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## NEW YORK MILLIONAIRES BLED FOR ENORMOUS SUMS

### Colonel Mann, Publisher of Town Topics, Admits Getting \$200,000 in This Way

### James R. Keene, the Financial Magnate, Contributed \$90,000—Vanderbilt, Morgan, Belmont, Gould and Such Names Were Among the Victims—Witness Only "Borrowed" the Money and Doesn't Remember Paying it Back—How Equitable Disclosures Were Hushed Up.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
New York, Jan. 22.—Some of the sensational disclosures in this correspondence last week in connection with the "Town Topics" case developed today in court. Col. Wm. D. Alton Mann, the responsible head of the "society" weekly, was on the stand and easily proved his right to the title of great-grand-daddy of all the blackmailers.

According to this estimable gentleman's own testimony, he has been in the habit of "borrowing" almost incredible sums of money from prominent persons and forgetting to pay it back. Some of the philanthropic persons who kindly tided the old gentleman over his difficulties were:

James R. Keene, financier and sportsman, the recognized leader of the bears in Wall street and the best known patron of the turf in America, \$90,000; Wm. K. Vanderbilt, \$20,000; John W. Gates, \$20,000; Wm. C. Whitney, \$10,000; Chas. M. Schwab, \$10,000; Collis P. Huntington, \$5,000; Howard Gould, \$3,500; Morton Trust Company, \$10,000; Rowell P. Flower, \$3,000; W. J. White, \$2,500; Mrs. C. P. Huntington, \$10,000; J. Pierpont Morgan, \$2,500.

This total of nearly two hundred thousand dollars is but a fraction of the money that has flowed into the coffers of Col. Mann as a reward for his diligence in promoting good morals in metropolitan society.

**Why Did Keene Pay?**  
How on earth he got \$90,000 from "Jim" Keene is a matter of speculation. Keene, however, is a good sport, and has family responsibilities. The Whitney and Morgan contributions are considered together and the reason for the payment of these moneys has been for years a matter of gossip. W. K. Vanderbilt evidently "gave up" to silence continued publication of gossip concerning his divorce. His wife married O. H. P. Belmont, and Mann made a determined effort to get Belmont to buy "Town Topics" stock. Belmont would not give in, and Town Topics roared him.

Howard Gould married Katharine Clem-

## LAKE WATERS CLAIM LIVES OF TWO BOYS

### Frank Wheaton and Walter Kay Drowned at Rockwood Before Aid Could Reach Them

### Playing Round Opening Made by Ice Harvesting and Fell In—Identification Long Delayed, But Word Brings Mother of One and Sister of the Other—Sorrow in Both Cases to Hearts of Widowed Mothers.

(From Tuesday's Daily Telegraph.)  
There sank to death in Lily lake yesterday afternoon, Walter Kay, aged ten years, of No. 79 Leinster street, and Frank Wheaton, a year younger, of No. 59 1/2 Duke street. It was not until 9 o'clock last evening that the bodies were identified.

The dead lads were the sons of widows. It was not until 7 o'clock that Mrs. Emma Kay, mother of the first mentioned, believed it possible that her boy could in any way be connected with the story of the tragedy at the lake. She had been in since dinner, and she wondered why he had neglected to come to supper, but the little lad who had lost his life could not be seen, she thought.

But as the hours wore along there came a messenger, and within a quarter of an hour she was at Undertaker Chamberlain's door, fearful, but bravely hoping for the best.

She was escorted to the side of the little wooden boat, in which lay the two little victims.

"Walter," she said, brokenly, "it's my Walter," and bending over him, she wept.

A few minutes later, there having arisen reasons for believing the other boy to be Wheaton, his sister, Mrs. Annie Foster, and her husband arrived, and immediately they looked at the bodies.

