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SECRET OF TRANCE A MYSTERY

Strange Case of Nellie Corcoran--  
She Lived Sixty Years in Twenty-  
One Days of Sleep--The Surgeons  
of New York Failed to Find a Cause

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Surgeons sawed into Nellie Corcoran's skull today and explored her brain, to discover, if they could, the secret of the trance in which she had lain for twenty-one days. They had their labor for nothing. "The autopsy," said Dr. Theodore Janeway, who was the principal operator, working with Dr. Herman Briggs, pathologist of the health department, in the presence of the entire staff of hospital surgeons and many prominent physicians, "gives us no data from which any conclusion could be formed as the cause of the patient's condition as it existed during life. It is one of the most remarkable cases on record."  
The body of the girl, who had slept her life away, was put on the dissecting table at 4:15 p. m. She had been pronounced dead at 1:30 a. m. yesterday. Her mother and father were at the bedside when the vital spark, fluttering and flickering for three weeks became dim and was snuffed out. When the post-mortem was made the doctors were baffled. They found a brain, healthy, well nourished and, compared with other brains of similar age, normal and fully

developed. Further than this, the examination showed a state of bodily health absolutely incompatible with even the suggestion of a disease. From the crown of her head to the sole of her feet, Nellie Corcoran was a healthy, natural young woman, without the slightest taint of the most trivial ailment. She was like a woman who had lived out the full span of life and had died of old age and exhaustion, and this was the queerest and most remarkable part of the case. Through some strange process, which pathologists do not attempt to explain, Nellie Corcoran lived 60 years in 21 days the period of her sleep. She was shrunken down from 150 to 115 pounds when she died, and the autopsy showed that while every bodily organ was perfect and the brain normal so far as the "grossly visible" evidence was concerned, she was a worn-out old woman. It is the opinion of physicians who have studied the case that the girl's ageing was due to intense mental distress and terror; that she belonged to that class of hysterical patients known as auto-hypnotics, capable of throwing themselves into a state of coma, and had passed beyond the state of restoration.

TWO ARE SHOT  
IN KENTUCKY

INDEPENDENCE, Ky., Nov. 8.—Nine-hola Hopperton, town marshal of this place, was shot and killed today by William Rice, a farmer. Rice had come to town intoxicated and carrying a shotgun. The marshal arrested him and disarmed him, but subsequently shot him in the leg as he was about to leave town. In a few minutes Rice returned and asked for the marshal who arrested him. Hopperton advanced to disarm him again and was mortally wounded by Rice. He however, fired three shots at Rice, each shot striking and Rice's wounds are said to be mortal. Hopperton died in a few minutes.

C. P. R. OPENING  
A LIME QUARRY

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Nov. 8.—The C. P. R. has just placed 50 new dump cars into service in the Boundary. The cars are steel lined and each has a capacity of 30 tons. The addition was made in order to provide for the increasing ore tonnage in this district.  
The C. P. R. is opening up a lime quarry alongside the track on the steep grade above Cascade, B. C. The rock will be shipped to the Trail smelter, where it will be used for fluxing purposes.

1450 MILES IN  
AN OPEN BOAT

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Captain Kay and wife, with nine seamen, a crew of the British bark Florence B. Egett, which they abandoned in mid-ocean October 12th, after she was dismantled by a hurricane and water-logged, arrived here today on the steamer Grenada from Trinidad. The vessel left Bear River August 13th for Buenos Ayres, with a cargo of lumber. In September, on the 13th, she encountered the hurricane. Every effort was made to keep her afloat, but vainly. The crew worked night and day until October 15th, when the decks were almost level with water. All hands abandoned the vessel in the ship's long boat, which was provisioned, but had no nautical instruments. They steered southward and finally reached Grenada on October 25th, having covered a distance of 1450 miles in an open boat. Many privations were suffered during that time.

