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DOUBLE DROWNING OFF BRIER ISLAND

Two Fishermen the Victims

Dory Capsized and Leslie McDormand Sank Shortly After--Murray Gower Made Gallant But Vain Struggle to Keep Afloat Till Sloop Came to His Assistance.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Digby, N. S., Dec. 25--Another drowing accident occurred off Brier Island last night, which has made a gloomy Christmas at Westport today. A large fishing sloop manned by Capt. William McDormand, Edward Cousins, Murray Gower and Leslie McDormand was returning from the fishing grounds...

NEGRO SOLDIERS FIRE INTO A CROWDED STREET CAR

Several Passengers Injured and Fourteen of the Rioters Arrested.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Dec. 25--Fourteen soldiers, the majority of whom are troopers of the Ninth Cavalry (colored) were arrested today in connection with the riot on a street car last night, when a number of shots were fired into a loaded car and several passengers were slightly injured by broken glass.

TERRIBLE SHOOTING AFFRAY BETWEEN MINERS AND GUARDS

Three Dead and Four Fatally Wounded--Strikers Have Been Out a Year.

Owenboro, Ky., Dec. 25--Three men were killed and four fatally wounded in a fight last night between guards employed by the West Kentucky Coal Company at Sturgis, Union county, and the striking miners at that place. The dead: C. J. Dougherty, mine guard; Billy Malloy, miner.

PRIEST DROPS DEAD PUTTING ON VESTMENTS

Denison, Tex., Dec. 25--Rev. T. K. Crawley, of St. Patrick's church, while putting on his vestments to celebrate high mass, dropped dead today. He served as a chaplain in a New York regiment through-

KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN ON C. P. R.

Peter Larsen Mangled Almost Beyond Recognition Near Enniskillen, N. B.

ASLEEP ON TRACK

Report Says He Had Been Drinking, and Had Lain Down Across Rail--Said Train Was Held Long Time for Clearance--Man Died as He Was Being Brought to Welsford.

Mangled and cut, almost beyond recognition by a fast-moving freight train, Peter Larsen was found lying across the railroad track near Gaspereaux station on the C. P. R., about 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Larsen was not dead when, after the train had been stopped, he was picked up, but he expired soon after.

WEALTHY WOMAN LIVED IN POVERTY; DIED A SUICIDE

Mrs. Balfour, Who Drowned Herself at Los Angeles, Left Large Estate to the Poor and Relatives.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25--A story of remarkable interest is behind the suicide of Mrs. Mary Elsie Balfour, 55 years of age, who was today dragged from the depths of East Park Lake, where she had thrown herself last night. The woman lived alone in a shanty and was seen to enter the park unaccompanied last night.

