

TIED AND GAGGED BY UNKNOWN MAN

Such is the Queer Story Told in Sober Earnest by Ada Williams

LONG UNCONSCIOUS

Says She Lay Senseless from Ten O'Clock Saturday Night Until Daylight Sunday—Young Man, Not Her Assailant, Untied Her and Ran Away—Attacked Three Weeks Ago, Too.

Bound and gagged by an unknown man and left unconscious for hours—that is the strange story told by Ada Williams and believed by her employer and her friends. The case has many peculiar features. The young woman says this is the second attack made upon her within three weeks. She did not appear to be seriously injured Monday, but was apparently suffering severely from shock.

Little progress has been made towards discovering the man who, as the girl asserts, set upon her between Orange and Princess streets Saturday night, although the facts in connection with the attack upon her are now pretty well known. Part of Sunday and all day Monday Detective Killen has been working on the case. The girl can give but little information about the appearance of her assailant.

The girl, who is about 24 years of age, belongs to Utica, and came here about ten weeks ago as a servant for Mrs. J. E. Rogers, who lives at 107 Orange street, which is also the residence of Mr. Rogers' father, R. R. Rogers, since coming to St. John she has been lodging with Mrs. Charles Fowler, 778 Princess street. This is just in the rear of the residence occupied by Mr. Rogers and it has been the custom of Miss Williams to return to her lodgings by way of the back yard and through a barn between, as the lots adjoin, instead of going around by Pitt street.

The Attack. Saturday night soon after 10 o'clock, she went down the rear stairway of the Rogers' home and across the yard as usual. Nearly every other night a lamp had been held in the rear window to light her on her way. On Saturday night this was not done and she started across in the darkness.

The barn already mentioned, which is used as a carriage house, is about half way across the yard. A rope had been fastened to the door of the barn with one hand by a big man standing just inside; the other hand he placed over her mouth. He said: "If you try to put a knife into my back I will throw you down, she says, and she fainted.

Curious Details. At what happened for a long time after that she appears to have no knowledge. Of about daybreak Sunday morning, she says, she came to with a sensation of being bound. When she regained consciousness she was lying outside the building, behind the door which was kept open by a heavy block of wood. She lay close in between a box and a stake. A rope had been passed loosely around her shoulders and the stake and her feet were also bound. Her waist was torn across the front and a \$2 bill which had been pinned inside was gone. She was almost hidden behind the open door and the rubbish piled there.

She soon became aware of the presence of a young man, who was looking down at her. "You are in a nice fix, ain't you?" he said. Then he unbound her feet and went away. The rope arms had become loosened as she tried to sit up. Who the young man was she does not know. Soon after he departed she heard the rumbling of a wagon and it was presumed it might have been a milkman.

She was terribly frightened and un-nerved. She ran to her lodging house, rapped on the window and Mrs. Fowler let her in. There she related with a great deal of effort her strange experiences.

Her appearance—her dishevelled hair, the soiled and torn clothes and her dirt-traced and half wild look indicated that she had been wretchedly assaulted. About 7 o'clock Mrs. J. E. Rogers was told the story.

As soon as R. R. Rogers learned what had happened he telephoned to the central police station, but as there seemed to be no policeman there he hunted up Detective Killen and told him the story. This was about 9 or 10 a. m. Sunday. The darkness of the night and the suddenness of the attack, upon which she immediately fainted, makes it impossible to very accurately describe her assailant. Detective Killen said last night that the police had not found out very much new thus far.

About a fortnight ago Miss Williams says she was the victim of an attempted assault of a similar nature. Coming up Princess street one night she was seized by a big man who threw an arm about her shoulders and half forced her to accompany him across to what she thinks was Farmington street. A posse, by saw what was happening and told the man to let the girl alone or he would call the police. Finding out he was in danger of arrest the girl's assailant hurried away.

Miss Williams thinks the same man committed both assaults. She is apparently much un-nerved by her Saturday night's adventure and did not care to be questioned closely. She bears a good reputation and that gives support to her story. She had frequently been on the street evenings before the first assault, which she had not till Sunday mentioned, to any body, but after that she remained in the house.

Miss Williams is a slender girl, of medium height, and wears spectacles as she is short-sighted.

Presentation to Truro Priest. Truro, N. S., Sept. 25.—(Special)—A large number of ladies and gentlemen, parishioners of the church of Immaculate Conception, gathered on Sunday evening at the residence of Rev. Father Kin to receive the Rev. Father Kin and a party of his friends.

