

CONFETTI BRIDE WALKS

Mr. and Mrs. Coll Pursued for Miles by Six Automobiles—Chaffeur Got Pepper in His Eyes.

New York, N. Y., May 14.—There would have been nothing doing but that leaky box of confetti. As it was, a bridal automobile was followed in a mad race through the streets of New York from half past twelve to half past one o'clock yesterday morning by friends of the unfortunate couple. The chase was from 111th street and Amsterdam avenue to Cathedral Heights, down Fifth avenue, twice around central park, down Fifth avenue again and finally to the Waldorf-Astoria, where rice, old shoes and more confetti were deposited before the door of a room on the eighth floor.

The excitement was consequent to the wedding of Miss Florence Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Randolph Smith, of No. 500 West 111th street, to Mr. Christopher Thomas Coll, The Rev. Otto S. Roche performed the ceremony. Immediately after the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and then it was that the friends of the young couple formed a dark design. It was none other than a two pound box of confetti, with a small hole in the bottom of it. This was fastened to the rear of the automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. Coll were to depart, secretly if they could.

At half past twelve o'clock the couple disappeared, and by the time their absence was discovered were whirling along towards Cathedral parkway jubilantly believing that any pursuers were of the scent. But behind them was a general scurry for six big automobiles and quicker than it takes to tell the chase was on. In the lead was a big racing car containing the Misses Gertrude and Marie Murray and several friends. Next came one containing Mr. Ernie Coll, brother-in-law of the bridegroom and best man, who had turned traitor.

The chauffeurs were instructed to follow the trail and catch up with the couple or lose their jobs, and in this they cheerfully complied in a way that made unmounted policemen swear and the mounted ones in the lead with the white line of paper finally led the six machines into Central Park at Seventy-second street, then twice around the Park, through its winding roads to the East Drive, and finally onto Fifth Avenue again at Seventy-second street. They took the corners on two wheels and one person in each car kept the horn going, a measure which had the effect of inspiring a bicycle policeman to hold them up, but he let them go with a warning.

They sighted their prey at Sixty-fifth street and Fifth Avenue, and at this point the bride scattered to the breeze some powder that seemed to be a mixture of salt and red pepper. Whatever it was it caught the pursuers where it would do the most good. Miss Marie Murray took the lead of the leading automobile, and the chauffeur could get some of it out of his eyes and lungs. As for Mr. Coll, his machine ran down a delivery wagon. He was hurt and red, and he himself by grasping the side of the Murray automobile. After the angry driver of the delivery wagon had been pacified with legal tender, the chase was continued till it ended at the Waldorf.

The fugitives were tracked to the eighth floor, but there was no means of determining the room. Mr. Coll hit on the idea of going from door to door with a pitcher of ice water. He finally found the right room, the door being opened by the maid, who promptly slammed it to, shrieked his defiance through the keyhole and bade them get out. This they did, leaving the appropriate souvenirs.

A. TAIT DEAD AT SHEDIAC

Special to The Standard. Shediac, N. B., May 14.—The death of Adam Tait of this place occurred this morning at the residence of his son here. Mr. Tait was one of the oldest residents of the town, being at the time of his death in his 81st year, of which the greater part was spent in Shediac. He was for a long time one of the best known and most prominent citizens of Shediac, where he carried on a mercantile business for many years, but retired from active work about twenty years ago, having attained a competence. He was an active and prominent member of the Methodist church and a liberal contributor to the schemes and work of the church, in which he will be much missed. He leaves only one son surviving him, Coun. R. Chesley Tait, the well-known merchant.

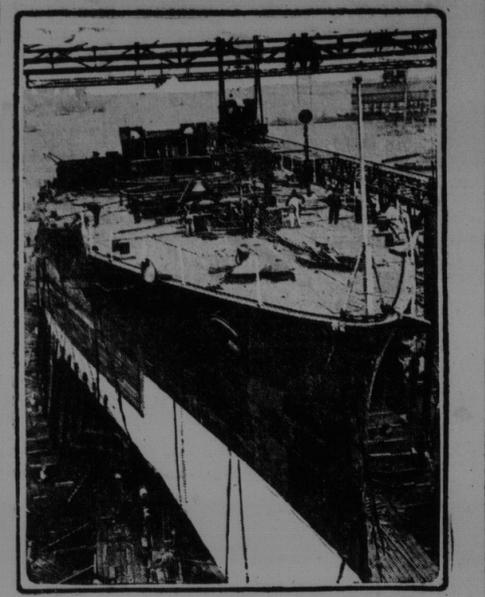
The funeral will take place at 2.30 Monday afternoon, the 16th inst.

