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NEW YORK SOCIETY AMAZED AT THEIR LEADER'S CAREER

Mrs. John Van Ness Roberts, Who Committed Suicide, Shown to Be Notorious Louise Vermeule, the "Queen of the Tombs,"--Secured Entree to Most Exclusive Circles.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Amazement is being shown on every hand, especially among the social leaders of New York, at the startling discovery that has just been made that Mrs. John Van Ness Roberts, society leader and friend of nobility, who died in her apartments of strychnine poisoning on Friday, is none other than the notorious woman swindler, Louise Vermeule, whose operations have several times placed her behind the bars. That the two women are identical there can be little doubt, but the woman who has entertained her in their homes or who has gathered at her dinners at the swank hotels, are loath to accept the proof.

In the last few years the woman who was known as the "Queen of the Tombs," who had been tried twice for forgery and against whom seventy-eight complaints appeared at the time of her trial, had worn her way into the most exclusive social set in this city, hobnobbed with the nobility of England and Germany, and was the social belle of the city, and probably would have succeeded in hiding her identity for many more years if she had not swallowed the poison when she realized that her swindling career was about to end in her arrest.

A COLLISION AND RUNAWAY

Street Car Collided With W. J. Lane's Team Last Night and Runaway Followed.

A collision, followed by a wild runaway, caused a lot of excitement about 6 o'clock last night on Paradise Row, car No. 29 crashing into a sloven belonging to W. J. Lane, of St. Patrick street, smashing a wheel, breaking the harness and tearing the horse, which subsequently ran away.

Mr. Lane does the hauling for the St. John Mercantile Company, North wharf, and was completing his rounds when the accident occurred. He had delivered a barrel of apples and the wagon was partly on the track, as it was impossible to clear without going on the sidewalk, the street being narrow where the double track was laid. It was near the curve by the property lately acquired by the city for the purpose of widening the street.

Mr. Lane had, by this time, been able to get hold of the horse's head, but to get the shafts clear of the neck he had to cut the bridle. With his head free the frightened animal dashed down the street at a lively rate. Mr. Lane had gotten hold of the reins and was running alongside.

SEMBRICH MAY COME

F. G. Spencer May Bring the World's Greatest Singer to St. John Next Month.

Two great, pretentious musical attractions will be heard in Portland, Maine, next month under the direction of F. G. Spencer, namely, Madame Nordica and the New York Symphony orchestra under Walter Damrosch, Feb. 10th, and Sembrich with Van House and Zadora Feb. 22nd. Mr. Spencer is considering the advisability of including St. John in the Sembrich itinerary. Sembrich is probably the highest paid singer living, some idea of the difficulty attending such an enterprise may be had. Before making definite arrangements an effort will be made to ascertain what degree the public are ready to support what would be the highest musical event in the history of eastern Canada. Mr. Spencer returned yesterday from Portland, Me., where arrangements are now all completed for the appearance of both famous stars. Announcements regarding subscription lists will be made in a day or two, and ten days allowed to ascertain if the citizens are desirous of having the very best of the world afford in music and art brought right to our doors.

ONE SESSION ENOUGH TO SECURE THE DAVENPORT

First Panel of Seventy-one Men Proved More Than Adequate As Only Half of It Was Exhausted--Solicitor-General Jones Opens Case for the Crown.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 8 (Special).—There was another large crowd in attendance at the York circuit court at ten o'clock this morning, when Tom David, the Assize, was assigned on the charge of murdering his wife, under a bill of indictment returned by the grand jury yesterday afternoon. The solicitor general wanted Dominique Stevens, St. Marys, sworn as interpreter, but the court decided to engage Michael Amars, of Lowell, Mass, and he was sworn.

ALLAN R. MACBEATH SUES THE EASTERN S. S. CO. FOR \$5,000

He Was Injured on Steamer St. Croix in 1906 and Now Wants Compensation--Case Taken Up in Circuit Court Today.

