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NOTED WRITER IS DEAD.
John B. McCormick, of Sporting Fame, Victim of Bright's Disease.
NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—John B. McCormick ("Macon"), the sporting writer, died today at Bath Beach from Bright's disease. He was born in Cincinnati in 1857. For 20 years he was connected with the Cincinnati Enquirer, and while on the staff of that paper had much to do with bringing out John L. Sullivan. After he had retired from active newspaper life he became identified with theatrical work.

Descendant of Major Andre.
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 4.—Samuel Jacobs, a lineal descendant of Major Andre, of Revolutionary fame, is dead at his home here, aged 82. He was a civil engineer and surveyor, and surveyed the route of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad across the State of Iowa. He also was one of the promoters of the Kansas, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad from Council Bluffs to Kansas City.

Veteran River Editor.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 4.—Colonel Thomas O. Hall, a veteran steamboatman, and one of the best-known river editors in the South, died suddenly at his home here this morning of heart disease. Colonel Hall was 63, a Confederate veteran, and for many years had been in charge of the river column of the Louisville Post.

Relative of W. J. Bryan.
KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 4.—Mary Gana Bryan Cobb, step-grandmother of William J. Bryan, died today at her home in New London in her 81st year. Mrs. Cobb was one of the pioneers of this county. She was born in Kentucky.

WIFE TO BE TRIED
Mrs. Bowers Is Charged With Murder.

HER SISTER IS ACCESSORY
Arsenic Obtained on Forged Prescription.

WOMEN SHOW LITTLE INTERESTS
Their Attorney Says the Case Made Out Is Very Fanciful, and That Positive Evidence Against His Clients Is Utterly Lacking.

Martin Bowers, of San Francisco, died Tuesday afternoon, August 19, after an illness of five weeks. A few hours before his death he was taken by a fraternal order, against the wishes of his wife, to the German Hospital. The circumstances surrounding his decease aroused the suspicion of Harry Bowers, a brother. On his charge of poisoning the body was examined. The city chemist found enough arsenic in the stomach to kill six men.

A drug clerk testified before the coroner that six days prior to Bowers' death Mrs. Sutton, a sister of Mrs. Bowers, presented a prescription calling for arsenic. Dr. McLaughlin declared that his name signed to the paper was a forgery, and an expert in writing gave the opinion that the prescription was written by Mrs. Bowers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—"We, the jury, find that Martin L. Bowers, aged 43 years, a native of Pennsylvania, occupation a bridge builder, residing 270 Clementina street, in the City and County of San Francisco, came to his death in the German Hospital on the 23rd day of August, 1903, from arsenical poisoning; that the arsenic which caused death was procured upon a forged prescription written by his wife, Mrs. Martha E. Bowers, and that we hereby charge said Mrs. Martha E. Bowers with the crime of murder.

"We further find that Mrs. Z. C. Sutton, sister of said Martha E. Bowers, procured the poison upon the forged prescription written by her sister, Mrs. Martha E. Bowers, but we do not feel justified from the evidence submitted to this jury in charging Mrs. Z. C. Sutton as a principal, but recommend that said Mrs. Z. C. Sutton be compelled to stand trial as accessory to the crime."

Charged With Murder on Monday.
Such was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury today after hearing evidence as to the cause of the death of Martin Bowers. As a result both Mrs. Martha Bowers and Mrs. Sutton will be formally charged with murder by the District Attorney's office on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Sutton sat in the courtroom together with Attorney Vaughn, who came down from Portland to defend them, and A. B. Loomis, a nephew of Mrs. Bowers, from Portland. They took no active part in the proceedings, and before the verdict was returned had retired to the jail, where the two women have a cell together. Attorney Vaughn later informed them of the verdict.

Evidence Not Combated.
The defense did not attempt to combat any of the evidence submitted today, and not once during the proceedings did Vaughn or either Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Sutton or Loomis have a word to say to the jury. They sat together chatting, apparently unaffected by all that was going on.

Coroner Leland opened the investigation by summoning an array of physicians who had attended Martin Bowers at various times shortly before his death. The most important medical testimony came from Dr. McLaughlin, who pronounced the prescription upon which Mrs. Sutton secured poison and which bore his signature as a forgery.

Drug Clerk J. C. Peterson positively identified Mrs. Sutton as the woman who had presented the unusual prescription, which contained simply one word, "arsenic."

Handwriting experts Kytk and Eisen-schimmel declared the signature, "Dr. McLaughlin," to have been written by Mrs. Bowers, the wife of the dead man. Dr. Backlund, the autopsy surgeon, testified that Bowers' death was positively due to fatty degeneration of the kidneys, caused by arsenic. He was corroborated by Drs. F. T. Greene and Charles L. M. Morgan, who analyzed the contents of Bowers' stomach.

The District Attorney placed a great deal of weight upon the testimony of an attendant at the German Hospital where Bowers died, and to whom Mrs. Bowers said her husband's death was caused by ham poisoning. This attendant says Mrs. Bowers was greatly disturbed when he told her that her husband's body would have to be turned over to the coroner. Attorney Vaughn was but little disturbed by the sensational verdict.

"This verdict," he said, "will have no

great bearing on the case when it comes to trial. Moreover, I can point out several weak points and places in the prosecution's case. While Peterson, the drug clerk, for instance, is able to identify Mrs. Sutton so easily, how is it he cannot even remember whether it was forenoon or afternoon when he filled the prescription. Further, what is his excuse for filling a prescription which he now says no doctor could have written.

Attorney Vaughn Is Sanguine.
"If you look over the facts carefully you will notice the positive evidence against either Mrs. Sutton or Mrs. Bowers is utterly lacking. Then the prosecution tried to prove a motive in Mrs. Bowers' alleged attachment for Lurvey, but to my mind they failed utterly."