Annual Meeting of St. Stephen Bank. R. B. Kessen and F. R. Taylor will leave this morning for St. Stephen where they will attend the annual meeting of the St. Stephen bank, recently suspended and Mr. Kessen will present his report as curator of the bank. When seen last night Mr. Kessen refused to make his report public but said it would simply present the bank's affairs as shown by the books at the present time. The affairs of the bank have somewhat improved, he said, and the payments made have been used to redeem the circulation and the deposits. Mr. Kessen thought the stockholders would be called upon for the double liability.

Rev. R. A. Knowles in St. Andrew's. Rev. R. A. Knowles, of Galt, Ont., has consented to preach the anniversary sermon of St. Andrew's church at a fortnight hence. Mr. Knowles ministers to the largest Presbyterian congregation in Canada. He is sometimes described as "the Canadian Ian MacLaren," by reason of two volumes which he has published. The first "St. Cuthbert," made a literary sensation hardly less than "The Sky Pilot."

Florida Best In United States Navy

New Dreadnought is Highest Type of All the 20 Battleships Built by Uncle Sam Since the Spanish-American War—Sister Ship to be Launched Shortly.



Brooklyn, May 15.—Two ships like Uncle Sam's new Florida could wipe out the Dewey fleet that whipped Spain. The Florida, built in the Brooklyn navy yards by Uncle Sam himself, at a cost of \$20,000,000, is the highest type of the 20 new battleships that have been built since the Spanish-American war. The forward strides of the American navy have been so rapid that many nations do not fully realize them. Since the Spanish war, fleet has been rebuilt, or rather, replaced, by vessels vastly larger than the fighting machines that Dewey used so successfully.

The Florida weighs 10,000 tons more than Dewey's ships; it is longer by the length of half a city block; it will carry more coal by a whole freight train load than any of Dewey's ships. The Florida is an all-big-gun ship, with 10 12-inch guns and 16 five inch guns. The best of the Dewey ships was only a ton and three-quarters.

The Florida can hurl four and a quarter tons of steel in a broadside, the best of Dewey's ships had a broadside of only a ton and three-quarters. The sister ship of the Florida, the Utah, will be launched shortly. The Wyoming and the Arkansas are still to be launched. They will be the largest ships in the navy and will hold that honor until the two ships, arranged for during the last congress, each to displace 27,000 tons, are put in service. The Florida displaces 21,825 tons, which indicates that, even within a few years, the fighting vessels which were proudly launched May 12 will be a second-rater.

Woodstock Joins in Observance. Woodstock, May 14.—The Town Council has requested the pastors of the different churches to have the church bells tolled at noon on Friday, May 20th, and that services be held in all churches on that day in memory of the beloved sovereign whose funeral will then be held.

H. W. Scovill who has been quite sick for a week, it is hoped will be sufficiently recovered to attend to business next week. James Brown is confined to the house with a badly sprained ankle. Mrs. Isaac Vanwart is quite seriously ill at the home of her son Alex. Vanwart.

Wallace Bishop of Chipman, Queens county, is visiting relatives in town. Scott's crew of river drivers have been busy for a week clearing the logs caught on the piers of the river bridge.

Bandmaster P. N. Hall entertained the members of the band at lunch in the bandroom last evening. The town authorities have placed at McLaughlin's Corner, an alarm bell, which will enable anybody in case of emergency to call the police at any time.

Dr. G. B. Manzer has returned from a professional visit to Boston. Rev. E. C. Turner of Jacksonville is in town today. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Parsons and C. W. Manzer of Woodstock who have been appointed delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention, leave Tuesday morning for Washington, D.C. The sixth World's Sunday School Convention, will be held in that city from May 19th to 24th. The province of New Brunswick will be represented by about 15 delegates. The first W.S.S.C. was held in London, Eng., July, 1889; the second in St. Louis, U.S., Sept., 1899; the third in London, Eng., July, 1908; the fourth in Jerusalem, Palestine, April, 1904, and the fifth in Rome, Italy, May, 1907.

On May 22nd 1910, World's Sunday School Day, prayers will be offered for S. S. workers and Bible students the world over, and especially those from many lands who are meeting in Washington. Upon the request of the U. S. S. Associations many sermons in the interests of the children and youths will be preached throughout the world. A memorial service for the late King will be held in St. Luke's church on Friday next, the day appointed for the funeral, at 10 o'clock in the morning in charge of the rector, Rev. H. G. Alder.

Scottish and English farm hands are arriving here daily and are being satisfactorily placed by G. H. Harrison, the immigration agent.

