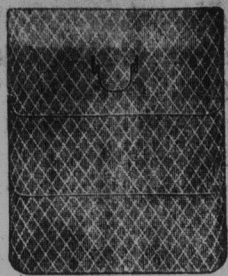


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ANNAPOLIS GIRL.

Police Looking For Mabel Oikie an Important Witness For The Crown.

(Halifax Echo.)

The Halifax police are looking for Mabel Oikie, a fourteen year old girl who has been spirited away from Annapolis. The girl is the chief crown witness in a case which is to come before the court there tomorrow, and every effort is being made to locate her. The girl is now being harbored in Halifax.

The authorities at Annapolis on Friday communicated with the attorney general and also with the chief of police of Halifax, asking their assistance in locating the missing girl. It is stated that an Annapolis man was arrested, and charged with a serious crime. It is alleged that while he was in custody his friends spirited the girl away to the mountains and she was detained there for some time.

Later on he was released on bail, and it is stated that after securing his liberty he took the girl away. He drove her to Middleton, thence to Kentville and from there to Windsor. On Christmas Day he started for Halifax, and that evening he reached Rockingham. The girl was left there somewhere, and the man went back to Annapolis. The girl is described as being of medium build, with light hair, cut short. She wore a short dress of dark material and her sash is trimmed with fur. Her head dress consisted of a white Tam O'Shanter. The crown will ask for a postponement until the girl is found.

BRAVERY REWARDED.

On the arrival of the Allan line str. Peruvian, Capt. Harrison, at St. John's, Nfld., from Philadelphia, Capt. Harrison was presented with a binocular. Chief Officer Capt. Guy Hamilton received \$20 in gold, and each of the men who assisted in rescuing the crew of the Newfoundland schooner Nokomio \$3 in gold. The presentation was made by John H. Anderson, M. H. A., on behalf of the Newfoundland government. An address accompanied the presentation.

BLEW OUT THE GAS.

A recent issue of the Boston Herald says: On Christmas, Alexander D. McKay, sixty-five years old, of Mabou, Cape Breton, came to Boston to spend the holidays with his son, Neil J. McKay. Saturday night the old gentleman retired about half-past eleven and at seven o'clock the next morning his son's wife smelling gas, entered the room and found the burner wide open and her father-in-law unconscious. Throwing open the windows, Mrs. McKay cleared the room of gas. Dr. Cote was called, but decided that the elder McKay had been dead about two hours.

Mr. McKay leaves a widow in Cape Breton and several married children.

MERRITTON, Ont., Jan. 4.—A light locomotive collided with the Chicago express on the Grand Trunk railway, near here, Saturday. Several trainmen were injured and two killed, both frommen, Charles Waring and Abraham Beault of Sarnia. None of the other injured are in danger of dying, and none of the passengers were injured.

St. John, N. B., January 5, 1903.

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WAKENED BY FLOOD

Which Invaded Their Houses During the Night.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5.—White River overflowed its banks near O'Brien station, fourteen miles below Seattle, yesterday early. The people of the town were awakened by the water in many cases creeping into their beds. A relief train was ordered from Seattle and on arriving the rescuing party found several families, the women and children of which were huddled on chairs and tables in order to keep out of the water that was more than two feet deep on the floors. All persons were taken to places of safety. No lives are reported lost, but much property has been ruined or lost. The flood was caused by the recent nine days' rain and the Chinook winds which melted the heavy snows in the Cascade Mountains.

THE DEATH ROLL.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 5.—Geo. A. Lowe, one of the most prominent bankers and business men of Salt Lake, is dead at his residence here, aged sixty-seven. He leaves a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000 acquired chiefly in the implement business. Mr. Lowe was largely instrumental in bringing the Rio Grande Washington railroad to Utah and for many years was the vice-president of the road.

BOSEMAN, Mont., Jan. 5.—Judge Llewellyn Augustus Luce is dead at his home here after a long illness. Judge Luce was a member of the Montana supreme court in 1894. He was born in Maine in 1837.

BELIEVED IN WITCHES.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5.—U. S. Marshall Shoup arrived from Juneau with three Hona Alaska Indians sentenced to imprisonment in the U. S. penitentiary on McNeill's Island, for causing the death of Indian Isaac, whom they claimed to be a witch. They kept Isaac tied to a tree for five days, the exposure and hunger resulting in his death.

