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SKATER DROWNED AS THIN ICE WENT THRU

George Simmons Called to Companions to Follow Him While Skating Off Morley Avenue When Ice Cracked and He Sank—Body Not Recovered

The first of the winter's skating fatalities occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when George Simmons, 18, 88 Morris street, skated to his death on the treacherous ice off Morley avenue, near the city's septic tank.

With Simmons at the time of the tragedy were two companions, one named Waters, also of Morris street, and another whom the police have as yet been unable to locate. The three donned their skates, and for a while skirted the comparatively safe ice near the shore. According to the story told the police by Waters over the telephone, Simmons suggested they skate around the bay, and when they refused, said: "Oh it's safe enough, watch me," and boldly struck out from the shore. He had gone only about 200 yards when the ice gave way beneath him and he disappeared. The ice at this point is less than an inch thick.

Waters and the other companion ran around to Fisherman's Island to summon aid, but, according to the police, were too excited to give intelligible information as to what had occurred. All the Island residents could gather was that someone was drowning somewhere, but where and what appliances were needed to effect a rescue they could not ascertain.

Did Not Give Name.

Waters finally got to a telephone and phoned No. 8 police station, and rang off before he gave either his own name and address or that of his companion. Acting Detective Nursey, Mait Aykroyd, and Constable Beach of the Island, were on the scene in a few minutes, but in the gathering darkness all they could see was a small space of black water in the midst of the field of ice, thru which Simmons went to his death. The men could not venture out far enough to attempt to secure the body, and decided to leave dragging operations over until this morning.

At the point where Simmons lost his life the swift flow from the septic tank causes a deep current in the waters, and Aykroyd believes the body will be found a considerable distance from the scene of the accident.

WEAK MENTALITY LED GIRL TO HER DEATH

Raw Corn Was Anna Jokinen's Only Food During Several Days—Inquest Fails to Reveal Any Trace of Criminal Influences—An Open Verdict.

No new developments were brought out at the inquest last evening concerning the disappearance of Annie Jokinen on Dec. 4, and the finding of her body in a field on the farm of John Dew, near the corner of Forest Hill road and Eglinton avenue on Dec. 21. The jury returned an open verdict.

Dr. Bond and Dr. Johnson, who performed the post-mortem, both stated that death was due to starvation and exposure. No evidence of violence was found on the body, and no poison was found in her stomach. The autopsy report showed that for several days raw corn was her only food. It was also found that she had not been criminally assaulted, which entirely does away with the idea that she had been enticed away by white slavers. The brain was found to be in a normal and healthy condition, capable of considerable development, but the ridges on the bones at the base of the skull were sharp instead of smooth. This condition was sufficient to have caused mental delusion, and, aided by a flow of too much blood on the brain, may have caused the girl to do things which she would not have done otherwise.

The post-mortem examination revealed no traces of rough handling.

Miss M. Addison, dean of Annesley Hall, Victoria College, where the girl was employed, stated that Miss Jokinen was intelligent, shy, easily frightened and responsive to kindness. Martha Glass told of waiting up until midnight for Miss Jokinen to return to the hall. She had heard nothing that would indicate that the girl had returned home and endeavored to get in.

Martha Blumivist, a young Finnish girl, who had gone out with the girl, told what they had done during the afternoon and evening on the day of the disappearance. She left Miss Jokinen at the corner of Bloor and Spadina avenue at 10.30 p.m.

Boys Saw Her.

Edward Topping and Albert Christie, who were in a party of six, told of finding Miss Jokinen lying on the bank of a creek near the corner of Forest Hill and Eglinton avenue on Sunday morning, Dec. 7, two weeks before she died. When they approached her, she had her hat pulled down over her head. Topping removed the hat to see if she was alive, but she immediately drew it over her head and motioned them away. She then got up and walked briskly away, look-

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NO FAVORS IN TRADE GIVEN U. S. BY GERMANY

Request for Preferential Treatment in Certain Lines Was Refused.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—Germany today refused the request of the United States Government for the "most favored nation" treatment of American steels, rubber shoes, etc., but it was hinted that she was willing to bargain for this concession if the United States would make an equivalent offer in return for it.

The reply of the German Government to the application of the United States Government points out various features of the American tariff law, namely, the inspection of the books of manufacturers and the administrative regulations, which Germany would like to see changed.