ONE OF THE BEST RECITALS AT MT. ALLISON

Miss Phillips, Miss Matthews and Miss Gates the Performers in Successful Event on Friday Evening.

Special to The Standard. Sackville, May 14.—The graduating recitals at the Mount Allison Conservatory of Music are drawing to a close, the last one will be given by Miss Mabel Windsor, pianist, Bathurst, N. B., on the evening of Wednesday, the 18th inst.

The concert last evening was given by the Misses Mabelle Todd Phillips, soprano; Middleton, S. A. Annette Matthews, pianist; Springhill, N. S., and Besale Robina Gates, reader, Middleton, N. S. A Sackville audience has seldom heard a graduating recital of greater merit and this statement means something, for the recitals this year have been of an unusually high character. As a result, the performers were equally well received. Miss Matthews possesses an extremely musical temperament and her playing throughout testified to her keen appreciation of the compositions as well as interpreting. Special mention should be made of the manner in which she rendered the Nocturne, by Chopin, figured by Bach and La Pileuse, by Raff.

Miss Phillips, who next appeared, charmed as usual, her audience with her various solos. Her voice is beautifully rich and sweet and she has the power of entering fully into her solos and giving a fine interpretation. Her songs last evening taxed heavily her each to displace 27,000 tons, are put to them all, and is to be heartily congratulated on her success. Especially pleasing were her selections from Elizabeth, Faust and Der Freischutz. Miss Gates, the last of the oratory graduates to give her recital was by no means the least. She has much to boast of in her recital, which was not only artistically, but also musically evinced in her presentation of "The Other Wise Man," but Miss Gates was equally at home in her humorous reading "The Wooing of Delicia." She however, reached the summit of her success in "The Famine" (from Hiawatha) with musical accompaniment by Miss Hilda Hawker of St. John. The calls in this selection deserve special mention and the music greatly aided the interpretation which Miss Gates sought to give. The young ladies are receiving congratulations on their success and it must be highly gratifying to the institution to have such brilliant graduates.

Programme. Piano, Sonata, Op. 10, No. 1. . . . . Beethoven. . . . . Finalle. . . . . Schubert. . . . . Sone, Serenade. . . . . Schubert. . . . . Violin, Oblige. . . . . Liszt. . . . . Reading, The Other Wise Man. . . . . Henry Van Dyke. . . . . Rectory and Aria. . . . . From Les Huguenots. . . . . Meyerbeer. . . . . Piano, Nocturne, Op. 55, No. 1. . . . . Chopin. . . . . Fuga, No. 21, Book No. 1. . . . . Bach. . . . . Carthage. . . . . Chaminade. . . . . Reading, The Wooing of Delicia. . . . . Delicia. . . . . Anonymous. . . . . Aria, O Rest in the Lord (Elijah). . . . . Handel. . . . . Reading, The Violent. . . . . Lanier. . . . . L'envoy. . . . . Ruyard Kipling. . . . . The Artist's Secret. . . . . Olive Schreiner. . . . . Piano, La Pileuse. . . . . Raff. . . . . Aria, Si le Bonheur (Paust). . . . . Gounod. . . . . Reading, The Famine (from Hiawatha). . . . . Longfellow. . . . . Musical Accompaniment Miss Hawker. . . . . Aria, Stride in Vamps. . . . . Il Trovatore. . . . . Verdi.

Earl Knell Arraigned in Philadelphia Police Court. Philadelphia, Pa., May 15.—Charged with stealing metal roofing from the steeple of the Roxborough Baptist church and St. John's Roman Catholic church, Earl Knell, a steeple-crawler, was arraigned in the police court here today, and held in bail for a further hearing. It was testified that during the night he had climbed the steeple of St. John's church from which 163 pounds of copper sheathing were removed. From the 60 foot steeple of the Baptist church, it is alleged he got 48 pounds of metal.

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Another New Snapper at Nickel Today. Miss Bertha Dudley will be the new performer at the Nickel today and tonight. She is a sweet-voiced soprano who will open her engagement with the new illustrated bit of sentiment entitled "It's Always June When You're in Love." Mr. Tom Clifford, whose stay is growing more interesting each day, will render a number that should stir the enthusiasm of true Brits. It is the good old English sailor-song "Three for Jack." In the pictures the following programme is certain to satisfy every one: "The Way of the World" (Biograph), a story of the old Spanish settlers in California; "Sandy the Substitute," an Edison comedy-drama of the Klondyke and a European melodrama "The Red Signal." In the comedy department there is to be another of those side-splitting "foolish" farces called "Foolishness is Betrothed." The chief comedian in these pictures is the little fellow who made Pathe films famous and who is now with the Italia Co. of Turin. Special orchestral novelties.

