

News of the City and the Outports

DEATH OF GIRL MUCH DISCUSSED

General Regret That the Guilty Party May Get Off Scot-free—Inspector General Talks of the Case.

The death of the little 15-year old girl Nellie Gillard, from eclampsia, as reported Tuesday, has been discussed by citizens of all classes, and there is general regret that the criminal who goes free because of the silence caused by the child's demise, cannot be brought to justice.

The crime will be unavenged because the authorities do not know who the guilty party is. That is, they have no direct knowledge. The child died without making a statement, but that suspicion rests on some one, there is no doubt, and something should be done, if for no other purpose than to put an end to such practices.

Should Be Probed

Several prominent gentlemen have spoken to *The Mail* on the subject, and they all agree that steps should be taken to fasten the guilt on the responsible person. Such a man, they say, if he can be called a man, is a menace to civilization and society and should be incarcerated where children may not be endangered by his presence.

Yesterday afternoon *The Mail* called on Inspector General Sullivan, to ask if there were any circumstances in connection with her death that he could make public, or if his department had taken any steps in the matter.

Little to Say

The Inspector-General was at his home, where he received our representative kindly. He regretted that he had very little to say, as he knew nothing of the case until after the child's death. Enquiries were then made when it was learned that the child died without incriminating any one, or making a statement.

Had the police known in time they would have made an effort to procure a statement, and could have probed the matter fully.

There is a suspicion, of course, but in a case of this kind, more to work on is needed than mere suspicion, as by the death of the girl all chances of securing direct evidence are gone.

Only Fifteen

"Should not the matron of the Home have informed you when she knew that the girl was only 15?" was asked the chief of police.

"Yes, but she may not have known the age," was the reply.

If the matron were aware she, no doubt, would have reported it.

While up North a married man, 60 years of age, was intimate with the deceased, and the authorities have a letter from him to the girl, in which he refers to her condition, and mentions the name of another man.

The girl is now dead and it looks as if those who were indirectly, if not directly, responsible for her death will escape punishment.

Boats to Bring 5,000 Tons Cargo

Four Furness steamers are now due here. They are bringing a total of 5100 tons general cargo.

The Eagle Point from Liverpool has 2000 tons; Rappahannock from London 1500 tons; Durango from Liverpool 1000 tons and Swansea Trade 600 tons.

There will be a stir in business circles when they arrive.

New Rural Deans Are Appointed.

Recently *The Daily Mail* announced that His Lordship Bishop Jones intended increasing the number of Deaneries.

The following appointments have been made:

Rev. A. Pittman, Rural Dean of Trinity Bay North.

Rev. H. J. Read, Rural Dean of St. George's Bay.

Rev. A. Shorter, Rural Dean of Piacentia Bay.

Rev. F. Smart, Rural Dean of Trinity Bay South.

Rev. A. B. S. Stirling, Rural Dean of Notre Dame Bay South.

EVERYBODY TREATED ALIKE—

Even the advertisers are beginning to realize that *The Daily Mail* is now fast becoming *The Home Paper*. The answer is simple—A square deal to all!

PERSONAL.

Dr. and Mrs. Shankell, of Torbay, are visiting the city at present. They are at the Crosbie.

Mr. G. A. Barlett, of Burin, who has been visiting the city on business, leaves for home first chance.

Mr. Allan Smith, of the Empire Wood Working Co., who was visiting Botwood, Norris' Arm and other places purchasing lumber for his company, has returned to the city.

Rev. E. J. Peck, the veteran missionary to Baffin's Land, is still hale and hearty, and on Sunday last preached two missionary sermons at Kingston, Ontario. The venerable gentleman, who is well known in St. John's, spent fifty years as missionary in Baffin's Land.

Rev. H. T. Crossley is now conducting a series of union evangelistic services for the congregations of Grace Methodist and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches at Gananoque, Ontario. The first service was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Crossley, who was prevented by hoarseness from opening up his campaign when he first intended has made the statement that such a thing had happened to him but once in his thirty years of evangelistic work.