Commercial circles here express the opinion that the German-American tariff negotiations will be extremely difficult without some such method of bargaining.

SHOT BY A PLAYMATE WINDSOR BOY IS DEAD

Negro Lad, Police Believe, Intended Bullet for a Man.

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—George Flett, aged 9, died today in Hotel Dieu as a result of a bullet wound inflicted by Stanley Craig, a 13-year-old negro lad, last night. The Craig boy is held by the police, altho he declares the shooting was accidental.

It is the theory of the police that the shot, which was from a .22 calibre rifle, was intended for a man, but struck Flett instead. The two boys were playing with other lads near Dougall and Cameron avenues when the shooting occurred.

The dead boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flett, Grove avenue.

FRENCH AVIATOR FLEW FROM PARIS TO CAIRO

Vedrines Covered Nearly Three Thousand Miles in Several Weeks.

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—Jules Vedrines, the French aviator, arrived at Cairo today, thus bringing to a successful end a flight of nearly 3,000 miles, which began several weeks ago from Paris.

In his air voyage Vedrines made various stops, including Vienna, Sofia, Constantinople and Beirut.

SUSPECT INDIANS OF MURDERING THREE MEN

Sergeant Harper and Constable Stevenson of Northwest Mounted Police, and Companion Reported to Have Lost Lives in Far North—Two Patrols Sent Out.

(Special to The Toronto World).

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Comptroller Fortescue of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police has received reports from the far north of what he is inclined to believe is another tragedy. He fears that two of his best men and a companion have either been done to death by trecherous Indians or have perished in the heavy storms which have set in. He has sent out two patrols to search for the missing men.

On Nov. 3 Sergt. Harper and Constable Stevenson, with Richard Harrington, a packer, set out from Saskatoon Lake in the Grand Prairie district to make an arrest in a seduction case. Their destination was in the vicinity of the Porcupine River, and they were expected to be away about a month. It is a rough country, and the party had to be packed, hence Harrington went with them as packer.

Found Gun and Rifle.

On Nov. 11 the party was seen near Moose Mountain Creek and was expected to return to that point in a week. It is from there that the news has reached Comptroller Fortescue. The message comes from trappers, whether white men or Indians is not stated, that on Dec. 15 they found on the Moose Mountain Creek trail a gun and a rifle, the descriptions of which tally with the weapons carried by the party.

The suggestion is made at headquarters in Ottawa that the mounted police party had been set upon and slaughtered by Indians, who in this vicinity are regarded as treacherous and unfriendly to whites, or that, as a result of the severe snowstorm which have been sweeping over the district snow blindness had affected the men,

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C. P. R. WILL BUY M. C. R. LINE FROM WINDSOR TO FORT ERIE.

Beginning January First, the M. C. R. Ontario Section Will Be Dislodged From New York Central by Big Railway Deal All Ready to Put Th ru.

Special to The Toronto World.

WELLAND, Dec. 29.—It is learned here tonight, on the authority of a prominent Detroit official, that the M.C.R. line thru Canada is to be purchased at once by the C.P.R., and that the deal is ready to go thru. The M.C.R., beginning on Jan. 1, will dislodge itself from the New York Central System, and all the cars of the system will be treated as foreign cars.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT MONTREAL DUE TO LACK OF WATER SUPPLY SIXTY MOTOR CARS DESTROYED

Loss Nearly Three Hundred Thousand Dollars With Small Insurance—Firemen Only Able to Play One Stream on Blazing Garage—Dynamite in Readiness.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—Two three-storey buildings were gutted and sixty automobiles were destroyed in a fire which occurred at the corner of Ontario street and Providence lane, in the northeast section of the city, this afternoon. The damage is estimated at $285,000 and the insurance about $40,000.

The firemen, with only one stream of water, owing to the break in the city main conduit, which has caused a water famine since Christmas night, fought for several hours, at the end of which time the buildings were in ruins. During the course of the blaze one fireman was injured and the brigade laid seven thousand feet of hose with two engines relaying to bring the pressure of the single stream up to sufficient strength. The firemen succeeded in preventing the flames from getting down to the tank containing two thousand gallons of gasoline, six feet under the basement of the burned garage. There was an adequate supply of dynamite on hand to raze adjacent buildings if the fire got out of hand.

Will Sue City.

