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## CORONER'S JURY FEARS FOUL PLAY

### Body of P. E. Island Man Found in Channel—Store had Been Robbed.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 8.—The death of Wm. Skerry, whose body, considerably decomposed and face almost unrecognizable, was found at the bottom of the channel near Alberton on Wednesday night, may have been due to other than natural causes. At least that seems to be in the minds of the coroner's jury, who last night, after an inquest, returned a verdict that the body was found in the water under suspicious circumstances. They also called the attention of the Attorney General to the evidence. Yesterday the chief witness was Cunningham, the young man who was last seen with Skerry.

Cunningham was on the stand for several hours, and was questioned very closely. He said that on the night of June 23 he had been with Skerry at Lewis's store. Skerry produced a bottle of whiskey, and they turned homeward after stopping at the corner to have several drinks in company with John Heron and Frank Skerry, brother of the deceased. Later, Skerry and deceased went to Cunningham's pasture to catch a horse, intending to go to a party in Killdare. There they finished the bottle, and abandoned the idea of catching the horse and going to the party. That was the last Cunningham saw of Skerry.

## TWO KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

### New York City Officials Meet Death When Their Car Strikes Ten Buildings With Terrific Force

Tarrytown, N. Y., June 8.—An automobile of the New York finance department, containing John T. Scamion, a city paymaster, his friend Thos. Kennedy and Police man McCormick of the New York force struck a boulder weighing more than a ton with such force here this afternoon that it dislodged the boulder from its bed and crumpled up the car like a tin can hit by a sledge hammer. The chauffeur clung to the steering wheel and saved his life. The other three were pitched headlong and Scamion got off with cuts and bruises. Kennedy and McCormick both got broken heads. Kennedy died shortly afterwards in a hospital and it was said late tonight that McCormick can live only a few hours.

## ELECTRICAL STORM.

St. Paul, Minn., July 6.—Western Minnesota and eastern South Dakota were visited last night by severe electrical and wind storms, which may have caused loss of life and great damage to cities and farming communities. The storm seems to have followed a well defined path west from Benson and Madison, Minn.

## A NEW JUDGE

Montreal, July 6.—R. A. E. Greenfield, who has been appointed to the bench of the superior court, will be sworn in July 12th, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his being called to the bar. His first big case was the following year, when he assisted his brother in the defence of Louis Riel at R.

# TOWN OF CAMPBELLTON WIPED OUT BY FIRE

## Four Thousand People Homeless and Hungry.—Not a Mill, Factory, Store, Church, Hospital, School, Hotel or Bank Left Standing.

## SEVEN DWELLING HOUSES MARK THE SITE OF TOWN

Fire broke out at Campbellton about 4 o'clock yesterday in Richard's mill, which is situated about half a mile west of the I. C. R. station. There was a strong north-west wind blowing at the time. The fire made steady headway sweeping everything before it, wiping out the town on both sides of the railway track which runs approximately through the centre of the town. There is not a mill, store, bank, church, hotel, hospital or school standing in Campbellton today, all that is left is seven dwelling-houses. About four thousand people are homeless.

Some of the homeless people are at Dalhousie, Dalhousie Junction and a considerable number fled across the river to the Quebec side. It was reported that a child of a man named Doyle, who worked in Harquail's factory was suffocated. There were also rumor that a number of men were killed by an explosion of dynamite in Alexander's store, but this report cannot be confirmed.

All telegraph and telephone communication was destroyed and for hours the town was cut off from outside communication. During the night the conditions were remedied to a certain extent and a full extent of the disaster became known. Appeals for help for the stricken people have been sent out to neighboring towns and cities and are being promptly and generously responded to. It is understood that large quantities of food, clothing and provisions are being hurried to the fire swept town.

Owing to the damage to railway track and the wire traffic on the I. C. R. from Dalhousie Junction to a considerable distance west of Campbellton all traffic was completely tied up until about 7 o'clock this morning. The west bound Ocean Limited was delayed about 12 hours and the west bound Maritime Express about 4 hours.

At 9 o'clock this morning it is not known when the east bound Maritime Express will reach Campbellton. The local east bound Accommodation train was made up at Dalhousie Junction and will be on time. The special excursion train which was to have brought the Orangemen from the North to participate in the celebration at Newcastle today has been cancelled.

General Superintendent Brady went to Campbellton in his private car attached to the Maritime Express last night. Division Supt. Price of Campbellton was on the Fredericton Division when the fire broke out and went to the scene of the trouble on the first relief train. It is understood that Mr. Price's house is among those that were saved from the flames. It is reported that the appalling extent of this disaster is largely due to the fact that the water service failed during the early stages of the fire.

