

EIGHT MEN WERE KILLED BY A POWDER EXPLOSION

Prescott Northup, the Foreman, Blown to Pieces.

ONLY HIS HAND FOUND

A ROMANIAN BLOWN QUARTER OF MILE.

Seven of Dead are Romanians—Six of Injured are in Kingston General Hospital—Inquest by Dr. D. E. Mundell—Verdict of Accidental Death.

Eight men killed and six men in the general hospital, badly injured, is the present awful toll of an accident which occurred in a construction camp for the Canadian Northern railway, six miles east of Stoness' Corners, Perth Road, twenty-five miles from Kingston, at 4.35 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

The men were working in a rock cut and met death as the result of a premature explosion of dynamite, used to blast the cut. Of the eight men killed all were Romanians, with the exception of Prescott Northup, aged thirty-five, walking boss for the two miles of road, in the vicinity, where the accident occurred.

Northup was engaged in setting off the blast and his body was blown into pieces. His home is in New Brunswick, and he had been engaged in railway construction work for some time. All that was found of his remains was one hand, with his working glove on it, parts of his clothing, and the sole of one of his boots.

News of the terrible fatality reached Kingston at 6 p.m. on Saturday in a long-distance telephone message to Dr. D. E. Mundell, who was asked to arrange for the holding of an inquest.

There were eighteen men in the cut at the time of the explosion. Besides the eight killed six others were severely injured. Only two escaped unhurt. One of the men was pulled from the debris alive but died fifteen minutes afterwards.

At three o'clock Sunday afternoon the six injured men reached the Kingston general hospital, having been driven a distance of twenty-five miles in a large wagon by H. J. Guthrie and his cousin, W. B. Guthrie. They were attended by Dr. Mundell, who found them suffering from broken limbs and internal injuries. They are reported as doing well.

Story of the Explosion.

Six of the Romanians met death by being crushed by rocks from an overhanging bluff, weighing in the neighborhood of two hundred tons. This mass of rock and earth fell from a height of fifty feet, crushing in it all fourteen men, who were working underneath.

The place where the accident occurred is in the C.N.R. cut on the shore of Garter lake, near Opinicon. It was being operated by Northup & McCarty, who were sub-contractors under M. G. Henninger. The latter's cut is across the marshy end of the lake, which lies like a ledge between the two cliffs through which the C.N.R. had to cut its way. The two cuts were about six hundred feet apart. The blast of dynamite was laid by Mr. Northup, who, with an assistant, Thomas Sturgari, was on the top of the bluff. The hole had been drilled about a fortnight before and Saturday morning they had been sprung and a pocket made to hold the charge.

The cause of the accident will never be known, as both men who were putting in the charge were killed instantly. Sturgari, who was with Mr. Northup, was blown from the top of the cliff and was picked up badly mutilated, about 400 feet from the place of the explosion. Mr. Northup was blown to pieces, and only parts of his body have been found.

The only man who escaped unharmed was William McLaren, a teamster employed on the job. He was standing about twenty-five feet from the face of the cliff, with a team of horses and a stone boat. One of his horses was killed and a man who stood at his elbow was struck dead instantly by a falling boulder. Beyond a few bruises and a severe shock, McLaren came through safely.

He tells a gruesome story. What he passed through must have been a terrible experience. He says the scene was horrible, men being crushed to death by great granite blocks. The cries of the wounded and the groans of the dying made the minute seem an age. He is firmly resolved never to return to the works.

