## POOR DOCUMENT

THE STAR, ST JOHN N. B. SATURDAY, MAY 1 1909



### RUNAWAY TORPEDO TURNS ON GUNNERS

Fired From a Gunboat in Peconic Bay, the Projectile Shoots Back to

several torpedoes had been fired successfully before the casualty occurred. When another was tried, it shot forward three hundred feet, stopped suddenly for a second, and, whirling around in a semi-circle, darted back with its huge point levelled straight at the gunboat.

It was a thrilling moment for the men on the E. W. Bliss, who knew that they were virtually prisoners, as the heavy chains holding down the vessel could not have been cut away in time for escape, but fortunately a steam barge lay alongside, putting coal aboard, and this craft acted as

nade safely and the barge was



grounded. The men of the E. W. Bliss picked up what was left of the tor-pedo. The head of it was stove in and ti was practically useless.

During the tests no explosive is in the torpedoes. Had the torpedo been loaded undoubtedly there would have been loss of life. The accident is ascribed to a defect in the steering gear

COMMERCIAL

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SAG HARBOR, L. I., April 29—More than forty lives were imperilled today	NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS	bi
when a dirigible torpedo fired from the	Chicago Market Report and New York	oi fi
E. W. Bliss, a gunboat, at the experi-	Cotton Market.	11
ment station of the Bliss Manufactur-	(Whendeled by D.C Clinch Hankes	
ing Company, in Peconic Bay, three	and Broker.	
miles from here, ran wild and turning in its tracks headed back at full speed	St. John, N. B., May 1.	W
toward the craft on which were the	Fri. Sat.	OU
men who had fired it. Luckily, a coal	Clg. Opg. Noon	m
bargo lay between the projectile and	Amalg. Copper 77½ 77% 77%	th
the gunboat and it plunged into this,	Am. Smelt. and Rfg 90% 91% 90%	ho
tearing a big hole in its side and put-	Am. Smelt. and Rfg 90% 91% 90% Am. Car Foundry 51% 51% 51%	55
ting it out of commission.	Am. Woollen 34% 34%	
Aboard the gunboat were Lieutenant	Atchison	
Helweg, of the ordnance department of	Atchison, pfd 96% 96%	
the United States navy, who is super-	Am. Locomotive 56% 55% 56%	C
intending torpedo tests for the govern- ment, four gunners from that depart-	Brook. Rpd. Trst 78% 78% 78%	no
ment, Frank W. Leavitt, inventor of	Balt. and Ohio114% 114% 114%	m
the torpedo; Edward Scribner, com-	Chesa. and Ohio 75% 75% 75½	CC
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Company, which is under contract to	Den. and Rio. G 51% 51% 51% 51% Gen. Electric Co 158% 159% 159%	
supply dirigible torpedoes for battle	Gen. Electric Co158½ 159½ 159½ Erie31% 32% 32%	
ships. The craft itself is little more	Erie, First pfd 49% 49% 50	
than a shell of steel, its walls about	Erie, Second pfd 40% 40 41	te
five-eighths of an inch thick, and as	Kansas and Texas 44% 44 44%	M
it was anchored fore and aft there would have been little chance of es-	Great Northern, pfd143% 144% 144%	SU
cape had the torpedo penetrated its	Louis, and Nashville140 140 140	fo
side.	Soo 136% 137	di
The tests are made over a range of	Missouri Pacific 73% 73% 73%	th
three thousand yards and the torpe-	N. Y. Central	th
does are supposed to make thirty-five	Ont. and Western 49 48% 48% Reading	ci
knots under five feet of water. They	Reading	de
are propelled by compressed air at a	Rock Island 29% 28% 28&	m
pressure of 2,200 pounds to the square	St. Paul 149½ 149½ 149%	ti
inch, and have turbine engines and	Southern Ry 29% 30 29%	da
gyroscope steering gear. Each is valued	Swihern Ry., pfd 70 67% 69%	
at \$5,000. Several torpedoes had been fired	Southern Pacific 120% 120% 120%	
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ped suddenly for a second, and, whirl-	U. S. Steel	b
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coal aboard, and this craft acted as The torpedo struck the barge with such force that the greater part of one slide of the hull was rippped out and the craft started to sink. Her crew immediately cut the hawsers and steamed for the beach. The trip was steamed for the beach. The trip was cased with the barge was in the barge was i " oats... .. .. 42% 42½ 42%

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, May 1-Wall Street-Very few stocks showed any marked

change in the opening dealings from yesterday's last prices. Small fraction-al gains and losses were mingled and NEW YORK, May 1,-The automobile carnival which was to have taken place today, has been postponed until

LAND WALL DNAY, ETTAN MAN & BEATT Pice 25 cts. while Monday afternoon because of uncer-tain weather conditions. It is expected

# LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. John E. Sugrue and child left last evening for New York, to join her husband and reside there.