The morning occurred about 3 o'clock and as far as could be learned there was no eye witness. The boys were not skating, and evidently had left the city for the lake, when their attention was attracted by hearing shouts from the opposite shore. They saw an old man hurrying out on the ice, pointing in evident excitement toward the open space. They looked, but could discern nothing unusual. They at once went to meet the other, however, and were informed that a couple of boys had fallen through the ice, but hastened to the spot, indicated, a gleam of cap and small peaked cap floated well out from the edge of the ice.

They ventured as near to the water as possible, and saw the body a few inches beneath the surface. It was face downward. There was no sign of the other lad. Hurriedly procuring a pile pole, the body was drawn in and immediately steps taken to bring about resuscitation, but all efforts were futile. By this time more people had arrived, and as the other body was not visible on the ice, and within half an hour, it was brought up. The water was about twenty-five feet in depth.

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These Whites, an employee of the St. John Ice Company, residing at 83 Simonds street, was also spoken to by the reporter. He said he recalled the scene of the accident soon after Messrs. Thompson and Woods. He saw one boy floating with the mouth and nose under water but there was no sign of the other lad. He brought a couple of painters named Samuel Wood of No. 61 Sheffield street, and John Thompson, were walking along the shore, going in the direction of the end of the lake, when their attention was aroused by hearing shouts from the opposite shore. They saw an old man hurrying out on the ice, pointing in evident excitement toward the open space. They looked, but could discern nothing unusual. They at once went to meet the other, however, and were informed that a couple of boys had fallen through the ice, but hastened to the spot, indicated, a gleam of cap and small peaked cap floated well out from the edge of the ice.

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## FREDERICTON AWARDS OTHER SEWAGE CONTRACTS

### Jas. Fleming & Sons Get Ironwork and Montreal Concern Terra Cotta

### Many Competed from St. John and Bidding Was Close—Engineer Barbour Present—Tie Game of Hockey—Mrs. George F. Gregory's Condition Easier—Other Matters of Interest.

Fredericton, Jan. 22.—(Special)—At a special meeting of the city council this evening the remainder of the sewerage contracts were awarded as follows: Iron pipe, Hyde & Webster, Montreal; Manholes, covers and steps, James Fleming & Co., St. John; iron castings, The Montreal Pipe & Foundry Co. The foregoing were the three lowest tenders and were accepted on the recommendation of the sewerage committee. The list of tenders and prices was as follows:

Hyde & Webster, Montreal, \$11,497.40  
Jas. Robertson Co., Ltd., St. John, 13,948.12  
J. S. Neill, Fredericton, 15,946.12  
D. S. Shaw, Fredericton, 16,142.00  
John T. Farmer & Co., Montreal, 16,319.90  
C. H. Peters' Sons, St. John, 16,442.74

Manholes, Covers and Steps.

Jas. Fleming & Co., St. John, \$2,941.20  
Montreal Pipe & Foundry Co., 2,277.50  
St. John Iron Works, St. John, 2,496.00  
McFarlane & Anderson, Ltd., Fredericton, 2,414.44  
Union Foundry & Machine Works, St. John, 2,527.90  
Brown Machine Co., London, 2,527.90  
Sessions Foundry Co., Bristol (Canada), 3,062.80

John T. Farmer & Co., Montreal, and McLean & Ruddick, McAdam, also tendered, but did not comply with the specifications.

**Iron Castings.**  
Montreal Pipe & Foundry Co., \$480.00  
D. T. Stewart & Co., Glasgow (Scott.), 882.25  
John T. Farmer & Co., Montreal, 942.00

F. A. Barbour, consulting engineer on the works, arrived in the city on the evening train.

The first of a series of hockey matches between Fredericton and Marysville for a trophy presented by the management of the Marysville rink was played in Marysville this evening and resulted in a tie. Each team scored one goal in the last five minutes of play. The ice was in bad condition. The winner of the trophy will be decided by the greatest number of points scored in the series. This evening honors were even.

