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SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION

Captain Robert Falcon Scott and Four Companions, After Reaching Pole, Heroically Meet Their Death—Captain Scott's Last Message to Nation

London, February 15.—A telegram to the Daily Mail from Christ Church, N. Z., says:

"The full details of Capt. Scott's return journey from the Pole, when published, I understand, reveal a still more glorious page in human history than the brief official narrative.

"Every ounce of food was used by the party long before death came to Scott, Wilson and Bowers. Only a small quantity of tea was found with the bodies.

"The relief party found the bodies in the tent in the following positions: Scott was sitting with his back to the tent pole. Between his head and the pole he had placed his diary, apparently in order that its broader surface might provide easier support than the pole. Wilson and Bowers were lying in their sleeping-bags.

"It is possible that an expedition will go to the Antarctic next summer to recover the bodies of Scott, Wilson and Bowers.

"The memorial cross erected on Observation Hill is constructed of jarrah wood, which will last for ages. The cross is painted white. The carved lettering on it, printed black, is as follows:

In Memoriam

Capt. Robert Falcon Scott, R. N.,
Dr. Edward Ryan Wilson,
Lieut. Henry Robertson Bowers.

Who died on their return from the South Pole in March, 1912.

"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

"The members of Lt. Campbell's Northern party are in magnificent health, considering the terrible privations they were forced to undergo. In a snow drift, where they lived a primitive existence for six and a half months, their only literature was Dickens' David Copperfield. A chapter of it was read aloud every day.

"It is doubtful if any of the diaries

belonging to the dead explorers will be published before the publication of the book narrating the history of the expedition.

"Dr. Atkinson, who organized the search party which found the bodies, refuses to give any information beyond that contained in the official narrative."

In an editorial note in reference to an apparent discrepancy between Commander Evans' despatch and its own despatch, the Daily Mail says:

"It is the custom in erecting a memorial cairn to place in the centre, in a bottle or box, documents showing what it commemorates. This record was apparently placed inside the cairn, while the inscription telegraphed by our Christ Church correspondent was cut or painted on the cairn."

CAPT. SCOTT'S LAST MESSAGE.

"We arrived within eleven miles of our One Ton Camp, with fuel for one hot meal and food for two days. For four days we have been unable to leave the tent, the gale blowing about us. We are weak. Writing is difficult, but for my own sake I do not regret this journey, which has shown that Englishmen can endure hardships, help one another, and meet death with as great a fortitude as ever in the past. We took this message to our countrymen, and therefore we have no cause for complaint, but how to the will of Providence, determined still to do our best to the last.

"But if we have been willing to give our lives to this enterprise, which is for the honor of our country, I appeal to our countrymen to see that those who depend on us are properly cared for. Had we lived I should have had a tale to tell of the hardship, endurance and courage of my companions, which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman.

"These rough notes and our dead bodies must tell the tale, but surely, surely, a great rich country like ours will see that those who are dependent upon us are properly cared for."

—From Capt. Scott's last letter, written March 25, 1912.

George Hudson Killed at Yarmouth

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 13.—A shocking accident occurred a little before seven o'clock this morning when George Hudson was run over and practically cut in two, by the H. & S. W. train.

The deceased who lived with his father-in-law, Thos. Muise, on Water St., between the H. & S. W. yards and the station left the house at about twenty minutes to seven, to go to his work. Just as he came out of the house, which is only a few feet from the track, the morning express was being backed up from the yards to the station. It is supposed that Hudson thinking he could get across the track in time, hurried and either tripped or, slipping on the ice, fell under the rear car.

The weather was very thick and at that early hour it was difficult to discern just how the accident happened.

As soon as the brakeman observed the fallen man he applied the air brakes, but it was too late, as the rear car went over him before the train could be stopped.

Dr. W. S. Phinney was summoned immediately, but the stricken man did not recover consciousness and died about three quarters of an hour after. The deceased was about thirty years of age and leaves a widow and a child.

