

WIRELESS STATION AT NEWCASTLE

North Shore Town as Terminus of World Encircling System.

MEANS ESTABLISHING ALL BRITISH SERVICE

Universal Radio Co. to Build Immense Plant and Work will Start Soon—An Important Project.

Newcastle, July 10.—Newcastle is to be the Atlantic terminus of the Universal Radio Syndicate, which will establish a wireless service from St. John to this town as a link in an all-British world-encircling electric service. Land wires have been secured from Vancouver to Montreal and the company is negotiating for the purchase of existing lines between here and Montreal.

The existing Pacific cable will be used and so on westward back to Britain.

The company have purchased 57 acres of land here, including the whole block from the rear of the building in High street to the I. C. R. track and between Adams Lane and Hogan Lane. Alderman Falconer has sold 21 acres, Mr. Woodworth, of Marysville, about 15 acres of the Craig property, Edward Hickey 4 acres, the St. James' Presbyterian church 4 acres, and Alex. Morrison his house and barn and 9 acres. The land purchased is about in the centre of the town and corners on the I. C. R. freight offices, while the front is not far from the river and the I. C. R. deep-water terminal.

The money has been paid over and the contractor is expected to arrive to begin work next week.

Newcastle being the receiving station a vast tower will be erected and the permanent staff is expected to comprise between 40 and 50 men. The building of the chief station being here will be a most valuable asset to the town from an industrial standpoint.

The company's surveyor in New Brunswick was Wm. E. Fish, of New York. Mr. Fish went all over the province and finally selected Newcastle as the station site. The company agreed and the options returnable on the 17th instant were paid for this week.

A Montreal concern have contracted to build and install the plant. The steel tower will be 100 feet high, it is being constructed in England and will be shipped out in sections. Round this central tower will be grouped six other towers each one hundred feet high connected by copper wire with central tower. The dynamo to operate the plant will need a 350 horse power engine to drive it. The Dominion government's arrangement with the syndicate is for five years at the end of which the government has power to take over and operate the service as government work.

The president of the syndicate is St. Baxendale; the consulting engineer Dr. Erskine Murray with Dr. Poulton and Prof. Peterson as technical directors.

The syndicate owns the Poulton and Dudal are wireless patents, chief rivals of the Marconi system. The British wireless station will be on the west coast of Ireland.

It is understood that the town council will deal liberally with the Radio Syndicate in the matter of taxation. The land purchased by the syndicate is assessed at about \$4,400, but the money paid by the company is understood to be about three times that amount.

If the new company get the same terms as the Canadian Gear Works, recently established here, they will be taxed for 20 years on the present assessment of \$4,400, no more how large the works they erect.

DELEGATES ATTEND "QUIET HOUR" SERVICE

Thousands Gather at Los Angeles for Christian Endeavor Convention—Religious Exercises.

Los Angeles, July 10.—Thousands of delegates and visitors to the Christian Endeavor Convention attended sunrise "quiet hour" service. Sectional meetings were held in twenty-three churches in Auditorium Endeavor, the big assembly tent, and in a down town theatre.

There also were overflow meetings and religious exercises in the streets. Plans for increasing the efficiency of the church and the spreading of the gospel through the agencies of the home, the school and the press were discussed at a pastor's conference.

WEDDINGS.

Davis-Dunnsett.

Rev. B. H. Nobles, pastor of the Victoria street Baptist church, officiated at a very pretty wedding at the parlour of the Victoria street hotel yesterday morning, when Miss Margaret Dunnsett was married to Percy Davis, both of this city. The pair were unattended, only immediate friends being present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Davis left by steamer Victoria to spend a few days up river. On their return to the city they will reside on Adelaide street.

FIXES THE BLAME ON OFFICIALS

Commission Finds they Put Inexperienced Driver on Engine of Train which was Wrecked.

Washington, July 10.—Engineer Doherty's inexperience in handling high speed passenger trains was the principal cause of the New York, New Haven & Hartford wreck at Stamford, Conn., on June 12, in which six passengers were killed and twenty were injured. The Interstate commerce commission's report of its investigation of the accident, made public today, so holds, and adds that the responsibility for placing an "inexperienced and untrained" engineer in charge of a high speed passenger train rests with the operating officers of the railroad.

