

MAN KILLED BY FALL OF STAGING

**Stereos at Work on Fort
Victoria is Struck by
Iron Pipe**

By the collapse of the forward staging just before 1 p.m. yesterday, three stereos at work on the S.S. Ft. Victoria, were precipitated into the water.

Two of them, Smith and Johnson, swam to the steps and got out unhurt but the third man—Jacob Saunders, was drowned. He was a native of St. Kitts, 23 years old and had been employed in Bermuda for the past three years. He was to have been married this month. His aged mother is now living in St. Kitts.

A large crowd was attracted to the scene of the fatal accident and many continued for more than two hours near the spot where the dead man lay, moved apparently by a gruesome fascination. The body was covered over by a rubber sheet and P.C. Tucker was guarding it awaiting the arrival of the Coroner, without whose permission it is illegal to move the remains of one killed in this manner.

When the accident occurred Saunders was struck on the right side of the head by one of the iron soil-pipes which were being swung over the ship's side and which fell with the staging. He did not rise to the surface and it was nearly fifteen minutes later that he was grappled for and brought to land. All efforts to resuscitate him failed. Dr. Dudley C. Trotter was called to the scene of the fatal accident.

An uncle and two women relatives of the dead man stood on the outskirts of the crowd, weeping as they discussed the tragic event.

An accident to the adjoining staging occurred on Mar. 26, when the S.S. Ft. Hamilton lay at the dock. Several men were hurled into the water but only two were hurt. George Wells suffered an injury to his left leg, but Edward Trotter had a cut on his head.

GISSY TEA A SUCCESS.

Cottage Hospital Benefits by Novel
Entertainment at "Southlands"

We understand that the Gissy Tea arranged by Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan on Thursday last was a great success, about £100 being realised for the equipment fund of the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

The weather was fine, and the Gissy encampment on the beach of the "Southlands" property in Warwick, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, with the beautiful cain ocean for a background, presented an unique picture.

A lively trade was done in the way of refreshments, fortune telling and side shows. There was also an art gallery, the exhibits for which had been collected by Miss Hutchings. Tea was served by ladies (headed by Mrs. Allan Smith) and conveyed to customers by picturesque by attired gipsies.

Many of our notable visitors patronized the affair, and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are to be congratulated on the success which crowned their efforts for so laudable a purpose.

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INCENDIARIES DESTROY PART OF DUBLIN.

Dublin, April 4.—Masses of important correspondence and documents were burned in serious fires which kept the fire fighters rushing from 9 o'clock last night until after midnight. Fires occurred in the offices of at least eight income tax collectors and surveyors in different parts of the city.

The fires were well advanced before the fire brigade arrived. Just before the outbreaks the caretakers of the burned buildings were held up by armed men.

A soldier was shot through the head this morning in Howth, southeast of the city. It is thought the wound will prove fatal.

The work of the incendiaries was carried on despite military precautions which exceeded anything of the kind seen here since Easter 1915. Particular attention was paid by the military cordon around the city to loads of hay which were probed by bayonets while even the suburban street cars were stopped and the passengers searched for arms. At Finglas on the north side of the city the military have taken possession of some unoccupied houses and appear to contemplate a stay for a few days. An armoured car is stationed at the entrance to Kingston Pier to reinforce the military guard there. Soldiers unloaded fresh supplies of ammunition at North Wall and conveyed it in motor cars protected by armoured cars through the city.

Despatches from various parts of the country indicate a similar state of affairs at Derry, Tipperary, Newry, Limerick and other places. The Freeman's Journal publishes a significant article headed "Peaceful Eastertide" in which it says: "The young men of Ireland remember that the main chance the enemy has to complete his triumph of destroying the Irish is summed up in the sinister and savage advice which is going the rounds of the clubs of the Militarists and Die-hards—Get them into the streets." The paper appeals to the people for restraint and self control. The feeling in Cork, it is understood, is so embittered by the murder of Lord Mayor MacDonagh that anything may happen.

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Mr. C. D. Wetmore on The Tuckers Town Plan

Noted Architect States Fully the
Purpose in View and Denies that
its a Money-making Scheme—
Why Large Acreage is Needed

Mr. Charles D. Wetmore (of Warren and Wetmore) one of the most prominent architects in the United States, is staying at the Princess Hotel.

