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28TH YEAR

WOMAN IN STRANGE ATTIRE FOUND WANDERING AT LARGE NO FRIENDS TO CLAIM HER

Police Suspect She Has Escaped From Some Place of Detention---Her Aimless Chatter Can Afford No Clue.

There seems to be some strange story in the circumstances under which a forlorn woman, scantily and grotesquely attired, came to roaming aimlessly along the C.P.R. tracks in North Toronto yesterday afternoon.

Young, good looking and of apparent culture, she was in a woful state of uncleanliness and she also gave every indication of unsound mind.

No report or enquiry concerning her had been received by the police last night.

P.C. Hobbs found the unfortunate woman after two scared ladies had said they had seen somebody, they didn't know whether man or woman, who needed looking after.

The constable found the woman dressed in a dilapidated Newmarket coat with one tail missing, men's trousers, top boots reaching above the knees and several sizes too large, a course burlap sack doing duty for a short and pears to be about 23 years of age. She seemed to be English by her accent and a woman of culture, coupled with great personal attractions, tho her body was in a dirty state and her hair and clothing also. By her answers at the police station she shows herself to be hopelessly insane.

a battered woman's gauze hat. She wore no underclothing whatever. When questioned at the police station she said her name was Mary Rodgers, and had been staying with a Mr. Clark who lived about four miles from here. When asked where she meant by "here," she said North Toronto.

She stated to Sergt. Martin that her age was 4 years 3 months, but she ap-

Sergt. Martin said: "Shere seems to be a great mystery behind it all, which will take some ttime to get to the bottom of. My theory is that she has been confined in some house, probably against her will."

She was sent down to Court-street station, where the matron provided decent apparel.

No clue as to her identity has as yet been found.

TROLLEYS CRASH TOGETHER.

Nine Killed, Others Fatally Injured in Wreck.

DETROIT, Apr. 28.—Nine people were killed and a score or more injured, several of them fatally, when a limited car, eastbound, on the Detroit, Jackson and Chicago Electric Road, generally known as the Ann Arbor Line, cilided with a regular car four miles east of Ypsilanti, near Denton, to-day. It is said that confusion over the orders, which are reported to have been changed to-day, was responsible for the collision.

The care crashed together head-on and were smashed to pieces. Motorman Fay is reported to be one of the dead. The point where the accident occurred is about 35 miles west of this city. Early reports are that the limited car completely telescoped the regular car.

BOILER TUBE EXPLODED.

Five Injured by Accident on British Battleship.

PORTSMOUTH, April 28.—The explosion of a boiler tube on the British battleship Britannia durinf a full speed trial to-day, injured five men, four seriously and one slightly.

The Britannia reported the accident by wireless telegraph to this place, and late to-night she anchored at Spitshead. The injured were not brought ashore and na communication could be had with the battleship to-night.

Saskatchewan Has Surplus.

REGINA, Sask., April 28.—The annual statement of receipts and expenditures of the Province of Saskatchewan was submitted to the legislative assembly this afternoon, and shows that the province came thru ahe year 1907-08 with a surplus of $1167.72, as against a surplus last year of $482,-280.14.

Farmer Kills Himself.

LUCKNOW, April 28.—(Special.)—E. E. Nelis, a prosperous farmer living near here, shot himself dead to-day. He had been in ill-health for some time.

C.P.R. HAS SPECIAL CAR FOR SUBURBAN SERVICE

Will Be Placed on Run Between Toronto and Brampton—Trial Trip To-Day.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has brought from Montreal a special car for suburban service, which will shortly be put into operation between Toronto and Brampton.

The car is especially constructed for this work, as locomotive, tender and passenger coach are all combined in the one car. In appearance it is simething like a very large motor car. Just behind the engine is a compartment for coal, into which the coal is placed from above. The passenger compartment will accommodate 60 people. The car is in charge of Stephen Smith, a special engineer.