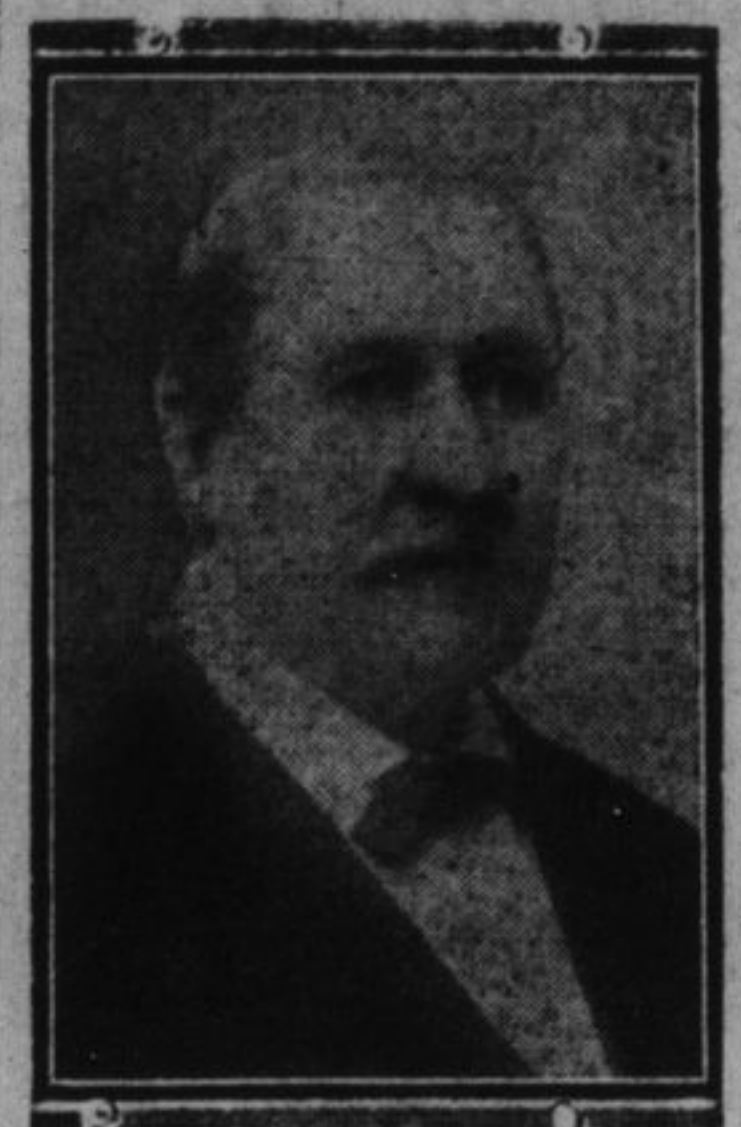
The eight men who were killed were Prescott Northup, Thomas Roman Sturgari, Peter Dratcha, Petru A. Telem, Popovics Lazar, A. Tom Sturgari, Teodor Munteau, Dumitru Trigu.

An Inquest Held.

On Monday morning at five o'clock Dr. Mundell, accompanied by Police Constable Arniel and press representatives, left in an automobile for the scene of the catastrophe, where the tragic details of the awful accident were told by eye-witnesses. The inquest was held at Walter Guthrie's place, about two miles this side of the cut.

The first witness was William Mc-

Laren. He told of hearing the blast and seeing the sky black with flying stones and seeing the men struck down, the death of his horse and the awful scene that followed. Mr. Mc-



SENATOR THOMAS B. CATRON, New United States senator from New Mexico.

Laren said that the cries of the wounded and the groans of the dying were awful to remember. No warning was given. The men always had sufficient warning when a blast was to be put off.

The Chief Witness.

The most important witness in the case was Leonard D. McArthur. He said that he was station man, or sub-contractor, and was the partner of Mr. Northup. Mr. Northup was working boss or superintendent for M. Henninger, who was contractor for the C.N.R. He was a man of wide experience in handling dynamite in railroad work, and was very careful.

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A DISTRESSINGLY SAD ACCIDENT AT LANCASTER

"What Will My Family Do?" Asks the Dying Trainman.

Lancaster, Ont., June 4.—A sad accident happened here which resulted in the death of Napoleon Bolton, a Grand Trunk brakeman. While coupling cars, Dorion, for some unknown reason, went in between the two cars and was knocked down, a number of cars passing over his lower limbs one leg being amputated at the hip and the other terribly mangled up to the knee. He was taken to Cornwall hospital, here he died.

A particularly sad feature of the case was that when the cars had passed over Dorion, he pulled himself up by his hands, and looking at the mangled portion of his lower extremities, said: "My God, what will my wife and children do?" evidently being in full possession of his senses, even after such an accident. He leaves a wife and three children.



THE MAN WHO SAVED 793 SOULS AND HIS CREW.

