

STEAMER AMELIA ON HER FIRST TRIP FROM ST. JOHN TO HALIFAX POUNDS ON LEDGE AT LOCKEPORT

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., May 12.—After pounding on the rocks for an hour on the ledge of Gull Rocks Light, near the entrance to Lockeport, the steamer Amelia, on her first round trip on the South Shore route, steamed up the harbor today with her bottom badly damaged and several inches of water in her hold.

board to endeavor to get the ship from her perilous position. There were no firemen to keep steam up and Second Engineer Chaplain called for volunteers to go down in the engine room and keep the fires going. Those who had taken to the life boats would not come back and First Mate Gilbert and Sailor Covey who were on the steamer's deck answered to the call and went down in the stoke hole. The engineers remained at their posts of duty and soon backed the ship off of one ledge into deep water and were turning the steamer when she struck a second time. She was hurrying forward and steamed up to Lockeport, arriving there more than an hour before those who had abandoned the ship and taken to the life-boats. Had it not been for the pluck of those who remained by the Amelia it is doubtful if she would now be in port. The Amelia will try one trip at least and will go on the marine slip today for repairs.

CANSO MAN IS DROWNED IN CHEBUCTO BAY

Special to The Standard. Canso, N. S., May 12.—Levi Cohoon, a well known resident of this place, was drowned in Chebucto Bay under particularly sad circumstances. Cohoon in company with H. Dart left on the little steamer "Blue Bell" for Petite De Grat for fish. The Blue Bell was towing a large double dory and the strong wind kicked up a heavy sea and the dory painter parted. Several attempts were made to pick up the dory but the heavy sea kept the boat out of reach so Cohoon jumped from his dory to the one that was adrift. His weight and the force of the jump upset the dory and Cohoon was caught underneath and drowned. Dart was unable to overturn the dory. Cohoon was forty years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

SILVER DART NOT LIKELY TO BE SENT

Special to The Standard. Sussex, May 12.—John Mahoney, yard foreman of the Sussex Manufacturing Company, was instantly killed this afternoon at the company's works by a blow from a heavy hardwood deal which he was sawing. Mahoney who was one of the most trusted men in the company's employ, started to clear up a small lot of logs lying about the yard before dismantling a portable mill. He had about an hour's work to do, but only put through the second log when a piece ten feet by eight inches flew from a rapidly revolving saw and struck him full in the face. The sharp end of the deal penetrated his brain and his horror-stricken fellow workmen saw him fall to the ground. He was picked up, but life was extinct. Mahoney's eye was torn out, and he was frightfully bruised. His remains were taken to his home. He leaves a wife who is a daughter of John Wheelan, and one little girl. The victim came here at the commencement of the company's business. He was formerly employed on the property owned by the Bay Shore Lumber Company, and with the fire-igniting concern at Hampton. Mahoney was one of the most experienced mill hands in the province, and had many tempting offers to leave here at different times. He was highly respected by all who knew him and was regarded as a citizen whose loss will be felt. The company's works will be closed until after the funeral.

ITALIAN IS DROWNED AT PLASTER ROCK

Special to The Standard. Plaster Rock, May 12.—An Italian was drowned three miles below here yesterday afternoon. He had taken some men across the river in a boat and was returning when the boat suddenly overturned and went down. The man did not rise to the surface. He had a dog in the boat with him which swam ashore. The man's body has not been recovered.

NOVA SCOTIA CONSERVATIVES IN GOOD SHAPE

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., May 12.—The Conservatives of Nova Scotia will meet in convention at Truro on June 29, June 30 and July 1. A platform is to be adopted on which the next local election will be waged. The Conservatives have at present only four in a House of 38 members, but the party never was in better shape than at present. It is generally conceded they will carry the province. The elections will probably be held next autumn. This evening a convention of the party in Halifax city and county was held when 10 of the leading Conservatives were nominated as delegates to the provincial convention.