MORE BOY BABIES  
ARE RECORDED

HAMILTON, Ont., Nov. 6.—Some months ago there went the rounds of the papers an article discussing the effect of war upon the predetermination of sex in the birth records, and the statement was made that invariably after a war there was a noticeable increase in the number of male infants born. No good reason could be given for this, and even the accuracy of the statement was more than once questioned.  
A survey of the birth statistics for this year to date in the city clerk's office shows that there must be something in the theory, for, contrary to the usual thing, there have been born in Hamilton since the beginning of the year 41 more boys than girls, the totals being: Girls, 364; boys, 405. This is something for people who have lots of time to ponder over.

BOSTON'S JACK THE SLUGGER

A Remarkable Case Involving the  
Murder of Agnes McPhee and Mur-  
derous Assault on Many Others--  
A Prominent Boston Man Arrested

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 8.—The strange case involving the murder of the young woman named Agnes McPhee and Clara A. Morton and the murderous assaults upon many others was a step nearer solution today, for late tonight the police were given the custody of the young man who sold, or, as he thought, pawned the watches which were taken by the so-called "Jack the Slugger" from the bodies of his victims. The person in custody is a light negro, 18

years of age. His name is George L. O. Perry. He has confessed that he received the watches which he sold from a man in Central Square, Cambridge. He has given the name of this man to the police, but the latter tonight refused to state whether or not he gave the name of Allan G. Mason, the prominent Boston man who is under detention at the Middlesex county jail, Cambridge, on the charge of having murdered Miss Clara A. Morton.

Operations of Marriage  
Syndicate Failed

BERLIN, Nov. 6.—The relations of Baron Burchard von Muenchhausen with the so-called "Marriage Syndicate" which financed his journey to the United States in 1898 to obtain a rich wife have been made public through a prosecution for blackmail brought by the baron against Herrman Pincus, Moritz Mendelssohn and Adolf Mendelssohn, three tradesmen who were members of the syndicate. The trial has just come to its close. Baron von Muenchhausen is a member of a famous German family which dates from 1587. The testimony showed that an ex-convict named Elissler, living in Stuttgart, telegraphed to Frau von Quitzow, a noblewoman residing in Berlin, who undertakes to obtain wealthy wives for army officers, saying that if she had a titled officer on active service, who wanted an American fortune of \$7,500,000, to let him know. Frau von Quitzow put Elissler in communication with Baron Muenchhausen, who is a lieutenant in the Prussian army. The baron, according to statements made in court, agreed to give Elissler five per cent of the money of the marriage taking place, and he signed conditional bills for \$75,000. On these bills Elissler raised money in Ber-

lin from a group of persons, which included Pincus and the two Mendelssohns and Baron von Muenchhausen. He was provided with the money with which he paid the expenses of his journey to the United States. Elissler's partner in this adventure was a lady's maid, who had been formerly in the service of the rich American woman referred by Elissler. She preceded the baron to the United States to negotiate the marriage, but her efforts were not successful. The name of the heiress in question is not disclosed. Baron von Muenchhausen did make the acquaintance while in the United States of Martha Washington Beckel, a woman of moderate wealth, who according to the German papers, he married in 1899. Since his marriage the baron has been living with his wife on his estate near Schwolber, Hanover. On his return to Germany Baron von Muenchhausen had to reckon with the holder of his bills. A compromise was negotiated, Pincus and the Mendelssohns surrendering his paper on the payment of comparatively small sums. Baron von Muenchhausen afterwards accused these men of blackmail, and the matter was thus brought into court. Pincus and the Mendelssohns were acquitted of the charge against them.

SABINO NOT GUILTY.

MADRID, Nov. 8.—At Bilbao today the jury in the trial of Sabino Arana, leader of the autonomist party in the Basque provinces, who was charged with having sent President Roosevelt last spring a congratulatory dispatch on the granting of Cuban independence, returned a verdict of not guilty and the court discharged the prisoner. The public receive the decision of the court with expressions of satisfaction.

ANOTHER POLAR EXPEDITION.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Nov. 8.—Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Arctic explorer, announces that a Polar expedition under command of Capt. Amundsen will start in 1903 for King William's Land (east coast of Greenland) and will proceed thence to Behring Straits. Prof. Schmidt, of Berlin, characterizes the expedition as the most important task in the domain of terrestrial magnetism.

