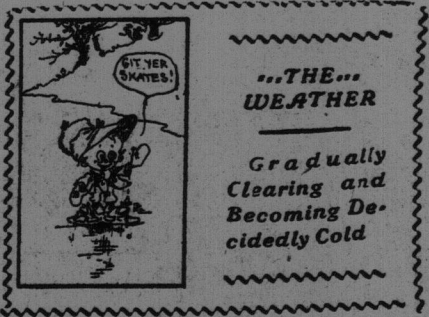


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HEAVY RAIN CAUSE OF SERIOUS FLOOD

Portion of Haymarket Square and Gilbert's Lane Under Water—Street Car Traffic Has Been Stopped and Business is at a Standstill—Much Damage Done.

The continuous heavy down pour of rain has caused unprecedented conditions in Haymarket Square and vicinity, a large portion of which is flooded, there being from a foot to three feet of water in places, and many stores and houses are flooded; street car traffic has been stopped completely and conditions, should the rain continue throughout the day, will probably be worse rather than better.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the immediate cause, some of the residents claiming that it is the result of the choked up state of the catch basins, while the water and sewerage department assigns the trouble to the extremely high tide in the Marsh Creek, which has caused the water to back up into the catch basins. Both reasons are probably correct.

The flood is worst along the west and north sides of the square, near Gilbert's Lane, where the water is about three feet deep. Stores and houses along there on the street level, are flooded, and others are likely to be. There is little, if any, traffic attempted, as the water is up to the horses' knees, and to the hubs of the wheels, and passengers are now stopped this also, and passengers are now stopped this also, and passengers are now stopped this also.

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Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American, who was convicted in England of poisoning her husband, and sentenced to life imprisonment, and whose release on ticket of leave was secured by the women of the United States, is soon to be married to Charles L. Wagner, of Chicago.

The engagement is the result of an unusual courtship as Mr. McCracken explains.

Mrs. Maybrick has been lecturing under the auspices of the Lyceum Bureau. Wagner fell in love with Mrs. Maybrick, and asked her to become his wife. She is said to have refused several times, saying she was afraid her past might prove an injury to Wagner.

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NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

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The curlers at a meeting last evening held in the Rotary club at Campbellton on January 12th, and at Chatham on the following day for the McCaffery trophy. The skips selected were Loggie, Hawthorne, Tibbitts, and Simmons. Skips will play the Thistles at St. John on the 26th, and St. Andrews and Carleton on the 27th. The skips will be Tibbitts, Hawthorne, Simmons, Randolph, Loggie and Hatt, one dropping out for the Carleton game.

The January 14th which set in here on Monday still continues. It rained heavily during the night and most of the snow has disappeared. The river is now a glare of ice, and there will be excellent skating when it freezes.

The hearing in the case of McGuffigan v. Hunter, is being continued today before Chief Justice Barker. Currier and Hartley, defendant's solicitors, failed to appear this morning, and the announcement was made that they had returned home. They had been here since Saturday consulting the defendant's witnesses, and had arrived at the conclusion, it is said, that there was not much to be gained by their appearing.

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The indications are that these trains will not be able to get through today. As the submerged portion is so great it would be practically impossible to transfer the passengers so they will probably be held at the junction for some time.

The Boston train, which left at 7 o'clock this morning, got through all right and the Fredericton train was able to come in at 9 a. m., but since then no trains have passed the portion of the road affected.

Considerable havoc was wrought about the city by the high wind at noon. Windows were broken, signs, chimneys, fences and flag-poles blown down, and several vessels in the harbor were blown from their moorings.

Pedestrians found it difficult to make headway against the gale, and hats and umbrellas flying through the air were quite frequent occurrences for a time. The sewers in various parts of the city were blocked as a result of the great rush of water in the streets. The trees in the squares and old burial ground had a hard time and the ground around them is strewn with broken branches.

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