\$9,500 Pledged to Centenary. Rev. Dr. Flinders announced yesterday that \$9,500 had been pledged absolutely toward the payment of the debt of the church. Conditional pledges bring the amount up to \$11,500.

Deaths. Porter.—On the 14th inst. Mary Porter, widow of Capt. William Porter, aged 75 years. Funeral this day Monday, 16th inst. From the undertaking parlors of N. W. Brennan & Sons, 715 Main St. N. E. Services begin at 2.30 p. m.

Astronomers Agree Comet Is Harmless

Professors Versed in the Mysteries of Things Heavenly Give Views on Effect of Halley's Comet on Earth—Prof. Todd Predicts an Aurora Display, Willisen a Darkening of Atmosphere.



Boston, Mass., May 15.—Agreeing that no harmful effect is to be experienced on next Wednesday from the passage of the earth through the tail of Halley's comet, New England astronomers appear still to concur as to the possibility of a luminous display similar to Northern Lights. Professor David P. Todd, of Amherst College, thinks the aurora effect probable, and Prof. Robert W. Willisen of the Harvard College observatory declared today that there may be a darkening of the atmosphere, while Prof. Edward C. Pickering, head of the Harvard observatory said "I doubt if there will be any effect at all."

Prof. Willisen said further that "there may be shower charged particles, very small, but which may affect wireless telegraphy. There is no cause for alarm or fear. Cyanogen exists only near the comet's head, and the tail is a good vacuum." Prof. Todd declares that there will be no more sensation than that caused by the rays of light from a distant candle or a person's hand. There is an equal amount of cyanogen gas radiated from each, proportionately, he says. Leon Campbell, another of the Harvard astronomers, thinks aluminous display probable.

Cambridge, Mass., May 15.—Halley's comet is gathering splendor in approach to the earth, observations this morning at Harvard University shows the body with a coma or envelope, to have reached proportions of nearly a zero magnitude. This is the highest stage of stellar brilliancy. The rate of increase in fiery development is indicated by two photometric measurements taken at the Harvard observatory. The first, on May 8th, showed the nucleus to be of 7.06 magnitude; another on Friday, just a week later, showed the magnitude to be 4.4, an increase in apparent size of 2.65 degrees.

EX-GOVERNOR KINDLY NATURE OF KING EDWARD

New York, N. Y., May 14.—Frank W. Rollins, formerly governor of New Hampshire, and now one of the most prominent bankers in Boston, and his son, Douglas, 25 years old, were arrested here yesterday after their arrival from Europe, on board the Lusitania, of the Cunard Line, charged with conspiracy to defraud in an attempt to smuggle jewelry and dutiable articles of clothing through the customs.

Mrs. Rollins also is accused in the complaint, but she was so seriously affected by the charges that she was not arrested, but was taken to the Hotel Belmont, where she will answer to the charges against her when she recovers.

The arrests were made after each of the family had been compelled to submit to a personal search. Customs officials say a pearl mounted stud and a watch were found on Mrs. Rollins, and other pieces of jewelry were discovered concealed in the clothes of Mr. Rollins and his son.

Nine Trunks Seized. Nine trunks which were brought over by the defendants were seized and taken to the Appraiser's stores for examination. The other jewelry and dutiable clothing, which had been declared as said to have been found in three trunks. The six other trunks were not opened and will be examined today.

Mr. Rollins and his son were arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields late in the afternoon and were released on \$2,000 each, which was furnished by a surety company.

Customs officials said the charges against Mr. Rollins and his family are particularly serious, as the defendants, before they were arrested, had an opportunity to amend their declaration, in which they had covered they had omitted to enter articles found in the first trunk examined. Even then, it is asserted, Mr. Rollins failed to give a complete list of his dutiable possessions, and the arrests followed.

The opportunity to refresh his memory regarding the articles which should have been declared was given to Mr. Rollins, by John Raczewicz, deputy surveyor in charge of baggage examinations. When the first few bits of jewelry and articles of clothing were discovered M. P. Cassidy, the inspector making the examination, informed the deputy surveyor that Mr. Rollins had declared only a fur coat valued at \$800. Mr. Raczewicz summoned Mr. Rollins and told him he could make additions to his declaration.

Indifference, the Social Evil. Rev. W. R. Robinson preached an excellent sermon in the Ludlow street Baptist church last evening taking for his theme "The Social Evil." This, Mr. Robinson characterized as indifference and fatal to an active Christian life. Indifference, he said, had never won recognition in any line of material effort; it had never written a great book, painted a great picture or reared an architectural triumph. It would be found to be equally fatal to achievement in the Christian life. Christians he contended should be enthusiastic and the indifferent Christian has a very poor chance of accomplishing anything through his religion.