At the inquest the Jury returned a verdict to the following effect:—

"George H. Hudson came to his death by being run over by the H. & S. W. train on Thursday, a.m., Feb. 13, 1913. We find that the hands in charge of the train had taken all precaution and had given what warning they could. The bell on the engine was being rung and the conductor was in position with his lantern signals. That he shouted a warning to the man and applied the air brakes. The jury found from evidence given that the men in charge of the train should be exonerated from any blame whatever."

The deceased was a native of Litchfield, Annapolis Co., and leaves behind a widowed mother, who has been living in U. S. A. for some time, several brothers and sisters, one sister, Mrs. Harvey Hearn, residing in Bridgetown.

A New Industry for Bridgetown

Mr. B. I. Rayner, of Alberton, P. E. Island, was in town last week and organized "The Rayner, Clark and Harlow Black Fox Co." This Company starts out with bright prospects, having as their president B. I. Rayner, one of the pioneers in fox farming in Prince Edward Island, and a man who has had wonderful success in the business, having in his own ranch last year an average of five and three-quarters, the largest average of any ranch in the world. The men on the board of directors from our own town are Major Freeman, ex-Mayor Harlow, John Wilkinson and Andrew Clark; D. G. Harlow secretary and treasurer of the Company, and Charles R. Chipman, solicitor. Twenty-six acres of land have been purchased from Major Slocumb at the eastern end of the town, and work will begin at once on this property. The ranch will have electric lights, burglar alarms, burglar proof doors, night watchman, and everything that goes to make an up-to-date ranch. Buildings will be erected, including residences for manager, stables, etc. etc.

Mr. Rayner is to supply and place in the ranch not later than Sept. 1st four pairs of his famous silver black foxes, and is to superintend the building for the first year.

The Company will be capitalized at sixty thousand dollars in shares of \$100 each.

Thirteen thousand five hundred was subscribed at the first meeting, and the stock is selling rapidly. This is as good a silver black fox proposition ever presented to the people of Nova Scotia, and therefore presents the best opportunity for investors, of either large or small amounts, to share in the immense profits being reaped from the raising of silver black foxes.

OBITUARY

MRS. WILLIAM DURLING.

At her home, West Inglewille, Feb. 10th, Charlotte Durling, wife of Wm. Durling, passed on to her Heavenly home, aged eighty-nine.

Our sister was spared days of weariness and nights of pain. Suddenly the summons came, and the battle fought, the victory won, she entered into rest.

Forty years ago she enlisted under the banner of King Jesus, uniting with the Methodist church of the place, of which she remained a consistent member until the summons came that called her from the cares of earth to the joys of heaven. She was interested in all the life about her. She leaves to mourn her loss a loving and faithful husband, six sons and four daughters.

The funeral at her home was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Armistead. Interment took place at Lawrencetown.—COM.

MRS. RUTH ANN BANKS.

At East Arlington, Annapolis Co., on Jan. 27th, Mrs. Ruth Ann Banks passed from this earthly home to the home not made with hands.

She was sixty-six years and four months old. At the age of eighteen she was baptized by Rev. William Cunningham and has ever been faithful in her duty in church matters, until old age prevented her. Her husband passed away twenty-one years ago. Her funeral was largely attended.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Whisman, her pastor, from the words, "Good hope through grace," Thes. 2: 16.

Our sister will be greatly missed in her home, where she had a welcome word to all that called to see her, but we know she has a welcome beyond where all is joy and peace.

MR. WILLIAM RISTEEN.

Mr. William Risteen died at his home at Arlington, Annapolis Co., on Jan. 20th, at the age of seventy-eight years. After several weeks of suffering, he passed away to await the day of judgment. He was always kind to all around and ever found faithful when able to attend church. He leaves one daughter living in Boston, Mass., and one sister to mourn the loss of a kind father and brother. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Whisman, who spoke from Ps. 90: 9.

MRS. ADELAIDE McLAUGHLIN.

Mrs. Adelaide McLaughlin, at the County Home, in the 83rd year of her age. Known in many homes of this town as a faithful, reliable helper. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."—COM.

