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LITTLE BROTHERS COAST TO DEATH Tragedy of Boston Home; Lads Drowned in Pond CARRIED TOO FAR ON ICE Frantic Mother Awaits Return of Herb and Bobby Coleman But They Are Carried Home in Death

Boston, Feb. 11.—A little bit of a red outfit cap, floating in a patch of open water in Muddy Pond, West Roxbury, was the clue that revealed the fate of Herbert and Bobby Coleman, who met death in its waters. It is one of the saddest tragedies the police have had to handle for a long time.

The two children, Herbert, aged 8, and Bobby, 6, lived with their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman, housekeeper for Congressman Peters, at Forest Hills. They are the only children.

They asked permission to go coasting. It was given them. But they were told by their mother not to go on the ice of Muddy Pond. Of course they said they would not go there. The pond is partly frozen over, but here and there are patches where the ice has broken and there are good sized water holes.

When it began to grow dark and they were not home Mrs. Coleman grew anxious. And as supper time came and went without them she became alarmed.

The police were notified. Patches of woods were searched until late hour. And hour after hour there was no word. The children had gone to coast and had not intended to be disobedient. But they were too young to know that the momentum of two youngsters will carry them far further than it may slide ordinarily.

Moreover, the snow had a coating of ice, to make it all the more slippery. And so they climbed on their sled and started. Down the hill the sled sped. It went faster as it neared the shore of the pond and in a moment the two laughing youngsters were out on the ice.

But the sled did not stop. On it went as the tracks showed, and with the messenger of death as the guiding spirit it shot into an open space. The little tragedy went on unseen. Clumping each other they rose and sank, and finally for the last time they were muddied bottom, the only clear being the little red outfit cap. This floated to the top, and was seen by Policeman Ed. J. Murphy.

Investigating, he managed to get out on the ice to the hole. He reached it, and there was the tragedy revealed to him.

For a minute it unnered him to see the two little children on the bottom their eyes staring up, and he hastily crawled back to the bank. Then he sent word to the station, and in a short time news was passed around and a crowd gathered about the pond. The work of securing the bodies was begun by the police and it was finally accomplished. When the mother learned she was prostrated.

Into the home the children were borne tenderly. Meanwhile the winter days will pass into summer, and the story of little Boy Blue will be repeated, for the little toy soldiers will be covered with dust, the muskets will rust in their hands; the little toy dog, with the other toys, will faithfully stand waiting and wondering the long years through what has become of the little Boy Blue.

Mercury Takes Drop To Almost Record Point Sixteen Below, Official; Twenty In Some Places This Morning

Only Once Colder in Fourteen Years—Fortunately High Wind of Yesterday Subsided—Thirty Below in Woodstock, 35 at Grand Falls

This morning established a record for low temperature that has not been beaten in the last seven years and only once since 1900 has the mercury gone lower than the point to which it dropped this morning. The lowest official reading in the city was about 9.20 o'clock this morning when the thermometer showed sixteen degrees below the celsius. At eleven o'clock it had climbed three degrees.

Only once in the last fourteen years has the mercury been as low as it went this morning. In 1907 it dropped to 17, one degree below that registered this morning. The temperature, however, has dropped several times as low as fifteen below.

Fortunately for those who were compelled to be out this morning, the high wind which blew almost steadily from the north at a rate between thirty and forty miles an hour yesterday, dropped during the night and this morning was traveling at about twelve miles. Many a thoughtful housewife, anticipating the cold weather, left the water running in the kitchen last evening, but there were some who did not do so and as a result some men arrived at work some minutes behind time—that is if they waited for breakfast, but there were others who were compelled to start the day's grind without having eaten.

The effect of the cold wave was noted in the almost deserted streets, none but those who considered it their duty to be out having braved the weather. Although the official reading of the thermometer placed the lowest figure this morning at 16 degrees below, thermometers in different parts of the city and surrounding territory registered even lower than that mark. The Partridge Island reading was twenty-one below. At Colbybrook, twenty was registered and at Red Head, Little River and Lancaster, the glasses showed nineteen below. At Kane's Corner it was eighteen. Several thermometers about the Marsh Bridge and Haymarket Square dropped as far as eighteen.