Captain Rostron, the gallant commander of the Carpathia (in the left hand corner), who has been honored by the U.S. Congress for rescuing 793 Titanic survivors by giving him a \$1,000 medal. The view shows the Carpathia's crew listening to complimentary wireless messages from Washington received about May 28th.

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INQUIRY BECOMES A FARCE.

No Evidence in Charges Against Tweed Postmaster.

Tweed, June 4.—The investigation into charges of political partisanship made against James Murphy, postmaster, has become a farce. Not only was no evidence produced of partisanship, but every witness called by the prosecution testified that Mr. Murphy had given perfect satisfaction as postmaster. It soon appeared that the investigation was but a fishing expedition engineered by certain local conservatives, apparently with a view of some one of their number securing the position.

This became so evident in the course of the investigation that many conservatives of the village have expressed indignation. The climax was reached on Saturday when one of the most active of the conservatives who had been expected to give evidence found that he had an engagement in the country, and no witnesses appearing for the prosecution the matter was adjourned till Friday next. The commissioner is J. P. Wilby, N. C., of Belleville, Lewis Dunant, of Toronto, is appearing for Mr. Murphy.

SERIOUS FIRE ABOARD CUNARD GERMANIA

Hull Not Damaged, But Large Quantity of Cargo is Badly Injured.

Liverpool, June 4.—A serious fire broke out in the Cunard steamer Germania, lying at her dock yesterday. The fire, which was extinguished in the evening, was confined to the saloon quarters, which were practically destroyed. The damage is estimated at many thousands of dollars. The hull was not injured, but a large quantity of cargo aboard had probably been damaged by water. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The scheduled sailing of the Germania, June 4th, has been cancelled. The Germania had a narrow escape from total destruction. The flames towered above the bridge and spoked down from every aperture amidships. At one time volumes of smoke rose from six different points, so rapidly did the flames work from cabin to cabin.

CHATEAU FRONTENAC FIRE

At Quebec Was Extinguished With Small Damage.

Quebec City, June 4.—The fire at Chateau Frontenac early this morning was quite extinguished by three o'clock. There was a much excitement, but very little fire. Some of the quarters were not disturbed at all. Others assisted the firemen. The blaze was confined mostly to the kitchen, which is in the back part of the building.

Repay Turks in Same Coin.

Rome, June 4.—When the Italians occupied Rhodes the Turks released 200 convicts, expecting in this way to encourage brigandage. Gen. Ameglio recaptured the convicts and embarked them on a sailing ship, which a torpedo boat towed to the Turkish mainland, where they were landed.

Lady Evelyn Grey Engaged.

London, June 4.—The engagement is announced of Lawrence Jones, eldest son of Sir L. Jones, of Fakenham, to Lady Evelyn Grey, youngest daughter of Earl Grey, former governor-general of Canada.

A. E. Moyer, telegraph editor on the Kingston Standard, for the past few months, has returned to his old home in St. Catharines.

FIRST FLIGHTS

In Kingston on Monday of the Aeroplane.

THOUSANDS WITNESSED

THE AVIATOR FLY AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.

The King's Birthday Was Royally Celebrated—Military Parade and Firing of Royal Salute at MacDonald Park.

Smiled upon by the weather man, in spite of prospects to the contrary, on Monday the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of His Majesty, King George V, was truly an unprecedented success, on Monday.

A record number of people came to the city on the excursion, all up on leaving for a royal celebration. Over 8,000 people were admitted to the fair grounds in the afternoon.

All the features were splendid—the scout display, military parade, motor races, and the musical sports, and the musical sports.

Of course, the feature of the day and no doubt the drawing card, were the flights of the aviator, at the fair grounds in the afternoon. The "bird man" was C. F. Walsh, who took the expected back with staves, and made two very "pretty" flights, at 3.30 and five o'clock. Mr. Walsh, for the Curtis company, of Boston, is the first performer of this nature to exhibit in Kingston.

The young and daring aviator accomplished the flights without the slightest mishap. After the machine was released it ran along the ground for a couple of hundred yards, and then with rudder and planes set, slowly rising, circled around the grounds a number of times, the aviator slowly descended from the direction of the outer G. T. R. station and landed in the centre of the grounds, to the shaken hands with and congratulated by a number of the crowd.

