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A PAGE OF NEWS ABOUT THE MARITIME

STEEVES TALKED OF COLLINS' HANGING NIGHT AFTER HIS FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH

Witness Swears Prisoner Declared His Sons Would be Responsible if He Was Executed—Said "They Had More Against Him Than They Had Against Collins, Who Was Hanged on Circumstantial Evidence."

Hopeville, Cape, N. B., July 13.—Dickson Baker was the first witness called this morning in the trial of O. G. Steeves, who is accused of killing his wife near here last winter. He said that he knew accused, his wife and family. On the morning of the fire he arose about 7 o'clock and on hearing of the fire went down to the scene. The house was then all in ruins. He saw Walter Chappell, Jimmy Storer, Albert E. Munroe and two Melishes at the scene of the fire. He said, he said, the rest of them to shovel snow on the ruins. The ends of the boards on the north side of the house were not burned but charred, having been saved by the snow iron.

Saw the Bodies.
The first bodies were observed in the centre of the ruins—two adults and a child, the adults lying about parallel to each other, the smaller body lying between the larger ones; a bed-spring was observed in the northwest corner of the ruins. On arrival of the undertaker, two larger bodies were picked up and placed in the casket. When the third body was picked up, the legs were missing. The undertaker took a shovel and dug and uncovered under this body a substance which looked to witness like blood or red paint.

Speaking of the dog, witness said its body was found near the eldest boy's body. It was burned badly, only the skull being left. There was a cook stove in the main house and two other stoves in the lean-to, but accused had told him that there was no stove in the stove in the south lean-to. The accused went to Moncton that morning and on his return to the fire held a conversation with witness in the cellar of the house.

Spoke of Heater Fire.
Accused told him about getting up and making a fire in the heater. Later he told the crown in witness's presence about setting the alarm clock. He also told that on leaving the house he heard Mrs. Steeves call to Beatrice to go upstairs until it grew warmer; also that while in the barn he heard some one call whom he believed to be his wife: "Gay, the house is on fire." On going to the house, accused said he could not get any farther than the second door, this being the door in the main house. The smoke had prevented him entering.

Speaking about the sleds in front of the house, the witness stated that he observed a pile of dishes and some sugar. The sugar was on the ground in a heap and looked as if it had been thrown there. He remembered quite distinctly, he said, accused told him that these dishes were carried out on the sled on the very morning of the fire. On cross-examination witness said the house appeared to him to be a substantial one. He did not think it to be 16 by 16 or 16 by 20 and about 12 feet high, 8 feet between the two floors. The cellar was a dugout, not walled. The beds were observed in the ruins near the bodies.

Many Witnesses Already.
Up to the time of adjournment, about 5:30 in the afternoon, 23 witnesses had been examined. A new witness was Miss Maud O'Brien, proprietress of a boarding house in Moncton, who swore that in the evening of the day of the fire she had taken

with the accused in the residence of Mrs. Crandall, Albert street, in Moncton. Accused had not mentioned the fire then, but late in the following day at the same place, accused had stated to her that they had more against him than they had against Collins, who was hanged on circumstantial evidence. He then went out into the hall and walked up and down saying that if he were hanged it would be on account of his own boys.

Saw Black Eye.
Witness also stated she had seen the late Mrs. Steeves with the worst black eye she had ever seen. The reference to the hanging of Collins made above, recalls the New Ireland, Albert county, murder case fourteen years ago when Thomas Collins was convicted on the third trial of the murder of Mary Ann McAuley, housekeeper for her brother, Father McAuley. Nothing new was brought out in evidence of other witnesses.

Afternoon Session.
In the afternoon evidence was given by Chief of Police L. S. Hutchinson; Inspector John Collins; Officer F. P. Murphy; Mrs. Nora Fullerton; Mrs. Inez Horsman, sister of deceased; Myrtle Steeves, another sister of deceased; Joseph Steeves, father of deceased; Dr. U. L. Botford, who made the post mortem; Constable Gilbert W. Dryden, Dr. M. V. Paddock, St. John, provincial analyst, who analyzed specimens taken from the main of the victims of the fire also testified. Evidence was also given by James LeBlanc, of Moncton; Otto Tuttle, undertaker, who removed the bodies from the ruins; George Prince, who had business relations with accused, and Orly Steeves, son of accused.

Orangemen Were Apohaqui Guests

Proceeds of the Big Celebration There Expected to Exceed \$1,100.

Apohaqui, July 13.—The celebration of the Kings East Lodges of Orangemen took place at Lower Millstream and far surpassed the most optimistic anticipation. The visiting lodges and outside friends who attended were royally entertained by the Kitchener L. O. L. (No. 167) of Lower Millstream. The waitresses were the wives and daughters of the local members of the Kitchener L. O. L., assisted by a number of the younger Orangemen.