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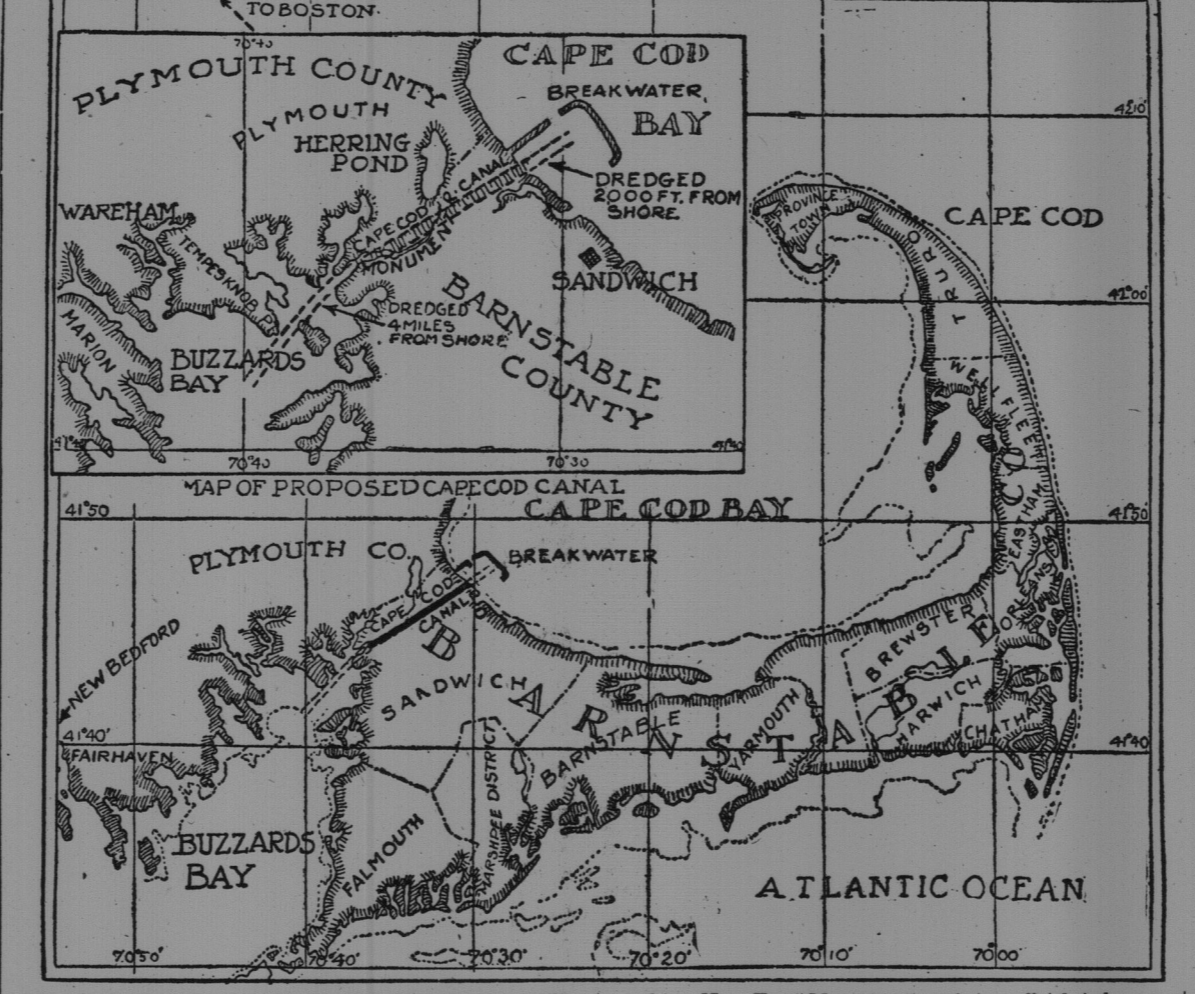
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ROUTE OF WATERWAY TO CONNECT CAPE COD WITH BUZZARD'S BAY



New York, Dec. 24--New York will be 140 miles nearer to Boston by sea and seventy-six miles closer by the Sound route upon completion of the Cape Cod canal, which long mooted project has been actively resuscitated through recent absorption of a controlling interest by August Belmont & Co.

SERIOUS BLAZE AT FREDERICTON

Business Building Practically Destroyed--Hatt, Morrison & Co. Suffer

NO CHRISTMAS SPORTS

Mild Weather Interfered With Curling, Horse Races, Etc.--Usual Services in the Churches--A Plucky Capture of a Runaway Team.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 25--The two and one half story wooden building on Campbell street, owned by Fred S. Williams, of Maryville, was badly damaged by fire between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning. The flames originated in the upper part of the building and made great headway before being discovered.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTIONS FEB. 2

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Dec. 25--The British Columbia legislature has been dissolved, and elections will take place on Feb. 2.

BIG SNOW STORM AT MONTREAL KEPT BIG FORCE BUSY

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Dec. 25--Christmas was marked by a big snow storm in Montreal. Twenty-eight sweepers and several hundred men were required to keep the street car lines open.