Mr. Walsh, on landing, told a Whig reporter that he had gained a height of only 1,500 feet in altitude, the machine behaving in splendid style. Though a serious surface wind was blowing, it did not affect him in his trip through the bird's domain. The balance was good, there were no reverting air currents, and the engine worked most satisfactorily.

The second flight, of about fifteen minutes, was equally splendid, the machine rising gradually to about 3,500 feet. The circles taken were greater in circumference than those of the first flight. When over the grand stand by a series of small circles, the "bird man" dropped some hundred feet, and took a short north-easterly, and returning, passing above Fort Henry and the river and made a similarly neat landing.

A gaze at the scene in the grand stands and on the field, cheering the aviator, was a wonderful sight. The flight was also viewed by thousands of people in the city and district.

Mr. Walsh is a young married man, our year and a half, who has no accident of any account. He is to make a number of flights this week in Ohio. He was greatly pleased with his visit to Kingston.

The machine was an eight-cylinder, 60-horse power Curtiss, and weighs about 750 pounds, and has about 25 feet across, 25 feet long, and 10 feet high.

The Military Parade.

The military parade was a most creditable showing of units of the garrison. Mustering at Tete de Pont barracks with the Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cunningham, officer commanding the 14th Regiment, P. W. O. Rifles, in command, it proceeded up Princess street and down Harrie to Macdonald Park, where a royal salute and a few-drum salute was fired. A battery of the R. C. H. was stationed on each side of the tower, the R. M. A. cadets and the infantry in line in rear, and facing the tower. Thousands witnessed the ceremonial.

The troops returned on King street, followed by the Boy Scouts. Major D. I. V. Easton, officer commanding "B" battery, with Major J. N. S. Leslie, officer commanding "A" battery, commanded the artillery. Major J. P. Shine the cadets, and Major G. A. Low the 14th Regiment. Major Hopwood, of the Army, acted as Colonel Cunningham's staff officer. The R. C. H. A. and the 14th P. W. O. R. brass and bugle bands attended.

The Boy Scouts.

The Boy Scouts, St. George's troop No. 1 and Sydenham troop No. 2, were seen to marked advantage by a large crowd at the cricket field from 11 to 12 o'clock in the morning. Scoutmaster K. Light, of St. George's, put the Scouts through the drill and inspection, by the judges, Canon Starr and R. E. Ward, who were accompanied by Major Hodgson, general staff officer 3rd division, and Lieut.-Col. Hudson. The outer patrol of St. George's operated well a field telephone and another patrol did some first aid work. The Wolves of Sydenham street church gave an exhibition of fire fighting, other Scouts proving their efficiency at first aid and a method of bridge-less crossing of a stream.

The St. George's troop was accompanied by its smart bugle band. There were about seventy-five Scouts on parade, fifty of the cathedral and twenty-five from the Methodist church. The prizes were divided evenly, Sydenham holding its ground and having nearly double (Continued on Page 3.)

ASQUITH FOR THE LORDS.

British Premier Will Likely Go to Upper House.

London, Eng., June 4.—The early withdrawal of Premier Asquith to the house of lords is now accepted as absolutely assured, and it is not at all unlikely that he will at the same time relinquish the leadership of the government and of the liberal party. Mr. Asquith smiles at these recurring rumors, but they are known to have good foundation. He has carried such a tremendous load during the strenuous years which have marked his successful direction of the liberal party, that it is a wonder his health has at all survived the strain. His physicians have frequently advised him to seek a temporary rest, so that he may give his splendid vitality a fair chance to extend his political life for the good of the country.

The man who seems most likely to succeed Mr. Asquith is Winston Churchill.

POST-ELECTION RIOTS OCCUR IN BELGIUM

Gendarmes Fired Upon Crowd, Killing or Wounding Over Fifty Persons.

Brussels, Belgium, June 4.—Post-election riots in Belgium have taken on a revolutionary character. Following last night's troubles at Liege, the socialist central committee declared, to-day, that it would proclaim a general strike to-morrow.

In addition to the troubles at Liege any gendarmes fired upon the crowd, killing or wounding over fifty persons, among whom were two children, there was serious rioting in other cities. A number of Jesuit convents and Roman Catholic institutes were attacked by mobs, and windows of buildings were smashed. The gendarmes charged the rioters with broadswords.