FOR HANDLING COAL.

Local Firm Proposing to Erect a Modern Handling and Storing Plant.

As soon as the necessary legislation is secured it is the intention of R. P. & W. F. Starr to build on their premises a coal handling and storing plant of the most modern type. No definite plans of the improvement however have yet been made.

Under the present fire law no modern building can be erected on the waterfront district over twelve feet in height. For the plant which the Starrs propose to build a height of from twenty-five to thirty-five feet is necessary, so that firm has a petition before the common council this afternoon asking that legislation be passed allowing them to erect such buildings. One of the first requisites for handling coal economically and with the least inconvenience is a coal pocket—a structure capable of handling a large quantity of coal and so built that teams or scows may come directly beneath it and load from it. But such a building would be impossible under the fire law now existing, as the building must stand at least seven feet from the ground and to be of any capacity must be at least twenty-five feet high. It is probable that the council will look favorably upon the petition and should they do so and the requested legislation be obtained the erection of the proposed buildings will be begun without delay.

GOODSPEED TRIAL.

Likely to be prolonged—A Number of Witnesses—His Probable Defense.

Before Chief Justice Tuck in the circuit court opening tomorrow morning Fred Goodspeed will be placed on trial as an accessory after the fact to the murder of William Doherty. He will also be charged with the burglary of D. Kennedy's store on King square. The crown's case will gain be conducted by Hon. H. A. McKeown, who in proving his case will probably call a large number of those who testified at the Higgins trial. The only evidence against the prisoner on the burglary charge is his own admission made in his evidence against Higgins and as this will probably not be used against him it is doubtful if he can be held on this count.

The evidence against him as an accessory will be practically the same as convicted Higgins of the murder. The trial will probably continue over two or three days.

Scott E. Morrill, Goodspeed's counsel, is reticent as to his line of defence, but it is generally considered that in view of his previous testimony the prisoner will contend that his actions with relation to the murder were regulated by the fear under which he was kept by Higgins' threats.

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

(Punch.)

"Dr. Jim," at a dinner given at Salisbury, Rhodesia, sat next to His Honor C. J. Kotze, who, as chief justice of the Boer republic, had condemned him to death after the celebrated raid.

This will remind some readers of Major Monsoon dining at the same table with the Duke of Wellington, who inquired his name, and on being informed looked across at the major and said, "Monsoon, eh—thought I hanged you—knew I intended it. Glass of wine."

PROBABLY TRUE.

Wabash—I wonder what makes old Gotrox dress so shabbily?
Monroe—His pride, my boy.
Wabash—Why, how's that?
Monroe—He's afraid his customers will mistake him for one of his clerks.—Chicago News.

VENEZUELA.

There is now a Financial Panic in Caracas.

Revolutionists Very Active and Castro's Position Becomes More Critical.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The Caracas correspondent of the Matin says that in spite of the successes of the Venezuelan revolutionists their finances are not sufficient to permit them to obtain munitions of war. It is undeniable that the situation of the government is growing more aggravated, continues the correspondent, and that its resources are falling.

WILLEMSTAD, island of Curacao, Jan. 4.—There was a financial panic at Caracas yesterday afternoon. A large number of small traders and private depositors went together to the office of the Bank of Venezuela for the purpose of exchanging the bank notes for silver. The bank refused to exchange more than twenty dollars worth of notes for any one person and at four o'clock in the afternoon closed its doors. The panic continues. Bills issued by the bank are now selling for eighty per cent of their face value. The leading firms at Caracas, notwithstanding the present situation, have presented no notes for redemption as they are all interested in supporting the bank.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The aggressive movement of the Venezuelan revolutionists are being closely watched here. Late unofficial advices indicate great activity on the part of the rebels and reporting a menacing movement toward Caracas, give the impression that President Castro's position is critical. It had been confidently hoped there would be a cessation of the hostilities against the government so that there might be prompt action with respect to arbitration of the claims against Venezuela by the European allies.