A heavy vapor hung over the harbor all morning and a wind from the due north, covered the wharves and warehouses on this side of the harbor with a veil of white. The Last 14 Years. A summary of the lowest temperatures registered for the last fourteen years, as follows, is interesting:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Temperature (F), Temperature (C), and Notes. Rows include 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914.

Hot Shot From Labor Man For Member of Mr. Borden's Cabinet

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Alphonse Verreuil of Maisonneuve, started a discussion in connection with the consideration of labor department estimates. He was not prepared to say that the strikers at Natashquan had been altogether right in what they had done but he read a lengthy statement by the leader of the strikers, Frank Farrington, to show they had not been fairly treated. Approval of a visit paid by Hon. T. W. Crothers to the British trades and labor congress he said he understood the English delegates had thought he was a "traitor".

Possibly, said Mr. Verreuil, the minister was afraid to do anything lest the Canadian Manufacturers Association should have him freed. When he was appointed to a judgeship he hoped he would be succeeded by a practical labor man. England was none the worse because it had a John Burns in its cabinet nor the United States because it had taken a mine and made him Secretary Wilson, a member of the cabinet.

ST. PETER'S Y. M. C. A. BOWLERS. The second series in the St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. bowling league has ended, resulting in the Emeralds and Maples being the winners. They will roll with the winners of the first and third series at the close of the third. On Monday night the Shamrocks took three points from the Mallets, while last night the Emeralds took three points from the Emeralds. In this game the totals were 1,268 to 1,233.

ADJUTANT REPLETES TO CRITICISM

Metropole Matters Complained of in Series of Questions—He Answers Them

St. John, N. B., Feb. 7, 1914. To the Editor of the "Times": I would like to Adjutant Cummins, did not every man have to have his ten cents before he could sleep in the Metropole? (2) Would you let us know how much money you paid that night for your bedding, saying you four dollars per week? (4) If a man wanted you for a bed or a mattress without the money, would you not tell him to go and get an order from some business man? (5) Would you let us know how much furniture and clothing and everything you can pick up? (6) How is it that you tell the public that you give this stuff to the poor free of cost and after making the good, charitable people of this city, that are good enough to give you clothes and furniture to give away to the poor free of cost, how is it that instead of giving this stuff away to the poor you sell it for the highest price you could get for it?

THINKS CHANGES FOR BIGGER DOCK AT THIS PORT ARE GOOD

Senator Thorne Hoped—Statement of Case Sent to Hon. Mr. Hazen

A strong statement of St. John's claims for a larger dock with a petition to the government to extend the plans to provide for a dock 1150 instead of 800 feet in length has been forwarded to Hon. J. D. Hazen for presentation to the federal government. The document was prepared by a special committee of the Board of Trade appointed for the purpose and including J. M. Robinson, Senator Thorne and H. C. Schofield.

CHALEUR IN PORT TODAY

Had Stormy Passage—Midshipmen Returning to Naval College

THE CHECKERS SENT

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INTO HALIFAX FOR COAL

Minto Very Ill Anxiety Over Health of Former Governor-General

New York, Feb. 11.—A cable to the Sun from London says: "The Earl of Minto, formerly viceroy of India, who has been ill for some time, suffered a relapse last night, and his condition is causing anxiety. The Earl is in his 77th year. He was governor-general of Canada from 1898 to 1904."

BASEBALL SENSATION NOW STIRS MAGNATES

Johnny Evers Let Go By Murphy of Chicago

HANK O'DAY SUCCESSOR

Even Federal Menace Overshadowed For a Time—Evers' Contract as Manager to Be Studied With View to Protecting Him

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WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, H. F. Stuart, Chief Meteorologist.

Synopsis—The great cold wave has changed its position since yesterday morning. It has, however, become more generally with no immediate prospect of a change in existing conditions.

Maritime—Fair and continued except cold today and on Thursday. New England forecasts—Generally light tonight and Thursday; brisk northwesterly winds on the coast.