To-day is will make a trial trip over its new route, taking as its first passengers the C. P. R. officials in this city. It is expected that a regular suburban service will be instituted about May 2.

Toronto Conventions

At a meeting of the executive of the Central Conservative Association, the dates for the Toronto conventions were fixed as follows:

S. Toronto—Monday, May 11
N. Toronto—Tuesday, May 12
E. Toronto—Wed., May 13
W. Toronto—Thursday, May 14

TWO THOUSAND MASSACRED BY KURDS

Despatches Read in Parliament at Teheran Say That Thirty-Six Towns Were Pillaged.

TEHERAN, APRIL 28.—DESPATCHES WERE READ IN PARLIAMENT TO-DAY STATING THAT THE KURDS AROUND URUMIAH, A TOWN OF PERSIAN ARMENIA, HAD PILLAGED 36 VILLAGES AND MASSACRED 2000 PEOPLE.

STEAMER NORFOLD FOUNDERED AT SEA

Vessel Was Under Charter for Dominion Iron and Steel Company—Crew Saved.

SYDNEY, N.S., April 28.—(Special.)—A wireless message from Cape Race to-night is to the effect that the steamer Norfold has been abandoned 130 miles east of Sydney and shortly afterwards went down.

The crew of 25 men were taken off the sinking ship by fishing craft, and it is presumed will be landed at a port on the south coast of Newfoundland.

The Norfold was a British ship under charter for one trip to the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. She was bound from Glasgow to Sydney with a cargo of 3500 tons of fire brick, fire clay molds and machinery. The ship and cargo are insured for $50,-000. On discharging here she was to go under charter to the Montreal Heat and Power Company to convey coal up the St. Lawrence.

The Norfold was twelve days out from Glasgow when she ran into ice floes off Grand Banks. The captain moved his ship along thru the heavy field until finally the steel sides of his vessel were rammed by a toppling berg. The steamer began to make water, and the crew were put to it to keep her afloat. The captain persevered in his course in the hope of reaching land, but water kept gaining on the pumps, and fearing an explosion when it came in contact with the boilers the ship was abandoned.

A fishing schooner hove in sight, and the crew barely got to a place of safety when the vessel foundered.

ROBBED THE FIRM.

Two Men Are Under Arrest For Taking Paints and Oils.

Acting Detective Armstrong made a record for himself yesterday by rounding up $498 worth of stolen goods and arresting Charles Johnson, 56 Denison-avenue, and William Burns, 536 West King-street, charged with stealing quantities of paints and oils from H. P. Dodds & Co., where they had been employed as shipper and traveler respectively.

The shortage was noticed by Manager J. H. Morin, who was making an inventory.

Burns left the company's employ some weeks ago. He offered to sell John Walker, 63 Wood-street, enough paint and oils to finish his two new houses, worth $260, for $60. He collected part of the money and Johnson, representing himself to be a partner of Burns, also collected some. The same game was worked on the proprietor of the Royal Canadian Hotel, King and George-streets, where $188 worth of goods was disposed of at $112.50.

Burns is unmarried and 36 years of age, while Johnson is 28 and has a wife.

Shot Intruder Dead.

MONTREAL, April 28.—Wenceslas Fortin was shot and killed at Chambly Canton, Que., last night by George Wilson.

Fortin arrived there a few weeks ago and failed to get a store liquor license he tried for. He drank in a number of places and seeing a light in the home of George Wilson, asked admission. Being refused, he broke the door, entering the house. Wilson had a shot gun and killed him.

TO HEAR ONLY ONE CHARGE; THAT IN SECRET

Opposition Attacks the Government for Lack of Sincerity in Investigation of Marine D'pt.

OTTAWA, April 28.—(Special.)—The opposition had a field day on the proposed enquiry into the marine department. They attacked the government on three counts. That the enquiry would be restricted to only one charge of the many contained in the report of the civil service commission; that it would be in camera, and that the duty of getting the facts before the commissioner had been assigned to two extreme partisans of the government who were expected to protect their friends, the people of Canada being without counsel.

