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DEPREDAATIONS AT ROTHESAY

Summer Residents Are Indignant Over Recent Events

HOUSES ENTERED

Evidently There Are Thieves in the King's County Summer Resort--A Isaac's House Entered--E. J. Armstrong Has Also Suffered.

A number of city people having summer cottages at Rothestay are indignant over the fact that depredations have been committed recently at their suburban homes and they are beginning to fear for the safety of certain property which they are in the habit of leaving from year to year.

E. J. Armstrong says that he received a telephone message this morning from a resident of Rothestay in which it was stated that the windows of Mr. Armstrong's cottage at Rothestay had been tampered with, but whether or not an entrance was effected is not yet known.

Harry Stanton of Rothestay informed Mr. Armstrong that he went to his cottage yesterday to see that everything was safe and found that the windows had been pried, evidently with a hatchet or chisel, and the screws which Mr. Armstrong had driven through the sashes into the casing had been started almost out of place, but he could not tell if an entrance had been effected.

Mr. Armstrong, who expressed his intention of going out to Rothestay to inspect his cottage, says that the fact that there are no tramps about at this time of year casts a slur on the residents of the place. He adds that he has an idea who the offender is, and should any further trouble occur, he will take out a search warrant and ascertain definitely the accuracy of his suspicions.

Abraham Isaac's suburban home, only a short distance from Mr. Armstrong's, was broken into two or three weeks ago, and Mr. Isaac told the Times that he could not form an estimate as to the value of what was missing. He knew that thirty cases of soap had been taken and that his own and his wife's trunks had been opened and the contents gone over, but since he had not visited the place, he was unable to tell what had been taken.

It will be remembered that Mr. Armstrong's place was broken into last year and about \$100 worth of property stolen. People who have summer homes in the vicinity of the Charles and at Kenilworth suffered similarly last season, and they like those who summer at Rothestay, are talking of offering a reward for the capture and conviction of the guilty party or parties.

FINANCIERS FIGHT ABOUT CORTELYOU

Morgan and Rockefeller Interests Clash on Question of Confirming Him for Secretary of Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The fight over the confirmation of George B. Cortelyou for secretary of the treasury has lost its political aspect to a degree and has taken a financial side in which the house of J. P. Morgan and the National City Bank and all the Rockefeller interests are arrayed against one another.

WANTS TO GET HOME TO KILL THE CZAR

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—"I am sorry that I cannot return to Russia in time to take part in the killing of the Czar. He will be before I get back and it will not be a natural death."

George Gersheny, Russian revolutionary, escaped from a life-long imprisonment in Siberia after being sentenced to 15 years of the Czar, calmly uttered the words as he sat in his room at Jackson Hotel, West Jackson street, and Halsted street, and submitted his first newspaper interview since being freed in the United States from Gersheny is a typical Russian of the 19th type.

TOUCHED HIS FRIENDS

NITRELL, Jan. 21 (Special).—Investigations which have been going on since J. P. McGeer, erstwhile secretary of the People's Mutual Building Society, died, show that his total defalcations in the neighborhood of \$200,000, the water part of which comes from the estate of personal friends. From two intimate friends he got \$34,000, which will be a total loss to them. Forgery, embezzlement and common theft are charged against him and he pleads guilty to it all.

The Sun-Star fund for the relief of the Kingston (Jamaica) sufferers now totals \$700. Several contributions have been promised for this afternoon.

TWENTY-SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED

Car of Powder Blew up on "Big Four" Passenger Train With Awful Result.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 21.—In a revised list of dead, completed at a late hour last night, it is shown that 27 persons lost their lives, and about 35 others were injured in the catastrophe that befell a Big Four passenger train, when a car of powder blew up at Sandford, Ind., Saturday night.

Four bodies, badly mutilated, were found in the woods last night some distance from the track.

A searching party late yesterday afternoon found the body of a had named Kiewer, of Paris, Ill., hanging in a tree several hundred feet from the scene of the explosion.

NO REDUCTION IN RATES NOW

Fire Underwriters Will Not Reduce Insurance Rate Until Water Extension is Taken Over.

The board of fire underwriters at a meeting this morning decided that there should be no reduction in the insurance rates until the water extension work has been accepted from the contractors by the city and the engineer pronounces it satisfactory. This decision has been conveyed to the mayor in a letter sent this morning.

