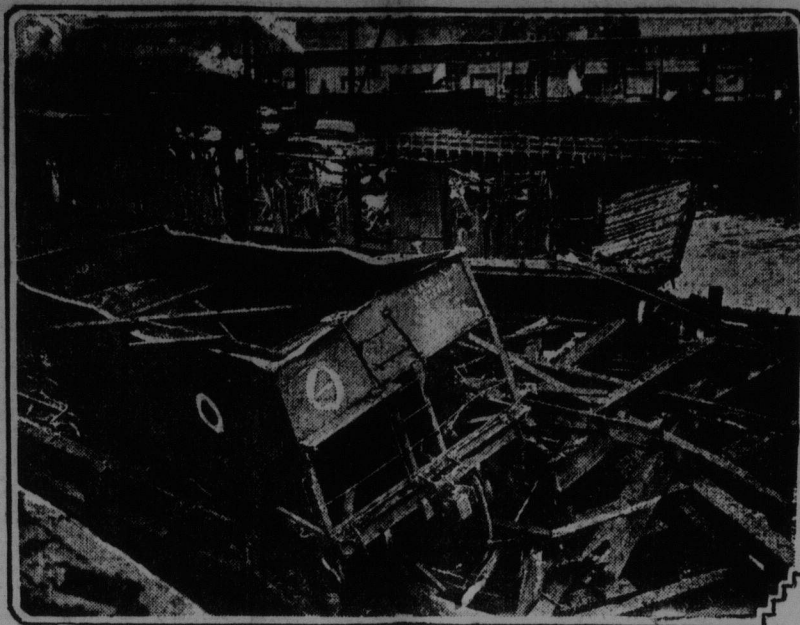


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Scene of destruction in the Central Railroad of New Jersey yards, close to the pier at Communipaw, N. J., where the 50 tons of dynamite exploded, killing 32 and injuring nearly 300 in New Jersey and vicinity.—The central figure is a steel gondola car, battered like an old, kicked hat.

PRIZE RIDDLE OF THE SEA FOR 38 YEARS A MYSTERY

New York Brig Mary Celeste, With Maine Crew on Board, Found Abandoned With Everything in Perfect Order—No Trace Ever Found of Those on Board.

Bangor, Me., Feb. 5.—The finding of the British bark Invernesshire at anchor and abandoned, although shipshape and in perfect trim, off the Falkland Islands, in June last, and the mysterious disappearance of all her company recall to seafaring men the only similar case on record—the prize riddle of the sea of thirty-eight years' standing.

The mystery of the Mary Celeste has always deeply interested mariners and sailors because her mate, Albert G. Richardson, of Stockton, Me., and second officer, Andrew Gilligan, of New York, her crew included Edward William Head, of New York; Volker Lorenz, of Arien Harben, B. Lorenz and Gottlieb Goodhouse of Germany, whose captain's wife and little child were aboard. The ship was light and clean. The crew was contented and the skipper was honest.

From that day that she passed out of Sandy Hook, none of the Mary Celeste's company has ever been seen, dead or alive. The Mary Celeste sighted St. Mary's, in the Azores, on November 7, 1872, according to her log, found afterward.

The log book entry reads: "We sighted St. Mary's today." That is the last entry in the book. No human hand ever touched that page written after these words were written. In sight of land, with a tight ship and a willing crew, the mysterious tragedy occurred. What happened after that entry of November 24 nobody has ever been able to say.

Seven days behind the Mary Celeste out of New York, sailed the brig Del Gratia, for the Mediterranean. Her master was named Moorehouse. She had good weather and put straight across the ocean for Gibraltar. In latitude 39 degrees north, longitude 27 degrees west, the officers of the Gratia sighted a brig ahead. She sighted strangely and the Gratia put her helm over a bit to come alongside the stranger, whose head sails were set, while her main canvas was down.

"Give her hell," commanded Captain Moorehouse. "On board the brig?" called one of the mates as the Del Gratia came up astern of the other craft.

There was no answer; neither was there any sign of life aboard the brig. As the Gratia came up under the stern of the brig the officers read the latter's name and port: "Mary Celeste, New York."

"We will send a boat aboard the brig," said the master of the Gratia. The mate got the boat away and went alongside. While the hands held the boat he climbed over the main chains onto the deck of the Mary Celeste. Everything was in perfect order. Rigging was properly set and secured, decks were orderly and clean. The cabin doors were open and every appearance of life invited the outer works of the strange craft. The mate knocked at the cabin door. No answer came to him. He went down unbidden, to find only a duplicate of the scene above. The cabins were in perfect order. The little organ sat in a corner with half turned music scattered about the floor. In the captain's stateroom his gold watch hung at the head of his berth. In his wife's room the pillow on the berth was indented with the tiny impress of the infant's head. In the mate's cabin his log slate lay on his desk, made up properly, describing weather, temperature and the quotations from the quadrants. Here only was a single hint of a forecast of a horrible tragedy. On the state, at the end of the official record, were the words:

"Fanny, my dear wife."

