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B. F. KEITH, VADEVILLE KING, DIES SUDDENLY

Drops Dead in Hotel In Brookline, Mass.

HE WAS 67 YEARS OLD

Married For Second Time, Only Few Months Ago—Had Built up Wonderful Business—W. H. Golding's Tribute

(Canadian Press) Palm Beach, Fla., March 27.—B. F. Keith, while not unexpected by those in his intimate circle, removes the most conspicuous figure in the entertainment world in America in more than a quarter of a century.

The body will be taken to Boston tomorrow. Mr. Keith was married to Miss Ethel Bird Chase in Washington, D. C., on October 28, last. They were spending the winter here.

Mr. Keith was understood to be many times a millionaire. The death of Benjamin Franklin Keith, while not unexpected by those in his intimate circle, removes the most conspicuous figure in the entertainment world in America in more than a quarter of a century.

Speaking of the death of Mr. Keith, Walter H. Golding, manager of The Imperial here, said today:—"One of the outside characteristics of the Keith system of business, a characteristic inculcated by the late head of the concern, is what is known as the 'Keith loyalty' on the part of employees, great and small.

McBRIDE TO LONDON? Western Politician Says He Has Commissioned

Victoria, B. C., March 27.—A prominent politician says Sir Richard McBride has been appointed as the high commissioner for Canada in London and that Sir Richard had attended his last session of the provincial legislature.

Police headquarters officials would say nothing today about a trunk which Detective Killen has brought to the station last night from the corner of Peel and Union streets.

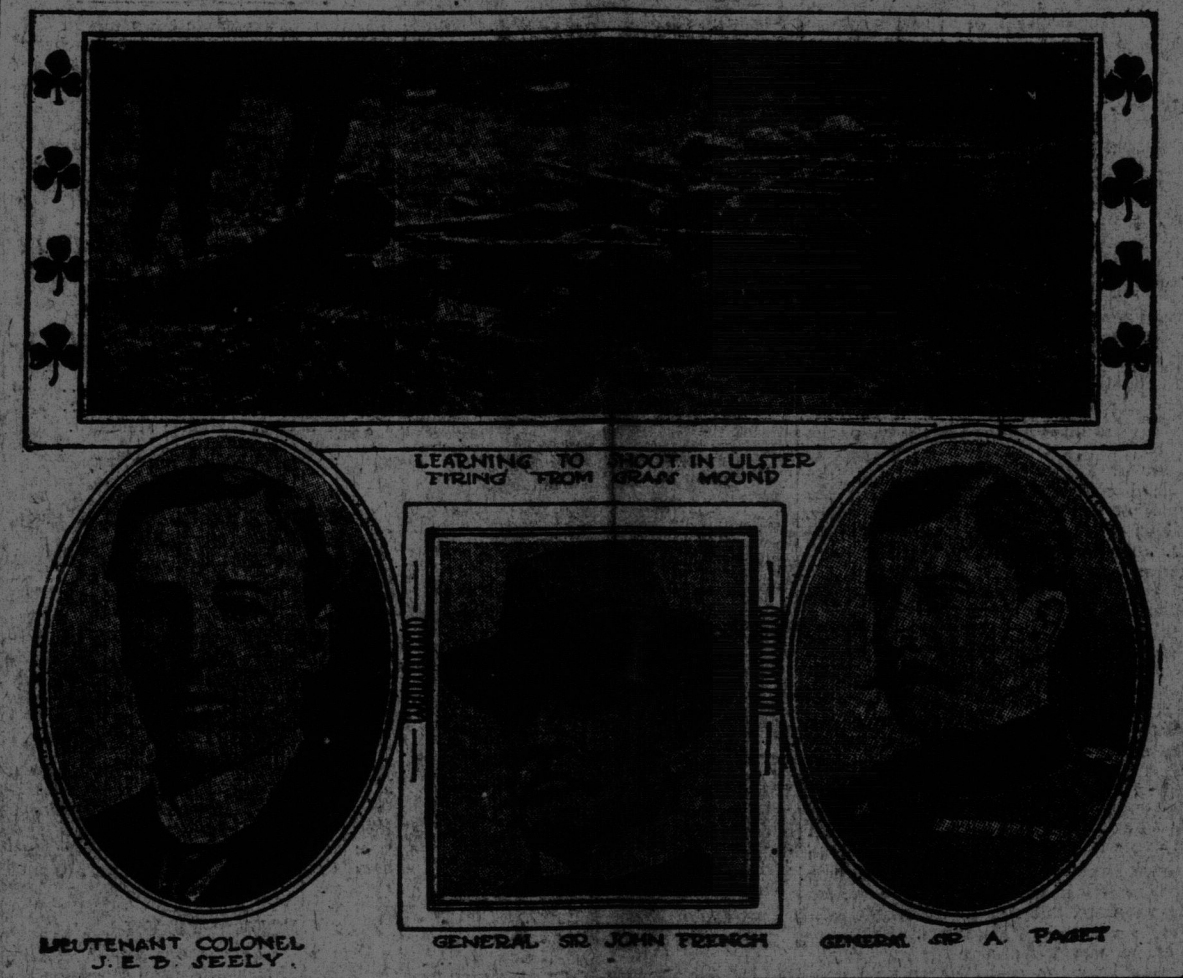
WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

A disturbance which was just west of the Mississippi yesterday has almost disappeared and the western area of high pressure has spread eastward and southward over the Great Lakes bringing northerly winds and a slight fall in temperature.