At the regular meeting of the Victoria Lodge of Oddfellows this evening, Henry B. Clarke, the treasurer of the lodge, was presented with a veterans' jewel to commemorate his completion of twenty-five years as a member of the order. The

presentation was made by P. G. M. Chas. A. Sampson, and Mr. Clarke made a suitable reply. After the presentation a good programme of music and readings was given, and refreshments were served at the close.

The civic elections are to be held March 9 and the indications are that there will be contests in several wards. In Wellington ward the names of W. S. Hooper, John S. Scott, Michael Ryan and Matthew Tennant are being mentioned and it is believed that at least two of the number will take the field against the present aldermen. In St. Ann's ward ex-ald. Joseph Walker has announced his candidature.

It is not certain at this stage that any opposition will be offered to Mayor McNally.

On account of soft weather it is likely that the Fredericton curlers will postpone their trip to St. John until Thursday morning.

A horse belonging to A. H. Vanwart fell into a hole in the ice on the river this morning and was rescued with considerable difficulty.

There is a slight change for the better in the condition of Mrs. George F. Gregory this morning. Although suffering from an incurable disease the attending physician thinks she is in no immediate danger.

The weather here has been exceedingly mild and springlike since yesterday morning and the snow is rapidly disappearing.

Cornelius J. Kelly has been awarded a four-year contract for carrying the mails between the post office and the C. P. R. depot.

At St. Dunstan's church, on Sunday, Rev. F. L. Carney called upon all male members of the congregation who were of age, to sign copies of petitions for presentation to parliament asking that all unnecessary labor on Sunday be stopped and that there be a better observance of the Sabbath day generally.

Dr. Scott has been elected representative of the College Y. M. C. A. to the world's student conference at Nashville, (Tenn.), from February 28 to March 5. The death occurred yesterday at Rusagorish of George W. Nason, aged sixty-two years. Deceased was unmarried.

## BANNERMAN NOW HAS 29 MAJORITY OVER ALL PARTIES

London, Jan. 22.—The following is a summary of the political situation at midnight:

Total seats in Commons	670
Elections held	503
Liberals elected	267
Unionists	117
Laborites	42
Nationalists	79

London, Jan. 22.—The Liberal gains continue, the Hon. William Robert Wellesley Peel, son and heir of Viscount Peel, and a grandson of Sir Robert, was defeated for the Harrow division of Middlesex today by the Liberal candidate J. Gibb. The seats are now distributed as follows:

Liberals	267
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## NO HITCH IN PLANS Everything Carried Out As Arranged --Battleship Dominion Met Hurricane Weather on Trip Across, But Drove Along With Seas Going Over Tops of Funnels.

### Funeral of Hon. Mr. Prefontaine at Halifax Was Very Imposing

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 22.—(Special)—The British battleship Dominion, Capt. Marx, conveying the body of the late Minister of Marine Prefontaine, reached Halifax on schedule time this morning and the funeral ceremony here was of a most impressive character.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, Mr. Clement, private secretary to the deceased minister, and Mr. Haynes, Hon. Mr. Lemieux's secretary, were on deck when the ship heeled into the pier and remained there until the relatives, friends and federal ministers were on board. The party from the shore were met at the head of the gangway by the captain of the ship and the three gentlemen, and conducted aft to the cabin, where the body lay in state.

The casket, with three large floral offerings on it, rested on a stand covered in black and around it were draped curtains of black and silver. At the head of the casket was a crucifix and on either side burned three candles. While the party arrived in the cabin the sons of the deceased minister were very much affected. After paying their respects the party left the cabin and had an interview with Hon. Mr. Lemieux.

Shortly before 11:30 o'clock Archbishop O'Brien and Fathers McCarthy and Moriarty arrived and held a short service, lasting about fifteen minutes. The service was as usual one of the Catholic church and a large number of gentlemen, consisting principally of cabinet ministers, officials and leading citizens.

