

BRIDGE GIVES WAY; 24 ARE DROWNED

Twenty-four persons were drowned and five others seriously injured at Chester, Pa., when the bridge spanning the Chester River at Third street collapsed. A small wrought-iron gusset plate, which had been half eaten by rust, gave way under the weight of nearly one hundred people, who were attracted to the spot by the cries of a drowning boy. The bodies of all the dead were recovered, the last one to be found being that of eight-year-old Charles Apostolus, whose death was the inadvertent cause of the accident.

All of the dead were residents of Chester. Little Charles Apostolus was standing on the river bank at the back of a theatre watching the antics of a bear when he was knocked into the river by one of his playmates. Several hundred people, attracted by the child's cries, rushed for the bridge, and many more were trying to push their way on it when the heavy boardwalk collapsed, dropping fifty people into the water beneath.

An inquest will be held on Thursday night.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. George Hallett.
Fredericton, Sept. 11.—(Special).—Mrs. George Hallett, a well-known resident of Fredericton, died this evening at her home in Brunswick street after an illness of some duration. Her husband died a few months ago.

John Alexander.
Fredericton, Sept. 11.—(Special).—John Alexander died Sunday morning at his home in Ruslingorish. He was aged sixty-seven years and had been in the employ of the C. P. R. for some time. Heart trouble caused death. He was survived by a wife, six sons and two daughters. The sons are: Robert, of Fredericton; John and William, of Ruslingorish; Charles, of Fredericton Junction; Chester, of Prince Rupert (B. C.); and Thomas, of Brownville Junction (Me.). The daughters are Mrs. Edgar Moore, of Ruslingorish, and Mrs. William McLaughlin, of Fredericton Junction.

J. Edward McCrossin.
The death of J. Edward McCrossin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. McCrossin, occurred on Saturday September 10, at his parents' residence, 228 Pitt street, at the age of fourteen years. Besides his father and mother he is survived by two brothers, Vincent D. and Leo, and three sisters, Kathleen, Helena and Margaret, all at home. The funeral will be held from 228 Pitt street on Tuesday morning to St. John the Baptist church.

Allen T. Bustin.
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Young Negro Who Joined Schooner at St. John Held by Police—Verdict of Man-slaughter.

Hopewell Hill, Sept. 11.—Stabbed in four places with terrible wounds in the neck and back, Victor Cahill, twenty-two years of age, of Alma, met death in a shocking manner yesterday at pre- sumably the hands of a young negro as the result of a quarrel between the two men during the progress of a dance at the boarding house at Point Wolfe. Charles Brown was at once arrested and is now in jail at Hopewell Cape awaiting trial. The tragedy has aroused intense feeling.

Brown, who was cook of the schooner Hiram B. McLean, now loading lumber at Point Wolfe wharf for C. T. White & Son, of Sussex, and who was quite well acquainted among the people of the village, had been told a dance was to be held at the lumber handlers' boarding house on Friday night and that he had better attend, which he did. During the early part of the night, it is said, things

passed off pleasantly, the negro was a good dancer and singer, assisting in the festivities prominently. Later on, it is alleged, liquor flowed freely, and in- flamed with drink the participants in the dance became more or less noisy and things generally took on a more boisterous turn.

Early Morning Fight.

While these conditions prevailed and some time after midnight, it is said, Brown took resentment at being called a "coon" by Cahill, the victim of the tragedy, and told him repeatedly to desist as it was not a proper term to apply to him. Evidently a bad feeling de- veloped between them and, according to the reports, at about 2 o'clock in the morning Cahill, who was outside in the yard, sent in word that he could thrash Brown, or some such challenge. The negro is said to have gone out and the two to have engaged in a rough and tumble fight, during the latter part of which a knife was used and Cahill was fatally stabbed in the neck and back.

Brown is a Jamaican negro and has lived much of his life in Barbadoes. He was arrested on board the schooner and lodged in jail at Hopewell Cape after a short preliminary examination. He joined the schooner Hiram B. McLean at St. John in the capacity of cook. He is about twenty-five years of age.

Manslaughter Verdict.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter. At the preliminary ex- amination held before Justice Parkin at Alma, the accused was committed for trial at the circuit court now in session here.

The victim of the tragedy was buried this afternoon at Alma.

The schooner on which Brown was a cook hails from Parrishboro (N. S.)

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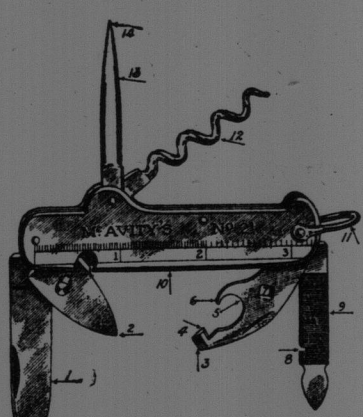
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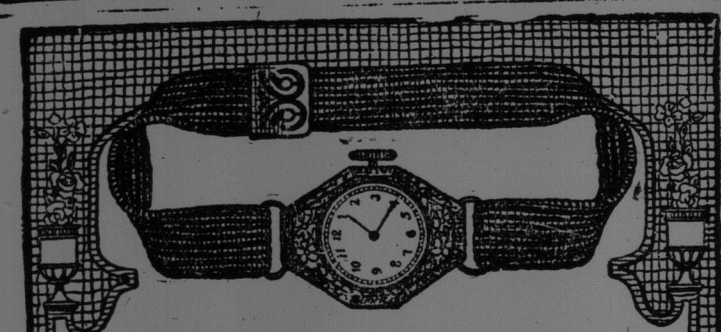
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