BRINGING THE CHAMPLAIN'S PASSENGERS

Special to The Standard. North Sydney, May 12.—A special train made up of one first class, one cafe, one baggage and seven colonist cars with over three hundred of the Lake Champlain's passengers on board, pulled out from I. C. R. station here, and left for Montreal at six o'clock this morning. The steamer Bruce with sixty-five of the immigrants on board arrived from Port Aux Basques at four o'clock, and sailed an hour later on return trip. There are still over one hundred of the Champlain's passengers in Newfoundland, and they will arrive here by the Bruce tomorrow morning, and depart for the west probably in the forenoon.

FAT INCREASE FOR TEACHERS IN WINNIPEG

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Man., May 12.—The school board were in a generous mood last night and gave 240 ladies employed in thirty city schools a fat increase of \$50 per annum, in addition to the regular increases. It was explained that the city pays the smallest salaries anywhere. The board also issued authority to raise \$200,000 on 35 year bonds.

FRESHET IS DOING VERY MUCH DAMAGE

Special to The Standard. Andover, May 12.—The volume of water is a record for this season and continually rising in many places. The water reaches up to the end of the ties along the Tobique Valley Railway, and the train road is submerged in some places. Many mills are shut down, and operations at a standstill. Fraser & Sons dam at Trouser's Lake went out this morning, causing considerable loss. It was used for firing purposes.

GAVE NO INFORMATION.

Special to The Standard. Sydney, May 12.—General Manager Duggan of the Dominion Coal Company received a letter tonight from President McDougall of the U. M. W. in reference to the unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in the colony districts. Both sides refuse to give out what the letter contained. No reply has been received by Mr. McDougall, and if Mr. Duggan fails to reply by tomorrow Mr. McDougall will give the press the contents of the letter.

\$20,000 FIRE AT WATERVILLE.

Waterville, Me., May 12.—Fire broke out tonight in the paint department of the Maine Central repair shops, causing a loss of \$20,000. A brick fire wall prevented the flames from spreading to other parts of the works.

THAT COMMISSION ON THE SALE OF BONDS

(From the News of Toronto.) Mr. Pugsley's moral sense limps sadly. He said in the House that it was eminently proper for Mr. Tweedie to accept \$500 as a commission on the sale of bonds. The Minister said that Mr. Tweedie was acting in his professional capacity as a lawyer, openly and above board, and the company gladly paid one per cent. commission in view of the good sale made by their solicitor. Then, as now, members of the Provincial Government were not debarred from practising their profession. Ministerial salaries were small.

In this case Mr. Tweedie was Provincial Secretary and Treasurer of the Province. He was also a director of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. Every cent of money expended by this company was supplied by the Government. In fact, the company was merely a disorganized department of the Administration, a secondary Department of Public Works. Mr. Tweedie sold bonds of this secondary department guaranteed by his own signature as Provincial Secretary, and collected a commission on the sale.

A parallel case would be provided by the issue of Provincial bonds of Ontario for the building of a court house. Col. Matheson, as the Provincial Treasurer, would scarcely collect a commission on the sale even though he is a lawyer, and would be acting in the interests of the Public Works Department. If he did so he would be grafting. He is in office to protect the Treasury, not to exploit it. His remuneration is a stated salary, and, whether large or small, his whole duty is to the Treasury.

That applies as well to Mr. Tweedie. The company was a sham, and Mr. Pugsley's remarks about the gratitude of the company is merely stupid. The chances are that the show directors never knew anything about the transaction. Pugsley and Tweedie were the company, and Tweedie just grabbed \$500 as Pugsley grabbed \$5,000 on another occasion. It is true that a Cabinet Minister may practise his profession in New Brunswick, but neither there nor elsewhere is he allowed to do so to the hurt of the Crown or the Crown Treasury. The more Mr. Pugsley's defence is read the more astonishing it appears. No more brazen speech can be found in all Hansard. For bald mis-statement, baseless accusation and tenuous sophistry it stands alone in the annals of Parliamentary debating.

FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER ENDINI IS SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PENITENTIARY; ABLE ADDRESSES TO JURY BY JUDGE AND COUNSEL

Special to The Standard. Burton, May 12.—What proved to be the closing session for the Endini murder trial opened today at the Sunbury court house at 1.30, when the jury, after being out five minutes over half an hour, brought in a verdict of manslaughter. Mr. Justice McLeod, in a short address which contained some good advice, sentenced the prisoner to ten years in Dorchester penitentiary. As the rumor got around that the trial was nearing an end, the crowd increased and this afternoon there was a sprinkling of ladies present. The prisoner himself showed signs of nervousness, and during his counsel's address to the jury, copiously.

Angelo Corben. Counsel cross-examined Angelo Corben, whose story agreed with that told by other witnesses. Witnesses said that the Austrian woman came to his house with McKay, Pettley, Sabadino and himself. They were drinking. After supper, Pettley gave the woman a drink, and started playing with her. He also told of going to the Austrian woman's house later, but did not see any fighting. Everyone was quiet, and he had to go home because his children were crying. Two Italians who were there left about when he did, and Endini, McKay, Pettley and the woman remained there. The woman came over to his house shortly after that with her two children and seemed to be crying. He understood from her that there had been trouble, and Sabadino went over to the house. Pettley was there and said, "Hurry in, Endini wants to shoot McKay." Witness started to go in and speak to Pettley, but Pettley gave him no time to speak and struck him in the face. McKay was drunk. Witness contradicted some of her evidence at the preliminary examination, and some of the evidence of other witnesses by testifying that the two Italians were present when McKay fell to the floor. Witness left the house before any fighting commenced. Endini was not drunk at supper but took two drinks later on. Witness herself was not drunk.

J. H. Hearn, K.C., cross-examined witnesses making clear the points in the direct evidence and in the preliminary examination. H. H. Pickett, for the defence, then took up the cross-examination, bringing out additional facts concerning McKay's relations, his manner of living. When court resumed at 1.30 the cross-examination of the Austrian woman was again taken up through the interpreter, Mr. Hearn, K.C., conducting. Nothing developed new. Attorney General Hazen also examined the witness. At the conclusion of the defence called Mr. Jas. H. Halifax, the Justice of the peace at Minto, who had made the plans of the shacks which had been in evidence at the trial. He described the shacks and their location. He had seen McKay after the stabbing, and had asked him how he felt. McKay said that he was all in. He had asked McKay who stabbed him and McKay said he didn't know a damn thing about it. He went to McKay and took his ante-mortem statement. He could not remember whether this was before McKay said he was all in or not. On this account the statement was not brought into the evidence. This concluded the presentation of the case for the Crown and Mr. J. H. Hearn, K.C., then opened the case for the defence, making a strong representation on behalf of the prisoner. He argued that there was sufficient provocation to make the offence justifiable.

The court resumed today at 10.15 a. m. Maria Romanchuk, through the Austrian interpreter swore that the prisoner lived at her home but was no relation to her. They had something to eat at Angelo's house where she, McKay and Pettley had made home-made beer. Later two Italians entered and still later Angelo, McKay and Pettley followed. All sat around and McKay was drunk. Witness contradicted some of her evidence at the preliminary examination, and some of the evidence of other witnesses by testifying that the two Italians were present when McKay fell to the floor. Witness left the house before any fighting commenced. Endini was not drunk at supper but took two drinks later on. Witness herself was not drunk.

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NOT A SINGLE MILL CLEARED EXPENSES LAST YEAR AND NOT LIKELY TO THIS; LUMBER MARKET VERY WEAK; NO STEAMERS LOADING DEALS HERE

A message received from Fredericton last evening, by Mr. Henry Hilyard, was to the effect that the river had risen 12 inches during the preceding 12 hours. Logs, both old and new have been running freely into the Douglas boom all day, and there were now from 15,000,000 to 18,000,000 feet in the booms.

Work was at a standstill yesterday owing to a gale which prevented the boats and even the tugs from venturing near the logs. It is expected that rafting will be commenced at the Fredericton booms about the first of next week, unless the water rises to too great a height. On the upper river, the water is now above the level which it reached at the time of the first freshet, but the full effect has not yet been felt at Indiantown, where the river still lacks a foot of the previous high mark of the year.