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CONGO SLAVES

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BLUNDERS DIDN'T STOP WEDDING

Rev. Harold Clarke, China Missionary, Married to Miss Lillian O'Donnell

TELEGRAM WENT ASTRAY

Bride-elect, in Ignorance of Fier Lover's Arrival Till She Met Him by Accident at Fredericton Junction--Letter Arranging for Nuptials Also Side-tracked.

(Special to The Telegraph.) St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 25--The home of the Misses Clarke, on Markis street, was the scene of a pretty wedding this evening, when their nephew Rev. Harold Clarke, was united in marriage to Miss Lillian O'Donnell, of Doaktown, (N. B.).

Mr. Clarke having obtained a leave of absence for three months and taking advantage of the fact C. P. R. steamer and Overseas mail train from Vancouver, arrived at St. John on Friday and proceeded to the home of his bride, whom he met by accident at Fredericton, where he learned that no message had been received from him. He then wrote his aunt here that he would be home with his bride-elect. The letter went to Milltown in mistake so that when received the good people of his household had to hustle for the reception of the engaged couple.

CANADIAN RAILWAYS CONTRACT TO SPEND \$62,000,000 ON LINES

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Dec. 25--The railways of Canada, according to a special article in the Globe tomorrow, have contracted for new construction and equipment this year more than \$62,000,000.

AN ARMY OF POOR FED IN NEW YORK

Salvation Army Made Glad 25,000 With Christmas Dinners

"BIG" TIM'S GENEROSITY

FIRST FRENCH CHURCH CLOSED UNDER NEW LAW

(Special to The Telegraph.) Paris, Dec. 25--The first instance of the closing of a church under the separation law has occurred at Azay-sur-Indre, where the mayor in writing ordered the cure to leave both the presbytery and the church edifice, which he declared the communal authorities would take over in pursuance of the law. The cure consequently quitted the edifice, which was closed. The question of the legality of the mayor's action is arousing a considerable controversy.

NEIL FLORENCE, AN ACTOR, DEAD FROM ILLUMINATING GAS

New York, Dec. 25--Neil Florence, an actor, 45 years old, was found dead in his room at a boarding house on West 23rd street today. The apartment was filled with illuminating gas which was escaping from two open jets. At the boarding house preparations had been made for a Christmas dinner to which a number of actors had been invited. Florence was expected to preside. His lifeless body was found on his bed when an servant was sent to call him for dinner.

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Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and Others Urge United States Secretary of State Root to Use His Good Offices to Prevent Further Barbarities.

New York, Dec. 25--A letter signed by J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and other prominent citizens of this city, was addressed to Secretary of State Elihu Root today, directing his attention to conditions in the Congo Free State where, it is asserted, "flagrant inhumanity exists," and urging him on behalf of the American people to use the "moral support" of the United States government to correct the abuses.

The communication reads: "Over a year has passed since the report of the commissioners chosen by the chief executive and virtual owner of the Congo to investigate conditions in that state was published. In spite of their natural desire to give all possible credit to their sovereigns, the commissioners felt constrained to report the existence of measures and practices of flagrant inhumanity. Among these measures and practices are the following: 1. The exaction of a labor tax so onerous that many natives on whom it falls have little if any freedom of movement. 2. Appropriation of land to such an extent that the natives are practically prisoners within their own territory. 3. Grave Charges. 4. The employment under the authority of the government as sentries of cruel, brutish employes, chosen from hostile tribes, who murder, pillage and rape the people for whose protection the government is avowedly established. 5. The abuse of the natives by white representatives of officially recognized companies. 6. The binding of little children to years of labor and uncertain wages by contract they do not understand, and even more serious, maltreatment of children supported by the immediate care of the government. 7. The sending out of punitive expeditions, not for the purpose of establishing peace, but for the purpose of terrifying the natives into paying a tax which, as administered, even the commissioners regard as inhuman. 8. It is to be remembered that these are not charges brought against the Congo government, but findings of the commission appointed by the chief executive of the government to investigate and report on the facts. Acting upon these findings, a second commission, also appointed by the king, has recommended measures of reform. No steps have been taken to adopt them. There is no evidence that the Congo government is undertaking seriously to remedy these evils. The powers which created the Congo government have insisted a right to call that government to account inasmuch as the United States gave its moral support to the establishment of the Congo government. It is justified in giving its moral support to any undertaking to secure conditions in the Congo that will not disgrace civilization. We wish to assure you that for any measure you may adopt in order to give the powers such moral support of the United States, you will have our earnest and urgent approval."