It will be remembered that a committee was appointed by the council recently to call upon the underwriters and effect if possible a partial reduction in the rates, owing to the improved condition of the water supply. The underwriters have decided, however, that the rates shall remain as at present until the entire work is complete.

TO ENFORCE SCOTT ACT

Temperance People of Fredericton Subscribe \$500 to Ensure More Rigid Enforcement.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 21 (Special).—J. Howe Dickson, clerk of the executive council, has declined, for personal reasons, to act as judge at Tonyson Smith's trial of Alcohol tonight, and the committee are now looking about for a substitute.

The bans of Daniel Elliott and Mrs. Fraser were published at St. Dunstan's church yesterday.

Mrs. T. C. Allen, who has been quite ill for several days, is improving.

There is excellent skating on the river today, and the school children of the city have been given a half holiday on that account.

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TURNED OUT IN THE SNOW

Misfortune Which Befel a Manitoba Family Last Week.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 21 (Special).—Deprived of their comfortable home and turned out into the snow in the early morning with the mercury registering 30 degrees below zero, was the misfortune which overtook C. Howard's family at Whistler last week. An explosion of coal gas caused the disaster.

A heavy supply of soft coal had been placed in the stove the previous night, and it had been so dumped up that gas escaped into the room. In the morning one of the members of the household, before going to the stable, turned on the draughts and almost immediately the rest of the family still in bed, were rudely awakened by a heavy explosion. Mr. Howard, rushing down stairs, found his house full of flames and it was with difficulty he succeeded in getting his family out of doors before their exit was cut off. Nothing was saved from the fire, and the inmates who found shelter in a barn, escaped with no other clothing than their night clothes.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Jan. 21 (Special).—The week feeling which was displaced last week by the generally weak market, opened at a volume of trade however contained on the light side and no individual stock received special attention. Dominion Steel, which broke to 22 1/2 Saturday, partly suffered by some labor troubles at the works, and partly by the generally weak market, opened at the same figure and later rallied to 25 1/2. Other issues which figured in the market were Mexican bonds, 84 to 85; Montreal Pacific, 100; Canadian, 115 1/2 to 117; Toledo, 28; Detroit, 7 1/2.

P. E. I. HOCKEY LEAGUE

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 19.—(Special).—The opening match on Friday night in the Prince Edward Island Hockey League series was won by the Abegweits, who defeated the Victorias 4 to 3. Oullen, formerly of the Wanderers of Halifax, played with the Abegweits.

BUTTER AND CHEESE

MONTREAL, Jan. 21 (Special).—The cheese market continues firm, 12 to 14 cents for the generally weak market, opened at 25 to 26 for choicest creamery, and 21 to 25 for fine; dairy, 21 to 22; and rolls, 22 to 23.

SWEETENHAM'S ACTION IS ROUNDLY CONDEMNED AND EVANS IS PRAISED

Governor of Jamaica is Censured for His Senseless Action in Refusing American Aid at Kingston--American Admiral Gets Much Credit for His Kind Interest--The Situation Today.



VICTORIA STATUE, PARADE GARDENS, REPORTED TO HAVE TURNED OVER TO THE AMERICANS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The feature of the news from Kingston, Jamaica, today is the declaration of Sir James Alexander Sweetenham, the governor of Jamaica to accept American aid, and the departure in consequence of the American warships under command of Rear-Admiral Davis, a dispatch from Santiago today stated that the cruiser Marietta, which arrived last night from Guantanamo had sighted Davis's ships making for the harbor Sunday afternoon. The vessels probably arrived Saturday night, so that official dispatches on the American refusal should soon be forthcoming. It is also learned that Sweetenham has refused the offer of the United States war department to send 10,000 rations to Kingston.

It is reported that the city council met after the incident became known, and promptly disapproved the English governor's action, and not only sent a letter of regret to Rear-Admiral Davis, but asked him to reconsider his decision to leave and to remain with the American ships as every aid was still urgently needed.

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NEARLY \$6,000 IS SUBSCRIBED

Mayor Sears and Hamilton MacCarthy Canvassing for Champlain Monument Fund.

(See also page 7.) The mayor, accompanied by Hamilton MacCarthy, the sculptor, called on a number of citizens this morning in connection with the movement to raise sufficient funds to complete the Champlain monument. The mayor in talking to the Times said they had met with a good reception from the majority of those seen, and nearly all appeared to be heartily in accord with the scheme. A number of subscriptions were received and promises obtained from many more. The amount actually subscribed this morning was \$112, but the promises will bring the total to a much larger figure. Today's subscriptions added to the amount, as acknowledged on page 7 of this issue, will bring the total up to \$5,029, leaving a balance of \$4,000 yet to be raised.