**An Imposing Scene.**  
The gun carriage which had been provided by the marine department here was found unsuitable to carry the body and one was provided by the ship. It was just at 11:50 that the guards of the blue jackets on deck were ordered to the salute and the salute was given. The body was raised to the deck, draped with the blue ensign and then lifted to the shoulders of ten blue jackets. As they started along the deck, the band of 100 struck up the Dead March in Sals, officers and men of the ship came to the salute and the many civilians on the deck uncovered.

The blue jackets in a slow march bore the casket down the gangway and placed it on the naval gun carriage. Then the ship's crew, officers and men, excepting those on duty landed to take part in the funeral and as the cortege moved away from the pier the first minute gun thundered from the port side of the ship. The funeral, though expected to be an informal one, proved a very spectacular affair, heightened by the participation of the sailors and marines.

There was not a hitch in the arrangements. At noon precisely the cortege moved off, the strains of the Dead March being taken up by the R. C. band. The streets were lined by a dense throng of people right to the depot where an immense concourse gathered. The front of the depot building was draped in black and from the east and west towers, Canadian ensigns were flying, half mast while from the centre tower the marine and fisheries flag was displayed.

The body arrived at the depot at 12:20 and was carried right to the mortuary car and placed within it. The baggage of those going on the train was stowed immediately and almost sharp on the hour fixed, 1 o'clock, the train pulled out.

**Boisterous Voyage.**  
The battleship Dominion, which brought the body of the late minister of marine here, had an exceedingly boisterous passage to Halifax, terrific head gales and mountainous seas prevailing for the first five days, after which she met with moderate weather and considerable fog. Owing to her immense size and weight she did not lift to the seas much, but plowed her way through them, and as a consequence the waves broke over her with great force, carrying off everything of a movable nature. At one time it was thought the bridge would surely be carried away, the badly was she being washed by the sea's upon tons of water being hurled over her, at times going clean over the funnels. In order to save a disaster to the bridge it had to have extra stays put to it. Fortunately no one was injured, notwithstanding the rough manner the ship was tossed about.

She left Cherbourg at 4:30 p. m., on the 12th, with orders to be at Halifax on the 22nd, and she did it notwithstanding the gales and seas. At 2:10 this morning she entered the harbor and anchored at 8:30, when she steamed up the harbor, and at 9 o'clock the hour set for her to depart was tied up to the wharf at the dock yard.

On Friday and Saturday last, after the ship reached the Banks, the thermometer fell to a point below zero, and in a very short time the big warship was encased in ice from stem to stern, with thousands of icicles hanging from the rigging, and presented a magnificent sight.

The mortuary chamber of the ship, which was at the stern, and is a lobby (Continued on page 7, first column.)

## COLE ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER AGAIN

### State Attorney's Remark That a Witness Would Swear That the Man in Company of Steeves on the Day of Tragedy Had Tattooed Wrists Made Prisoner Wince.

Portland, Me., Jan. 22.—(Special)—Edward F. Cole was today placed on trial for the second time in the superior court before Judge Bonney on the charge of killing John F. Steeves in Falmouth near Portland. The first trial of the case was held in the September term of the court and resulted in a disagreement of the jury, the members standing six for conviction for murder and six for acquittal. Both Cole and Steeves are natives of Hillsboro, N. B. and were chums up to the time of the latter's disappearance last spring, shortly after he came from New Brunswick to Portland in search of work.

At the former trial evidence was introduced to show that the two had been seen together in Falmouth on the day when the murder is alleged to have taken place. Cole afterwards had Canadian money and a watch belonging to Steeves, in his possession, although before he had had no money of any kind.

The defence was an alibi. The trial began this afternoon, and the session will be taken up with the selection of jurors for the case. Hon. Warren C. Phillips, assistant attorney general, and Col. Wm. C. Eaton, county attorney, represent the state and Scott Wilson and his partner, Eugene L. Hodge, are defending Cole.

It is expected that the case will last nearly all the week. The state will attempt to disprove the alibi formerly set up by showing that the day when Cole was seen in Portland was the one following the day of the murder, and not that on which the men were seen in Falmouth.

