DIED ON FARM. HIS FATHER had only time to put on a pair of IN BOUGHT IN 1833

He Led an Active Life as a Farmer made but took no precautions. Church

Glenburnie on Friday night, aged He met him in 1851 when he was hinety-two years, came with his par- first engineer on the steamer City of with alarming rapidity. An outents and other family connections, mamilton, and had a long conversatwenty-seven in all, from Scotland, tion with him. He was a very jully to Canada, in 1832. The party sail- man, he said. Mr. Vair was in Tored from Maryport, in Cumberland, onto when Lord Elgin arrived, after for Quebec, in the ship Sarah Mary refusing to veto the bill to compen-Ann, and the voyage occupied six sate French-Canadians for losses in weeks and several days. From Que-the rebellion of 1837, and he knew bec they came up to Montreal in the the men who threw eggs at his fordship St. Lawrence and stopped at ship on Yonge street whart, as he Griffintown three days, waiting for saw the whole affair. Mr. Vair was the batteaux on which they had to also acquainted with John A. Macsail, to get ready. It took two weeks donald, Oliver Mowat and George City before attempting other operahorses and oxen were unloaded, and When Mr. Vair first came to Kingthe trip from that place was made in ston, the house he boarded in was the ship Queenston. The Vair had the residence on King street west, of war, it is thought the west coast intended going to Auburn, N.Y., to long afterwards owned by the late cities will fall without further fighta relative, but were prevailed upon J. B. Murphy. A number of families by Robert Drummond, who started occupied it as a tenement house. The the old Morton distillery, to remain. first Orange lodge meeting in King- that American and other foreign-Kingston at that time was visited by ston was held in the kitchen of it in the dread cholers. Mr. Vair's fam- 1832. ily all escaped, but Mr. Drummond

died of the disease. For a year, Mr. Vair's father re- spent the day about the farm. mained in Kingston. Then he bought Sunday he walked a mile and a half half the farm which R. J. Vair now to and from the Presbyterian kirk of owns, at Glenburnie, in 1833. This the glen. He was a delightful old land was part of the clergy reserves. gentleman, and Glenburnie mourns In those days three commissioners his passing. did the county's business. John Mowat, Dr. Sampson and a Mr. Nicol, were the three. The taxes on 200 acres of land could be, and were paid Arrived at Aldershot to Take Part in with a sleighload of ashes drawn to Kingston. So heavy and full of obstacles were the trails to the town in the thirties, that it was impossible to draw more that ten bushels of anything. "The people nowadays don't know what the settlers of that period had to go through," said Mr. Vair recently to a Whig reporter. There was a school in the section in the sixth concession, and this the young lad attended for several years.

In 1839, Mr. Vair left his father's home in Glenburnie to learn a trade. "I started out with a bundle under my arm and fifty cents in my pocket," he said. "I worked in the hold of a steamboat, passing wood to the fireman, and had then fifty cents in my pocket when I reached Toronto. I wanted to get to Niagara, but the fare was seventy-five cents, and I had only fifty. I met an Irishman. and he asked me what the matter was, I told him, and he immediately pulled a quarter out of his pocket, saying he wished to help me reach

For the next four years, Mr. Vair was engaged at the Niagara works. learning engineering. He also worked at Toronto and Cobourg. For the appeared in police court to-day on a nels that this was a telegram from strike of carpenters which had so following twenty-two years he sailed charge of burglary. It is alleged the Brazilian minister giving his tied up work that they had very few on various vessels. In 1851 he was that Kieth entered a boarding house apparently authoritatively "under- orders and that they were in symengineer on the steamer City of on his beat on O'Connor street early standing" that the private is dead. Hamilton, running between Toronto Friday morning and was in the act and Hamilton. Then he spent seven of rifling the pockets of the proyears on the steamer Highlander, re- prietor's clothing hanging on the celving \$720 a year and board. This steamer was chartered by Messrs, and the intruder ran out. Kinghorn, Creighton and others, and The matter was reported to the commander in charge at Tampico, ters to "reserve the right to repect placed on the Kingston-Cape Vincent police and all the constables on duty He stipulated in making the arrange- all non-union made mill work." route. Mr. Vair continued on her as in that section of the city lined up ments that the visit should not be engineer. The boat lost money, however, as it had to compete with the fiedfied Kieth as the burglar. He tionalists recognition. mail line. In 1859 Mr. Vair went on was remanded for a week. the old steamer Pierrepont. After that he went to Montreal and was engineer on the Shanly for the Gildersleeves for two years; then on the Banshee, the Boston (later sold to the Southerners as a blockade runner); then back to Kingston on the old Watertown.