St. John Free Public Library. — Anyone having a copy of an address delivered on Lincoln at the Mechanic Institute, St. John, June 1st, 1865, by

READERS IN LEBER CITY

North Pole Discoverer Receives Congratulations of Royalty at Rome—Duke D'Bruzzi Present.

Rome, May 15.—Commander Robert E. Peary's lecture was given today before the geographical society. King Victor Emmanuel and the Duke of the Abruzzi, latter coming from Venice, Marquis Di San Giuliano, minister of foreign affairs, and a host of distinguished people attended. Commander Peary made an introductory address in English, and his lecture which had been translated into Italian was then read by the secretary of the society. The American explorer paid a graceful tribute to the Duke of the Abruzzi. At the conclusion of the lecture the king and the duke congratulated the commander warmly.

KING'S BODY TO BE MOVED

Continued from page 1. At end of each hour a bugler silently leads the relieving guard in, and the change of guard is made noiselessly. One hour of this immobility has been found so trying to the men that after tonight they will be relieved each half hour. German services were again held in all the churches throughout the Kingdom. The troops which will line the funeral route Friday have been anxiously practicing the funeral drill. Curiously, not one of these 20,000 men will see the procession pass, for when the cortege approaches, at the word of command, sections of the troops will assume an attitude with heads bowed over their hands on their rifles, and will so remain until the cortege passes.

Anarchists Active. It is not denied by the highest authority that the police are taking the most active measures of safety against the radical socialists. The desperate lengths to which the latter have gone to best illustrate the attitude in which they are viewed by the official organ. It follows:

"The passing of King Edward will mean very little difference. His successor comes to the throne bearing an ill-omened name. Of the other Georges, three were blackguards and one other a lunatic, which was still more unfortunate for the nation. Moreover, King George V's cranial resemblance to his cousin who rules all of Russia is unimpressive. We do not desire good kings any more than we desire good capitalists or a good House of Lords."

The Catholic Sentiment. There is discussion on all sides relative to the deleting of that part of their coronation oath which is displeasing to Catholics. Mr. Balfour has declared himself as favoring such a step. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has written a letter deploring the fact that a most narrow and foolish policy is an unworthy of a tolerant age that the young King should be forced to offend the feelings of a great number of loyal Irishmen and Canadians and other subjects. All creeds, he says, should receive the same courteous treatment, and to bring these medieval recourses to an end would, indeed, be an auspicious opening of a new reign, he declares.

Baron Bryce in remanding an alteration of the oath, said: "The awful hour is approaching when for the eighth time, England's history and the people of this country are confronted by the statute of William and Mary, which makes it a condition of sovereignty that the monarch should profess an Anglican religion. The majority of Christian peoples idolaters and thoroughly wrong and the sovereign is required to insult by religious opinions held by thousands of his subjects."

Memorial Services in U. S. Chicago, May 15.—So great was the crowd that gathered to do honor to the memory to the late King Edward VII of England at a downtown Chicago today, that many men and women fainted in the crush to gain admittance. The police had all they could do to prevent injuries to the occasional children. Hundreds of Chicago citizens of British birth were turned away from the memorial. A set of resolutions that were adopted by King George, was adopted, proclaiming the reign of King Edward as one of the "most glorious in the annals of the British Empire."

Philadelphia, May 15.—Special memorial services for the late King Edward VII, was held here today in St. James Protestant Episcopal church. Bishop Whitaker granted permission for the use of prayers for the occasion from a prayer book which has been in the church since the reign of King George III. Whiffled Powell, the British consul and members of the Sons of St. George, attended in a body.

Death of W. Austin McLaughlin. W. Austin McLaughlin, eldest son of Wm. McLaughlin, 320 Brussels street, and very suddenly yesterday at the residence of his father. Besides his father he leaves one brother, Rev. Joseph McLaughlin, C. S. R., of New York, and four sisters, Misses Mamie, Sadie, Katie and Agnes. Last summer Mr. McLaughlin while yachting on the river had a sun stroke, and since then he has had occasional periods of illness. On Sunday afternoon he was taken ill again, and in about an hour passed away. His McLaughlin was well known in the city, and very popular among his associates. He was a member of the R. K. Y. C., and also of the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic societies.

Congregationalists Favor Union. In the Congregational church yesterday morning Rev. S. W. Anthony announced that as the result of voting on church union thirty-three members had voted for union, while ten were opposed to it. Only forty three out of a much larger membership voted. The result has been forwarded to Rev. W. H. Warriner, who is secretary of the movement in Canada.