Mr. Brodeur informed R. L. Borden that the enquiry would begin on Friday.

"On what grounds were Messrs. Watson and Perron appointed as counsel?" asked Mr. Foster.

"They are men of repute—that is the reason," replied the minister.

It was evident, commented Mr. Borden, that the enquiry was to be restricted, as it touches only one paragraph of the report of the civil service commissioners. It was somewhat remarkable that the men appointed as counsel were strong Liberals, one of them being the partner of Mr. Prefontaine, predecessor of Mr. Brodeur in the marine department, and the other the official in charge of the Liberal organization in Ontario.

Mr. Borden urged the importance of appointing counsel to represent Messrs. Courtney, Fyshe and Bazin, the commissioners whose report had been attacked.

"I," vociferated the minister, "will never try to go behind any corpse or coffin to protect myself."

Thinks It a Farce.

Mr. Bergeron thought it would be a farce to have a report from Judge Cassels worked up by Messrs. Watson and Perron, than whom two stronger party men could not be found.

Mr. Fielding said the opposition had an erroneous conception of the purpose of the enquiry. It was not a review of the report of the civil service commissioners, but it was to enquire into accusations made in somewhat general terms by the commissioners. The report states that there was not only inefficiency, but practically corruption in the department of marine and fisheries. It was the purpose of the commissioner to find out who are corrupt. Gentlemen opposite had a similar report in 1892, but did not hang with it for four years. In that report it was said that political patronage was one of the evils of the service, and in other respects the reports were similar. The difference in the action of the government was that in the present case it was proposed to see what officials should be dismissed.

Punish Tory Officials.

Mr. Foster interpreted the remarks of the finance minister to mean that the government proposed to have its revenge by punishing a few Tory officials. They were all very anxious to separate the head of the department from the department itself. It was the very essence of government to

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ORATORICAL CONTEST.

C. D. Smith Wins the Royal Templars' Prize.

The annual oratorical contest of Toronto District Council Royal Templars of Temperance took place last night in Parkdale Council Chamber. The following councils were represented: West Toronto, Mr. Strachan; Parkdale, W. F. Mountain; Queen City, J. J. Gray; Dovercourt, J. S. Bigelow; Northern Star, C. D. Smith. The prize was awarded to C. D. Smith of Northern Star Council, whose subject was "Success." B. F. Harvey, district councillor, presided.

SHOT WIFE TWICE.

Man Wanted at Rochester Arrested at Rossland.

ROSSLAND, B.C., April 28.—Sylverio Palozzi was arrested here by Chief of Police Long on a warrant from J. C. Hayden, chief of police at Rochester, N.Y. The crime for which Palozzi is accused is the shooting of his wife twice while in a jealous rage.

When arrested here he acknowledged his crime, and in the most matter of fact way said that his wife was a faithless woman, and no good, and that she loved andother man and so he shot her, as he thought she deserved to die for her infidelity.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

VANCOUVER, April 28.—Arrangements have been made by the provincial government for the distribution of free books among the puplis of the different public schools of British Columbia.

The hon. the minister of education, stated yesterday that orders had been placed with Gage & Co., Toronto, and Morang & Co. of the same city, for the standard readers and arithmetics necessary.

It was the intention to supply all material used in the lower grades in reading, arithmetic and writing.

HIS PREFERENCE

OLD MAN ONTARIO: That's probably a good explanation of the guarantee, James, but I'd rather there hadn't been any guarantee to explain.

BANK OF ST. JOHNS, QUE. GOES OUT OF BUSINESS

Depositors and Notes Fully Secured—Could Not Compete With Big Fellows.

MONTREAL, April 28.—(Special).—The Bank of St. Johns, Quebec, has decided to discontinue its operations, such decision having been reached this afternoon.