He came down for a week to have another look at the Tuckers Town project on which the new Pavilion Cottages and Park will be developed from his designs. He is associated in the local project with Mr. Charles Blair Macdonald, the American architect, who expects to lay out here the best golf course in the world, if the petition now before our Legislature is favourably acted on.

In the course of an interview with the Royal Gazette, Mr. Wetmore was asked to comment on the idea prevalent in some quarters, that a sort of glorified Coney Island is in contemplation.

"There is absolutely nothing of the kind proposed," he declared. "I have heard since my arrival that we are planning to introduce whirligigs and other things of the kind. I do not know where this idea is abroad. What we do want to make Bermuda a winter resort for the best class of people, English, Americans and Canadians; any devices of amusements would drive away the class of people whom we are most anxious to attract."

"There can be no money-making whatever about our intentions; we are not out to boom a money-making scheme. If those who go into the thing make an even break in a financial way they will be quite satisfied. Personally I favour keeping the total proposed expenditure within £3,000,000 limit and I should prefer to reduce it to \$2,000,000. The money will be invested in tangible improvements calculated to provide simple, dignified quarters either in the central building or the adjacent cottages for family people who wish to get away from noise and bustle. Bermuda affords more natural advantages for such a project than any other spot that I know of within 48 hours of New York; and if the development is carried out it is probable that Furness, Witly will put on ships fast enough to reduce the time to 36 hours.

GOLF COURSE A MAGNET

"The original idea of a development on these general lines was not confined to any one individual or to any single firm. It sprang up in several different quarters and the people most interested have been brought together by a common purpose."

"I have been one of those most deeply impressed by the natural advantages of your island. You have not only an excellent climate here but there is an atmosphere about the whole place that makes a climate appeal. For myself I may say that one feature of life here which impressed me is the absence of motor traffic. Not that I should care to be moved, but the very part of the Colony, but it will be easy with a good line of horse-drawn coaches to get suitable transportation between Tuckers Town, Hamilton and St. George's."

"I was particularly impressed by your quiet roads and the fact that children with impunity can go abroad on ponies or bicycles—a condition that naturally appeals to visitors with families."

"The golf course would naturally serve as a magnet to draw many desirable winter residents and you may rely on it that if Mr. Macdonald designs this course it will be the very best, and one that should receive the support of every one who has at heart the best interests of Bermuda."

MUST HAVE GOOD TRANSPORT

"No one need have the slightest apprehension that this scheme is to be carried out on any clap-trap basis or that it will appeal to the class known as 'cheap-trippers.' As I said before it is not a money-making venture, any more than a tennis court would be a lure for get-rich-quick investors. The business part of it is the transportation and if Furness, Witly can make a profit by improving the steamship service with faster boats and more passengers, that certainly is a legitimate enterprise. The only way a really up-to-date line can be maintained on this route would be by making a thoroughly attractive resort with ample accommodation capable of giving with

Falm Beach or the best places in California. If the steamship company is warranted in putting their rooms on their ships to cater to people who require the very best then it will be an advantage to them and an equal advantage to the whole community served by the line."

"Those visitors who came to the islands under such conditions will spend more time here and more money. I believe your season is now about two months; there seems to me to be no reason why it should not extend to cover six months of the year if more people with means and leisure decide to come. California, where so many of them are accustomed to spend the winter is too far from New York, as compared with Bermuda. The difference now is that they get more there in the way of out-door sports and choice of accommodation."

"Our central idea is to have a beautiful park at Tuckers Town on much the same lines as the Westchester Country Club near New York, or the Myopia Club near Boston, Ranelagh, near London. I might mention other similar enterprises which have become permanent institutions among them, the Meadow Brook Club and the Piping Rock Club."

NOT A MONEY SCHEME

None of these is in any sense a money-making concern; they are social centres where people of like tastes gather to enjoy certain advantages only to be had under co-operative methods.