In the afternoon a procession formed, leaving the grounds and marching about a mile in all. The order of the procession was as follows:

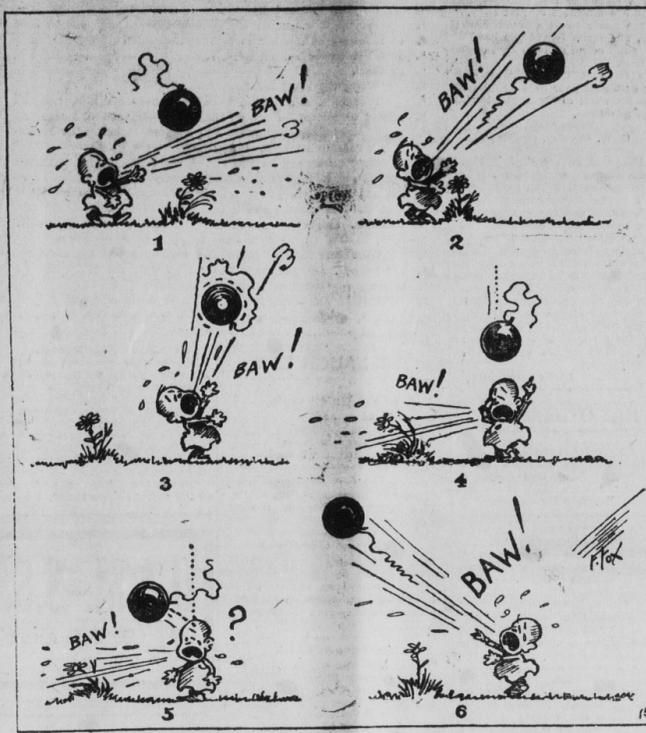
- Standard Bearer Edward Whelpley
- Hampton Brass Band
- Grand Master Simon P. Friars, as King William, mounted on the customary white horse.
- William White, as Marshal
- County Banner of Kings East Lodges.
- County Officers
- Royal Scarlet Chapter
- "Londonderry Heroes," (No. 91) of Markhamville.
- Beaconsfield Lodge, (No. 78) of Waterford.
- Newton Lodge, (No. 48) of Sussex.
- Admiral Nelson Lodge (No. 124) of Kitchener Lodge (No. 167) of Lower Millstream.

Visiting members then followed after which automobiles in which were the ladies of the L. O. B. A., of Harmony Lodge, Sussex and Newton, L. O. B. A., also, Past Masters and Elderly Members in motor cars.

Addresses Later
T. S. McAuley, presided at the addresses, the first speaker being J. E. McAuley, Deputy County Master, who delivered an address of welcome to the visiting lodges and friends, Mr. McAuley, being a prominent member of the entertaining Lodge. Other speakers who followed were: County Master Simon E. Friars, Rev. John White, of Whinlapp, Rev. C. Saunders, of Lower Millstream, Rev. J. E. Sears of Norton, Alderman A. E. Pearson of Sussex, Past County Grand Master G. B. Jones, M. L. A. and Past County Master John Knox.

The financial success of the day was upwards of \$1,100.

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Forest Fires Near Sydney Are Serious

Engine and Three Cars off Track in Newfoundland So Sydney Vessel Reports.

Sydney, N. S., July 13.—Forest fires continued to keep local fire departments on the qui vive, although no extensive damage has yet been done except to timber lands. Late yesterday afternoon Glace Bay firemen responded to a call to fight a fire which threatened buildings near Birch Cove and colliery and town brigades were also busy at Steel's Hill and Number 24. At one time the dam and pump house from which the reserve collieries get their water were in danger but the timely arrival of a fire engine kept the flames in check, and guards were maintained all night to protect the dam. Most of the burned timber is second growth of future potential importance, but of little present commercial value.

Miners Are Back.
A temporary settlement of the boy drivers' strike at New Waterford has been effected and the miners of No. 12 colliery have resumed work. J. B. MacLachlan, district secretary of the United Mine Workers of America, announced this morning.

Train Off Track.
A locomotive and three passenger cars were derailed, but no one was hurt, in a wreck on the Reid-Newfoundland Railway about two miles east of Miller's Junction, N.M.L., yesterday. News of the accident was brought by the S. S. Kyle, which arrived 17 hours late with 63 passengers who were on the train.

Dr. Foster Heads High School Again

Two Teachers Whose Resignations Were Accepted Have Secured Positions.

Fredericton, N. B., July 13.—Dr. Berton C. Foster was yesterday afternoon re-appointed principal of the Fredericton high school at a salary of \$2,000, the same figure as last year. The appointment was made at a special meeting of the board of school trustees yesterday afternoon when John E. Page, another of the high school staff, was also appointed under the same conditions. Both had applied for reappointment and the first named salary is equal to and the latter is below the schedule of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association schedule.

Fred. J. Patterson and J. D. Stiles, the other two members of the high school staff who resigned over the salaries question, have accepted positions elsewhere. Dr. Patterson will become principal of the Grammar School at Edmundston and Dr. Stiles has accepted a similar position at Riverview.

BARN IS DESTROYED.
Moncton, N. B., July 13.—A large barn belonging to F. N. Steeves of Moncton, was destroyed by fire at Cumpingsville, Albert county this morning.

Forest Fire On Keswick Stream

Mystery How It Started—Large Crew of Men Out Fighting It.

