

EIGHT LUMBER MILLS WILL BE IDLE TODAY

The Men in Cushing's Mill Presented Ultimatum Similar To Others on Saturday—Randolph & Baker's and Miller Bros' Pokiook Mill Not Yet Affected—Deal Pilers Form Union.

On the occasion of the recent difficulty at Cushing's mills, it was stated that general dissatisfaction existed among the lumber mill operatives, and that a strike was likely to occur if the anticipated demand for higher wages was not granted. Yesterday's events demonstrated the partial correctness at least of this prophecy, as about one thousand men, who were working yesterday, will not respond to the call of their accustomed labor this morning.

The mills which will be idle today as a result of the trouble are Stetson, Cutler & Co.'s big mill at Indiantown, and their mill at Pleasant Point, Miller Bros' mill at the Strait Shore, John E. Moore & Co.'s, and Murray & Gregory's.

The men interviewed seem quite confident that the mill owners will eventually come to terms, and as the owners are equally confident that they will not see a season of stagnation seems imminent.

The shutting down of these mills is a serious blow to the community, and the hope is expressed that the suspension will not be of long duration.

Randolph & Baker, Andre Cushing & Sons, J. E. Savre and Hilliard Bros. are all expected to resume work as usual this morning.

Mr. McMurray stated that he was formed that Murray and Gregory's mill would start the rotary and saw pine on Wednesday. This he said was for the purpose of putting up a bluff to the deal pilers and also to give the shingle sawers employment, as they had threatened to leave the city and go elsewhere for work if the mills did not start up soon.

"This can be done," said McMurray, "as this can be done by the deal pilers by the men at slack times. It does not have to be sorted; they can't see any sense in it."

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Stetson, Cutler & Co. admitted that their men had gone out. About four hundred are employed in their two mills. The pilots sent a delegation to the office of the mill, where they wanted two dollars and thirty cents instead of two dollars, which they are now receiving, and announced that they would not be back in the morning if their demands were not met.

NEW BRUNSWICKERS HAVE DONE WELL IN THE WEST

The Saskatoon Phoenix of Friday, June 1, has the following announcement, which will doubtless be of interest:

COY, RIDGOUT & ROSS. A newly organized realty firm in the west, who are located in the office on Second avenue hitherto occupied by W. H. Coy. Of the personnel of the company nothing need be said of W. H. Coy, who has for some time been one of our prominent real estate men. H. E. Ridgout is a man of wide experience in the real estate business in the west, and for over a year had an office in Calgary. Edwin B. Ross is a young lawyer from St. John, N. B., and a graduate of Dalhousie College.

W. H. Coy is a New Brunswick man, but has spent several years in western Canada. He was for some time traveling auditor on the C. P. R., and thus had opportunity for seeing and studying the west, which was not in vain. He is also a New Brunswick man, but has spent several years in western Canada. He was for some time traveling auditor on the C. P. R., and thus had opportunity for seeing and studying the west, which was not in vain.

It is quite likely that the deal pilers will meet tonight and form a union. Yesterday a number of the men were talking the question over with the result that if they can get a half their wages they will meet tonight and form a union. They feel that the mill owners will do all they can to make them give in, and they consider that they will be in a much better position to hold out than they would be individually.

Thomas McMurray, one of the deal pilers, when seen by the Sun last evening, said there would be about 75 men in the union, and there was no reason why they should not have a good society. He is of the opinion that the deal pilers will have the sympathy of the shingle sawers' union. They will as a union ask for the increase of 30 cents already demanded, and further will ask for weekly payment instead of every two weeks as at present. Mr. McMurray was confident that they would be able to hold out against the mill owners and force them to accede to their requests. "The mill owners will hesitate to give us the increase," said Mr. McMurray, "only that they are afraid that if they gave us an increase they would not be able to get their men back."

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Lorne, besides suffering from the effects of the acid, has also bronchial pneumonia. Mr. McKenzie told the Sun yesterday that the doctor held out no hope for the boy's recovery, saying it would only be a question of a day or two at the most. His temperature ranges between 104 and 106. The fever from the burn has greatly aggravated the pneumonia.

Telephone Improves Language. (Cleveland Leader.) To obtain the best results from the telephone a well modulated voice and a crisp, distinct enunciation are necessary. The soft drawl and the dropping of the 'r's, which characterize the south, would make any such change first perceptible there. The telephone should have a tendency, also, to cause the western drawl to disappear. Talking over the wire naturally is accompanied by the feeling that it must be brief and businesslike. This is not only on account of the tolls charged, but because the person who "calls up" is bound to remember that the one to whom he is speaking may be busy.