LECTURE POSTPONED.

Mr. Jones's lecture, which was set down for this evening, has been postponed until Monday next.

M.C.L.L. ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the M.C.L.L. takes place this evening, when officers for next year will be elected.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY.

The quarterly meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society takes place at the Synod Hall, this evening. Rev. A. Clayton will deliver an address.

BASKET BALL.

Monday next at the C.C.C. Armory, Messrs. J. J. Donnelly and E. Gladney's teams will contest at basket ball to decide the championship. It promises to be a lively contest.

BUSINESS DULL.

During the last three days business has been at a stand still, practically in the Water Street stores. As soon as the weather clears there will likely be a rush.

MISSIONARY SERVICE.

The annual missionary service at the C. of E. Cathedral takes place tomorrow evening, at 7.30. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon Colley, of Kelligrews.

After the service the members will meet in the Parish Room, Synod Hall, for the election of officers.

PEPITA—WHY YOU SHOULD GO.

The finishing touches are now being put to Pepita and everything points towards success. Every night the chorus is improving and now leave little to be desired, while the principals will meet the demands of everyone.

The songs are pretty and attractive and when we remember that among the cast are Mrs. R. C. Grieve and Miss Strang, we can rest assured that the show is going to be a good one.

The costumes will be beautiful and if it would be even good value to just go to see them only.

Tickets are going fast but there are a few left.

At Friday night's performance there will be topical songs, the pleasures and troubles of life in Newfoundland, famous men and places will all be portrayed in song. Come and hear them. You may have a place among the list of the great.

Portia arrived at Jersey Side Piacentia at 5 a.m. and left at 6.

The Jean left Pernambuco. She will call at Barbados for molasses.

DEATHS

BYRNE.—Yesterday, after a short illness, Anne, beloved wife of James Byrne (and daughter of F. H. Vigurs). Funeral on Friday at 2.45 p.m. from her late residence Flven Street. Friends will please accept this, the only intimation.

Late Cable Messages.

Soared to Height of 10,000 Feet

London, April 1.—A new altitude record for airships has been established by Count Zeppelin's new airship which flew over Santis mountain, attaining a height of 10,000 feet.

Douglas Takes Place of French

London, April 2.—Asquith has appointed Sir Charles Douglas, now Inspector General of the Home Forces, to succeed Field Marshall French as Chief of Staff.

Work Delayed On The Shamrock

London, April 1.—The delay in completing Lipton's Challenger is even more serious than at first thought, owing to the non-delivery of certain material used in construction.

The vessel will not be launched during April, as planned, but it will be well on in May before she takes the water.

Gordon Bennett In Serious State

London, April 1.—A despatch to *The Central News*, says that James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of *The New York Herald*, after showing considerable improvement in his physical condition, became worse, and adds that physicians are in attendance throughout the night.

Says Torreon Has Not Fallen.

Juarez, April 2.—Reports that Torreon had fallen were definitely denied by General Villa yesterday. His telegram was based on a message of congratulation on the fall of Torreon dispatched to him yesterday by Colonel Avila, Chief of Arms of the garrison here.

Villa replied: "Colonel, in reply to your message, I wish to state that while I have taken part in the Torreon struggle it is not yet completed. I expect to obtain a triumph, of which I will advise you."

LUNENBURG INVENTION FOR HOISTING SAILS AND ANCHORS

Lunenburg, March 24.—Capt. Wm. Cook, of Riverport, commander of the schooner Hawanee, has had a hoisting outfit installed in his vessel. The outfit is for the purpose of hoisting the anchor and sails. It was installed by the Lunenburg Foundry company, and is the second one to be placed in the fishing fleet, the other one having been put in the *Leta J. Schwartz* last spring. Captain John Schwartz, commander of the schooner, reports that the outfit works very well indeed and is a marked improvement on the old system of doing the work by hand. The installation of these outfits marks a new era in bank fishing. The use of them eliminates much hard work, in fact, one of the hardest pieces of work which the fishermen have to do while fishing, namely, the hoisting of the anchor and sails. Oftentimes a great deal of trouble is encountered in the breaking loose of an anchor, which will now be overcome by these machines.