BRITISH WORKING-  
MEN IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The itinerary for the first week of the tour of the British workmen brought to this country by Alfred Moseley was announced today. There will be about 20 delegates in Mr. Moseley's party, but only 10 of them will start from New York. The others will land within a few days at Montreal.  
The delegation in this city will leave for Buffalo next Thursday, and they will stop at Schenectady to visit the electric and locomotive works there. The entire party will assemble at Buffalo Friday, and after inspecting the electrical plant at Niagara Falls they will go to Cleveland, where they will remain three days. The party will leave Cleveland Monday evening for Chicago.

GERALD SIFTON  
IS NOT GUILTY

LONDON, Ont. Nov. 8.—The jury in the Sifton murder case has returned a verdict of "not guilty." After being sent back by the judge when they disagreed.  
WILL VISIT CANADA.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Sir Vincent Barrington, ex-president of the London chamber of commerce, who arrived here today on the Umbria, heads a committee of ten who have come to be present at the dedication of the New York chamber of commerce on Tuesday next. They will go to Washington and be received by the president on November 15th. After that they will visit Canada.

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MILITIA TO  
PROTECT A NEGRO

ANNISTON, Ala., Nov. 7.—Orders have been issued calling out the second battalion of the Third Infantry, Alabama National Guard, to protect James H. Bacon, a negro, who was brought here charged with assaulting Mrs. John Williams near here. Mrs. Williams is in a semi-conscious condition. She failed to identify the negro. When turned over to the sheriff the understanding was that the negro should not be removed from the county until a chance was given for identification.  
A mob of 500 men gathered at the jail at noon. A speech was made by the sheriff and the crowd dispersed.  
A negro named Lamford, also answering to the description of Mrs. Williams' assailant is now being sought by a large crowd near here.

COURTNEY'S ATTITUDE  
REMEMBERED

LONDON, Nov. 7.—Referring to the possibility of Cornell University sending a crew to compete at the Henley regatta next year, the Daily Telegraph says: Cornell will be warmly welcomed at Henley, but the crew would be well advised not to allow the prominence to their professional coach, M. Courtney, which he enjoyed on the occasion of his last visit. Mr. Courtney's attitude toward the Henley club has not been forgotten and it has not been forgiven. No one at Henley wishes to have anything to do with his methods of management. Cornell's captain can do all that is required and every one will wish him the best of luck.

English Railway Men  
to Visit Canada

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 6.—A party of English railroad men were in Buffalo tonight.  
They are H. A. Watson, general superintendent, Mr. Cadworth, chief engineer, and Mr. Raven, superintendent of motive power of the Northeastern Railway of England. They are to inspect the American railway systems and the electric plant and power development work of this country and Canada. Tomorrow morning the party will be taken through the general electric

company's plant and will be shown the interlocking system at the railway yards. At noon they will proceed to the falls in a special car and will inspect the power plant, the pneumatic signal station and other places. Then they will take the parlor car Ondara of the International Traction company and will ride around the gorge belt line. They will return to Buffalo tomorrow night and on the following morning go to Lockport and then to Montreal, Schenectady and Boston.

THE INDIANAPOLIS  
GRAVE ROBBERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 8.—Rufus Cantrell and John McEntree, leaders of the gangs of ghouls who robbed the 30 and 40 graves, were taken to the Ebenezzer and Anderson cemeteries for the purpose of identifying the graves they robbed. The detectives wanted the names of the bodies stolen in order that warrants might be made out at the Anderson cemetery. The sexton told the detectives that about 40 graves in the place were empty in the Anderson cemetery. Cantrell pointed out the graves of a woman and her daughter as among those he had robbed. Cantrell said he stole the body of the woman by agreement with her husband, and paid him half of the \$350 which the prominent local physician paid for the body. The daughter died a short time afterwards and Cantrell said he was at the grave the night after the funeral and stole the body.