In 1866, the Watertown carried regulars during the Fenian raid. For six weeks it was thus engaged, carrying two companies and two brass guns, in command of Lieut. French, from Picton to Prescott. The late Captain Colin Hinckley, then commanded the Watertown. Mr. Vair received the Fenian raid veteran's land grant some years ago for his services on the Watertown. He was on that boat when it was burned at-Cape Vincent. With another, he went aboard to break the pipes, and try and sink the vessel, but her ropes had given away and before they knew she had swung out into the stream and was on her way down the river. He jumped into the water and swam ashore. When she was rebuilt he continued on her as engineer. It might be mentioned that Mr. Vair received his engineer's certificate on March 12th, 1862, from the first board appointed to examine en-gineers. Prior to that, only permits were given. The last vessel on which he sailed was the steamer Rochester. now the Donelly, owned by the Don-nelly Wrecking company.

In 1867, Mr. Vair returned to his father's farm in Glenburnie. He had purchased this farm two years before. About the year 1890 he and his wife came to Kingston to reside in retirement, their son, R. J. Vair. taking over the fine farm. Mrs. Vair, who was a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, and married in 1858, died on Oct. 7th, 1900. Af-derwards Mr. Vair returned to Glenburnie to reside with his son, and spend the remainder of his life on the farm, which he knew as far back as 1833.

Mr. Vair recalled the locks at Kingston Mills being built by Robert Drummond, also the first boat to sail on the Rideau being named after the waterway. In 1833, the old frame mill at Kingston Mills belonged to James Russell, contractor. Afterwards, Hugh Macdonald, father of Sir John Macdonald bought it. The stone mill, now crumbling, is not 100 years old, Mr. Vair used to say. He remembered the time when it was built by a man named Smith, some time in the fifties.

John Vair, brother of Robert, was second engineer on the famous steamer, Sir Robert Peel, sunk below

uders. His brother said that the band had put the crew and passen-

gers off very unceremoniously. He trousers and his Scotch bonnet and hurry ashore. The captain had been warned of the attack that would be and a Marine Engineer-At Ninety Vair's brother always claimed that He Walked a Mile and a Half to the captain was in the plot and sym-

pathize with the Johnston band. Mr. Vair was acquainted with the The late Robert Vair, who died in celebrated William Lyon Mackenzie

At the age of ninety, Mr. Vair rose at six o'clock every morning, and

KING TO LIVE WITH TROOPS

Tactical Exercises

New York, May 18 .- The Evening World publishes the following, dated Aldershot, Eng.: Living up to his reputation of "the king who wants to see for himself," King George arrived here Saturday to spend a week in the field with his troops. There will be no fancy evolutions, for the king hates formal reviews, and wants to see his soldiers under ordinary living and working conditions. He will spend the week in the saddle, or in autos, inspecting Eng-

land's great military centre. The king was accompanied here by the queen, the Prince of Wales, and Princess Mary. The regular in-Scotland Yard men, who will enmilitant suffragettes.

SAYS CONSTABLE IS ROBBER

Woman Picks Him Out From a Line of Police

Ottawa, May 16 .- Peter Keith, a bed, when the man's wife woke up, Mayo has planned to make an infor-

A man may be a good listener and was sunk in Tamos. still dislike "hot air" talk There is such a thing as being too pinionated to be pleasant.