Ald., J. B. M. Baxter will be the speaker at the West Side Everyday club at 8.30 p.m. Sunday. There will also be special music. All are invited.

Registrar Jones reports nineteen births during the past week. Eleven of the infants were males . There was

Moving day has no terrors for us.
We are always moving things out of our store to customers' homes, and moving in new stock to replace what goes out. Moving is our business. Is there anything we can move to your house? Walter H. Irving, the jeweler,

The last meeting of the old Common Council will be held on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. On Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock the new council will meet and take the oath of office. The various civic officials will also be sworn in on the same occasion.

# TRUANT'S DAY IN COURT; UNIQUE EXCUSES OFFERED

Fourteen Days Off to Have a Tooth Pulled Lads Who Have Not Been to School This Year-Beatings Have Little Effect on Some Boys.

hurry. His Hohor told her she was all to blame, that the boy should be excused and she should be sent into jail for her neglect of the child.

The following is a list of the eight boys who appeared in concert and their records for playing truant since the first of January:

Thomas Ramsey, aged 10 years, Dufferin school; January 17% days, Feb. 20 days; March 10% days; April 5 days; off.

Leo Ryan, aged 12, St. Malachi's, no

ittendance.
Michael Krondeon, aged 10, no attendance.

Percy Moore, 11 years, St. Malachi's, no attendance.

Wm. Jackson, aged 12 years, Winter street school, no attendance.
Ambrose Lenihan, aged 10, St. Malachi's, no attendance.
Among the visitors to the court this morning were Messrs. McLean, Towne, Cormier and McDermid, school principals.

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There were but two drunks in police court this morning. These were disposed of in the usual manner. Over an hour was taken up, however, in the session of the juvenile court and the offenders dealt with were all school truants.

Truant Officer Boyd McMann had no less than sixteen youngsters subpoenaed to attend court, and all had had records as truants. Only eight of the sixteen appeared in court. Some were accompanied by their fathers, others by mothers, and some were alone. The magistrate was, in no way easy on the boys or their parents. Ho gave the young fellows a severe lecture that they will never forget and then sent them all down stairs to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where they were locked up in the cells. His Honor was even harder in his remarks to the basement of the building where t

20 days; March 10% days; April 5 days; off.

Earl Penny aged 12, Victoria school, Jan. 17% days off.

Percy Richards aged 12 years, Victoria school did not attend school one day since New Years.

Fenwick Carney aged 11 years, St. Malichai's school, Jan. 11 days, Feb. 13, March 15, April 9 days off.

Famuel Levigne aged 12 years, St. Malichais school, Jan. 11½ days, Feb. 14, arch 14, April 18.

Frank Fish aged 10 years, Aberdeen school, Jan. 8 days, Feb. 7, March 7, April 18 days.

Harry Noakes aged 11, Winter St. school, Jan. 9½, Feb. 14½, March 20½, and April 18 days.

Waiter McCann aged 10, St. Malichais school, Jan. 18, Feb. 5, March 20; April 3½ days off.

The following boys who did not appear in court will be arrested. Their records are:—

Wm. Tufts, aged 10, Victoria school, 17½, Feb., 11½, March, 20, April, 11½.

Harold Lawson, aged 11 years, St. Malichi's school, Jan. 8 Feb., 15, March 20, April, 18½ days.

Thomas Mills, aged 11, St. Malachi's, no attendance.

Leo Ryan, aged 12, St. Malachi's, no attendance.

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## FORGED AT COMMAND OF RICH MEN HE SAYS

Chicago Convict Gives New

CHICAGO, April 30.—Peter Van Vilssingen, the former real estate man, brought back from prison to testify in the bankruptcy court, and who caused a sensation yesterday by stating that his forgeries were known to two of his victims four years before his public confession last winter, gave additional details of his story in court today.

The undersigned has removed his branch laundry from 123 Union street, where he will conduct said business in future. Persons wishing goods called for or delivered can ring 'phone Main 1739.

HAM LEE.

Clover Farm Dairy

or forged mortgages which had come into their hands. To do this Van Vlissingen declares he committed still further forgeries.

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"I arranged to pay \$4,000 a week," continued Van Vlissingen, "but Rosenfeld pressed me so that it became difficult for me to sell any more of my spurious paper. I told him he would drive me to exposure. I gave him the names of a number of clients who had already taken my forged mortgages.