Long-distance telephoning, which is daily coming to greater use, must also have a certain effect in bringing the speaking of the language nearer to the common level. This, also, has been noticed in the south, where the rough business and industrial awakening has suddenly increased with other sections of the country.

Any change in the speaking of English made by the telephone is sure to be for the better. It will mean tones rather too high nor too low, and terse, clear sentences, distinctly articulated.

MOUNT MIDDLETON, June 8.—Miss Hannah Hay, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Killam of Mount Middleton, who has been ill of health for some time, is now in Sussex undergoing medical treatment, attended by Dr. McAllister.

84 YEAR OLD MAN SUED FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

Ethel Grace Gibbon of Bayswater, Wants \$10,000 from George Rowley of Carleton

She Says He Promised to Marry Her and Produces Letters to Prove It—He Says She Only Wanted His Money and Is a Snake in the Grass—Relatives Greatly Interested in the Affair—The Case Will Be Tried Here June 19.

George Rowley, eighty-four years of age, a retired carpenter, residing in the west end, has been sued for breach of promise by Ethel Grace Gibbon, a young lady about twenty-five years old, a native of Bayswater, but who has for the last few years been acting as a nurse in Boston hospitals. The case will come up for hearing at the next sitting of the circuit court, on the 19th of this month, before his honor Judge McLeod.

The history of this leafy month of June, the days of orange blossoms and rice, is likely to contain on its pages the record of one of the most remarkable cases that has been tried in the local courts of justice. The plaintiff in the case engaged Dr. L. A. Currey of Currey & Vincent to act on her behalf last February. A writ was served by the sheriff on the defendant at that time at his home, 40 Prince street. Mr. Rowley immediately put the case in the hands of J. B. M. Baxter, his attorney.

L. A. Currey, K. C., yesterday, speaking to the Sun, said he had sent word to Miss Gibbon to be on hand on the 19th, when the case is to come up for trial. Dr. Currey said that he had never met his client previous to her visit to him in February, when she had put the case in his hands. Dr. Currey stated that he had never seen the defendant nor had any correspondence with him. He had asked the plaintiff if he was a young man, and she replied no, that he was "oldish." The plaintiff told him that Mr. Rowley is very well off. The action, he said, was brought for \$10,000. Dr. Currey stated that his client had entrusted to him a bundle of letters written by plaintiff, in the case engaged Dr. L. A. Currey of Currey & Vincent to act on her behalf last February. A writ was served by the sheriff on the defendant at that time at his home, 40 Prince street. Mr. Rowley immediately put the case in the hands of J. B. M. Baxter, his attorney.

There are few better known men in Carleton than Mr. Rowley. Almost all his life has been spent on the west side. His retirement from active work a number of years ago he was known as a most diligent and faithful worker at his trade of carpentry. Although never making very high wages he always lived carefully and spent prudently, so that when old age came on him he had some \$4,000 stored away in the bank.

About seven years ago his wife passed away and, three months later his sister-in-law, who had been living with them also died. Since that time Mr. Rowley has been living the greater part of the time alone in his little house on Prince street. The winter months, however, he sometimes spends with friends.

Mr. Rowley has been twice married, but his family have all passed away with the exception of one daughter, Mrs. Marie Foster, who lives with her own family at Black Range, N. S.

Having retired entirely from his trade, Mr. Rowley devoted the most of his time to his little garden back of his house. There he found wholesome and light employment for his declining years in his vegetable beds, not so much, as he himself says, for the steps which she did.

Mr. Rowley was seen yesterday afternoon in his home by a Sun reporter. The house is a small one and a "half story" wooden house on Prince street, not far from the water front. Mr. Rowley was as usual alone in the house. He is not young looking for his age, but he is healthy and shows his 84 years. His beard, of the Kruger description, adds very much to his ancient appearance.

He complained frequently of the pains and aches which racked his body, and said that he was far more troubled with them than with his legal difficulties. His opinion of Miss Gibbon's action is most decided.

"It is not me that she wants," he said, "it is my money. It is all a game, as she thinks I am not very rich. But I thank God I am not. She can get nothing from me. The only thing they could do would be to send me to prison. \$10,000, why I have not even 10,000 cents. I never had 10,000 cents. How could a man working at his trade save \$10,000. Why I had to be most careful to save \$4,000."

Mr. Rowley says that the girl offered to come and keep house for him, but he refused to marry her. She wanted him to move across the harbor and run an establishment in a style befitting her wishes and ideas.

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BUTLER SHOT AND KILLED CHAUFFEUR

Took Him For a Burglar and Fired When He Heard a Noise in Drawing Room

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass., June 11.—Reginald Stafford, aged 33, was killed at Hill Crest in North Andover Centre early this morning.