TWO KILLED--SEV-  
ENTEEN INJURED

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 7.—Two men were killed and seventeen injured by a premature explosion of dynamite at Jeffreyville, 65 miles from here today. The injured were buried under a great mass of earth thrown up by the explosion. A force of men was put to work shoveling away the wreck. The first two victims uncovered were dead.  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 7.—August Rapps and L. Benneck were killed and Patrick Doyle, Harry Cronin and William Sanders badly injured today by the premature explosion of a blast in a cut which the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado Road is building west of Union, Mo. The five men were buried under a mass of stones and dirt. Rapps and Benneck were dead when taken out, while the others were unconscious and mangled.

NEW TREATMENT  
IN SCARLET FEVER

MONTREAL, Nov. 6.—Dr. G. A. Charlton Rockefeller, professor of pathology of McGill University, has just concluded the treatment of 15 severe cases of scarlet fever with a new serum. Under ordinary treatment a large proportion would have ended fatally or been accompanied by troublesome complications. Thirteen made prompt recoveries almost from complications, two died, one four hours after admission to the hospital, and the other from diphtheria. It is expected the new serum will do as much for scarlet fever as anti-toxine has done for diphtheria.

SHAMROCK III  
ON NEW LINES

GLASGOW, Nov. 7.—The Associated Press understands that in the Shamrock III will be embodied some radical departures from the principles of construction employed in previous challengers. These changes are said to be due to an accidental discovery made during the construction of Shamrock I and the Shamrock II, which convinced designer Watson that there had been a fundamental error in construction of all recent challengers. The discovery was made too late to admit of remodelling Shamrock I, but when its nature was explained to Sir Thomas Lipton it had great weight in deciding him to try for the America's cup for the third time. Both Designers Pife and Watson are convinced that they possess solid data upon which they will now be able to build a yacht superior to any previous cup racers. They are certain they have evolved an idea which affects the whole theory of the propulsion of sailing yachts.

SCOTCH ENGINES FOR C. P. R.

MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has given a contract to the Miller Locomotive Company of Glasgow, Scotland, for the building of 20 freight locomotives to be delivered early in 1903. This is an experimental order, and if the engines are up to the standard in all probability the order will be increased. The contract price, which includes the import duty of 35 per cent less a third for preference, figures out about the same as quoted in the American market, but as all the works in the United States are congested with over-work, it is well nigh impossible to get contracts filled there.  
It is nearly twenty years since the Canadian Pacific has had any Scotch engines on its system, since which time great improvements have been made in their construction, and it is now claimed that they will last longer with fewer repairs than the American article. It is partly to test this and to add to the motive power the contract has been awarded.

CARRIG KNOCKED OUT.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Tim Kearnis of Boston, knocked out Jack Carrig of Olean, N. Y., here tonight in the fourth round of what was to have been a six round bout. It was Kearnis' fight all the way, Carrig being knocked out in the second round.  
In one of the preliminaries Jimmy Ranch, of this city, a short time ago one of the best bantam weights in the country, was knocked out in the second round by Jimmy Kelly, a comparative novice.  
At a dinner recently, Archbishop-elect John M. Farley of New York elected the following incident: "It was shortly after I had been made vicar-general or Monsignor—I do not remember which—when an aged Irish woman encountered me on the street. She was a good old soul, and had been a member of our parish church for years. Grasping me by the hand, she remarked: 'Oh, Father, and sure the Lord bless you; I hear they gave you a rise.' I replied that her information was correct. 'Well,' she responded, 'an I'm pleased for that; it's yourself that deserves the rise.' I thanked the good woman sincerely and was about to leave her, when, still holding my hand, she remarked: 'And all I hope is that the next rise they give you will be to heaven.'"

ANOTHER STEEL COMPANY.

\$6,000,000 Concern Is Placed Before the Public.  
MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—The prospectus of the Canadian Steel and Coal Company has just made its appearance in Montreal.  
It calls for an issue of \$1,000,000 of 7 per cent preferred stock at par, the stock being divided into 10,000 shares at \$100 each. There are also \$5,000,000 of common stock, which is issued and fully paid up. One share of common, par value \$100, will be given with each share of preferred. The company is organized to mine and manufacture iron and coal, coke and steel, in Canada, at Atlantic tide-water. These and other statements in relation to the enterprise are set forth in the prospectus, which bears the signature of "Colonial Securities Company, 62 Wall Street, New York City." There is nothing to show who constitute the Colonial Securities Company, as the advertisement does not bear the name of any individual whatever. Enquiry among three or four Montrealers who should be in a position to know, failed to disclose any knowledge of the enterprise.