Fredericton, N. B., July 13.—A forest fire has broken out in the Keswick Land and Lumber Company's timber lands on the Keswick stream, being the first forest fire in the district. The fire is located about 12 miles from Burt's Corner and the E. Burt Lumber Company's mills there are closed today, a crew of fifty fire fighters having been organized by E. Burt to go to the scene of the fire.

The origin of the fire is a mystery as it started at a point 1-1/2 miles from that stream, so that fishermen would seem to be immune, and about 9 miles from the C. P. R., so that the railway cannot be blamed. It is near where the Keswick, Burt, and Partington companies line join, and because of prompt action is expected to be under control by tonight.

The general situation in the province is said to be worse today than it has been, the continued drought and local winds making it more serious each day.

Runaway Automobile Causes Accident

Backed up Instead of Going Ahead and Several Persons Were Injured at Picnic.

Fredericton, N. B., July 13.—One old lady was seriously and perhaps fatally injured, several others were badly hurt, a score or more suffered bruises and cuts and a dozen or more chairs were broken up and some band instruments smashed when an automobile ran amuck amongst the band and picnickers at the 12th of July picnic at Burt's Corner yesterday afternoon. The accident was caused when Randolph Mabee, of Keswick, jumped into a car owned by George Currie, of the same place to get it out of the way because somebody wanted it moved. He did not understand the working of the gear, and the car instead of shooting ahead commenced going backwards at a rapid rate of speed. It crashed into the band and picnickers knocking people down and smashing chairs, running down the bandmen and crushing their instruments.

Annual Meetings of Women's Institutes

Upper and Lower Gagetown Ladies Elect Officers for Coming Year.

Gagetown, N. B., July 13.—The annual meeting of the Gagetown Women's Institute was held on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. R. R. Reid, with Mrs. H. B. Bridges presiding. After reading of the minutes and roll call, the meeting elected officers for the coming year, as follows: President, Mrs. H. B. Bridges; vice-president, Miss Annie Dickie; second vice-president, Mrs. R. R. Reid; secretary, Mrs. M. M. O'Leary; directors—Mrs. Geo. E. McDermott, Mrs. J. Frank Reid, Mrs. Wm. C. Belue, Mrs. Chas. H. Jones; auditors—Mrs. Donald A. Adamson, Miss Louise M. Peters; Mrs. H. B. Bridges, who has been president of the Gagetown branch of the Institute since its organization nine years ago, was appointed delegate to the annual convention to be held in Woodstock in the autumn.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Reid served delicious ice cream and cake. At the annual meeting of the Upper Gagetown Women's Institute, held recently at the home of Mrs. H. Ashley Estabrooks, the officers appointed for the year were: President, Mrs. F. Mout, Bolyer; vice-president, Mrs. John Clowes, Sr.; second vice-president, Mrs. Daniel Boyd (Burton); secretary, Mrs. Geo. C. Currier; directors—Mrs. H. Ashley Estabrooks, Mrs. W. S. Cooper, Miss Lily Hohen (Burton); auditors—Mrs. Frank Estabrooks, Mrs. Berkley Thompson.

Halifax Mayor Studies Labor

Amherst, N. S., July 13.—Mayor John S. Parker of Halifax left today for New Glasgow after spending a day in Amherst studying the labor situation. The Mayor of Halifax is making the rounds of the industrial centres of the province so as to have something ready when things get acute in Halifax. Mayor Parker remarked that Halifax today has about 600 unemployed. During the past few months he expects from twelve to thirteen hundred employees will be laid off at the shipyards which will give the city about 2,000 unemployed by the early autumn.

Prov. Civil Service Association Meets

Routine Business Transacted and Officers Elected for Coming Year.

Fredericton, July 13.—The first annual meeting of the Provincial Civil Service Association was held here last evening. This organization is composed of employees of the Provincial Government, and it had its birth just one year ago. Last night's meeting was opened by an address and report from W. A. London, vice-president. The chief cause, it is said, for the organization of the civil service employees was the inability for them to carry on with salaries on a pre-war basis. The membership at present numbers eighty-one. The work of the executive for the year was reviewed and approved and a vote of thanks was extended to the members. A resolution of sympathy was passed, and is to be extended to Frank S. Sadler on account of his recent illness.

Correspondence has been carried on between the provincial body and the federal association regarding the linking up of the associations all over the Dominion, but nothing definite has as yet been decided. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, W. A. London; vice-president, Dr. G. C. Melvin; secretary-treasurer, W. E. McMullin; board of control, Dr. T. C. Allen, C. L. Sypher, C. A. McVey and J. H. King; auditor, J. H. Maxwell.

MAY BE DEPORTED.

Portland, Me., July 13.—W. G. Taylor, a native of New Brunswick, has been arrested on a Federal warrant alleging that he is liable to become a public charge and that he entered the United States from Canada illegally. After several months search Taylor was finally located at South Harswell and placed under arrest by Police Inspector William White as the local police department had been cooperating with the U. S. Immigration authorities here in the efforts to locate the man.

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