The circuit court session was resumed at the court house before Mr. Justice Lantry at ten o'clock this morning when the case of Allan Randolph MacBeath vs. the Eastern Steamship Company was taken up.

In this case the plaintiff seeks to recover \$5,000 for injuries received aboard steamer St. Croix while at Eastport on July 9th, 1906, when in passing from the steamer's elevator, he was precipitated into the lower hold of the vessel. At that time he was unable to do very little work. W. A. Ewing outlined the case to the jury, after which the plaintiff, Allan Randolph MacBeath, was called to the stand.

WIND WAS VERY HIGH

Storm Which Commenced Last Night Developed Today Into Very Fair Gale.

The storm which commenced last night continued this morning, and this afternoon the wind had increased in velocity to a very pretentious gale, and it was difficult to make headway at times against the force of the gale.

POLICE COURT

Several Cases Taken Up This Morning--The Case Against William Baker.

In the police court this morning William Baker, aged 18, and Edgar Barrett, aged 17, were arraigned on a charge of breaking and entering John Magee & Co's tinmith shop on Germain St., last night, and stealing therefrom a till containing three cents and some papers.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE LONG, LONG WAIT. Fredericton, Jan. 8 (Special).—Premier Robinson has become somewhat impatient because so many people are running after him to ask him when the elections will be held.

"How can I tell when I don't know?" "How can I tell when the elections will be held?" "Just as the disappointed enquirer was departing a telegraph messenger entered. "Wait a moment," said the premier.

The supporter leaped against the door while the premier eagerly fell as he glanced at the message. "All right," he said, with a sigh, to the man at the door. "It's nothing." The message was not from Ottawa.

THE WATER SUPPLY. The waterworks department desires to state that it is making all possible effort to arrange a timetable for the breaks in the service, so that the citizens may lay in a supply of water before a break occurs. As soon as the schedule is completed due notice will be given, and the timetable will be published from week to week in the press. In the meantime it

SAYS ROOSEVELT ERRED IN SENDING FLEET TO JAPAN

Italian Paper Holds the Opinion That the President Made a Mistake "In View of the Excitement Aroused" By His Action--Says Japan is Friendly.

ROME, Jan. 8.—The Tribuna in an article on the cruise of the American battleship fleet to the Pacific, expresses the opinion that President Roosevelt perhaps was mistaken in ordering it "in view of the excitement it aroused in the United States both on the part of the people and the press."

WHISKEY AND CIGARETTES

Responsible for the Death of a Galician Near Whittemouth, Man, Yesterday.

WHITTEMOUTH, Man, Jan. 8 (Special).—Whiskey and cigarettes caused the death of a Galician up river yesterday. The man went home on Monday night with his team of oxen and put them in the stable, which also held three other head of stock. It is supposed he fell asleep with a lighted cigarette. Flames and smoke awoke the people in the house and the charred remains of the unfortunate man and all the cattle were found.

STILL THE SAME DUMB SILENCE

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 8 (Special).—The local government--both--so meetings the morning but the board of education is called to meet this afternoon.

MONCTON'S LINE-UP

MONCTON, Jan. 8 (Special).—The Moncton Victorias will line up as follows in their game with the St. John Maroons tomorrow night: Wortman, goal; Brown, point; McGrath, cover; Gregory, centre; Crockett, rover; Oushing, right wing; Skyles, left wing. The referee has not yet been decided upon.

RETURNING TO ACADIA

A number of Acadia students who have been spending the holidays in this city returned to Wolfville today via the steamer Yarmouth to Digby. Among those returning were Willard McIntyre, Fred Louchter, W. G. Keirland, Stockwell Simms, Robert Stalling and Miles McOutcheon.

LATE PERSONALS

George V. McNamey's condition is practically unchanged today. Judge Trueman, who for the past few days has been seriously ill, is going as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

TEN YEARS FOR STABBING

OTTAWA, Jan. 8 (Special).—Peter Riddell is delivering some stiff sentences at the high court sittings here. Antonio Lombardo, an Italian, who was found guilty of stabbing Frank Carelli, of Poplar street, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. The judge said that the practice of Italian carrying knives was altogether too prevalent. F. Burghill was given one year and 25 lashes. In this case the judge said that the law was the proper thing for such crimes.