"BRIDGEPORT" ENQUIRY

Capt. Lindsay, the Dominion Government wreck commissioner, who held an enquiry into the wreck of the City of Sydney at Halifax, is now holding an investigation at Sydney into the loss of the steamer *Bridgeport*. He is assisted by Capt. P. H. Worgan, R.N., of Sydney, and Capt. Sutherland, of North Sydney.

The *Bridgeport*, it will be recalled, left Sydney coal laden for Montreal, in November last, and was not heard of afterwards. It is conjectured that she foundered in the vicinity of the Magdalen Islands.

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DEVELOPMENTS DISAPPOINT OPPOSITION

Government Has Come Out of the Recent Crisis Stronger Than Ever and Opposition Are Not a Bit Pleased Thereat.

London, April 2.—That Asquith's latest move has greatly disconcerted the Opposition and disappointed their expectations is evident from the tone of an article discussing the new situation, written by the Parliamentary correspondent of *The Pall Mall Gazette*, which states that after the unparalleled events of the past fortnight the dead calm is of so sudden and strange a kind that we cannot tell whether it means the end of the tempest or only a lull in the storm.

Last week's crisis promised to give the Unionist cause its best opportunity in ten years and now we have again a situation that will tax all the nerve and wisdom of the Unionist leaders.

Two Suggestions.

The correspondent then proceeds to examine two suggestions—Sir Edward Grey's proposal of a Federal system and Bonar Law's demands for an immediate election.

He expresses the hope that the Opposition will adhere to its policy of an election and first advances the suggestion that this might be accomplished by amending the Parliament Act, so as to allow its operation to extend over three years, instead of only two as at present, thus removing the main objection urged by Government against an early appeal to the electors.

Whatever happened the Unionists would bow to the decision, as no sane man could now think of going back to merely a negative attitude on the Irish problem, the articles.

THE POST OFFICE BOX.

By Clarence Cutwell.

The Post Office Box is an invention whereby a person can enter a Post Office and, at an unearthy hour get his mail just as satisfactorily as tho' all the office staff were working.

Post Office Boxes come in two sizes small and large. The keys are very expensive, should one have the misfortune to let such out of his trousers pocket.

A man would rather lose anything than a Post Office box key. A Post Office key costs more than fourteen pounds of prime granulated sugar—covers the postage on twenty-four letters at two cents each, and takes a strong man with pick-axe and shovel half a day "on the roads" to earn the price, viz: Fifty Cents.

When a fellow first hires a Post Office box he gets no sleep the night following, he is as anxious to know what it will contain in the morning, as a youthful suburbanite who has set his first snare.

Some people's post office boxes are largely devoted to holding other folks' letters. Of course this mistake is usually made by the tenth son of a party healer, who has just been given a job in the office and who becomes so excited thinking about first pay day that all names read alike.

To a man who has a slight draft due at high noon and is depending on a registered letter from a long winded customer to come to the rescue the appearance of the other fellow's slip in his box is as much welcome as an iceberg in a codtrap.

For a man who hasn't much correspondence a post office box becomes a great source of trouble, as he is continually visiting the office, looking in the box and wasting valuable time.

"WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT?"

(Editor *The Daily Mail*) P. T. assumes another non-deplumbe this evening, and in a letter which he wrote himself and signed "Caustic," says he is on deck as usual. If he is, no one believes him. He cuts a pretty small figure in St. John's at present, since E. P. told him to go—

—P. P.

April 1st.

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Brother and Sister Frozen to Death

Berlin, March 27.—The frozen bodies of Jacob Thomasing, aged 75, and Mary Thomasing, aged 77, brother and sister, were found at their farm in Waterloo Township, two miles from Bloomingdale, by a neighbour, Mrs. Sublesky who called at the home to purchase some wood.