Paradise and Clarence Experiences.

The individual who so successfully imposed upon the farmers and others at Granville, a full account of which appeared in the Monitor's last issue, is still at large, and his work is being traced by his other spheres of operations. Leaving Granville he proceeded in the direction of Paradise and put up at the hotel, repeating his performances as to buying farms, banking accounts, etc. After three or four days' residence at the hotel, he disappeared, leaving his board, etc., unpaid, and no more was seen of him in Paradise.

Mr. Carey Durling having heard that he was continuing his activities at Clarence, determined on giving him a lesson, and accordingly proceeded to Clarence. Having located the supposed purchaser of farms, Mr. Durling gave him a sound lecture and warned him to desist, leaving him in a very crest-fallen condition. The following morning he had moved to another district, and for a few days no further news was obtained.

From latest information the Monitor understands that Niebau Falls has likewise fallen a victim, and he is supposed to be somewhere in that locality.

It is time the police combined and put this plausible gentleman behind bars, and so protect the public.

Sanford Committed for Trial.

Windsor, Feb. 13.—The preliminary examination in the Belmont murder case was held today before Justice Frederick Curry, W. M. Christie, K.C. appeared for the prosecution; H. W. Sangster, on behalf of the prisoner, William Henry Sanford.

The first and principal witness in the morning was Leonard Harvey, to whom the prisoner first confessed that he had killed his mother. The witness stated that the father of the prisoner, the late Ezra Sanford, died six years ago this month, leaving a widow, two boys and three girls, Theodore, who does the bulk of the work about the farm, William Henry, the prisoner; the two eldest girls are mostly away from home, Huldah in Portland, the other in Halifax, and the youngest, Lavinia (16) who was at school when the murder was committed.

The witness detailed the facts as already published showing how the prisoner told him of the crime, how he had remonstrated with him for striking his mother, the best friend he ever had, and when asked why he did it, the prisoner said his mother attacked him with the poker, and he had killed her or she would have killed him. The poker, which was found lying across the wood box, on the other side of the room from where the body was found, was described as about two feet long, and about three-quarter inch in diameter. Not a very formidable weapon in anyone's hands. The witness described the Sanford family as peaceable, quiet neighbors, and the murdered mother as a kind neighbor, always helpful and kind in cases of sickness or trouble of any kind. The axe, with the blood stains thereon, the staple and chain with which the outer door was fastened by the prisoner when he left the house, and the hammer used in driving the staple or fastening the chain, were produced in Court. The witness also said the prisoner had an impediment in his speech, and in many ways seemed a little queer.

Robert Conlon, Constable and Jailor, gave details of the prisoner's arrest about 7 p.m. on Friday, or his conversation with Sanford who admitted his crime, and said made no effort whatever to avoid arrest.

These two evidences occupied the time until adjournment at one o'clock.

James Farquhar, Stipendiary Magistrate, who was foreman of the jury at the inquest, held on the body of Mrs. Ezra (Amie) Sanford on Friday, described what he saw in the home, the body lying face downward, with the hands under it, the floor saturated with great quantity of blood, and the paper on the lower part of the wall splashed with blood. Saw Coroner Reid put the pole of the axe, or one end of it, into the wound in the head, which it fitted. On Monday, by instructions of the Coroner, he went to the house and made a plan (produced in Court) and the bloody axe. (Here Mr. Sangster objected to this evidence, the plan having been made after the occurrence.)

With this evidence the Crown Prosecutor rested the case, further evidence being considered unnecessary.

Justice Curry then committed the prisoner to take his trial at the Supreme Court here in May next at which the several witnesses were instructed to appear.

Fighting Continues in Mexico

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—An armistice of twenty-four hours was arranged between the Federals and Rebels at two o'clock this morning, and effective until two o'clock tomorrow morning. The terms were agreed to by both President Madero and General Felix Diaz.