The directors of this institution have resolved to go into voluntary liquidation and their action appeared to commend itself to bankers and business men when the new move was reported on the street.

With a paid up capital of $316,000 and deposits amounting to only $351,000 the bank was not in a position to compete successfully with other institutions of the kind having millions at their command, and the statement is made that the notes of the bank are absolutely secured under the banking act.

It may also be said that the bank's last official return to the government shows that it has a surplus of $353,000 over and above its liability. Under the circumstances therefore it seems a most certain that after the payment of the deposits there should be a balance left for distribution to shareholders.

JAPANESE FARM COLONY.

Party of Orientals Arrive Properly Passported.

VANCOUVER, B.C., April 28.—Eleven Japanese arrived last night on the Empress of India, from Yokohama en route to Calgary. They are the first consignment of settlers from Japan and will be located on land bought in the Alberta irrigation belt by a Japanese company, which plans to start an oriental colony in that province.

The Japanese were properly passported and their entrance was not opposed by the Dominion immigration authorities. They had permission from the Mikado to enter, travel and to settle in Canada.

SHOOK HANDS WITH GAMEY.

Member for Manitoulin Makes Hit at Chatham.

CHATHAM, April 28.—(Special.)—The opera house was packed to the doors to-night with a most enthusiastic audience to head R. R. Gamey, who addressed the meeting in the interest of George W. Sulman, the Conservative candidate for the legislature in West Kent. A large number of Liberals were present and to these Mr. Gamey made special appeal.

Mr. Bowyer, M. L. A., of East Kent, appealed to his audience on his own platform of increased railway taxation, and scored Mr. MacKay, the lical Liberal politician, for misrepresentations made in the matter of railway taxation and grants to agriculture.

Mr. Gamey paaid a glowing tribute to Hon. Frank Cochrane as a man of exceptional ability. He was surrounded bya dmiring friends who insisted upon shaking hands.

Broker Takes His Own Life.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Charles Coster of the stock brokerage firm of Coster, Knapp & Co., well-known in amateur athletic circles, and a member of many prominent clubs and social organizations, shot and killed himself with a revolver in his residence to-night. The broker fired the bullet into his brain.

EARL GREY'S SYMPATHY.

The governor-general has sent this message to Mayor Kelly of Buckingham, to be forwarded to Notre Dame de la Salette:

"The governor-general has been much distressed to hear of the loss of life occasioned by the landslide at Notre Dade de la Salette.

"Will you kindly convey their excellencies' heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of those who have lost their lives, also to thise injured, whom they hope are doing as well as possible.

"Their excellencies wish that the casualties will not prove to be as many as at first supposed."

LABORER SUFFOCATES IN CAVE-IN OF DRAIN

Francis Cetta Killed on Dundas St.—His Brother Helps in Recovering the Body.

Francis C. Cetta, an Italian living at 70 Dundas-street, was smothered to death beneath an avalanche of earth and stones last evening.

He was trying to connect a drain pipe beneath a frame building at 578 Dundas-street, and was working in a cave that had been dug by himself, his brother and a helper, thru the foundation and under the street. The ground was sandy and caved in. His companions dug him out in about 15 minutes, but he was dead. The three men contracted for the work themselves. Coroner McConnell has not yet decided that an inquest will be necessary.

Cetta was 55 years old and married. He is a brother-in-law of the senior partner of Cairo Bros. who own a fruit store at Queen and Givens-streets where the body was taken. Deceased has been regularly employed by the city and was doing odd work on his own behalf evenings.

WHIP PRESTON NAMED.

Provincial Secretary Speaks in North Lanark.

CARLETON PLACE, April 28.—(Special.)—Dr. R. F. Preston, provincial government whip and M.L.A. for North Lanark, was the choice of the Conservative Association for the county at its meeting here to-day.

The convention decided in his favor as against William Leech of Carleton-place by a large majority.