SERIOUSLY WOUNDS WIFE; THEN KILLS HIMSELF

New York, Dec. 25--John J. O'Rourke, twenty-eight years old, an electrician, shot and seriously wounded his wife, Lillian, aged twenty-four, and then killed himself with the same weapon early today at their home in Richmond Hill, Long Island. The shooting, the police say, followed a quarrel between the couple.

WEALTHY MONCTON MAN MARRIES

Moncton, Dec. 25--(Special)--Moncton's best known landlord, James F. Weldon, was married a few days ago to Miss Trites, daughter of Abner Trites, of this city. Mr. Weldon is the owner of more tenement houses than any other one man in Moncton. His income from rents being about \$6,000 yearly.

Masked Men Held Up Gambling Den

Goldfield, Cal., Dec. 24--Two masked men held up seventeen occupants of the lobby of the Columbia Hotel late last night. The robbers secured \$25 from the gambling games, but overlooked \$3,000 which was in the safe. They backed out of the rear entrance and escaped, leaving no clue to their identity.

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FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

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that the Rev. Mr. Whalley will be asked to accept the rectorship of the railway town, as successor to the Rev. E. B. Hooper, now rector of St. Paul's parish, St. John.

DELOO. SUSSEX.
Sussex, Dec. 20.—Mrs. A. P. Pugsley left the first of the week for Salem (Mass.) to spend Christmas with her brother, Mr. Fred Smith in town.

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WHERE WAS THE SAVIOUR CRUCIFIED AND WHERE WAS HE BURIED?

Recent Discoveries Which Have Convicted an Expert That the Traditional Site is Not the True Calvary of the New Testament, and That Another Spot Has Far Better Claims to Be Regarded as the Place Where Occurred the Greatest Tragedy of Christendom.

In 1808 this cathedral was partly destroyed by fire and the roof of the rotunda fell in upon the sepulchre. The church as it now stands is the result of the restoration and partial reconstruction which took place in 1810.

If the New Calvary and tomb are accepted as the true Calvary, they found a man of Cyrene Simon by name, coming out of the country, as St. Mark and St. Luke add, and this was the entrance by which he would come out of the country.

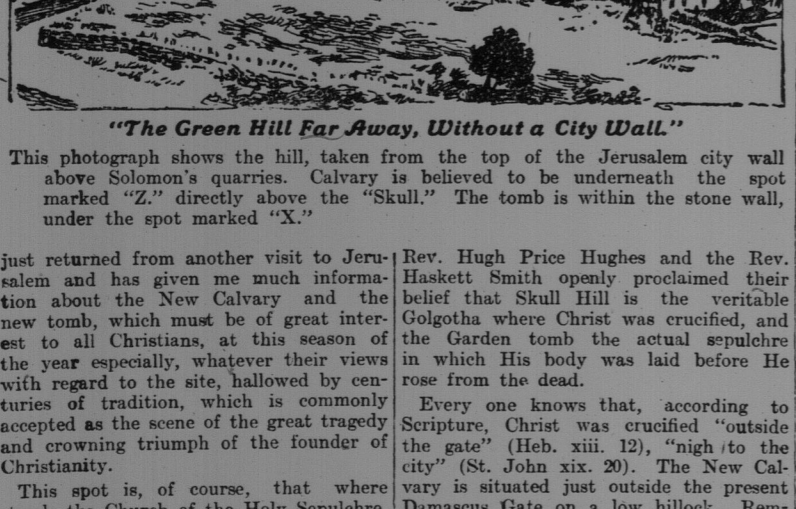
From recent researches it has been ascertained that an arched building once existed in front of the tomb. This building, it is believed, was erected about the time of the Crusades, that is about the twelfth century.