In the barn, she found the body of the man. It was lying on the floor frozen stiff, and apparently had been there for a week or more. Beside it was a wagonload of hay, and it is believed the man fell from the wagon. The horse and cow showed signs of not having been fed. The body of the sister was found in the house, presenting every indication that she had starved and frozen. It was lying on the floor clothed, with arms crossed and covered with a quilt.

From the position it is thought the woman had died first and was laid on the floor by the brother. He then evidently went to the barn with the intention of driving for help, but was overtaken with faintness while climbing into the wagon, resulting in his death.

The house was in a deplorable condition of disorder, and the only thing resembling food was a bag of flour and a few frozen apples. The pair had lived an obscure life, shunning neighbors and visitors. They were life-long residents of the farm, which they owned and which consisted of forty-six acres, but had been neglected for many years.

Many a girl who is proud of her big hat is ashamed of her big shoes.

An impossibility is something a woman is unable to do with a hairpin.

Somehow one never thinks of blaming his face because it needs a shave.

How it does disturb us when all we get for our money is the worst of it!

SKINNING KNIVES.—We have the celebrated Joseph Rodgers & Son Seal Skinning Knives and Steels for sale. GEO. KNOWLING. 31,ctd.

VERY INTERESTING—

Everybody should read *The Daily Mail's* correspondence, it's so interesting.

Curtiss Discusses Proposed Flight

Sydney, Mar. 28.—Glenn H. Curtiss has arrived from Europe to supervise the final construction of the Rodman Wanamaker transatlantic flier with which it is proposed to jump from Newfoundland to Ireland in a single flight of fifteen hours.

The machine is being constructed at Hammondsport, N.Y., and Mr. Curtiss is confident that it will make the flight successfully.

Mr. Curtiss doesn't get very enthusiastic over the proposed flight around the world. He would not give an opinion on the probability of its accomplishment.

"We have our hands full arranging for the transatlantic flight," he said, "and after all that is the first step in a flight around the world."

"We are surely going to attempt the flight across the Atlantic this summer. I intend to work out some of the details with Mr. Wanamaker to-morrow. The special machine is well under way and we expect to have it ready for trials by June. We will try it out in New York, but certainly we shall give it several trials at the starting of the flight near St. John's before the actual trip is attempted."

Not Enthusiastic

"We may wait until August for right weather conditions before starting the trip, because right weather conditions will spell success for the undertaking."

"Some have wondered that we will make the flight at a 10,000 foot altitude. It may be that we shall not. We may find it better to fly close to the surface of the water. That will depend entirely on the weather and how the machine work out in trials."

UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE.

It was the great day in the year for the Misses Miggs, two middle-aged ladies who kept what they called a school for "Young Ladies and Boys." It was the day of the school concert.

This concert was one of those affairs at which you are expected to say that even the most hideous child is "sweet" and "clever." If you are tactful, you will also remark—while their noses are being wiped in the middle of a recitation: "How natural they are—quite unspoiled!"

The great event of the afternoon was a quartette by four little starched and frizzed-out girls, entitled "Star." Each little girl had one letter of the word pasted on her dress in gold paper. You know the kind of thing: "Oh, you pretty little star. Just like baby's eyes you are," and so on.

When, however, the curtain went up, the expected applause was not forthcoming as quickly as it should have been, and Miss Georgina Miggs fainted when she beheld the quartette arranged in the wrong order, and making the word "Rats."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Paper money is soft, but hard to get.

There's no love so inexpensive as a mother's.

The easier it is to reform a man the less it amounts to.

The sugarless candidate may fail to catch the floating vote.

No artist can paint a self-made man as big as he thinks he is.

Many a so-called opportunity is merely an optical illusion.

Girls, keep your finances at a distance—from young widows.

A woman who marries for money earns a lot more than she gets.

Music may have charms for savages, but the girl who does a continuous on the piano evidently forgets that the neighbors are partly civilized.

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