LA GUAYRA, Jan. 4.—The Dutch consul here saw the captain of the British cruiser Tribune yesterday and secured permission for the steamer of the Dutch line to call off La Guayra, January 7, and take on board Dr. Van Leyden, the Dutch minister to Venezuela, who is in ill health. Half the clerks employed in the custom house here and all the members of the coast guard service at La Guayra have been discharged; this means cutting off the revenue of sixty or more families. The La Guayra custom house will be closed tomorrow. About eighty stevedores are at present without employment and rioting is feared. The government will doubtless have to employ urgent measures to maintain quiet. The captain of the Tribune has sent a message to the prefect of this port, commending the behaviour of the Venezuelan authorities up to the present time, but saying he would hold him, the prefect, responsible for any injury to the person or property of British, German and Italian subjects.

TRADE IS HEALTHY.

Business Conditions in Canada Are Sound and Active.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—A series of calls among the principal wholesale houses in the city, and of interviews with bank managers and other leaders in local financial circles, elicited responses that were almost monotonous in their unanimous testimony to the growing prosperity of the Dominion. Never before has paper been so well met, never have bank accounts been so numerous or so large as in the opening days of 1903. In fact, evidence is freely forthcoming that while the measure of prosperity obtaining in Canada on the first of January, 1902, was greatly in excess of all previous years, it has been surpassed by the general commercial and financial situation in force today.

Some indication of the vast increase of business in Montreal during the year just past is given by the total clearings of the Montreal banks, which during 1902, reached the enormous total of \$1,068,000,000, compared with \$89,479,000 in 1901, which by the way was also a record year. This shows an increase of \$210,000,000. It must be remembered, however, this includes the period of the big boom on the local stock market during the early part of the year. An interesting point of comparison is that ten years since the total clearings amounted to \$350,000,000.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 3.—Figures published here today show that there is an increase of nearly 200 per cent. in the volume of business in bank, miscellaneous and loan company shares on the Toronto stock exchange during 1902, the total being 1,682,645, against 757,815 in 1901. The transactions in bonds on the local exchange last year represented a value of \$2,556,125, or about two and one-half million dollars more than in 1901. The dealings in mining shares show a remarkable shrinkage, the total for 1902 being 577,482.61 acres for \$1,858,288.45, against 1,311,151.16 acres for \$403,261.78 in 1901. For the year 1902 the sales were 2,420,000 acres for \$8,140,000, against 831,922 acres for \$2,640,000 in 1901. The increase in acreage sold is therefore 1,589,000 acres.

THREE FIRES

That Result in the Death of two persons and 23 Horses.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Fire last night in the warehouse of Franklin MacVeigh & Co., wholesale grocers, at 16th street and Newbury avenue, caused a loss estimated at \$150,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 5.—Fire in the Pittsburg Stair Company's plant on Water street early yesterday morning resulted in a money loss of about \$5,000 and the death of Edward Reilly, the watchman, who was burned to a crisp. The origin of the fire is not known.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 5.—J. H. Williams, a stable boy and twenty-three horses were burned to death yesterday in a fire at the plant of Hughes Bros. Extract Co. A warehouse was consumed with its contents. Loss \$50,000; insurance about half.

BALFOUR SUPPORTS BRODRICK

And the War Secretary Takes to Himself a Wife.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—War Secretary Brodrick and Madeleine Stanley, daughter of Lady Jeune, were married at St. George's church, Hanover Square, this afternoon. The scene was a brilliant one. The church was crowded with fashionable people and the center aisle was lined with non-commissioned officers and men of the Surrey yeomanry, of which Mr. Brodrick is honorary colonel.

Premier Balfour was the best man. The bride, who was given away by her step-father, Justice Jeune, was supported by seven bridesmaids.

BIG BILL DEVERY

Will Have the Law of Tammany, so he will.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—William S. Devery, former police commissioner, has taken legal steps to contest the right of the Tammany Hall executive committee to exclude him from membership in that body. Peter J. Garvey, one of Devery's lieutenants, obtained from Justice Scott an order requiring the general committee of Tammany Hall to show cause why Garvey shall not be accepted as a member of the executive committee. The order is returnable on Wednesday.