Later the armistice was extended to eight o'clock Monday evening. Hostilities were resumed with fierceness in the Mexican capital today, after a truce which lasted only a few hours. The armistice, signed at two o'clock Sunday morning by the representatives of both sides, agreeing to suspend operations for twenty-four hours, was broken before noon. Soon the sound of heavy cannonading and the whirl of machine guns announced the return of the Federal troops to their positions in front of the arsenal.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE OPENS

The Speech from the Throne Read Before a Full Assemblage—Legislation for Erection of Hospitals for Treatment of Advanced Cases of Tuberculosis Promised.

With one exception the usual form and ceremony attended the opening of the Provincial Legislature on Thursday afternoon, a few moments after three o'clock, by the Honorable James D. McGregor, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia. Everything in the programme passed off successfully save the playing of the National Anthem by the Royal Canadian Regiment. Upon the Lieutenant-Governor's arrival this was found impossible as the instruments were frozen and no sounds would issue therefrom.

A few seconds before three o'clock Governor McGregor, accompanied by his private secretary, Captain Hicks, drove through the south gate of the Provincial Building. The avenue was lined with a full company of soldiers from the Royal Canadian Regiment, in command of Captain du Domaine, and constituting a guard of honor. When the Governor stepped down from his sleigh the guns on the Citadel boomed out and upon the moment the guard saluted. At this point the regimental band which should have burst forth into the straining strains of "God Save the King" was found wanting. It was so unable to play at the Governor's departure from the building.

After referring to the visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall to Nova Scotia, to the farming, fishery and lumbering industries, the Speech from the Throne dealt with the coal mining industry, and stated that the past year was a record one in output, that "further legislation will be introduced during the present session providing for the improved construction of a certain class of roads, and for

the more efficient care and maintenance of our highways."

The speech continued—

Realizing how essential it is for the comfort and prosperity of those living in our rural sections that they should enjoy the advantages of telephone communication with all parts of the Province, and to enable them to get into immediate touch with the industrial centres which furnish a market for their products, legislation will be introduced for the purpose of financially assisting and for facilitating the construction of rural telephone lines, with the view of giving every section of the Province a cheap and efficient telephone service.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Although it is most satisfactory to learn that there has been a considerable reduction during the last year in the number of reported deaths from tuberculosis, a result, I am sure, obtained by a wider dissemination of the proper methods to be used in combating this disease, yet point the remedial band which should have burst forth into the straining strains of "God Save the King" was found wanting. It was so unable to play at the Governor's departure from the building. After referring to the visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall to Nova Scotia, to the farming, fishery and lumbering industries, the Speech from the Throne dealt with the coal mining industry, and stated that the past year was a record one in output, that "further legislation will be introduced during the present session providing for the improved construction of a certain class of roads, and for

Illustrated Lectures

A fairly good attendance was present to hear the illustrated talk on "The Church's problem of caring for the Immigrant" given in St. James' Church schoolroom last Wednesday evening.

After giving statistics covering the total number of incomers during the last decade, "Whence they came" and "whither they go," some five dozen pictures were thrown on the screen depicting landings, scenes and many views along the way, as well as Western life, the latter especially illustrating the difficulties under which spiritual ministrations are inaugurated and maintained in the sparsely settled districts. This talk was the first of a series. The second will be given this (Wednesday) evening, and will be illustrative of "Medical Missions," commencing at 7.30. Silver collection to defray expenses and help the work.

Nova Scotian in Trouble.

New York, Feb. 13.—The glittering swath that William Van Taffey, a young bank teller of Middleton, N. S., has cut through New York, Boston and London, ended here tonight in a Police Station. Van Taffey, who is only twenty years old, is charged with cashing a forged draft for \$5,400 on the Royal Bank of Canada, at Vancouver.

According to the complaint Van Taffey on the first of the year resigned as paying teller in the Springhill, N. S., branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. He forged the name of the cashier to a draft made payable at the New York branch of the bank, then came here and representing himself as the payee got the money. After a gilded career in Boston and London he returned to New York, where he was arrested by a detective, who gained his confidence by posing as a millionaire's son. According to the police, Van Taffey admits his guilt.



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