he turned to the lawyer and said: "I sent the ducks." Astonishment on the lawyer's part turned to admiration when his client continued. "But I sent them in my neighbor's name."

Bark Robert Scrafton has been fixed to load lumber at Bridgewater, N. S., for Buenos Ayres at $7.50.

FREDERICTON.

Boom Co. Wants Bigger Tolls on Logs it Handles.

The River Is Coming Up Very Fast—Essence of the Royal Gazette—Legislative Committees.

FREDERICTON, April 8.—The public accounts committee of the legislature met this morning and elected Mr. Osman chairman.

The municipalities committee with Mr. Allen as chairman, agreed to the bill incorporating the villages of Perth and Andover, for the purposes of supplying these places with electric lighting, etc.

During the Speaker's continued indisposition Geo. W. Allen, M. P. P., is acting Speaker. Mr. Allen has also been appointed chairman of the committee on supply.

Isaac C. Prescott, George D. Prescott, W. H. Trueman, Edward Dalton and O. A. Reid, all of Albert Co., are applying to the legislature for a bill to incorporate the Prescott Log Driving Co. for the purpose of operating on West River and Crooked River, Albert Co., with a capital stock of $5,000.

A two-mile timber berth on Bear Brook, a branch of Little River, Sunbury Co., was sold at the Crown Land office this morning to J. J. T. Winslow, the applicant, at the upset price.

Governor Snowball administered the oath of office to Solicitor-General McKeown today.

The death of Mrs. Thos. E. Babbitt of Gibson occurred this morning from acute internal trouble. Deceased left a husband, the well-known mill owner, and two sons. Interment will take place at Gagetown.

Last evening a delegation from the York Agricultural Association waited uopn the local government and asked for a grant of $5,000 towards the exhibition to be held here in September. Consideration was promised. A similar answer was given E. B. Elderkin, of Amherst, president of the Maritime Stock Breeders' Association, who ask for a grant of $1,000 towards the work of the association.

FREDERICTON, April 9—The Royal Gazette contains an application from the J. W. McAlary Co., Ltd., of St. John for supplementary letters patent to change the name to P. Nase & Son, Ltd.

Incorporation by letters patent have been granted to Elwell L. DeWolfe and others of St. Stephen as "The DeWolfe Hardware Co., Ltd." to James E. Masters and others of Moncton as "J. E. Masters Co., Ltd." and to Edmund Riley and others of St. John as "E. Riley & Co., Ltd." with head offices at St. John.

The special committee of the house appointed to consider ways and means to secure greater secrecy of the ballot and to prevent corruption at elections will consist of Premier Tweedie, Attorney General Pugsley, Hon. Mr. Hill, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Loggie, Mr. Copp and Mr. Clark.

The agricultural committee met this forenoon and elected Mr. Ryan of Albert chairman, and adjourned to meet again after Easter. The municipalities committee agreed to bills authorizing the counties of Victoria and Gloucester to issue debentures, to permit school trustees of Nelson to issue debentures and bills relating to the town of Woodstock and the county of Carleton.

The Fredericton Boom Co. have a bill now pending which has for its purpose the increase of tolls for booming and rafting lumber. The company proposes to increase rates for rafting spruce and pine from 75 cents to 85 cents and cedar $1.20 to $1.30 per thousand feet. Opposition from operators interested is looked for, although the company contend that the size of lumber coming down the river is decreasing, while the expense of rafting, etc., is high by reason of higher wages, etc., hence an increased toll is imperative.

The recent heavy rain has very considerably raised the water in the main river and tributaries. Last night a boom at the mouth of the Mackawick holding half a million feet of logs, the property of Jas. M. Scott, of Dumfries, broke away. The Douglas boom is not yet in position.

The provincial board of health held a session last evening. Dr. Bayard, Hon. Jas. Holly, J. H. Barry and Secretary Fisher of Marysville were in attendance. The board passed a resolution urging the government to take more stringent precautions to prevent the spread of small pox in the province from the lumber camps of the Upper St. John and Maine woods.

The lieutenant governor entertained a number of ladies and gentlemen from the city tonight at Government House at a state dinner, it being the third this session.

THE RIVER RISING.

The continued rains are causing quite a rise in the river and the water is coming up rapidly at Indiantown. During the past twenty-four hours it has risen fully 20 inches and yesterday morning the public wharf was covered. The reports from up river are to the effect that the snow is melting quite rapidly and causing a consequent sudden rise. W. H. Murray, who returned from up river yesterday, says the water is rising fast.

Schrs. Mercedes and V. T. H., from Porto Rico for this port with cargoes of molasses, were reported the other day at Sandy Cove and Digby respectively. The weather has since they reached these places been adverse to their getting here, but they will be looked for any time now.

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