Dr. Schick, the most distinguished of Jerusalem archaeologists, has pronounced the tomb to be originally a Jewish tomb, but altered and converted subsequently to Christian uses.

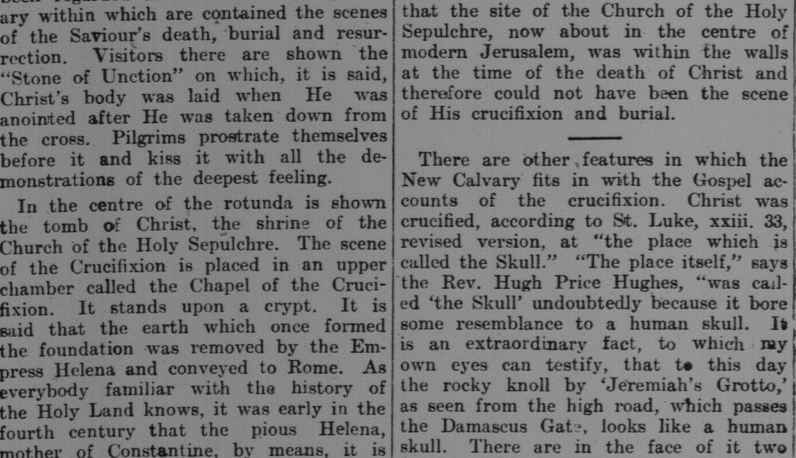
The claims on behalf of the identification of what we have called the Christ's tomb as the actual sepulchre of Christ rests, he said, "on a different footing."

Among those who approved the scheme and helped raise the money were the present and late Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of Ripon, Cashel, Salisbury and Durham, the Marquis of Lorne, the Marquis of Northampton, the Earl of Aberdeen and many other distinguished ecclesiastics and laymen.

Arthur Crawley-Boevey is the honorary secretary of the committee which has the matter in charge, and he is entrusted with the management of the property. He has returned from another visit to Jerusalem and has given me much information about the Calvary and the tomb.



Entrance to what is believed to be Christ's Tomb, Looking from the Rough Bank Above.



"The Green Hill Far Away, Without a City Wall."

visible from afar' (St. Mark, xv., 40), and 'all His acquaintances and the friends that followed with Him from Galilee stood afar off, seeing these things' (St. Luke, xxiii., 49).

A resolution was passed recommending the application to amend the game law, making a separate license fee for deer, to apply to both residents and non-residents.

The evening of the guides and the local sportsmen held a pleasant reunion at Odd-fellow's hall.

Special and appropriate Christmas services were conducted in several of the churches in the city yesterday.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 21—Rev. George Wood spent Sunday in Halifax. Dr. Lang, of the Ladies' College, filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in his absence.

Mr. Roy Leavell went to Moncton Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. L. Leavell, who died last week in Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Black drove to Parron on Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Black's father, Mr. Francis L. Jenks.

Mr. C. A. Love, of Sydney, who has been leaving for the States for the past few years, was in Amherst on Tuesday en route to Joliet to visit his son, Walter.

guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Goldsmith, a few days.

Miss Freita Freeman is going to spend Christmas with her cousin, Mrs. Emily MacKinnon, St. John (N. B.).

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OUR RELATIVES

From a Trouble Series by Roy L. McCardell, in N. Y. World.

Another talk about troubles, and friends and relatives will please pass around to the right!

There are two kinds of brothers—the kind you are ashamed of and the kind that are ashamed of you.

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JOHN BODEN, JR. HAS PASSED AWAY

St. John Man Who Made a Name for Himself in United States Newspaper Work.

New York, Dec. 22—John Boden, Jr., racing secretary of the Brighton Beach Racing Association, died last night at the Saratoga Lake Hotel.