THE DUCHESS IS BETTER.

She Had a Slight Attack of Appendicitis.

Quebec City, June 4.—A bulletin given out from the citadel, this morning, says the Duchess of Connaught is much better to-day, and will probably be up this afternoon. Plans for the royal party will not be changed to-day, except that her royal highness will not accompany the duke and the princess to Laval University.

It is admitted that the duchess had a slight attack of appendicitis, but, apparently, no operation was performed.

The following bulletin was given out this morning, by Lieut.-Col. Lovelock, military secretary of the Duke of Connaught:

"Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught is suffering from a mild attack of catarrhal appendicitis. Dr. T. E. Bourke. Complaint was made by Rev. Mr. Norman, that in Lennoxville, in a recent campaign, property had been purchased by people "interested" so that they could have a vote.

Mr. Bourke said that both sides in the issue had worked the same game, whereupon Rev. Mr. Norman asked that he withdraw the statement, but he was not asked to do so by the chair.

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The temperance report was discussed for over an hour, and after a few minor changes, was adopted.

ISMAI WAS A WITNESS AT TITANIC ENQUIRY

The Steward Rowed Towards the Steamer Californian, But She Steamed Away.

London, Eng., June 4.—J. Bruce Ismay, head of the International Mercantile Marine, was a witness, to-day, at the Titanic investigation before Lord Mersey. His evidence contained little that was new. He denied that he had any financial connection with the shipbuilding firm of Harland and Wolff, which built the Titanic.

Alfred Crawford, steward, told that he had been instructed by Capt. Smith, before his boat left the Titanic to row towards the unknown vessel, a few miles away, presumably the Californian, but she steamed away as the lifeboat approached.

King's Horse Derby Favorite.

London, Eng., June 4.—More general interest than usual is being taken in the Derby to be run to-morrow. With the elimination of some other favorites, it is thought to-day quite possible that the King's horse, Pintadeau, would win the coveted prize. United States money, however, is still being wagered largely on Sweeper II.

KING GEORGE TO SEE THE HENLEY REGATTA

First Time British King or Queen Has Witnessed This Famous Aquatic Event.

London, June 4.—Society is congratulating itself on the fact that the court mourning will be over before Ascot, while the first court and garden party at Buckingham Palace is only postponed, and not cancelled.

The decision of the king and queen to visit Henley, for the first time, the king and queen of England have been there, will do much to revive the dead popularity of the river town as a social centre, and there is a strong hope that the monarchs may be inclined to make the visit an annual arrangement.

SOCIAL PURITY WORK NEEDED IN THE CITIES

Matter Discussed at the Methodist Conference.

A SEVERE PENALTY

IS ASKED FOR OFFENDERS AGAINST MORALS.

The Conference Praised the Work of the Missionary Society—Delegates Appointed on Various Boards—Laymen's Association Report.

At the Tuesday morning session of the Montreal Methodist conference, the report of the temperance social and moral reform committee was taken up and discussed, clause by clause.

The committee commented upon the growth of the temperance sentiment, and expressed pleasure at the prospect of having the treating system abolished, and also expressed the hope that the measure for the abolishing of the bar would be carried.

The Ontario legislature was commended for legislation passed at the last session, in the interests of temperance.

The success of the local option districts was referred to, and continued opposition was given to the three-fifths clause.

Touching on the question of social purity, the committee stated that this was a question that could not be passed over in silence. Especially, in the larger cities of Ontario, there was great need of work along these lines. It was recommended that the Minister of Justice be urged to make amendments in the laws, it was also urged that the criminal responsibility be made more clear, and that the penalty for keeping places of vice be increased.

In view of the many complaints made about lack of accommodation at hotels, it was recommended that the Ontario government be asked to provide for inspection and supervision of hotels with licenses, and also in local option districts to see that proper accommodation is supplied.

The committee commended the government of Quebec on their stand on the entire question of temperance, and asked that a committee from that conference be appointed to wait upon the Quebec government and ask that the laws be amended so that only those residing in the municipality, or having business there can vote on prohibitory measures.