ST. JOHN VESSEL CUT DOWN AT SEA

The Viola Run Into by Steamer Indian in Vineyard Sound

CARGO SAVED SCHOONER

Loaded with Lumber Shipped by Randolph & Baker—Captain Worked Waterlogged Craft Into Vineyard Haven Under Her Own Sail—Both Vessel and Cargo Insured.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Sept. 24.—The British schooner Viola, bound from St. John (N.B.), for New York with a cargo of lumber, was worked into the harbor here today in a water-logged condition, the vessel having been cut down last night by the steamer Indian, of the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company. The steamer stood by the damaged craft for three hours and proceeded to Boston, it is not known what damage, if any, the Indian sustained.

The steamer was on her way from Philadelphia to Boston. When off East Chop, Vineyard Sound, at 9 o'clock, the steamer suddenly crashed into the Viola, which was running on the port tack, close hauled, in a brisk North-east breeze. A great hole was torn in the port side of the schooner and the water which poured into the opening filled the hold within a few minutes. The port side between the fore and main rigging was torn away to a point below the water line and the hull and rigging were not injured.

The schooner's cargo of lumber kept her from sinking. The Indian stayed by the disabled craft until midnight, when Captain Cole of the Viola set sail and started to work his vessel into Vineyard Haven. The captain of the Indian did not consider it advisable to take the schooner in tow as he feared that she would capsize.

The Indian proceeded for Boston just after midnight. Captain Cole says that he did not ascertain what damage the steamer sustained, but he thought that it was not serious. He thinks that had his vessel not been laden with a buoyant cargo, he and his crew would have had a difficult time saving their lives. Captain Cole will remain here and await orders from the owners of the vessel, J. W. Smith, of St. John, N. B., in 1881, and sails from Windsor (N.S.). She registers 124 tons.

R. Duncan Smith informed The Telegraph last evening that the cargo of the Viola consisted of logs and long lumber from Randolph & Baker's mill, and was consigned to New York. The vessel and cargo were both insured.

COST HIM \$20 TO HIT A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Leonard Baizley Convicted of Assaulting A. D. Jonah of Sackville—Conflicting Evidence.

Sackville, N. B., Sept. 23.—(Special)—The case of A. D. Jonah, principal of the Sackville High School, against Leonard Baizley, for assault and battery, occupied the attention of the police magistrate today. A. W. Bennett was for the prosecution, while A. B. Copp defended Mr. Baizley.

Mr. Baizley was the first witness. He said Baizley had met him in the street and asked him why he had pulled his child's ears out by the roots. Jonah replied that he must not believe all children say. Baizley had put his hands upon him with an intention to strike. Afterwards he had actually committed the assault, striking him several times on the face and head. Mr. Jonah said he did not hit back.

This testimony was corroborated by Mrs. Blair Taylor, B. C. Barbour, Geo. Hennes, and a school boy, and Joseph W. Dobson. For the defence Mr. Baizley swore that Jonah had pulled his child's ears so as to bring blood and caused him to bleed. He said he told him that he would pull his children's ears and his too if he wanted to, and had then struck him in the nose, bringing blood. When Baizley slapped Jonah several times.

C. M. Gibbs, barber, formerly of St. John, swore that he heard Jonah make a remark about pulling powder in cars, and had seen him hit Baizley in the nose. He did not see Baizley hit Jonah, for he purposely turned his back. After counsel addressed the court, Judge Cahill reviewed the evidence and fined Baizley \$20 and costs, or two months in jail.

Yacht Ida M. Burned. With her stern wreathed in flames the steam yacht Ida M., owned by George F. Hawkhurst, the Main street blacksmith, was driven ashore Wednesday afternoon on the river late Saturday afternoon.

But, happily, the burning of the Ida M. was not marked by the loss of life. There were four men on board—Mr. Hawkhurst, Edward H. Harrington, the Main street plumber; William Maxwell, and Frederick Carling, also of the North End. All escaped without injury.

They were returning from a cruise on Washademoak lake. The outing was also largely in the nature of a hunting trip, and the fact that gun powder in considerable quantity was stored in the cabin did not lessen the grave peril in which they stood.

The yacht was launched last May. In length she was about 35 feet, and her machinery and general equipment and furnishings made her one of the best in the fleet of small river steam craft. The boat drew a little over four feet, and by the time she gained shallow water all hope of saving her had been abandoned.

Shortly after the discovery of the fire Mr. Carling removed the guns and powder from the cabin and when near the shore he waded to the land with them. "Once on shore," said Mr. Hawkhurst, "there remained little for us to do except watch her burn. She burned to the water line. The machinery is a complete wreck. It will not be possible to make any repairs. Early in the evening we started for home by way of Baywater."

Mr. Hawkhurst has \$2,800 insurance, which will cover the loss. The cost of the boat was slightly over that figure.