Stafford met his death by a bullet which was discharged from a revolver which it is said was in the hands of Edward Ruby, the butler at the house. Hill Crest is the General Eben Sutton mansion. It is occupied in the summer by Mrs. Mary H. Sutton, widow of the late Gen. Sutton, and John H. Scoville, her son-in-law, and family of New York.

Only meagre details of the tragedy so far have been obtained.

Mr. Scoville told a reporter that all he knew was that the butler heard a noise in the drawing room after midnight. The butler fired a revolver when he heard the noise.

A hasty examination showed that the shot had struck Stafford in the head. Death was probably instantaneous.

Stafford was employed by Mr. Scoville as a chauffeur. He had been at Hill Crest only a few days. His home is in New York.

The police were notified at once and word was sent to the medical examiner's office. Undertaker Hill was also notified.

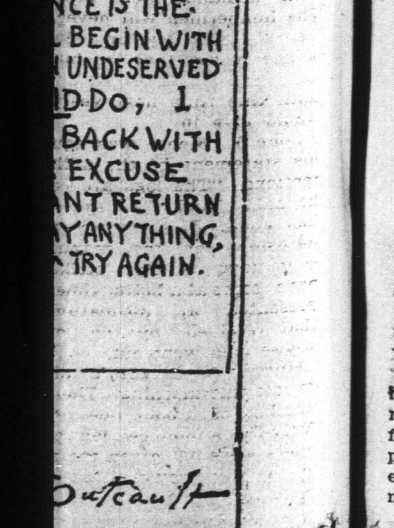
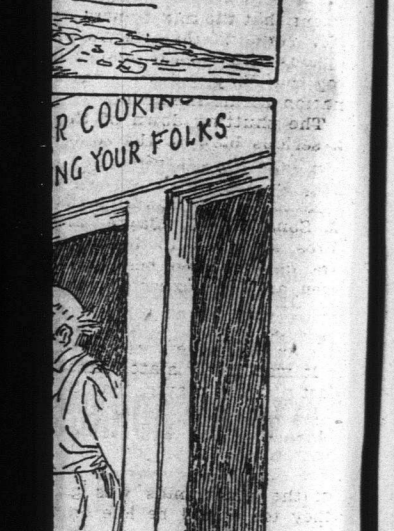
Doctor Reid went to Hill Crest early this morning.

The butler, Edward Ruby, told Dr. Reid that he heard the shooting. Ruby said that he heard a noise in the drawing room, and when he entered it he saw a form behind a lounge. He fired two shots and then called in J. E. T. Orlando, a servant, and then turned up the lights and found Stafford on the floor. A bullet was found on the dead body. The bullet passed through the arm and entered the lung from the side, causing a hemorrhage.

HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE IN QUIET (Chicago Chronicle.) Herbert Tate Willis, the well known authority on bridge, plays badly if there are too many onlookers about.



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TERribly BURNED BY SULPHURIC

Lorne McKenzie Will Die as a Result of Injuries Accidentally Received—Mother Also Burned.

A very sad accident occurred in the home of William McKenzie at 264 Waterloo street, yesterday, when his little five-year-old boy, Lorne, was badly burned with sulphuric acid, which will probably cause his death.

The little fellow was just at the foot of the stairs when he heard his mother scolding. He immediately started up the steps, when the contents of a bottle spilled into his face, burning his hair fearfully and for the time blinding him.

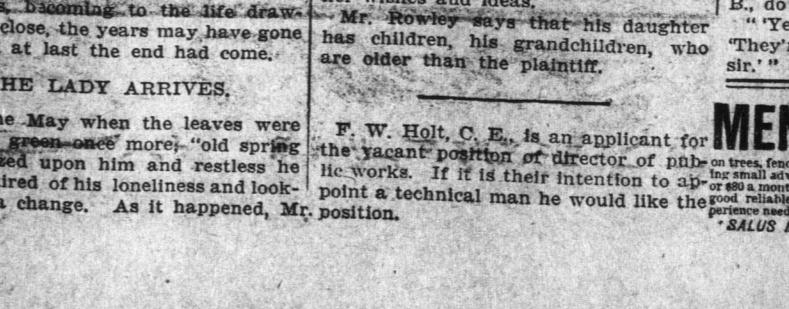
Mrs. McKenzie was in a room just above and accidentally upset a bottle containing sulphuric acid, spilling some of it on her hand, which made her cry out. The bottle rolled down the steps and Lorne was coming up, throwing the remainder in his face.

Dr. Scammell was summoned and rendered medical assistance. Nurses from the hospital have been in attendance on the little boy. Both Mrs. McKenzie and Mr. McKenzie have been in bed since getting better. Mrs. McKenzie's hand is very badly burned and is very painful.

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