The engine brake tests seem to indicate they were good, the train brakes not as efficient as safety demanded in such a fast train, but the home and distant signals at Stamford were held to be too close together.

Doherty's inexperience and lack of instruction, the commission holds, were responsible for his failure to apply the brakes in time to stop the train before the danger signal set against him.

THE NEWS IN SHORT METRE

Polar Explorers Arrive at Alaska—Police Charged with Misappropriation of Funds—N. B. Men Get Medals.

More New Dwellings.

The St. John Realty and Development Company have begun excavation for the erection of residences at Sea View Heights. The houses will be self-contained, steam heated with modern conveniences.

K. of P. Decoration Day.

The Knights of Pythias will observe August 21 as Decoration Day. Departed members' graves in Fernhill, Cedar Hill, Church of England and Methodist burial grounds will be decorated. The three local lodges will have a parade to the cemetery. The service is to be held in Fernhill.

Opera House Improvements.

A number of important changes have been found in the Opera House when the theatre reopens on Monday. A new lighting system has been installed, a new ladies' waiting room has been provided and a matron will be in charge. The gallery has now a separate entrance and box office, and the manager's offices have been moved upstairs.

Police Court Doings.

In the police court yesterday the case of a youth named Curry charged with breaking a window in Waterbury & Rising's Mill street was resumed. E. S. Ritchie on behalf of his client, said the breaking of the window was accidental. The case was adjourned.

The Incinerator.

The commissioners yesterday had a conference with P. J. Peterson, of New York, in connection with the establishment of an incinerator. The plant he suggests would consume all ashes, garbage, and would furnish as by-products about twenty tons of clinkers, besides generating electricity in quantity greater than the operation of the plant would require.

Get Long Service Medal.

The Imperial Service Medal, for long and meritorious service, has been awarded to Michael Hopper, of Bedford, P. E. I.; Joseph Henry Berry, Halifax; William Burrows, Winnipeg; George Cameron, Halifax; Victor C. Truro; James Currie, Alberton; P. E. I.; Frederick Gagnon, St. John; Charles Grant, Patrick Hopper and James McDermott, Moncton; Alexander Macdougall, Antigonish; Hector McKinnon, Pictou; George Nollie, Pictou; Martin O'Brien, Halifax; Charles Reeves, Toronto; Samuel Watson, Moncton; John Yeras, Fredericton. All the above named are members of the Canadian Civil Service.

Japanese Count Dead.

Tokyo, Japan, July 10.—Count Tatsu Hayashi, a leading Japanese statesman died today following a surgical operation. Under Premier Saionji he was minister of foreign affairs.

Explorers Arrive.

Nome, Alaska, July 10.—The Canadian Polar exploration ship Kariak has arrived at Nome. The ship has arrived at Nome. The ship has arrived at Nome.

Charges of Graft.

Sergeant Campey of the police force has made charges of manipulation with funds against Chief of Police Harrison, of St. John, barrister-at-law, executor, who is sworn in as such. No real estate. The personal estate having been reduced by the testatrix in her lifetime, is stated at \$400. W. Henry Harrison presents his petition in person.

Gets Death Sentence.

Madrid, July 10.—Sancho Alegro was sentenced to death yesterday for his attempt to assassinate King Alfonso on April 13.

LOVE LETTERS MAY THROW LIGHT ON CRISPELL CASE

Wilkesboro Youth May Have Had Rival in Heart Affair.

SENT LETTER AND KISSES TO ALICE

Questioned by Coroner, Herbert Johns Declared He Loved Alice Crispell Devotedly, and Hoped to Marry.

Wilkesboro, Pa., July 10.—Did Herbert Johns, jealous because of a rival, push his sweetheart, Alice Crispell, into the lake, near here, on the night of July 4? Did he or a rival insult the young woman, and, fearing the wrath of her family, strike her on the head and throw her body into the lake? Was the young man seen to leave the boat house near where the girl's body was found Monday morning, wearing a gray suit and white hat, Herbert Johns, who admits he was so dressed, or another who impersonated him? Did Miss Crispell leave her sweetheart to walk two miles to her home alone at midnight, wander into the boat house and there have an attack of epilepsy?

Such are the puzzling questions which confront a score of State police and county detectives, who have worked unceasingly in an effort to solve the mystery of the young woman's death. Clews have been found which make such queries natural. Johns is under arrest and denies his guilt.