SARDINE HERRING COURTENA BAY

Millions of Little Fish Pursued By Foes Are Left By The Tide

A STRANGE SIGHT

Hake and Haddock Found With Fish in Their Mouths—The Dogfish Claim a Share—Many Visitors to the Spot.

Millions of sardine herring were to be seen on the Courtney Bay flats on Saturday and among the rocks in the vicinity of the Alma House. Left by the tide as it ebbed the spectacle of the little fish in countless numbers was an extraordinary one and attracted many visitors to the spot throughout the day.

A walk across the flats led no doubt as to the reason for the sudden arrival of the herring. Large numbers of silver hake and haddock lay dead upon the mud, in some cases with three and four little fish in their jaws. The first receding tide had left them stranded like this, and pursued had died a similar death. The dog fish are also believed to have followed the school of herring into the bay, and on Saturday afternoon a long dark line was noticeable on the water, which was said to be the dog fish coming in with the tide to feast upon their prey.

The sight of the millions of shining fish lying among the rocks beneath the Alma House would not readily be forgotten. In places they reached a depth of three feet and residents in the neighborhood, both young and old, were out with buckets and bags selecting the larger sizes. It was not long before the news spread to the city and teams of all kinds were busy loading up with the fish to be used as manure.

It is probable that the herring were driven in by the larger fish and, coming straight up the bay found themselves approaching shallow water. To turn was to swim into the jaws of their pursuers. The only chance of escape lay in making a circle and so regaining the open sea. In attempting this manoeuvre the little fish were shut in by the rocks which form a bay beneath the Alma House and the receding tide left them to their fate.

EMMERSON HINTS AT HIGHER RATES ON I. C. R.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerison, minister of railways, returned to the city yesterday, after making a thorough and rapid inspection of the Intercolonial and the government lines in making a tour of the coast.

He was accompanied by J. M. Butler, the new deputy minister, who, from his practical experience of railway work, was able to contribute many valuable suggestions existing on the road. A whole month was spent in this work. The object of the inspection was to see what could be done to reduce the expenditures more in keeping with the revenue and prevent the deficits which are resulting from the operation of the road.

The cause which contributed to the deficits existing on the road, and which the government would like to see remedied, was the fact that the expenditures were entirely outside political consideration. One drawback was that boards of trade along the line of railway endeavored to direct and control the running of the road. Much more mischief had arisen from this than from any at all political interference.

The great question, said Mr. Emmerison, "can the I. C. R. be operated by the government without an annual loss?" I am prepared to say that I believe it can, and I am prepared to go into all the details at my present trip to satisfy me as to the correctness of my statement. The deputy minister is preparing a report on the subject, which I intend laying before my colleagues along with my own recommendations.

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Where Reforms Can Be Made. Mr. Emmerison pointed out that in the item of coal alone a saving of \$100,000 a year could be effected through a better system of handling it. There was a considerable loss in connection with water tanks. Anything that caused detention meant a big loss in operation. The expenses in connection with the management was one which was closely analyzed. Dispatching of trains was also being looked into.

Asked if the road was not over-manned, the minister replied that there were many officials along the line who were on the Intercolonial, and that its goal was to put the maritime provinces in competition with the Americans, but if the rates were materially increased this would be impossible. This is a feature of the case which the Ontario politician generally ignores.

Higher Rates the Solution. From the minister's remarks the deficits of the Intercolonial will disappear by increasing the revenue and decreasing the expenditure. The question of increasing freight rates to any great extent would be a serious one to Ontario. At present Ontario is able, through the low rates of the Intercolonial, to send its goods to the maritime provinces in competition with the Americans, but if the rates were materially increased this would be impossible. This is a feature of the case which the Ontario politician generally ignores.

Mr. Emmerison will start out tomorrow on a tour of inspection of the canal.

TWO GIRLS TAKE POISON AND LIVE

Both Servants, One Swallowed Poisonous Medicine, the Other Laudanum

QUEER STORIES

Esta Spicer Didn't Want to Get Married and Feared She Might Be Compelled To—Annie Craft Ill and Apparently Drank a Strong Linament or Paregoric—She May Recover.

What was supposed to have been an attempt at suicide caused a commotion in King square at 4.30 Monday afternoon. Whether it was really an attempt at suicide or only an overdose of a poisonous stimulant is uncertain; but as a result the victim, Miss Annie Craft, daughter of Abraham W. Craft, 42 Ludlow street, West End, is now hovering between life and death in the hospital.

Some time between 3 and 4 p. m. Monday Miss Spicer entered King square and as down on the bench placed her hands near the fountain and the corner near the old burying ground. She had in her possession a 3-oz. bottle from which she drank freely. Her father told her that so far as he was aware there were no persons endeavoring to force her into a distasteful marriage.