NO TRUTH IN IT

OTTAWA, Jan. 8 (Special).—A newspaper report from Halifax says that a British regiment is to be placed in charge of the Halifax garrison. The militia department here says that there is no truth in this report.

A GREAT MYSTERY.

The attempt on the part of the board of trade to locate the citizens' harbor committee may prove somewhat difficult. It may not be generally known that detectives have been looking quietly about for some time without discovering where the committee meets or what it is doing. There is more of mystery about it than about the Big Seven, of the Pugsey Patronsige Policy.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

Managing Editor of Toronto World May Have To Face This Charge.

TORONTO, Jan. 8 (Special).—A motion will be made in the course of the next few days at Ogilvie Hall asking for the commitment of the managing editor of the Toronto World for contempt of court. The action arises out of an editorial which appeared in the World on Monday entitled "Beware of reformers," and referring to a case now on before the next sitting of the railway commission regarding a dispute between the Toronto and Montreal and the Ontario Railway Co. over the running of cars from Keele street to Humberdale. The street railway officials and the Toronto and the World will prejudice their case.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Robert Blackhall was held at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence Silver Falls, to St. Joachim's church, where service was read by Rev. Father O'Neill. Interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

YARMOUTH BARK ASHORE

YARMOUTH, Jan. 8 (Special).—Barque Brookside, loading at Tackett Wedge, for South America went ashore in last night's gale but was only slightly damaged. A survey is being made. The Brookside is a steel bark owned by W. L. Lovett, of Yarmouth.

A SOUTHERN TRAGEDY

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga., Jan. 8.—Two negroes, John Hudson and Henry Campbell, are in jail here charged with having murdered the wife of a white man. The house in fire in an attempt to hide their crime. When neighbors arrived they found the husband of Mrs. Hudson and her three months' old child. After the bodies had been removed it was found that the woman had been stabbed to death, while the child was left to perish in the flames.

MONTEAL STOCKS

MONTEAL, Jan. 8 (Special).—Stock prices were strong again today. 800 rose to 86 and Illinois preferred to 89. De la Roche was strong at 39. Don. Steel, 13 1/2; Twin City 86, and Montreal 87. The 100 Canadian Pacific was an exception, being off a point to 157.

ADDINGTON LIBERALS

KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 8 (Special).—The Liberal Conservatives of Addington met in convention in Addington on January 17th to select a candidate for the legislature. It is likely that W. J. Paul, of Tanworth, the present member will receive the nomination.

WAS NOT IN DANGER

A story in the Star last evening to the effect that the ferry steamer E. Ross was caught in the ice and narrowly escaped going over the falls was incorrect. The little steamer was in no danger. Captain Leonard carried into Marble Cove, to the "bedroom" and landed her passengers without assistance and without difficulty. She was at no time in any danger of drifting into the falls.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OFFICERS, TEACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LEITCHFIELD BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual business meeting of the officers, teachers and members of the Leitchfield Baptist Sunday school was held Tuesday evening in the church parlour. Reports for the past year were received and read. These reports showed a substantial increase both in the enrollment and average attendance over past years for a considerable time. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Superintendent, Ira B. Kierstead; Assistant Superintendent, C. J. Lake; Secretary, G. H. Waterbury, jr.; Treasurer, John Bennett; Home Department Superintendent, Miss Edith Kierstead; Girls' Roll Superintendent, Miss Jean Cameron; I. B. R. A. Sec. Frank Ross.

THE PROGRAMME AT THE EVERY DAY CLUB

Last evening included instrumental music, solos by Messrs. Butler, O'Brien and Logan, and step-dancing by Messrs. McFadden, Butler, Hargraves and Murphy. The audience listened attentively to a talk by the president about the Canadian Clubs and the national battleship project of Earl Grey.