John Boden, Jr. was one of the turf authorities in this country, and for more than ten years was sporting editor and writer for the New York Press.

Decased was a son of Philip Boden, of 136 Rockland Road. He had a large circle of friends in this city, who will read with regret his death.

Mr. Boden was on the staff of The Daily Telegraph at New York, where he was appointed racing secretary of the Brighton Beach Racing Association about five years ago.

BURIED 15 DAYS; RESCUED ALIVE

Bakersfield, Calif., Dec. 23—Lindsay B. Hicks, rescued last night from an entombment of fifteen days in a cave-in tunnel today appeared well and happy after his gruesome experience.

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This Centrepiece

FREE WRITE FOR IT TO-DAY

Colonial Art Centrepieces POPPIES, HOLLY, VIOLETS or AMERICA BEAUTY ROSES

West Quaco Items.

West Quaco, Dec. 18—The large bridge on the Mosher Road has been receiving attention.

Amherst Man Badly Injured.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 21—(Special)—Herbert Ripley, a middle-aged man, belonging to Amherst, received serious injuries today at the Maritime Gypsum Company's quarries.

Nearly 60 Years a Priest.

Sixty years a priest will be the record of Rev. Father McQuinn, who is now living at the Hotel Dieu, Chatham, if he lives till next May.

Big Royalty for Ontario Government.

Toronto, Dec. 21—(Special)—The mineral lease of the Ontario & Temiskaming Railway right of way was let today to Miller, Ferguson & Hunter, Toronto, and E. A. Bennett, Ottawa, at \$38,000 and twenty-five per cent royalty on all raw taken out.

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CHRISTMAS: "Two thousand years ago the proclamation came from a multitude of the heavenly host to simple men abiding in the field, and keeping watch over their flocks, that a Saviour was born who was to bring glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to good will to men."

THE MAILS: While St. John aldermen and Board of Trade members are standing pat on the question of the Atlantic mail service, Halifax is making a strong campaign both locally and at Ottawa.

THE I. C. R. PENSION PLAN: Faithful service, the world is coming to think more and more, is worthy of consideration when men grow old.

IN THE EVENT OF WAR: The pleasing possibility of starving Britain by invading Canada in time of war and by cutting off the food supply from overseas still appeals with considerable force to some American publicists.

EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW: Canadians who remember Gaynor and Greene have probably thought of them as hidden away among other convicts in a southern prison.

enjoying themselves to an extent denied to ninety-nine American citizens out of a hundred. A friend of Gaynor's wrote as follows to a friend in Syracuse:

"I have just been out riding with Gaynor. You know he and Greene are in prison here, but they have a snap. Gaynor told me that he was hunting up to get shaved and their meals are sent to them from the Hotel Lanier."

"They went to the County Fair last week and they go out driving when they please. The people in town think Gaynor and Greene all right, and just a short time ago the people broke into the jail looking for a negro that shot a young man on the fair grounds, to lynch him, but he had been taken to Atlanta."

Influence and money explain why these men live in luxury while more common thieves are confined to the ordinary prison life. The New York World offers this comment:

"If you steal a dime or a dollar of Government money and Uncle Sam can possibly convict you, a deputy marshal will handcuff you and drive you to a prison, where you will wear stripes and answer to a number and earn your bread—and not very much else except bread—in the sweat of your brow, making brooms or shoes or chairs. If you steal a few millions belonging to your beneficent uncle, maybe he will allow you to be treated as Greene and Gaynor are now being treated."

THE MAIN POINT: "The main point, and the only one which should be considered, is the quick delivery of the British mails not merely at Montreal, Toronto and points West, but in the Maritime Provinces."

Will She Follow the Queen's Lead? Queen Alexandra has again been telling the ladies that they ought not to have birds in their head-ears, as wholesome slaughter of the feathered ones is but an occasion.

MR. HICKS, OPTIMIST

A stout heart, a plug of tobacco, a barrel of luck and an inexhaustible supply of optimism—these saved Mr. Lindsey B. Hicks who was entombed for fifteen long days in a caved-in tunnel in California and who was restored to the golden sun-light last Saturday.