Letter Hints at a Rival.

The police have discovered a letter addressed to the young woman by Johns, dated July 6, which leads them to believe that he had a rival. "Toward its close he says: 'From the fellow who will never forget you, but the girl has forgotten.' The letter follows:—

"Dearest Alice—I will now take the pleasure in writing you a few lines, hoping it will find you in as good health as I leave you. Well, how did you feel Saturday and Sunday? Gee, I felt on the bum. Who the devil said it was cool over at the town that it was over there. Well, I suppose you won't be in town for some time. Are you going back to Trucksville to work again? If so, let me know in time so I won't get fooled over to the lake.

"Did you get to see Martha or Harry yet? I did not see them, but may see them tonight. I am going down to-night and I wish you were along with me. I wish to see you. They were glad to see you on the Fourth. They said they had a pleasant time. Sister nearly fainted going over on the car. Did she tell you about it?"

"Oh, yes. Did you catch up to Stella Friday night? Where did she go, out to Lehman? I supposed some one walked along about five miles. Good night on that walk. What do you think?"

"Did your sister get her picture taken to send Howard? If Canney swam the lake I didn't see him since. Holy Gee! here it is. I have never seen her in one, I have heard other persons say so."

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RECALLS MURDER OF "BILLY" BROWN

Drowning of Girl in the Adirondacks Similar to that of Miss Crispell

The drowning of Grace ("Billy") Brown, by Chester Gillette, recalled by the tragedy near Wilkesboro, Pa., occurred in the Big Moose Lake, in the Adirondacks, July 11, 1906. The heartlessness of the crime, combined with the remarkable letters written by the girl, in which she appealed for protection from the man she had trusted, aroused public sympathy. Gillette was put to death March 31, 1906.

In the case of "Billy" Brown the motive was the same as in the case of Miss Crispell, according to the coroner. Miss Brown met Gillette in the shirt manufactory in Cortland, N. Y., where the young man was the foreman under his uncle. She fell in love with him, and later in her extremity pleaded with him to keep his promise to marry her. Her letters containing these pleadings were found later in the young man's room at Eagle Bay.

Gillette induced the girl to go rowing with him on Big Moose Lake. Her body was found a few days later. It was the contention of the prosecution that the girl had been struck by a tennis racket before she entered the water and was at that time unconscious. Later Gillette went with a party on an outing, apparently one of the gayest persons there.

After being arrested, and during the trial, he vigorously insisted he was innocent, and only when all hope of escape was lost did he confess to his spiritual advisers.

Undoubtedly Murder.

There is no suicide theory. Mrs. Holcomb said that her sister, who was the girl's mother, was not present at the autopsy, said last night that the actual cause of death was drowning, and that the young woman undoubtedly had been murdered. "I don't believe you could get an jury to believe that a young man would permit his sweetheart to walk through dark woods to her home at midnight absolutely alone. The teeth marks on her neck, I have seen, have been measured and they will be compared with the prisoner's teeth at the inquest."

"I understand that Johns is an expert swimmer. If he and the young woman had been sitting in the boat house and through an accident she had fallen from the boat, he would have saved her. In any event, he could have cried for help, which he knew would have come quickly, for there were many persons nearby."

"Another feature of the case which seems strange to me is why the young woman did not grasp timbers in the lake. He said she was physically able, of course, her cries for help could have come each of the three times a drowning person rises to the surface."

The floor of the boat house is only about two feet above the water. It is nearly new, and there are no obstructions on it over which a person could stumble.

Sticks to His Story.

While the prisoner is aware that in many instances a man's statement made before he knew what the prosecution had learned conflicts with some of the evidence gathered after the crime, he says that he does not think his leaving the girl was unsatisfactory in view of the fact that he was ill.

"How long have you been going with Miss Crispell?" the coroner asked him.

"Before a year, and I loved her dearly," he replied. "We made no definite arrangements to marry, although marriage had been mentioned several times by Alice, but I asked her to wait."

Excitement is intense not only in this city, where Johns is well known and liked, but among the summer residents of the lake. The dead girl was well known in her home community and highly respected.

Johns is employed at a Delaware and Hudson mine here. He is highly thought of in the community, the present being the only difficulty in which he ever has been involved.

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