The following subscriptions are acknowledged: Robert Thomson, \$50; W. E. Earle, \$50; J. O. Regan, \$10; George Robertson, M. F. P., \$5; Promises of assistance to this worthy project were also given by Col. H. H. McLean, Chas. H. Peters, R. W. W. Frank, H. A. Austin, Thomas Gorman, Isaac Northrup and John E. Moore.

Mr. MacCarthy and the mayor will call upon a number of others this afternoon, and they expect to receive substantial encouragement.

COLLINS ON HIS TRAVELS

Witnesses Tell of His Wanderings After the Murder in Charlotte County

Douglas A. Spinney, William Dean and Mrs. Martha Turner Were on the Stand This Morning--How Collins Departed From Dean's.

AN AWFUL ACCIDENT

William McDougall Cut to Pieces by a Train at Coleman, P. E. I.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 19.—(Special).—This morning, William B. McDougall, a blacksmith, aged 46, attempted to cross the track in front of a train coming into Coleman station. He was struck by the pilot of the engine and thrown under the wheels, to be picked up by a mangled mass, with one leg severed at the hip, an arm at the shoulder and his skull split in two, one part falling on the ground. He died a few minutes after.

The Westminster Gazette says there can be nothing but regret at the fact that any difficulty has arisen between Admiral Davis and Governor Sweetenham, and while awaiting a fuller explanation, the paper adds: "In the meantime the United States can be assured that in this country deeply appreciate the generous and sympathetic way in which its citizens volunteered assistance to the British colony."

Governor Sweetenham's explanation of his course and the outcome of the incident are awaited everywhere with keen interest.

"Nothing Short of Criminal" GUANAJAMA, Cuba, Jan. 21.—The U. S. battleship Missouri has arrived here from Kingston.

It was stated today that Governor Sweetenham held up Saturday night's dispatches from Kingston regarding his letter to Rear-Admiral Davis requesting him to re-embark the American marines who had been landed to assist in the relief work ashore.

Just previous to the departure of the American warships, the mayor and city council of Kingston sent a petition to the admiral, begging him to remain and the relief committee, headed by Archbishop Iruball, threatened to resign. When the American surgeons left the hospitals the patients wept and begged that they and the American warships would stay and the Red Cross nurses declared that the governor's action in causing the American warships to withdraw was nothing short of criminal.

Priests Are Safe

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—President David W. Hearns, of St. Francis Xavier College, yesterday received from Rev. John F. Collins, S. J., administrator of Kingston, a cablegram in which it was stated that the Catholic priests in Kingston were unharmed, but that the mission buildings had been destroyed. Another cable from Rev. Mr. Collins was received at Fordham University today, reading as follows: "All the Jesuit fathers in Jamaica are safe, but the missions are in ruins. Fathers Stanton and McGinney, both of whom are in Jamaica, had been reported as missing."

Explanation Asked

LONDON, Jan. 21.—After a conference today between officials of the foreign office and of the colonial office, the latter cabled to Governor Sweetenham of Jamaica, asking him for his version of the situation which led to the withdrawal of Rear-Admiral Davis' warships from Kingston.

Relief From Canada.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 21 (Special).—The steamer Beh, which will sail here tonight for Kingston, J. A., will take \$10,000 worth of food stuffs consisting of fish, potatoes, beans, peas, butter, etc. This is sent by the Canadian government and is the first instalment of Canada's \$50,000 contribution to the relief of the earthquake sufferers. The steamer will also take 500 tents, which were supplied from the military stores at Halifax.

It is expected that the dredge New Dominion will be put to work tomorrow dredging the Navy Island bar and the entrance to the west side ferry slip. The dredge will probably not be put on the route until after this dredging is done, as it is feared she might ground on the bar.

Engineer F. A. Barbour is in the city today and will confer with the mayor regarding water extension matters.

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HOPWELL CAPE, N. B., via Hillsboro, N. B., Jan. 21 (Special).—The weather here this morning is beautifully clear but the attendance at the Collins murder trial was very slim. The first witness called by the crown was Douglas A. Spinney, a farmer, who lives in Charlotte county. He saw the prisoner on August 23 about 6.30 in the evening. He was walking along the post road, near his house. Collins asked for something to eat. He asked where he came from, and the prisoner replied either Carleton or St. John. Witness's son brought out a lunch to him. Collins said he was going to St. Stephen and started towards St. George. Collins said something about his shoes, but what it was witness could not recall. In answer to a question he said it was 25 or 30 miles from Dean's Hotel.