MAZATLAN CITY - WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF

By the Rebels-Huerta Authorities Into Orderly's Disappearance

the besieging rebels, and sickness partment. and the death rate are increasing break of pestilence is feared.

armed the police on the plea of lack the war department, sailed Saturday of ammunition for the defence of the from her pier in South Brooklyn for city. His real motive, it is believed, Galveseton. The Panaman carried was fear of internal revolt.

working southward for the purpose Fourteen ordnance experts from the of cutting the railroad from Man- Springfield arsenal under command zanillo to Guadalajara and Mexico of Captain Maish were passengers on If he succeeds in cutting the rail-

road, thereby shutting off munitions

Obregon has given full assurance owned property in the territory of besiege the capital day and night, Tepic will be protected

Huerta Will Investigate

Washington, May 18 .- Spanish Ambassador Diano on Saturday received a despatch from the Mexican minister of foregn affairs, stating Woman's Peace league which arousdisappearance of Orderly Samuel Parks immediately would be made by theh Huerta authorities. The despatch was in reply to a note sent by Mr. Riano calling attention to 'the anxiety of the United States government at to Parks.

Delegates on Their Way Falls peace conference for Washington.

The train bearing the delegates dent. was twenty-five minutes late. The Mexican representatives would make no statement as to their plans.

Huerta Must Hurry Washington, May 18,-Secretary

holding of information.

tary Garrison based his statement building material. that "we assume Parks is dead" it | The mill owners state the plants policeman on the Ottawa police force, was announced through other chan- were closed on account of a recent

Mayo to Call on Gonzales

Mayo verified the previous report Pedro Muniz, the new Peruvian min that the Mexican gunboat Vera Cruz ister of war, will also act as premier

Washington, May 18. Admiral office to succeed the exiled president Howard has reported to the navy de- Billinghurst.

that the Mexican federals are preparing to evacuate Guaymas. Famine prevails there.

Monclova Evacuated

Washington, May 18 .- That Mexican federals have evacuated Monclova, in Coahuila, and that six hun-Will Make Vigorous Investigation dred constitutionalists under General Murgula had taken possession of the San Diego, Cal., May 18 .- Mazat- town, moving from Cuidad Porfirio lan's water supply is still cut off by Diaz, is reported to the state de-

Chartered Steamer Sails

New York. May 18 .- The steam-The governor of Mazlatian dis- ship Panaman, recently chartered by ammunition, consisting chiefly of General Obregon, commander of shells for field pieces and small, the constitutionalists, is apparently arms and foodstuffs for the troops. Funston's brigade.

MINERS TO BESIEGE CAPITAL

500 Men and Women Take Pledge t Prevent Entry of Militia

Denver, Colo:, May 18 .- "We will and will allow ourselves to be trampled beneath the hoofs of the cavalry, if necessary, to prevent the sending of the militia into the coal fields again."

This was the pledge taken by 500 ed the leaders of the organization Saturday.

A resolution unanimously adopted declared the legislature had shown itself impotent or corrupt; that Gov. Ammons had admitted himself to be

President Wilson was called upon to close the mines in the strike district until the operators agree to ar-Richmond, Va., May 18.—The bitration, and failing a speedy settle-Mexican delegates to the Niagara ment, that he operate the mines in passed the interest of the public. A comthrough Richmond Saturday bound mittee will be sent to Washington to lay their demands before the presi-

> 1,100 MEN ARE LOCKED OUT Twenty Large Planing Mills Close

Their Doors in Cincinnati Cincinnati, O., May 18 .- Eleven Bryan announced that his represen- hundred men were thrown out of emfantry guard on duty at the pavilion tation to the Huerta government in ployment here when twenty planing has been reinforced by scores of the Parks case "are urgent." While mills closed up their plants, and it is he would not specify the exact na- estimated that between 5,000 and 6. deavor to protect the monarch from ture of the demands, he declared 000 more, including carpenters, they bore solely on the point of the teamsters, painters, and members of Huerta government's persistent with- various other trades affiliated with the building trades, will be forced to Although Bryan would not give stop work by next Tuesday as the out the information on which Secre- result of being unable to obtain

pathy with the master builders' association, which is opposing the carpenters' strike. The master build-Washington, May 18 .- Admiral ers' association, while agreeing to salary demands refuses to agree to mal call on General Gonzales, rebel a provision which allows the carpen-

New Peruvian Premier

Lima, Peru, May 18.—General in the cabinet formed by President Oscar Bonavides, who was elected to

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