## I.O.G.T. DECIDES TO PLACE CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD TO SUPPORT PROHIBITION

### Extension Of Franchise To Women Also Approved At Annual Meeting Of Grand Lodge Of New Brunswick—Will Ask Dominion Government To Appoint Canadian Tem- perance Association Inspectors.

The feature of the meeting of the grand lodge, I. O. G. T., in St. John on the 7th, was the following resolution submitted by the committee on political action, and adopted unanimously after an addition by the members: "Recognizing the fact that prohibition can only be obtained through legislative enactment, and being fully persuaded from the result of various votes taken on the question that the sentiment of the province is overwhelmingly in favor of the adoption of such legislation, we therefore pledge ourselves to accept prohibition as the only satisfactory solution of the question. We further pledge ourselves in all provincial elections to support candidates of party affiliation, candidates pledged by prohibition, and where neither of the party candidates openly declare for prohibition, then to place in the field candidates of our own wherever possible. For the accomplishment of this object we recommend that steps be taken to raise funds with which to defray the legitimate electoral expenses of any candidates nominated by us, or representing our interests."

After such favorable discussion it was decided upon motion of H. H. Stuart of Newcastle, seconded by Judson Parker of Fredericton, to add the following to the resolution: "We urge upon the Dominion government the desirability and duty of the latter to take all steps necessary, such as the appointment, payment, enabling and supervising of inspectors and all other officials required, as is already temporarily done by the said government in the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, for the efficient enforcement of the Canadian Temperance Act in all sections that have adopted or may in future adopt that act."

## ELOPING HEIRESS GIVEN ONLY INCOME OF ESTATE OF HER WEALTHY FATHER

### Sailor Husband of Late Senator Gorman's Daughter Barred From Any of the Large Fortune Left to His Family.

Washington, July 9.—Because she eloped with a marine, Ada Gorman Magness, eldest and favorite daughter of the late Senator Arthur Pue Gorman of Maryland, is cut off with only her income interest in the million dollar estate of the family, through the will of the senator's widow, Mrs. Hannah D. Gorman, just filed in the probate court. The realty, situated in Washington, is left in trust. Each of the six children, including Mrs. Magness, is to receive a sixth of the income. Ten years hence the estate is to be sold and the proceeds divided into six parts, five of which go to the other children absolutely, but the other six is left in trust to the National Savings and Trust Company of this city, and tied up so lightly that Charles J. Magness, with whom Miss Gorman eloped, cannot share in it. Twice every year until her death Mrs. Magness is to receive the net income from the trust company, or it may be used at the company's discretion for the maintenance and support of Mrs. Magness. The will provided that she may not assign any of it to her husband.

As to the estate in Maryland, and the \$612,000 block of stocks and bonds belonging to the senator's estate, they are to be divided into seven parts and left in trust for the senator's six children, the seventh share going to Kate Marriott, Mrs. Gorman's daughter by her first husband. Ada Gorman met Magness, who was a marine on the President's yacht Mayflower, while he was a cornetist at the fashionable Garfield Methodist church on Vermont avenue. First he was a sort of protegee; then her fondness became platonic and finally he deserted from the navy to elope with her. They were discovered in Kentucky. Magness was arrested and shipped off to Boston for trial. His young wife pleaded with President Roosevelt and Secretary Newberry to pardon Magness, but they refused, and the sailor sweetheart served out his time at Portsmouth, being released about a year ago for good behavior. Since then they have been living in Washington. The Gorman family never forgave her.

## A \$500.00 CHALLENGE

An interesting controversy is being indulged in on the Upper Lakes in connection with the relative speed of the S.S. "Hamonic" of the Northern Navigation Co. and the S.S. "Keewatin" of the C. P. Ry. It is claimed by the latter that it has been demonstrated she could speed faster than the S.S. "Hamonic" and the Sarnia "Canadian" has challenged two of their contemporaries that the steamer Hamonic, the first time she comes across either the "Keewatin" or the "Assiniboia" of the C. P. R. will pass these vessels and in good faith have deposited a certified cheque for \$500.00.

## LORD DOUGLAS IN HARD STRAITS

Spokane, Wash., July 8.—Vowing he had spent his fortune on his wife, Lord Sholto Douglas left Spokane yesterday to work with a Canadian Pacific Railway survey crew for three months at \$2 a day. Lord Sholto is a brother of the present Marquis of Queensbury, and a cousin of the Marquis who gained fame through the code of pugilistic rules. Lord Sholto married Miss Margaret Mooney, and known on the variety stage as Loretta Addis.

## CASUALTIES ON 4th FLEET

Chicago, July 5.—This year's July 4th list of dead throughout the country so far as reported totals 28. Last year the total was 44. The injured last year numbered 2,631, this year they were only 1,788.

## RECEIVED PROMOTION

London, July 6.—P. C. O. W. Howe, appointed naval advisor at Ottawa, has been promoted to be English Commodore.