DR. INCH MEETS HAMPTON SCHOOL BOARDS

Formal Order Issued Uniting the Station and Village Districts.

Hampton, Kings county, Sept. 25.—This afternoon Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education, met the members of the school board of the station and village and settled upon the union which is called for by the votes of the ratepayers at meetings held on the 9th inst.

The village men were S. H. Flowering, G. O. Dickson and Dr. Percy Warrford. The station members were George Langford and J. Fred Giger. F. M. Humphrey, the secretary, was not present, being on a shooting and fishing trip to Lake Upton in Charlotte county.

Dr. Inch informed them that the board of education had decided to unite the two school districts, an official order for which was issued on the 23rd inst. and that for the present, or until the end of the school year, the board of trustees would consist of the trustees of the two boards of school districts, No. 2 and 3 respectively, each section of the board managing and carrying on the schools separately as at present.

The terms of the act by which such a union can be effected are as follows: 1. Whenever the board of education shall see fit, and in more than one district or otherwise after any district, it shall have power from time to time to make such order or orders as it may deem proper, respecting the continuance and constitution of the board of school trustees, removing as it may deem proper any trustee or trustees and appointing other or others in his or their place and respecting the rights, property and liabilities of the districts affected by such union, alteration or division and to relieve, if it shall see fit, and in more than one district, it shall have power from time to time to make such order or orders as it may deem proper, respecting the continuance and constitution of the board of school trustees, removing as it may deem proper any trustee or trustees and appointing other or others in his or their place and respecting the rights, property and liabilities of the districts affected by such union, alteration or division.

Under such an order there will be no apparent change in the present conditions, each district moving forward along its own line.

But matters will not be, in reality, as they have been, for the united board, as the legal board of school trustees for the newly constituted district, will, as one appoint two of the members from each section of the district, who, together with the school inspector, will form a committee to prepare plans and specifications for a suitable building, call for tenders and enter into contracts for the erection and equipment of the same and generally to do all that is necessary to provide educational facilities for the whole district, as will meet the present day demands.

The personal of this committee cannot be announced for a few days until the appointments are actually made, but it is pretty certain that vigorous action will be taken to have the new school running at the earliest day possible.

Harourt Notes. Harourt, Sept. 25.—Rev. J. B. Chapman has so far recovered as to be able to fill all his appointments yesterday.

The Presbyterians' meeting yesterday was filled by Rev. J. H. Black, of Wisconsin. Miss Katie Price spent Sunday at her home in a Bogville.

On the 23rd Misses Helen Bunkerfield and Clara Cull joined Harourt Division, S. of T.

Thomas MacPherson succeeded in shooting a large moose Friday night at Kent Junction. He has shipped the head to Montreal.

Miss Grace Morton is recovering from her severe cold of last week.

Sussex News. Sussex, Sept. 25.—Yesterday was children's day and the children of the church were beautifully decorated with plants for the occasion. The superintendent led the service and read a satisfactory report.

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but the reply received was to the effect that she had better marry the man in question even if death would occur half an hour after the ceremony.

Such an answer evidently caused Miss Spicer much trouble. Her father told her that so far as he was aware there were no persons endeavoring to force her into a distasteful marriage.

The bottle, originally containing a liniment of belladonna, prepared by a St. John druggist on a doctor's prescription and labelled "poison," was picked up on the walk. This liniment is for external application only. In the drug store it was proposed to give her an emetic, but as her stomach was firmly closed and she seemed indisposed to take it, nothing was given save some home made paregoric. C. Smith & Co.'s drug store, Dr. D. Berryman was summoned.

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Has Been Ill. Miss Spicer is about twenty years of age and for some time has been employed as a servant by Mr. Tracey in the city. She has for a long time suffered from internal trouble and has been two or three times in the hospital for treatment, having last week been discharged from there about two weeks ago. She was operated upon a couple of times. Because of her ill health it is not in accord with the wish of her father that she should marry.

Miss Spicer has taken much medicine to try to obtain relief from her ailments, work, and she had a severe attack of the influenza which she drank, was secured by her imprisonment in August. The half-pennyful that remained in the bottle was supposed to be the cause of her illness. Her mother is a widow, and she is now living there. None of the family has been able to see her. Today, however, it is thought her sister may be permitted to speak to her and possibly find out whether it was an overdose or an attempt at suicide.

Acid and Laudanum. Miss Esta Spicer is the name of the young servant who was employed in the evening last, and who, on Saturday evening last, took poison seemingly in an attempt to end her life.

She has quite recovered from the effects of the drug, and will probably leave this morning for her home in Nova Scotia. The mother is a widow, and she is now living there. None of the family has been able to see her. Today, however, it is thought her sister may be permitted to speak to her and possibly find out whether it was an overdose or an attempt at suicide.

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