A Little Colder. Maritime-Moderate winds, cloudy with a few scattered showers; Saturday northerly winds and somewhat colder.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—New England forecasts—Cloudy tonight and Saturday; probably rain. Colder Saturday and in Massachusetts tonight; moderate variable winds.

ENGLISH ARMY OFFICERS AND SCENE IN ULSTER SITUATION



STRUCTURAL STEEL PLANT FOR ST. JOHN ALSO ANOTHER INDUSTRY Tags For Jewelers and Duggins' Proposals for Steamship Service By Allan and Furness Liners

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TWENTY-FIVE LOSE LIVES IN DISASTERS AT SEA

Issue In Doubt Steamer Goes Down And Eighteen Perish

Federals Say Defeat of Villa Complete HAS LOST THOUSANDS

No Sign of Great Victory in Villa's Telegram to Juarez But He Orders Airship and Railroad Equipment Forwarded

(Canadian Press) Mexico City, Mex., March 27.—Minister of War, Blanquet, today announced that Federal troops had won complete victory over rebels at Torreon. The statement was accepted with reserve.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—The Mexican embassy today received the following despatch from the Mexican consul at Torreon: "Rebels have been severely defeated at Torreon. A column of 5,000 troops, under General Mouri, has left Saltillo in flanking movement to reinforce the garrison.

Juarez, Mexico, March 27.—From federal sources today came the news that the army situation, but the resignation of Sir John French yesterday, though on the grounds that he put his name to a paper since disavowed by the government officers called at the War Office yesterday and conferred with General French prior to his resignation.

Washington, March 27.—Complete defeat of Villa before Torreon was reported to the Mexican embassy here today.

VALLEY RAILWAY GRAB BILL NOW IS BEING PREPARED

Six Hour Caucus Last Night Said to Have Been Lively—Federation to Have Motor Fire Apparatus

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., March 27.—A caucus of government supporters which commenced at half past eight o'clock last night did not break up until half past two this morning.

The city council last night decided to ask for legislation to enable the city to purchase a motor truck and chemical engine at a cost of \$10,000.

HUNDRED TO SIX SHOT WINNER OF GRAND NATIONAL

Liverpool, Eng., March 27.—Sunlock, an outsider, owned by T. X. Tyler, today won the Grand National steeple chase. Trianon III was second and Luttrell III third.

King George's entry, Twelfth Lancers, was scratched. Sunlock went to post with odds of 100 to 8 against him.

STEAMER GOES DOWN AND EIGHTEEN PERISH

STRUCK WHILE AWAITING PILOT

Boston Schooner Hattie P. Simpson Lost With Captain and Five of Crew—Man Jumps to Death From Liner in Terrific Gale

(Canadian Press) Sydney, N. S. W., March 27.—Eighteen lives lost today, when the steamer St. Paul struck a rock and foundered almost immediately. Among those drowned were a woman passenger and child.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—The loss of the American schooner Hattie P. Simpson, of Boston, with her captain and five other members of the crew, was reported to the naval department last night, in a relay wireless message from the steamship which was on board three survivors of the schooner.

The Hattie P. Simpson, a 1,200 ton vessel, was built at Walsby, Maine, in 1891, and was owned by A. B. Reed of Boston, which was the schooner's port.

The shipping records show her as having sailed from Philadelphia on March 10 for Galveston, in command of Captain Strong.

Fredericton, Eng., March 27.—A dramatic suicide at sea was reported by the commander of the White Star liner Oceanic when that vessel arrived here from New York.

New York, March 27.—The shipwreck of a steamer part of the crew of the American schooner Julia A. Truher, abandoned at sea on March 7, arrived here from Liverpool direct and has aboard 1,044 passengers, the largest number brought ashore in this season.

DEES IN KINGSTON AFTER 35 YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Kingston, Ont., March 27.—Edward Thickpenny, who spent thirty-five years behind prison bars, died in the Kingston penitentiary yesterday. He was a "lifer" for murder.

THE STEAMERS The steamer Benguela is all ready to sail for South African ports, but was unable to get away this morning.

BRUCE LIKELY CHANCELLOR Edinburgh, March 27.—Andrew Carnegie, it is stated, will not be a candidate for the Chancellorship of Aberdeen University, which has been vacant since the death of Lord Strathmore.

CITY LABORERS PAY DAY The city laborers received their fortnightly wages today, chargeable to the various departments as follows: Ferry, \$ 218.00 Water and Sewerage, \$ 2,281.02 Public Works, \$ 2,524.72 \$ 5,023.74

MILLS STARTING The two lumber mills of the Stetson Cutler Lumber Company at Indiantown and Pleasant Point will resume operations tomorrow morning. Murray & Gregory expect to start about the middle of next week.