FOOTPADS WERE MERE BOYS.

Toronto Citizens Held Up and Beaten by Youths in Their Teens.  
John N. Grady, 207 Lansdowne avenue, was held up by four youthful highway-men on St. Clares avenue last night between 8:30 and 9 o'clock. They tied his hands behind his back, then went through his pockets, but got nothing, whereupon they gave their victim a severe beating. His shouts attracted P. C. Cronin, who gave chase and captured Alex. McCullough, of 61 Houtzay street. The other three got away. McCullough is 16 years old and his pals seemed to be of about the same age.

SHAMBLEAU'S SHORTAGE.

The County of Kent's Loss Placed at \$12,000.  
CHATHAM, Nov. 8.—The defalcation of County Treasurer A. L. Shambleau is now known to have reached the sum of \$12,000, and a thorough audit may reveal a more serious state of affairs. The county council held a special session, and talked the matter over with Auditor F. H. MacPherson of Windsor, who first discovered the shortage in the county books quite accidentally. He was engaged in an audit of the books of the treasurer of Romney township, and had occasion to examine some of the county treasurer's books, when the discrepancy was discovered. He reported to the warden that Treasurer Shambleau was apparently \$2000 short in his cash, and the warden promptly suspended the official. At the council meeting it was said the total discrepancy would amount to \$12,000, and possibly more.

TO WATCH THE LINE

MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—Mr. Robert Watchorn, the special immigration inspector of the United States here left on the Pacific Express Thursday morning on a tour of inspection of the boundary between here and New Westminster, and for the purpose of appointing inspectors at different points, where undesirable immigrants are now making their way into the adjoining republic.  
The United States government is determined that if it is necessary to appoint an additional hundred inspectors to protect the frontier they shall be named, as Mr. Watchorn deems advisable.  
It has been decided so far to appoint three at New Westminster, B. C.; two at Ryker's, B. C.; two at Northport, one at Courts, one at North Portal, and twenty or thirty between Pembina and North Portal.  
"It is surprising," said Mr. Watchorn today, "the persistency with which immigrants who have been refused admission at eastern points will proceed over a thousand miles westward to sneak through at some point there, circumvent us and double back to the point where they desire to settle."

PRISONER—WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO LET ME TELL MY OWN STORY?

"It would be believed?"  
"Lawyer—That's just the difficulty. It wouldn't carry conviction—Stray Stories."

The French Strikers  
Become Disorderly

PARIS, Nov. 8.—A meeting was held at Lens (Pas de Calais) today of delegates from the coal mining districts, the object being to determine whether to accept the adverse arbitration decision or to continue the strike. The leaders are seeking to induce its assistance, but the miners generally are in-

sisting on a continuance of the strike. Disorderly scenes continue to occur throughout the mining regions. At Bruay (Department Du Nor) four soldiers were wounded during a melee and at Lievin (Pas de Calais) houses and stores were sacked by strikers and two children were injured.

GYMNASTS ORGANIZE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Gymnasts of America held a meeting today at the Murray Hill Hotel and reorganized for the coming season. It was decided to hold the annual intercollegiate contests in the gymnasium of the New York University on March 27, 1903.

The Newfoundland Question  
and Arbitration

PARIS, Nov. 8.—It was learned authoritatively today that Minister Delcasse is not seeking arbitration of the British-French Newfoundland fisheries question. M. Delcasse recently wrote to Baron de Estournelles de Constant (the French delegate to The Hague peace conference) that the government was seeking to utilize The Hague tribunal by referring to it a pending diplomatic question, and some of the English papers

drew the conclusion that this referred to Newfoundland.  
But it is said at the foreign office that the Newfoundland question is not considered a proper subject for arbitration at The Hague, as it involves the issue of French sovereignty. It is understood that M. Delcasse's reference was to an agreement to arbitrate the clause referring to foreigners holding property in Japan as set forth in the treaties with that country.