Were they penned by a poor sailor about to abandon ship, or simply by an affectionate husband thinking of the loved ones at home? Nobody knows. Yet, those words seem to but deepen the mystery; for had Mate Richardson wished to leave a message

ALTERNATIVE PLAN TO COMMISSION PROPOSED

Special Session of Council Called for Friday Afternoon at Request of Eight Aldermen—West Side Transfer.

His Worship the Mayor yesterday received a letter, signed by eight members of the City Council, asking that a special meeting be held on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the consideration of a scheme of civic government as an alternative to the commission plan.

The petition was signed by Ald. Jones, Smith, White, Scully, Elkin, Wieman, Symon, and Willet. The civic by-laws state that a meeting shall be called at the request of five aldermen, so the meeting will be held in accordance with the request. At Monday's Council, Ald. Jones wanted to have consideration given a scheme to reduce the Council to nine members. Presumably this proposal will be submitted to Friday's Council.

His Worship will endeavor to have the proposed agreement with the C. P. R. finally disposed of at this special Council. The Recorder and Mr. F. R. Taylor, have agreed on all the details, and it is not thought likely that any new difficulties can arise to further delay the matter. The agreement is now being printed and copies will be presented to each alderman at Friday's meeting.

IN THE COURTS

Probate Court.
Estate of Mrs. Rose McGarrigle, widow, deceased. Last will proved whereby the deceased gives her estate to her executor and trustee therein named, William J. Mahoney, barrister-at-law, in trust to pay to her son James McGarrigle, one-seventh part of her estate, the remainder she directs her executor and trustee to use for the support and maintenance of her grandchildren, the children of her son James, Mr. Mahoney presents his petition in person and is sworn in as executor. No real estate. Personal estate under \$1,000.

Kings County Probate Court.
Hampton, Kings Co., Feb. 8.—Letters of administration in the estate of Mrs. Mary S. March, late of Hampton, were granted to the probate court of Kings County, to John March, husband of deceased, the value being sworn at \$500 real estate and \$150 personal property. There was no proctor.

In the matter of the citation in the estate of William Crichton, late of Springfield, returnable today, was carried until to a. m. on Friday, the 10th inst., then to be heard in Judge McIntyre's chambers at Sussex.

ART CLUB MEETING.
The St. John Art Club will hold its monthly meeting this evening in the C.M.B.A. rooms, Union street, at 8 p. m. The paper of the evening, on Rosa Bonheur, will be read by Mrs. W. E. Raymond. The ladies in charge of the tea will be Mrs. W. S. Fisher, Mrs. R. B. Emerson, Mrs. H. A. Powell and Mrs. Clarence deForest. The evening will be a musical one. The winners in the competition in designs for a club crest will be announced. All members are requested to be present promptly on time. As a special attraction songs will be rendered by Miss Louise Knight, J. A. Kelly and M. T. Morris. Mrs. Gordon Dickie will play a piano solo and play the accompaniment.

mate on the Mary Celeste, there were, up to the very day of abandonment, many references to rumbling and rolling below deck. The log seems to indicate a general fear among officers and crew of an explosion. It is likely that the last day was a very heavy one. The ship was going on a lee shore with the powerful undertow at that point, and that Captain Briggs got into a calum sea, the wind came up and took the brig away, while he perished in the surf. No bodies were ever found there, but the shore is precipitous.

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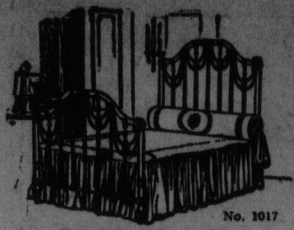
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Flewelling. On Tuesday evening, 7th inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. S. March, 137 Wright street, Mrs. John Flewelling, formerly of Hampton, N. B., at the advanced age of 88.

Funeral from Hampton Station, I. C. R., on arrival of the suburban train at one o'clock this afternoon. Service at her late residence at eleven o'clock this morning.

Allison. At Edmonton, Alberta, February 7th, 1911, of pneumonia, W. Beverley Allison, only son of J. Frederick and Louise M. Allison, in his 27th year.

McNaughton. In this city Feb. 8th, Archibald McNaughton, leaving two daughters.

Funeral from his late residence, 80 Mecklenburg street, on Friday. Service begins at 2.30 o'clock.

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