The following nominees retired in favor of Dr. Preston: T. A. Thompson of Ramsay, Dr. Metcalfe, mayor of Almonte; William H. Pittard of Almonte, William Thoburn of Almonte, William Pattie, Carleton Place.

The officers for the year are: President, T. A. Thompson of Ramsay; vice-president, William Pattie of Carleton Place; treasurer, William Thoburn of Almonte, and secretary, James Rosamond of Almonte.

Andrew Brodeur, M.P., emphasized that while $5,500,000 was spent by the present government on militia and defence last year, only $500,000 was spent on agriculture.

The large town hall was filled to the doors to-night when a mass meeting was held. Hon. Mr. Hanna, provincial secretary, spoke on provincial politics.

ALL GONE—ONE OLD MAN DIES FROM SHEER GRIEF

Sad Sidelights on Disaster at Notre Dame de la Salette—Gracia Will Enter Convent.

BUCKINGHAM, Que., April 28.—(Special.)—This afternoon another death occurred at Notre Dame de la Salette, indirectly the result of the landslide. Jules Lamoure, aged 84, died in his chair. He was the father of Mrs. Charron and the grandfather of her three sons, all of whom were victims of the landslide and the shock was too much for the old man. He will be buried on Thursday. He leaves one daughter and six sons.

There are now still 14 bodies missing, tho every search has been made for them, none can be found. The funeral of 16 victims buried in 14 coffins to-day was the most remarkable ever held in Canada, and may never be duplicated.

This afternoon Mr. Major, M.P. for Labelle, was authorized by a meeting to request Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Pugsley, minister of public works, to see that the channel is cleared.

Gracia Desjardines, the little girl whose mother and two brothers are dead, will enter a convent at Ottawa, where her sister is, and she will be well looked after.

Dramatic scenes of every kind continue and the village is still dazed with grief.

One woman, lately confined, is wondering why her relatives do not come to see her and the baby. They cannot, as six or seven are among the dead.

Joe Murray ,who lost his wife and five children, is still searching for them, but without success. To-day he said: "I lost everything; even the suit on my back is a borrowed one."

COAL'S CHEAPER FOR A TIME

$6.50 a Ton Now, But 'Twill Go Up Again.

It is announced that the price of coal is reduced to $6.50 a ton, or $6.75 and 25c off for cash, which is the same thing. This will be good news to the public. Unfortunately, however, there is no certainty as to how long this price will be maintained. The Pennsylvania mine owners and railways absolutely control the situation. Their policy appears to be to make a low price in the spring to induce dealers and consumers to lay in stocks early before the regular trade begins.

One local dealer said to The World yesterday that the reduction was not the result of the effort of any dealer or dealers here, but that the mines had reduced the price and that the new coal was beginning to reach Toronto, so the price was, of course, therefore, reduced here for present delivery. He said that he could not contract and did not believe any dealer could contract for any time in advance, or for any large amounts.

The conditions exacted by the mining companies were such that all sales were subject to change as to price without notice, and they would undoubtedly advance the price during the season, as in other years.

Off to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dineen left Toronto yesterday for a two-months' tour of Europe. They will sail from New York on the White Star liner Arabic on Thursday.

Mr. Dineen is seeking a well-earned rest. He is well known in business circles in Toronto, being secretary-treasurer of the W. & D. Dineen Co., and vice-president of the Dineen Manufacturing Co.

A GREAT GRAIN HIGHWAY TO THE SEA

C. P. R. Line From Victoria Harbor to Montreal Will Be an Important Railway Factor.

MONTREAL, April 28.—(Special.)—That the minister of public works has as good as promised that Victoria Harbor shall be prepared by his department for the position of the Canadian Pacific's chief grain port on Georgian Bay, the plans of that company looking to a great grain route from the lakes to Montreal, becomes of paramount interest to the people of this city.