"When I first looked into the local field on my trip last Fall with Sir Frederick Lewis's party, I said that the only photograph you could find of the purpose was Tuckers Town. It has a distinct charm of landscape and an atmosphere of its own: people of taste would delight in it. Unless this property is developed in a big way it will be fallow for a hundred years. I have had talked the plans over I sent a man to take photographs of the delightful old houses with the idea of incorporating their pleasing features in such buildings as we propose to erect."

"We decided that we would need at least three hundred acres, a good golf course must have at least half that acreage and much of the soil in the region under discussion is so poor that the usual allotment of territory would have to be extended. The cottages and the central building would have to be set in ample grounds in order to make them what they should be. And we want to do this whole thing to the best of our ability."

LIKE PROPRIETARY CLUB

"There need be no fear that the Tuckers Town development would detract from existing hotels in this Colony. It has been my experience that where a new hotel of the type proposed has gone up, other neighbouring hotels are added rather than injured. The new enterprise helps all by enlarging the group interested in the locality and all who come have friends that wish to visit the same region and who will inevitably patronize other hotels as well as the new one."

"As for the financing of this plan there is no intention to throw stock on the market abroad. There will be an issue of shares to those who mean to avail themselves of the chance to spend at least a part of the year here, either in the central club-house or in the cottages. Some of the latter will be built with living rooms and bed rooms only for such as do not wish to keep houses; others will be furnished with regular house-keeping quarters. The enterprise will be run on the basis of a proprietary club for the benefit of the members and their friends. It does not seem to me possible that such a development can injure the prospects of any one now in these islands, but on the contrary, I should say that general benefit would result from it."

"To sum up I would say the development became a glorified park and, with the help of Mr. Wetmore, the project should attract the lovers of the beautiful from the remotest corners."

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LONGSHOREMEN ON STRIKE; VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

R.M.S.P. Caraqueet Held Up.

When the R.M.S.P. Caraqueet from the north arrived yesterday, the men usually employed in discharging the cargo, went out on strike again.

Nothing could be learned from the agents, Messrs. Harriet & Richardson, and nothing very much from the secretary of the Bermuda Labour Union, to which the strikers belong.

After the last strike the rate of pay agreed upon was 10/ for a nine hour day, with 2/ an hour overtime, and it is understood that they are now sticking out for a further increase.

But the real object of the strike is to gain the attention of the English Trades Union to which it is hoped to become affiliated in time, and to have a walking delegate posted here.

The men's ultimatum has been delivered to the agents, but at 7 o'clock last night no decision had been arrived at.

Later in the evening a dozen or more young volunteers, clerks and business men turned out and got busy unloading, under the able direction of Mr. West.

MONTANA GIRLS ON VISIT TO BERMUDA

Six of Them are Sent Here by the
Butte Newspaper to Enjoy a
Week in our Islands.

Mrs. Byron E. Cooney, wife of the editor of the "Montana-American," has six fair daughters of the great Butte mining State, arrived here yesterday by the S.S. Fort Victoria.

Mrs. S. L. Correy also accompanies the party as chaperone.

The girls, all sent hither by that enterprising John Butte, which two years ago conducted a similar party on a tour of the Hawaiian Islands.

This time the ladies were given their choice of other Pacific trip or one to our own sunny shores, and they voted unanimously for Bermuda, thereby proving their keen discrimination.

Mrs. Cooney tells us that all enjoyed an excellent journey under ideal conditions and are looking forward with zest to their week's stay in this Colony. They are domiciled at the Inverurie Hotel and will remain until Saturday's steamer takes them back to their homes.

The contest which resulted in the choice of these lucky winners, opened on January 19th and thousands of votes were cast by readers of the newspaper for each candidate. The final award of \$500 in gold was made to the lady winning most votes. The names of those in the party are as follows:—

Miss Helen Mason, Florence Vail, Mrs. Ann Harrington, Catherine O'Leary, Esthyr Sullivan and Esthyr Slaybaugh.

Yesterday afternoon they were entertained at tea by U.S. Consul and Mrs. Swalm.

CHILDREN'S BALLET.

Mr. Bodge, the conductor of the Princess orchestra has offered to play the violin. Mr. Patterson, the well known author, has offered to recite at the approaching performance of the Children's Ballet.