NOTE AND COMMENT: "Same to you, and many of them!" The I. C. R. pension scheme is at last taking definite shape.

It sounds funny—the declaration of a New Brunswick newspaper—that Halifax is the great national winter port in fact on St. John's unjust claim to that distinction—Frederick Herald.

Japan continues to figure in the United States newspapers as the foe of the future. The New York Herald reminds its readers that the war with Spain found the Americans unprepared.

Speaking of reasonable conduct, the sum of \$5,000 has been given voluntarily to the wife and children of a man who was killed accidentally the other day in the shop in response to a request for aid.

When Mr. George Cushing was in Ottawa the other day one of the newspapers of the capital added K. C. to his name.

Wolvilville Notes: Wolvillville, N. S., Dec. 24—Mrs. Thomas Harvey has returned from Brooklyn (N. Y.) where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Augustus Harvey.

Emerson & Fisher, 25 Germain Street. Fireplaces Fittings. A COMBINATION OF USEFULNESS AND BEAUTY. Superior Holiday Gifts. Brass Fire Irons, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 per set.

ST. MARTINS RAILWAY BRIDGE DAMAGED

Structure Over Hammond River Weakened by Floating Ice, and Road is Tied Up—News of Hampton.

Hampton, Kings county, Dec. 22—Yesterday and last night's rain has only took off most of our snow but broke up the ice in Hammond river, causing damage to the railway bridge at Upham, of the St. Martins line, by carrying away the bents which supported and strengthened it.

Political gossip is busy with the formation of election tickets, but as yet there is no sign of a Dominion election.

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"Think I now begin to see their case. Things are more serious than I thought. Get another man as soon as you can, and see me in the cell."

The constable had to give his evidence, which was important enough as to the fact of the robbery, as also the murders having been committed at such and such a time, but did nothing towards incriminating Horace.

Next came the doctor, who had been summoned to the bedside, he testified to the death, that of Macalister by fall of the heart's action, due probably to the administration of an overdose of some opiate, and to that of Green by an incised wound, deep, resembling a dagger thrust, in the left breast.

At this point the counsel conducting the prosecution on behalf of the Treasury made a motion, as above clerk stepped over to the solicitor's table, and took up and handed him the third object, the one which Horace had not been able to get a clear view of from his place in the dock.

"Yes," he answered the medico; "I recognise it. It is the weapon I found in the wound, and with which it was done—Yes, I noticed the initials H.W., engraved on the handle."

"You have no doubt that this instrument was the cause of the clerk Green's death?"

"None whatever." Horace's counsel refused to cross-examine the witness, and the witness stepped down. The knif was then handed successfully to the magistrate, the clerk, and Horace's solicitor and counsel.

Counsel for the Treasury was about clearing his throat, to proceed with the next point, when Horace's counsel got up, and addressing the court, said: "At this point, your worship, I ask for a week's remand."

A little cross-questioning here took place between the magistrate and the two counsel, and the police; then Horace's counsel's request, which, after all, was but reasonable, was agreed to; the next case was called, and Horace led away to the cells.

CHAPTER XXIV. Carey Found. In the cell of the police-station, Horace, Mr. Hancock, and one of his clerks, and Mr. Graham, K. C., Horace's counsel, are in eager consultation; for Mr. Hancock knows that time is the great thing against them, and he does not believe in wasting half a day to wait till he can see Horace more conveniently.

"But that is nothing," Mr. Graham was saying. "Your knif was always left on your desk, you say?"

"It is, in would not suit our argument quite so well; but, in any case, your knif was often left on your desk, and being of silver, that is to say of bright appearance, would naturally catch the eye of anyone looking about for a weapon."

"If you have no better evidence than to offer, it will not be long before we shall have the knif of them. You don't remember, I suppose, what you did with the knif on that particular evening? You don't connect it with any incident, you don't lend it to anyone?"