Many of the lower river farmers have almost completely denuded their farms of everything that has any resemblance to a tree, no matter how small, and the majority of this small stuff will never be taken out of the water. Had they kept it on shore, they could have used it for fire wood, but most of it now will go to the bottom as it is almost all spruce.

Speaking last evening of the lumber market, Mr. Hilyard said that practically nothing was being done in the way of shipments of deals from this port, and there was not a single vessel loading deals in the harbor at the present time. In both the United States and the Old Country markets, there was no demand whatever. The mill owners would do as they had done last year, when not one of them had been able to clear expenses. Their logs would be sawed and piled. The last of the 1908 cut had only been cleared out last week. The market was much weaker now than it was in February and contracts could not now be duplicated at the prices paid in March.

The small operators are finding it impossible to get rid of their stave poles, as the mills will not take them at any price, and the farmers are holding out for the highest.

FOUNDRY AT SOMERSWORTH DESTROYED

Somersworth, N. H., May 12.—Between 500 and 600 cooking ranges in a storehouse of the Somersworth Foundry Company were destroyed by a fire that burned the storehouse tonight. Other buildings of the plant were saved by the combined efforts of the South Berwick and Somersworth fire departments and the fire pumps of the company on the premises. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

JUDGE M'LEOD GIVES ADAMS A CHANCE AFTER PRISONER HAD MADE A SENSATIONAL PLEA

Special to The Standard. Burton, May 12.—At the conclusion of the Egdini trial Samuel Adams, alias Shaw, and who is known under other names, was brought into court and received sentence. Adams' appearance in court at this conclusion of the proceedings aroused probably more excitement than the murder trial has at any time. His Honor was expected to give Adams three years, and before imposing sentence asked the prisoner if he would like to say anything for himself. The prisoner leaned on the rail of the dock and after a few moments' hesitancy, delivered himself of an address which for beauty of language, perfectness of grammar and general effect was really sensational. He brought out that his first incarceration was unjust but was the result of his having punished too severely a patient in the Halifax Hospital when he was ward keeper. He was charged with having assaulted and attempted to kill a patient and was now in the Nova Scotia court to two years in Dorchester.

He dwelt at some length on the social ostracism which was the result of confinement in the penitentiary and said that a man was what his environment made him. He told the judge that it was not the confinement he dreaded but it was the association and that he would rather go to his death than spend any more time in penitentiary. The judge inquired what he would do if allowed to go on suspended sentence would he get into trouble again, as he had done when away on ticket of leave. He said that he would not although he supposed he could not ask the judge to believe him and said that three years in the penitentiary would destroy the last vestige of his manhood. Judge McLeod after some consideration agreeably surprised most of them present by allowing Adams a chance to redo his past and become once more the man his statement fitted him to be. After being taken to the cell Adams was interviewed by The Standard and said that he was the happiest man on earth, and that he would now try to show the world and Judge McLeod that he merited the chance.

FIRST DAY OF PARIS STRIKE VERY QUIET

Paris, May 12.—The first day of the postal strike passed peacefully. No disturbances were reported and the movement appears not to have gained ground. The services in Paris and throughout the provinces tonight with the exception of the railroad mail clerks, are normal and as a result, there has been no need to take advantage of the preparations made by the various business organizations and commercial bodies to carry on a private letter service. The Cabinet tonight summarily dismissed 228 men under the decree issued on March 18th, which authorized the discharge of strikers from the state service and made other provisions for dealing with recalcitrants. The Ministers are very confident that the removal of the principal fomenters of the agitation will have the effect of crushing the movement. The leaders of the strike experienced another discouragement in the failure of the miners' congress at Lens, to vote a sympathetic strike and up to the present none of the trades unions has made a sign of joining the movement. At the same time the Government is hurrying the preparation of its proposed bill regulating the status of state employees, which will be presented to a committee of the Chamber of Deputies on Monday.