LEO'S SILVER JUBILEE

To be Observed as a day of Thanksgiving by Catholics.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—On February 20 next Pope Leo XIII. will celebrate his pontifical silver jubilee. It is proposed on that day by the international order of the Most Holy Trinity, which is a religious order having in charge the celebration that each family, parish, diocese and nation shall observe that day as a day of thanksgiving to God for the long and successful reign of his vicar. On that day a tiara of gold will be presented to the pope, the offering to be made from the children, and this will be worn on the anniversary of his consecration March 3. The tiara is described as follows: The three crowns will stand superimposed on high relief representing the triple power of the papacy. The tiara is surmounted by a cross.

THE FEZZY-WEZZIES.

MADRID, Jan. 5.—A special despatch from Tangier says the Sultan of Morocco is disposed to abdicate in favor of his brother, Sultan Mohammed, who is acclaimed whenever he appears in the streets of Fez.

DOMINION LINE STEAMERS.

A private letter received in Halifax Saturday states that the steamer Canada will be the first of the Dominion line to call there and it may be the latter part of the month before she arrives. She has been trooping between England and South Africa and is being overhauled and cleaned for the Atlantic service. It is expected the Dominion line steamers will give a great boon to the U. S. tourist traffic if they make trips between Boston and Halifax in summer time.

CARGO OF HERRING SOLD.

The cargo of herring in bulk on the schooner Britannia, which was towed to Halifax from Beaver Harbor, N. S., where she had been ashore, was sold by Duggan & Son, Saturday by orders of the surveyors. The schooner is 59 tons and was full of herring. A. Wilson & Sons were the purchasers, the price paid being \$725. The purchasers have ten days in which to take delivery of the herring.

CARGO FROM P. E. ISLAND.

The steamer Manchester Trader, on her recent trip from Georgetown, P. E. I., to Manchester, took the following island shipments: 1,300 sheep and 42 head of cattle, shipped by Wheatley Bros.; 200 carcasses mutton, the Dominion Packing Company; 300 cases eggs, Auld Bros.; 108 cases canned meat, J. J. Hornsby; 151 boxes apples, John Robertson & Son, Inverness; 263 cases of fowl, Professor Robertson; and 20 cases poultry, Westwood Poultry Company.

NOT SCARED, BUT—

In the campaign preceding the recent election it seemed to be touch and go with Congressmen Hedge and Lacey of Iowa, both of whom were candidates to succeed themselves. When things began to look real squally in Hedge's district he sent this note to Lacey: "Dear John—I am not a bit scared, but I do sincerely wish you would come over into my district and make three speeches the last week of the campaign. Sincerely, Thomas Hedge." This was the answer received: "Dear Tom—I am not scared, but I can't leave my district a minute till the votes are counted. Truly your friend, John F. Lacey." And when the votes had been counted it was found that neither had much reason to be scared.

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NOVA SCOTIANS

Get a Quarter of a Million for a Newfoundland Timber Property.

(Halifax Echo.)

Over eleven thousand square miles of one of the most valuable timber areas in Newfoundland at a purchase price of a quarter of a million dollars has passed into the hands of a Boston syndicate. The property of the Exploits Lumber Co., has been sold to Barker Wood & Co., wholesale lumber dealers, with houses in Boston and New York. The transaction was completed on Thursday night.

This block of timber comprises 1,146 acres on the Exploits River well up in the interior of Newfoundland. It is thickly wooded and is considered one of the most valuable properties in the ancient colony. It was bought a few years ago for a mere song by two or three American men who organized the Exploits Lumber Co., composed of the following: Hon. W. T. Pipes, J. A. Ward Black, C. T. Hillson, N. A. Rhodes, B. L. Curry, J. Lusby, of Amherst; B. L. Barnhill of Two Rivers, Thomas Smith, Dr. Smith, of Parrsboro, and Mr. Fowler, of Newfoundland.

The company started operations on a large scale, built a fine modern mill, with a capacity of 100,000 feet a day, and during the last few years have had a big output. Several valuable water powers are located on the Exploits River which can be readily utilized for pulp and paper mills.

A number of gentlemen have been negotiating for the Exploits property, but it has been secured by Barker Wood & Co. for \$250,000. The new owners will not take possession until this year's cut is completed on June 1st. The Boston syndicate will proceed to operate the property on an enlarged scale. The cut, it is estimated, will be between nine and ten million feet.

DOING HIMSELF CREDIT.

Do you have any trouble in living beyond your income?
No. It bothered me quite a little at first, but now I do it splendidly.—Smart Set.