"Wait a minute," said Horace, with pucker forehead. "I do recollect something about it. I remember, I suppose, it was in our case I ought to remember lending it to Hooking—but not that it was not it. And yet, by Jove! I have it. I lent it to poor old Green on the 15th. I remember now perfectly; he was in a beastly humor, and fellows were beginning to make game of him, and—well, he was a nervous sort of fellow, and he began to jab at a blot or something with a blunt knif, and naturally made a hole in the paper. Then the fellows started to titter, and I took him down, and he was in good condition."

"He didn't give it back to you?"

quite irregular, but if you like, I will undertake that."

"And now," said Horace quietly, "to come to what made me write that note. It was something that I saw on the table; but not the knif, that was wrapped in paper then, and I did not know what it was till they unpacked it. It was my own cigarette case, or rather cigarette case and card case combined."

"Then Horace told how he had missed this case after his visit to Carey. Mr. Hancock looked grave, and as for Mr. Graham, K. C., who, it must be remembered, had never seen Horace before, and to whom Mr. Hancock had hardly mentioned Carey, his lip curled, and it would not be oversteating the case to say that he looked decidedly sceptical. Horace, however, did not notice this.

"Then," Horace continued, "there was a third thing on the table, you saw it; tell me what you think it looked like. I should say, a shirt rolled into a bundle, and therefore, I presume, a soiled shirt," replied Mr. Hancock. "There was paper round it, but the ends were covered, and it was all at the look of that."

"Well, now," he said, "we come to the witness, but, that shirt as there as green, it is because Carey once stole a portmanteau of my things."

"Where?" said Mr. Hancock, and glanced at the lawyer, who pursed his mouth and said nothing.

(To be continued.)

Quebec to Abolish Obnoxious Taxes. Montreal, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Hon. Lower Gouin announces that at the next session of the legislature the Quebec tax on commercial travellers representing foreign houses will be abolished.

A Heavy Pay Roll. Amherst, N. S., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Tomorrow is pay day at Rhodes, Curry & Company. The amount to be paid out for three weeks' wages to the men will be more than \$30,000.

Indians who accepted \$24 from Gov. Peter Munnit for Manhattan Island in 1609 did not make such a bad bargain, for if they had invested that sum of money at compound interest at the prevailing rate since then their heirs would now have \$12,000,000,000.

Government Railway Pension Bill Ready. Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Hon. H. R. Emmerson, minister of railways, has at last succeeded in getting the sanction of his colleagues to the establishment of an annuity fund for employes on the I. C. R. and government railways. Shortly after parliament reassembles Mr. Emmerson will introduce a bill to establish the I. C. R. and Prince Edward Island Railway and employes' provident fund.

By this bill, which will come into force on April 1st next, one and one-half per cent per month of the employes' wages will be contributed towards this fund. All the officers and employes of the road must contribute to the fund. It will be compulsory. The only exceptions will be those on the road who come under the civil service act.

The fund shall be handed over to the crown and interest will be paid on it at three per cent, the same as is given in the savings bank.

The board which will control and administer this fund will consist of five persons—the general manager, two chief officers and two elected by the employes. The board will make regulations subject to the approval of the minister. The minister will appoint a secretary of the board who will be subject to the board. The fund shall be administered through the fund by the board. The board will be divided as follows: Class A—Those who have attained the age of 70 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class B—Those who have attained the age between 61 and 69 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class C—Those who have attained the age of 60 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class D—Those who have attained the age of 55 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class E—Those who have attained the age of 50 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class F—Those who have attained the age of 45 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class G—Those who have attained the age of 40 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class H—Those who have attained the age of 35 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class I—Those who have attained the age of 30 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class J—Those who have attained the age of 25 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class K—Those who have attained the age of 20 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class L—Those who have attained the age of 15 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class M—Those who have attained the age of 10 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class N—Those who have attained the age of 5 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service. Class O—Those who have attained the age of 0 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service.

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