Cole seems to be in better physical condition than at any time since he was arrested last spring. He is confident of either an acquittal or a disagreement.

**Prosecution Outlines Case.**  
Colonel W. C. Eaton, county attorney, opened for the state after the defence had peremptorily challenged fourteen jurors. Mr. Eaton's address was impressive and clearly outlined the evidence he intends to produce in his case, although he made no reference to the attack which he has intimated will be made on the alibi set up by the defence.

The state's case, as it appeared from his remarks, will not differ materially from that offered at the September term. Only one new feature appeared in the outline given. This was when the coun-



Edward F. Cole on Trial for Murder.

## PORTLAND ELECTRICS COLLIDE; TWO DEAD

### Four Seriously Injured and Eleven Have Minor Wounds—Fact of Cars Being So Strong Prevented Worse Disaster—List of the Victims.

Portland, Me., Jan. 22.—The collision of two electric cars on the Westbrook, Windham and Gorham division of the Portland Street Railroad today, in which two persons were crushed so badly they died within a few hours, four were seriously injured and at least eleven were bruised, cut or sustained nervous shocks, is being investigated by the State R. R. Commissioner, Benjamin F. Chabrousse, in connection with a coroner. A hearing will be held this week.

The fact that both were cross-seat trolleyed cars and among the heaviest on the system, prevented much more serious results. Following is a revised list of the dead and injured:

**The Dead.**  
Perley C. Roberts, aged 22, Westbrook; leaves wife and infant child.  
Winfield S. Leighton, aged 16, son of Frank B. Leighton, Westbrook.

**Seriously Injured.**  
Perley Crockett, Westbrook, motorman, leg broken, internal injuries feared, at Maine General Hospital.  
Fred Robichaud, Westbrook, motorman, head cut, body crushed.  
Charles McBride, Westbrook, conductor, back hurt, bruises, nervous shock.  
Mrs. Annie E. Bowers, Westbrook, legs cut to bone, had bruises on body, head and face cut, severe nervous shock.

**Minor Injuries.**  
Wm. H. Howard, Portland, bruises and shock.  
Miss Lyle Briden, Westbrook, face cut by glass, bruises and shock.  
Miss Katherine Doyle, Westbrook, cut and bruised.  
Joe Rens, Westbrook, cut and bruised.  
Roy Wentworth, South Windham, cut and bruised.  
Miss Lulu Merritt, Norway (Me.), visiting at South Windham, cuts, bruises and shock.  
Harlan Reed, Morrill's Corner, bruises.  
E. D. Hill, Westbrook, shaken up badly and shock.  
Frank Raymond, Westbrook, conductor, bruises.  
Sydney Smith, Derring Center, arm injured.  
Edgar P. Bragdon, South Windham, both legs injured, bruises and shaken up.

**Prince Arthur to Attend Toronto Horse Show.**  
Ottawa, Jan. 22.—(Special)—His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught has accepted an invitation to attend the Toronto Horse Show in April.

**Capt. Thacker's Promotion.**  
Ottawa, Jan. 22.—(Special)—Capt. Thacker, R. C. M. B. is appointed temporarily to a general of the fortress of Halifax.

## BRAZILIAN WARSHIP BLOWS UP; 212 DEAD

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 22.—The cruiser Barroso has arrived here from Port Jacaranga with those injured by the explosion on the Aquilabon.

The Aquilabon blew up at 10:45 o'clock last night.

Nearly all the officers were killed or injured. The dead number 212 and 88 of those on board were saved.

The following members of the command which left the arsenal on board the Aquilabon, accompanying the minister of marine, were drowned:

Rear Admiral Rodrigo Jose De Rocha, Rear Admiral Francisco Calheiros Da Graça, Rear Admiral Joao Candido Brazil and Captain Luis De Siqueira.

Two commandants, two German photographers and one reporter were also drowned.