When the fire started the firemen and police saved 22 automobiles, but 60 were destroyed. The buildings destroyed were owned by Joseph Laurier and occupied by the Auto and Garage Co., the Decbul Tools, Ltd., and several manufacturing firms.

As a result of the blaze and the absence of adequate water supply for the firemen, some of the sufferers have announced their intention of taking suit against the city.

Water Famine Nearly Over.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—Without being too definite, Controller Godfrey expressed the opinion that water might be turned on tomorrow. The situation at present is the same as it has been since the pumps were shut down on Christmas night. Water carts continue to supply citizens and material relief in some sections has been effected by the Montreal Water and Power Co. The lask of water has seriously affected the laundries and the drivers have had to advise clients to hold their orders until Friday. In those laundries where water is available, the management has been supplying their customers with water.

RELATIVES OF CARDINAL EAGER TO FIND WILL

Crown Prosecutor at Rome Opens Investigation Into Strange Disapppearance.

ROME, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—The crown prosecutor has begun an investigation into the matter of the will of the late Cardinal Rampolla. He has been enabled to take this action because of the denunciation of the testament of 1889 by relatives of the cardinal, who were excluded as beneficiaries from his will, on the ground that a later testament has been stolen or concealed.

One of the interested parties in the new move is the Duchess of Campobello, who is of the opinion that her children may be included in a later testament, the testament of 1889 antedating their birth. The Duke of Campobello is to be prosecuted at an early date on the charge of forging the signature of his uncle, Cardinal Rampolla, as the guarantor of a note.

Much interest has been aroused by the bequest in the testament of 1889 to Cardinal Galimberti, who died in 1896, of the cross of brilliants which Count von Bismarck, presented to Rampolla. Rampolla bequeathed it to Galimberti in recognition of his services as negotiator of peace between Germany and the Holy See.

BORDER BATTLE EXPECTED SOON

Insurgents in Northern Mexico Are Closing in Upon Strongly - Entrenched Federals at Chihu.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—Confirming private rumors official reports reached the state department today of renewed insurgent activity in northeastern Mexico with the announced purpose of clearing out the federals from the whole northern frontier of Mexican states. Today the constitutionalist forces are reported as closing in upon Nuevo Laredo, but the understanding is that if the campaign in that quarter is successful it will be followed immediately by an attack in force upon Ojinaga, where the remnant of the federal garrison of Chihuahua has taken its final stand.

At Nuevo Laredo the federals have 1,200 men well armed with machine guns and entrenched in earthworks and rifle pits. Closing in upon them is a force of 5,000 insurgents, 3,000 under command of Gen. Jesus Carranza, brother of Gov. Venustiano Carranza, the present leader of the constitutionalist party, and 2,000 under the lead of Gen. Gonzales.

As there seems no avenue of retreat left open in Mexico for the federal garrison they must either defeat their enemy in a frontal attack or cross the international in the American town of Laredo, to be promptly disarmed.

It was said at the war department today that while every effort would be made by the commander of the American troops at Laredo, Tex., to keep heedless spectators back and away from the border in the event of actual hostilities, the general order to the American troops still stands to return promptly any fire of bullets or shells from across the line if they are satisfied that the firing by Mexicans is intentional.

CANADIAN BOAT LOST BUT CREW PICKED UP

Lord of Avon Wrecked on Way to Cuba From Pensacola.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—Loss of the British schooner Lord of Avon during a storm in the Gulf of Mexico, last Friday, was learned of here today when the schooner George F. Scannel arrived in port, bringing in the Avon's crew. At first it had been believed the shipwrecked crew was from the Cheslie, a British schooner reported waterlogged. The Lord of Avon was bound from Pensacola to Cuba, with lumber. She was built at Hantsport, N. S., in 1901, and her port of registry is St. John, N.B.

Margaret Anglin Provides Dramatic Treat.

"Twelfth Night," as played by the famous Canadian actress, Margaret Anglin, and her select company, last night at the Princess Theatre, before a brilliant audience, was a dramatic treat that local playgoers are seldom favored with. The play tonight will be "As You Like It."

FOSTER IS TAXED ON INCOME OF $1062

One Thousand of That is Part of His Salary as Controller, But He Gets Money From Other Sources on Which He Pays No Income Tax, and Here Are Some of Them.

Just how much money Controller Foster is making out of his controllership would be startling to the taxpayers were the total given.