"Rosenberg also pressed me, and I told both of them that I was in so deep that I never expected to get out again, but I thought I would fight it out for a while. I thought possibly some piece of good luck might come my way, but it never did."

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## FORCED TO WED AT GUN-POINT, HE SAYS

Weapon Pointed at His Back During Ceremony, Declares Husband

The total valuation for the 111 salings last season was \$23,029,704, and this year with three sallings less it will show an export valuation increase of about \$725,995.

PERSONAL

Wm. Sennis of the Halifax Herald reached the city at noon today from Boston where he has spent the last couple of months. He leaves again for Halifax this evening.

Wm. Mathers passed through the city at noon today.

Dr. G. G. Corbett returned from Montreal today where he has spent the past week.

Beris Ford came in on the Atlantic express at non today.

BALITIMORE, April 30.—While the Rev. E. L. S. Tressel was performing the marriage ceremony of Miss Lulu Hoffman and Harry Galloway, Holourus and the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door with a shotgun pointing through a crack at the bride, stood behind a door w

Mrs. Galloway, who carried her three months old baby in her arms, declared that she knew nothing about the shotgun during the ceremony. Galloway consented to support the wife and child pending divorce proceedings.

# SAYS ALIENIST

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 30.—After an alienist had declared that Chester S. Jordan, on trial for the murder of OLD SOAKERS

Get Saturated With Coffeine.

When a person has used coffee for a number of years and gradually declined in health, it is time the coffee should be left off in order to see whether or not that has been the cause of the trouble.

A lady in Hunsville, Ala., says she used coffee for about 40 years, and for the past 20 years was troubled with stomach trouble.

"I have been treated by many physicians but all in vain. Everything failed to perfect a cure. I was prostrated for some time, and came near dying. When I recovered sufficiently to partake of food and drink I tried coffee again and it soured on my stomach.

"I finally concluded coffee was the cause of my troubles and stopped using it. I tried tea and then milk in its place, but neither agreed with me, in the cause of the past 20 years are received in court. occupied the greater portion of the day. The government objected occasionally, but the court finally allowed it.

Then the three alienists called by the defense settled themselves comfort-

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LOST-Night of April 30th, between 158 Victoria street and 45 Acadia, by way of Main street, purse containing sum of money and effects most important to the loser. Reward on return to MISS D. BELYPA, 45 Acadia St.

FOR SALE-Lady's bicycle in good condition, also baby carriage. Address, Box 693, Star Office. 1-5-2 WANTED-At once ten men for railway construction work. Apply B. J. GRANT, 73 St. James St. West. 1-5-tf

LATE SHIPPING.

Constwise—Peerless, Noel; Granville, Chance Harbor; Harry Morris, St. Martins; Centerville, Sandy Cove; Yarmouth. Digby.

BOSTON, May 1-The Boston Herald made the announcement in this morning's issue that it had suspended the publication of the evening edition of the paper, the morning edition, however, will be continued.

## DIGESTION GOVERNS HEALTH.

an alienist had declared that Chester S. Jordan, on trial for the murder of his wife, was incurably ill and could not survive three years, the defense attempted today to have introduced a record-breaking hypothetical question of 31,000 words, but only succeeded in getting about a thirtieth part of it before the jury. Then the judges decided that the question was a review of the evidence in the case and ordered its discontinuance in that form. The lawyers on both sides will attempt to agree on one much shorter in length and dealing entirely with assumptions. If it is not over a few thousand words, the government's rebuttal and the sur-rebuttal will probably be completed by tomorrow night.

The long wrangle over the big hypothetical question which exceeds in length any similar question ever presented in court, occupied the greater portion of the day. The government objected occasionally, but the court finally allowed it.

Then the three alienists called by the defense settled themselves comfortably in chairs near the jury and prepared for a three hours of consideration. The court stopped the question at the end of half an hour and the case went over until tomorrow.

It was Dr. George F. Jelly, a well known alienist of Boston, who declared that Jordan was suffering from an incurable disease of the brain, which he said would bring death in three years.

During a hitch in the case of the defense, who o stated that he will be a sixty. Mother Seigel's Syrup alone, restored me to good health. But for this very maken and for this medicine until I was cured. When I begin taking Mother Seigel's Syrup alone, restored me to good health. But for this very maken when a how and that he was a changed person. I continued with this medicine until I was cured. When I begin taking Mother Seigel's Syrup, alone, restored me to good health. But for this very maken when a how and that he was a changed person. I continued with this medicine I would not be alive to-day. "—Weet Seigel's Syrup, alone, restored me to good health. But for th DRIGHAL

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