It is understood that the government will dredge the channel and build a wharf capable of accommodating three large steamers, and as there is no rock the dredging part of the enterprise will not be by any means difficult.

Then at Victoria Harbor the shore plans of the C.P.R. are of great magnitude, as the plans of the company at that point provide for an elevator of a capacity of ten million bushels, the same to be constructed in five units of two million bushels per unit. The handling capacity of the projected plant will be about 60,-000 bushels per hour, or the exact amount of one train load over the new railway, which the company will have completed to the waters of Georgian Bay.

Haul Sixty Cars.

As was pointed out the other evening by the Hon. Dr. Pugsley, when the system is completed from the St. Lawrence to Victoria Harbor one locomotive will be able to haul no less than 62 carloads of grain at the rate of about ten miles an hour, which, at 1300 bushels a car, will foot up a total quantity of 80,000 bushels. There will be a double track from Montreal to Peterboro, and a single track for the time being from Peterboro to Victoria Harbor.

Three Sections.

There will be, as a matter of fact, three sections. From Montreal to Smith's Falls there is a distance of 129 miles, from Smith's Falls to Peterboro 133 miles, and from Peterboro to the Harbor a further distance of 97 miles, making 359 miles in all from the St. Lawrence to the Great Lakes in almost an air line. On the eastern section the grading is already completed in about fifty miles from Smith's Falls eastward to Finch, and the entire section to Vaudreuil will be finished early in the coming spring. Next year the double tracking of the Smith's Falls and Peterboro section will be started, and the Peterboro and Victoria Harbor stretch also, supposing the government work on the harbor is sufficiently advanced to admit of active work being carried on on the railway.

Toronto's Close Connections.

There is already completed on this western section a stretch of sixteen miles from Victoria Harbor easterly to Coldwater Junction, where the grain route crosses the C.P.R.'s Toronto-Sudbury line, so it will be seen that the Queen City of the west is also to have a close connection with the company's proposed grain port. From the lakefront to the Montreal wharves it will be practically a level route or to be accurate the grade will not exceed either way three-tenths of one per cent., while the standard rails of 85 pounds will be laid thruout.

This is the great highway which the C.P.R. is preparing in order to divert the 16,000,000 bushels of Canadian grain which went to the sea last season via Buffalo. Altho for the present the western section of 97 miles will be a single track it is estimated that with sufficient sidings ten trains per day of sixty cars each can be moved eastward. From Peterboro westward the new road is being constructed under the name of the Georgian Bay and Seaboard Railway. Then the far western section of the company's grain route will constitute the newly double-tracked road from Fort William to Winnipeg, which is to be completed this year. With splendid equipment on the lakes the C.P.R. hopes to do for Canada what the Illinois Central is doing for the port of New Orleans.

MOTORMEN AND MOTORISTS

Latter Secure an Order of Protection Against the Car Operators.

R. J. Fleming received a deputation yesterday from the Ontario Motor League, consisting of T. A. Russell, William Dobie, Noel Marshall and E. M. Wilcox, who pointed out that numerous complaints had been made by motorists to the effect that some of the motormen made a practice of trying to run down automobiles that were proceeding in front of the street cars, resulting in inconvenience and danger to the public.

Mr. Fleming will issue an order to motormen of the street railway, forbidding these practices or any discourteous treatment of motorists.

FLOUR PRICES UP.

Advance of 20 to 40 Cents a Barrel is Announced.

Ontario millers late yesterday decided on an advance in flour prices of 20c to 40c a barrel.

Yesterday's flour quotations on the board of trade were: Ontario, 90 per cent. patent, $3.25 bid, for export. Manitoba patent, special brands, $6; second patents, $5.40; strong bakers', $5.30.

Douks go to British Columbia.

WINNIPEG, April 28.—One hundred Doukhobors will shortly leave for British Columbia. Their leader, Peter Veregin, has bought 2700 acres of land on the Columbia River near Nelson where they will go into fruit raising on a large scale.