This clause brought about a lively tilt between Rev. J. Norman and Rev. T. E. Bourke. Complaint was made by Rev. Mr. Norman, that in Lennoxville, in a recent campaign, property had been purchased by people "interested" so that they could have a vote.

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DELEGATES ELECTED.

Conference elected the following delegates:

On general board of temperance, prohibited and moral reform of the Methodist church—Elmer Davis, Kingston; W. E. Stevens, Montreal; Quebec board—Rev. W. H. Sparling, Brockville; Rev. T. E. Bourke, Montreal; J. H. Carson, Montreal; S. J. Carter, Montreal.

Dominion Alliance—Rev. W. H. Roney, Ottawa; Rev. James Lawson, Ashton; W. H. Rossier, Montreal; C. W. Cate, Montreal.

At 11 o'clock the conference received a deputation from the Woman's Missionary Society, composed of Mrs. (Rev.) William Craig, Mrs. (Rev.) Sparks, and Mrs. Mulready.

A report of the most successful work, which is being carried on by the society, was read by Mrs. Craig, and listened to with a great deal of interest by the members. The amount raised this year was given as \$142,950; total amount raised since organization, \$1,496,459. The membership was given as 3,883, with 837 life members. The Montreal branch had raised \$16,598.47. Out of this amount \$1090 had been given to the Chinese fund, and work of the deaconesses, both worthy causes but not directly missionary work. The society has twenty-five workers in Japan. The expenditure in 1910-11 was given as \$39,930. There are 25 workers in China.

The report noted that society workers were not very conspicuous among the workers in the society and it was also stated that in some quarters the cause was not given the support it should receive from ministers and church workers.

The conference passed a resolution expressing appreciation of the work carried on by the society, and called for renewed effort on the part of the members of the conference in this branch of the work.

When the report of the laymen's committee was read, already referred to in the Whig, which showed a falling off in membership, Rev. J. E. Mavety, of Ottawa, stated that every part of the report should be emphasized. With all the splendid machinery the conference had, there should be more accomplished, and the speaker urged that the members be stimulated in their work.

Rev. T. W. Neal remarked that

there should be more evangelistic work. It was the minister's place to lead in the work. The day of evangelism had not yet passed. The report of the laymen was adopted. The morning session closed with the regular evangelistic service.



RIGHT HON. H. R. ASQUITH, British premier, who will shortly be transferred to the House of Lords.

PLEA FOR PURE ENGLISH.

Deplores the Appalling Increase of Slopshod Writing.

London, Eng., June 4.—Thomas Hardy, in acknowledging the gold medal of the Royal Society of Literature, presented to him on the occasion of his seventy-second birthday, made a plea for pure English, and deplored "the appalling increase of slopshod writing."

Mr. Hardy said he feared the vast increase of hurried, descriptive reporting for newspapers was largely responsible for this in England, adding that the increasing influence of American journals, fearfully and wonderfully worded, helps one's indifference to literary form.

FIVE PERSONS DROWN IN DAIRY MALT WELL

One Man Slipped in and Four Rescuers Met Their Death With Him.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 4.—When Joseph Sachs, a dairyman, fell into a well, full of dairy malt, here, this morning, his neighbor, Joseph Nichols, ran to his assistance, but he, too, slipped in. Three other persons, two of them women, tried to help them out, but they also fell in, and when further assistance came, the five were smothered and drowned in the thick mixture. The bodies were recovered immediately.

BORN.

NASH—On Sunday, June 2nd, 1912, to Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Nash, 183 Princess Street, a daughter.

WALSH—In Kingston, Ont., on June 1st, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Walsh, Livingston Avenue, a son.

MARRIED.

BRIGGS-BURLEY—In Kingston, June 1st, 1912, by Rev. J. D. Boyd, Ethel M. Burley, to Alfred L. Briggs, both of this city.

HALL-MERRITT—In Kingston, Ont., June 4th, 1912, at St. James' Church, by Rev. Archdeacon Macmorine, Mabel Rose, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Merritt, to Charles Harold Hall, only son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hall, all of this city.

DIED.

SAMMONS—At Wolfe Island, on June 1st, 1912, at the residence of his cousin, Mrs. Isabelle (Clary) Irish Sammons, aged 82 years and 2 months.

Funeral took place on Monday to Wolfe Island Cemetery.

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