Cross examined by Hon. Mr. McCowan, the witness said the prisoner could not come from Dean's Hotel to his place by the high road, but must have taken the railroad track to a point about a quarter of a mile north of his house.

In answer to a question by his honor, the witness said it is about 45 miles from his place to St. John.

William Dean was the next witness. He lives in Miramichi, 18 miles from St. John. He first saw the prisoner on Tuesday, Aug. 22, about a mile and a half east of his place, walking westerly on the highway. The night he again saw him at his house with his son William. The two were coming up the steps of the house in Miramichi. Collins called him up to him. He first saw the prisoner on Tuesday, Aug. 22, about a mile and a half east of his place, walking westerly on the highway. The night he again saw him at his house with his son William. The two were coming up the steps of the house in Miramichi. Collins called him up to him. He first saw the prisoner on Tuesday, Aug. 22, about a mile and a half east of his place, walking westerly on the highway. The night he again saw him at his house with his son William. The two were coming up the steps of the house in Miramichi. Collins called him up to him.

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To Mr. McCowan the witness said his son was coming from St. John with a load of lumber and had picked Collins up near Fairville. Witness did not hire the prisoner. He did not know who set him to work at the wood.

Mrs. Dean was in the telephone room most of the time the conversation was going on and the door was shut. Chief Clerk gave a description and he said there were two men who answered to it in his house. He was very guarded and did not say the names of either of them.

Mrs. Martha Turner, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Lesman, was next called. She was at her mother's house when the prisoner came in. She overheard part of the conversation. The values in court were shown to the witness and she said Collins had them with him. They were tied with a pair worn at the time. She thought he said his name was McCallum.

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THAW'S TRIAL POSTPONED

It Stands Over Until Wednesday Morning Next--Thaw Not In Court.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, was today postponed until Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock. Thaw was not brought into the court room.

FUNERALS

The body of the late Miss Mary Power, who died suddenly at Black River on Friday morning, was interred yesterday afternoon at 2.45 in the Catholic burial ground at Black River. People from all over the parish assembled at the residence yesterday, as did a large number from this city and the lengthy cortege followed the body from the house to the cemetery. The funeral was the largest seen in Black River for years. Relatives of the deceased bore the pall. Rev. Fr. Poitier arrived at Black River Friday night and conducted services at the home.

The funeral of the late Katherine J. Peters was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, Duke street, and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Stuart conducted the burial service, and the body was placed in the receiving vault in Fernhill.

The body of the late Ellen Kelly, who died on Saturday last, was taken to Sussex this morning on the 7 o'clock train for interment.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

The lovely Miss Birdie McWhat was much pleased this morning when she read that the marital troubles of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough had been settled by a separation which would avoid publicity, and that the dear Duke would have himself in 800,000 a year.

"It would have been so unfortunate," said Birdie, "if the case had gone into the courts, especially so soon after the unfortunate affair of the dear Count and Countess Boni de Castellane. I am so pleased that the King and Lord Lansdowne and dear Lady Kresing interested themselves in the matter. It would be so very unfortunate, don't you know, to have the common people reading about the private affairs of the upper classes."

Birdie has just had a diamond bracelet of one of her never-to-be-repeated, which had shown some symptoms of decay.

THIS IS SERIOUS. The members of the ferry committee are a good deal worried over the conduct of the west side ferry boats. These boats, which up to this time have been in apparently good health, had several sinking spells last week, and had to be supported by planks. It is feared that their contact with the Ludlow and Wun Lung and other inferior crafts has given them the disease known as dollaritis, and that they may have to be removed to Rodney Hospital for treatment.

At there are no vacant beds in the Hospital at present, the situation is somewhat critical.

KINGSTON, J. A., Jan. 21 (Special).—Governor Sweetenham rose early this morning and swept the horizon with his glass, to learn if any of those rascally Yankees were anywhere in sight. The weight of his trust took the earth a little, and some people thought it was an entrance to the west side ferry slip. The Americans, who spend thousands of dollars at the big hotels, will all be expelled as soon as the governor can get around here. Today he is busy planning himself on the masterstroke of Saturday, when he sent those Yankee warships scuttling into the harbor by a flourish of his pen. The pen is mightier than the sword.