Evidence has been given of his hypothecations thru his property being most flagrantly under-assessed. For instance, a big block of his property that has a market value of $30 a front foot is assessed at 50c a front foot.

There is now evidence that Controller Foster has claimed that his assessable income is only $1062. This evidence is on the assessment books that are open to everyone on the counters in the city clerk's department. His assessable income at his home on Seaton street is given as $62. Of course, his assessment at the city hall for income is $1000, his salary as controller being $2500, and $1500 of it being exempt. On the total of $1062 his income tax is $20.71.

According to the statutes, the assessor supplies blank papers to taxpayers to fill in as a sworn statement of assessable income. Undoubtedly, Controller Foster had to send in his sworn statement that his assessable income is as stated in the assessment books that are open to the public.

Further evidence of Controller Foster's assessable income being very much in excess of $1062 is obtainable in the records in the registry office. Income from mortgages is taxable. Here are some of the records in the registry office:

Mortgage of $25,000 on George Glendinning's property at 18 East Bloor street at 10 per cent. per annum. Taxable income, $2500.

Mortgage on the northeast corner of Queen and Coady, of $3720, at 6 per cent. per annum. Discharged October. Taxable income, $223.20.

Mortgage on the northwest corner of Queen and Coady of $3960, at 6 per cent. per annum. Discharged only two months ago. Taxable income, $237.60.

SEVERE TESTS FOR "CHAUFFS"

New Law for Ontario Calls for Special Licenses and Examinations on Competence.

After the New Year paid chauffeurs in the province will require special licenses. Legislation to this effect was arranged for last session with an eye to reducing the accidents on highways and making chauffeurs responsible for their passengers. The law now takes effect.

The method of the government involves a system of resident engineers in different centres, all of whom belong to the Ontario Motor League. These have already been appointed in North and East Toronto, Ottawa, Peterboro, Chatham, Fort William, Woodstock, St. Thomas, North Bay, Sarnia, and other traffic centres. Arrangements are incomplete as yet for Toronto, Hamilton and London.

The examination will be conducted jointly by the district representative and a police chief. Things demanded include technical knowledge, oral rules, speed laws, a road test, and physical and character testimonials.

There are twenty-seven points in all and the examinations will be universal.

Enormous Reductions in Men's Cloth, Fur and Fur-lined Coats.

The end of the year price-cutting that Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, have instigated is worthy of the attention of every man who has thoughts of buying a warm winter coat. The most exclusive and stylish imported cloth coats are being sacrificed at 25 per cent. off. All fur-lined coats are similarly reduced, while coon coats are priced lower than ever before at this season. The advertisement in another part of this issue gives fuller details of this extraordinary clearance sale.

BOWLING THEM OVER

TASMAN IS REPORTED SINKING SEVERAL NOTABLES ON BOARD

Steamer in Desperate Plight in Gulf of Papua With Other Boats Racing to Assistance — Madame Nordica and Major Coleman Among Passengers.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press)—A wireless message received at noon today from the steamer Tasman, ashore in the Gulf of Papua, reported 15 feet of water in the hold and gaining rapidly. At that hour the steamers which had been despatched to the assistance of the Tasman had not arrived. It is considered possible that the Tasman will be a total wreck.

In addition to Mme. Lillian Nordica, Alva Adams, former governor of Colorado, and Thomas G. Stallsmith of California, previously mentioned in the despatches as passengers; Major Sydney A. Coleman, a member of the Panama-Pacific Exposition and ex-military attache at London, is aboard the vessel.

AEROPLANE TO PROPEL SLEDGES IN SHACKLETON'S EXPEDITION

Explorer Plans to Land on Shore of Weddel Sea at Beginning of November Next Year and to Reach Other Side of South Pole by Following March.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press)—An interesting feature of the equipment to be used by Sir Ernest H. Shackleton on his proposed expedition next year across the Antarctic continent will be sledges driven by aeroplane engines and an aeroplane with clipped wings to aid in propelling the sledges over the ice.

The transcontinental party will consist of six men and 120 dogs. The animals chosen will be those accustomed to drive teams and post work in Alaska and Siberia, and they will be handled by experienced Canadians.

Sir Ernest plans to land at latitude 78 degrees south, on Weddel Sea, at the beginning of November, 1914 and expects to arrive in Ross Sea on the other side of the South Pole in March, 1915.

The expedition will have two oil-driven ships.