SUSSEX MAN MET INSTANT DEATH IN MILL

Special to The Standard. Baddeck, C. B., May 12.—The mechanical superintendent with Prof. Bell at Baddeck, W. F. Baldwin, arrived in town last evening. He and Mrs. Baldwin had been on a pleasure trip to New York. While there he discussed with members of the Aero Club and others, plans for the building of three flying machines similar to the "Silver Dart." The New York clubs are arranging for exhibitions to be held the latter part of May. The Aero Club's to be held at Arlington and that of the Aeronautical Society at Morris Park. Overtures have been made to the Baddeck scientists with the idea in view that the "Silver Dart" be made an attraction but this machine will not likely be sent. Professor Bell desires to retain it at Beinn Bhreagh, Baddeck, for further experiments to be conducted by Messrs. McCurdy, Baldwin, and Baldwin. Falling to get the "Silver Dart" three new airships similar in construction will be at once built in New York by the Aero Club and Nautical Society. Mr. Baldwin was asked to superintend their construction, but declined on account of pressure of other work to be carried on this summer at Beinn Bhreagh. Messrs. McCurdy and Baldwin will conduct experiments on the water. They have arranged to construct several new airships at Baddeck. Professor Bell is now at Washington and sails from there on Saturday for Europe, where he will spend a month. He will return to Baddeck about the fifteenth of June.

INSANE MAN CROSSED STRAIT IN OPEN BOAT

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., May 12.—A young man named Alfred Gallant, son of A. Gallant, of Egmont Bay, P. E. I., crossed Northumberland Strait in an open boat last Sunday to Point du Chene. He has been a victim of insanity for some time and was found on Monday wandering around the streets of this city and was taken care of by the police who after learning where he belongs communicated with his people on the Island and learned of his taking a boat belonging to a man named McNally and starting out on his lonely journey across the straits. Will Be Taken Back. He will probably be taken back to the Island tomorrow by his father who is here looking after his son. A peculiar thing in connection with the young man is that he had not spoken to anyone for some years previous to his coming here and broke his long silence after reaching this city. The boat he had taken was found at Point du Chene on Monday.

MONTREAL MEN WENT HOME ANGRY

Special to The Standard. Quebec, May 12.—Members of the Montreal Trade and Labor Council left here tonight for home in anything but an amicable frame of mind. This morning they spent two hours in an effort to convince the members of the Private Bills Committee of the legislative council that it was desirable in the interests of the city of Montreal that the property qualifications for aldermen should be done away with. When the committee met in the afternoon, the clause in the bill carrying out the wish of the Labor men as passed in the House, was struck out without a dissenting voice.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING IS THE VERDICT

Franklin, N. H., May 12.—A verdict of accidental drowning was returned tonight at the conclusion of a hearing conducted by County Solicitor Thomas F. Clifford, Medical Referee, G. P. Conroy of Concord, in the case of Norman H. Morrill, whose body was found today floating in the Johnson grist mill pond. Morrill was 32 years old. He disappeared suddenly on April 30 and no clue as to his whereabouts was obtained until today when his father and sister discovered the body in the water.

EXECUTION OF BLYTHE POSTPONED

Special to The Standard. Toronto, May 12.—The execution of Walter Blythe, the Agincourt wife-murderer, who was to be hanged in Toronto jail this morning, has been postponed until June 17. Advice to that effect was received from the Secretary of State at Ottawa today. Blythe was almost overcome by the news, having been told there was no chance either of a reprieve or commutation. T. C. Bobinette, K.C., who was counsel, is endeavoring to have the sentence changed to life imprisonment.

LUSITANIA OFF SABLE ISLAND.

Sable Island, May 12.—Steamer Lusitania, Liverpool for New York in wireless communication with the Marconi station here when southwest of Sable Island at 5:20 p. m. No distance given. Dock about 8 a. m., Friday.

THE PRICE OF LOBSTERS.

Special to The Standard. Louisburg, May 12.—There is serious trouble between the lobster fishermen and packers of Cape Breton over the price of lobsters for the season. The fishermen of Malmadien are determined that they will not accept less than \$3.50 per hundred weight. The Louisburg fishermen want \$2.00.