BOXING TOURNAMENT AT PROSPECT

The sporting community will note with pleasure a revival of the boxing tournaments at Prospect. In days gone by some good fights were staged in the Gymnasium. The personnel of the Garrison and the Navy has, however changed and the local boxers miss Noble, and it will be interesting to see what newcomers there are.

Lieut. Mumford, of the 2nd Royal Sussex, is stage managing the tournament, and has picked on Tuesday, April 13th, at 8 o'clock. Previously he had announced Saturday, the 10th at 5 p.m., but the alteration to the 13th is a very wise move on his part. He will get a much better crowd.

The programme will include regimental bouts, and a number of open competitions. Men of the B.V.R.C. and B.M.A. are eligible.

DIED

ROBINSON.—On the 2nd April at Fruitlands, Warwick, at the age of 86 years, Richard Robinson, leaving a widow, two daughters (one abroad), two grandsons, Thaddeus W. Basten (abroad) and Richard Joseph Taylor. His End was Peace.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Frances Ingham Robinson desires to thank those friends who so kindly assisted her during her late husband's illness and also for kindness on the day of the funeral.

WOULD GET POLICE FROM ENGLAND

**Plan of Reorganization
Discussed in House—
Some Members Want
Local Men for Force**

Most of yesterday's sitting of the House of Assembly was taken up with the second reading of the Police Establishment Act, 1920, under which it is hoped to create a more efficient force, the rate of pay being of course, larger than at present. A new feature brought out by the Hon. S. S. Spurling, who had charge of the measure, when he stated that by arrangement with the Corporation of Hamilton the force would be augmented by an extra six constables. They would be at the disposal of the Corporation, who would pay into the Treasury £900 for their services.

He also stated that the Executive had been unable to obtain as many competent constables as they required under the present constitution of the Force, and if the Bill became law, constables would be secured from England. Mr. Semple, the Chief of Police, was now on his way to England with a view to selecting the men.

There was little discussion on the Bill until nearly the end, the Hon. T. M. Dill stating that it was almost a reproduction of the existing Act. The changes merely related to the arrangement with the municipal authorities, the higher rates and expenses. The old Act was being repealed as it was hoped soon to have a new compilation of the laws, and the work of compiling would be made easier with only one Act to deal with instead of a number of amending Acts.

Clause 21 provided for £1,000 as incidental expenses, and Mr. F. E. Smith wanted to know why it was necessary to send to England for the men to fill up the Force.

He did not like the idea of sending for English police, with Mr. H. G. Hill thought if the new rates of pay had been advertised they would have secured the men locally. Mr. Smith's explanation of the ignorant class of Englishmen from which these people will be drawn as they are a tactless, blundering lot, inhuman at times."

We and our ancestors have lived together in peace, friendly manner with one another. Everybody knows that if in order to live in that quiet, old way in which we used to live, a great deal of tact has to be exercised, and indeed it is now exercised by the members of our police force who are drawn from many of our population. To my mind, the exercise of that tact is one of the nicest things we have in Bermuda, and he did not like sending to England for men who knew nothing "about our little ways" or "sanny of our special idiosyncrasies."

Dr. Cooney, speaking evidently from a medical point of view, did not give the men long once they became acquainted with "that brown substance which is drunk like water," and which Mr. M. Wainwright said was better known as rum against which, he said, English men could not stand. He also protested but later voted for the Bill—and urged that the Volunteers who served overseas should have been given a chance to join.

Some minor amendments were made, and the Bill went through its second reading.

The Gaols Act was also read a second time. This provides for the payment of prisoners employed on public works, if they are of good conduct, and limits the amount they may receive to £20, payable on the day of discharge.

Owing to the lateness of the hour several orders had to be carried over until tomorrow afternoon, when the House sits again.

Among the Messages received from the Governor, one forwarded an Immigration Act. It is to provide for more control over first class passengers who may be undesirable.

Another Message forwarded a Minute from the Board of Works urging the completion of the erection of the new Hospital, the contract of which was completed in 1919. It is probable that the existing buildings—the surgical unit, operating theatre, and administration block, will be practically ready for occupation at the end of June. The amount required for the completion of the erection is £4,180.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Royal Gazette is indebted to Mr. Fred Davies, Chief Steward of S.S. Fort Victoria, for favours of late New York papers.

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