PORTLAND TO FRONT.
Eight More Letter Carriers to Enter the Service Next Month.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 4.—The Postmaster-General today authorized the appointment of eight additional letter carriers at Portland, on October 1.

Money Paid Northwest Pensioners.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 4.—The annual report of the Pension Commissioner shows that during the past year \$78,773 was paid out to pensioners in Oregon. Their number, on June 30, was 817. To the 807 pensioners of Washington \$1,021,166 was paid, while \$12,914 went to the 97 pensioners in Alaska.

DEADLOCK IS BROKEN.
Ontario Postpones Action on Trans-Continental Railroad Bill.
OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 4.—The deadlock between the government and the opposition in the House was broken at 11:35 tonight when Mr. Mon, the acting leader of the opposition, suggested that the section of the transcontinental railroad bill under discussion should be left over and that for others following should be adopted. This was agreed to by the government, and the bill will not be taken up again for a week, so as to give Mr. Borden the leader of the opposition, who is ill, an opportunity of being present. The settlement reached was a compromise. The House adjourned immediately afterward.

WILL NOT EXPEL GIBBONS
France Brands Story of Fight on American Cardinal as False.
PARIS, Sept. 4.—A report published by the Patrie that the Government might expel Cardinal Gibbons from France, according to his own statements, the Breton and other French clergy, is officially pronounced as false and absurd. The Government officials also express indignation at such a careless use of the Cardinal's name.

Cardinal Gibbons wrote to the Associated Press August 28, saying that his alleged meetings with the Breton and other clergy of France were fabrications, without an iota of truth in them.

POPE HONORS LOPPONI.
Noted Physician Is Given the Title of Commandatore.
ROME, Sept. 4.—Pius X. in order to show his appreciation of the services Professor Lopponi rendered to the late pontiff during his trying illness, today conferred on him the title of commandatore. His holiness accompanied the conferring of the honor by a very flattering letter to the doctor and insisted on personally bestowing the title.

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HOST TO LIPTON
Pilgrims Give a Dinner to the Yachtsman.

NOTED MEN MAKE SPEECHES
Sir Thomas Is Profuse in His Praise of America.

MAGIC SPELL ABOUT THE CUP
"Still in the Family, Only It Is Held by a Younger and More Ahead Generation," Says the Guest of Honor.

SENTIMENTS OF LIPTON.
LIPTON: "THE CUP—It reminds me of the story of the Irishman who was asked if he could play the fiddle. 'I don't know,' said he. 'I never tried it.' I have tried it, and tried it again, without success, but my motto has been 'Try, try again.'"

AMERICAN GENIUS—America is a hard country to beat, and I know it. Herreshoff is the greatest designer of his age.

TIES THE BIND—I am sure as the days and years roll by, these contests will not have been held in vain, if they make us realize wherever we are, all the world over, we shall "brothers be for a" that.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Sir Thomas Lipton was the guest of honor of the Pilgrims of the United States at a dinner given in his honor tonight, at the Waldorf-Astoria. Nearly 150 men, prominent in many walks of life, were present. Sir Thomas arrived at 7:40, and for half an hour received his friends. Then Sir Thomas, escorted by George T. Wilson, led the way from the reception committee to the tables.

At either end of the hall was hung Sir Thomas' private emblem, the shamrock, on a banner surrounded by a green border, while above the guests' tables were draped the flags of Great Britain and the United States. Bunches of red roses on each table and greens on the walls completed the decorations. Surmounting the menus, on which were the flags of Sir Thomas and the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, was a cardboard yacht, which bore no name.

Lipton's Virtues Told in Song.
In order to enliven matters somewhat at the outset, the guests sang a little song to the refrain of Mr. Dooley, which told of the virtues of Sir Thomas and his enduring efforts to lift the cup.

There had been arranged no formal speeches, but the following were called upon: George T. Wilson, Sir Thomas Lipton, General Joseph Wheeler, ex-Governor C. S. Thomas, of Colorado; General H. C. Corbin, Colonel Henry Watterson and Senator Bate.

With Sir Thomas at the guest's table sat the Earl of Shaftesbury, Countess F. G. Bourne, William Pitt, Rear-Admiral Rodgers, Henry Watterson, General Joseph Wheeler, George T. Wilson and ex-Governor Thomas. Mr. Wilson presided at the dinner in the absence of Bishop Potter, the president of the society.

When the toasts were served, a procession of waiters marched in to a popular air, bearing trays crowned with gilded harps, full-rigged models of the Reliance and Shamrock, and easels with figures of

yachts. Later, women began to appear in the boxes, among them being the Countess of Shaftesbury and many ladies who have been Sir Thomas' guests on board the Erin.

Mr. Wilson, addressing Sir Thomas, said his attitude had struck a responsive chord in every heart.

"As a host," said he, "you are a corker. You will ever have the admiration, love and regard of all Americans."

Lipton's Characteristic Speech.
Sir Thomas was given many hearty rounds of cheers when he arose. He said: "We are all more or less pilgrims here tonight, and I would like to feel that I am not a stranger among you. Many of my best American friends are Pilgrims, and I regard it as a great honor to be your guest."

"As regards the cup races, we have been fairly and squarely beaten, and I congratulate America on having the better boat. I wish to take occasion here to express my thanks for the courteousness and kindness shown me by the New York Yacht Club. Everything has been done that could be done to make my visit here a pleasant one. I am especially grateful for the admirable way in which the course was kept clear."

"I have heard much comment for and against the Sandy Hook course. It is as good a course as any other, may there be no other course in the world like it."

Magic Spell About Bloomin' Cup.
"I am beginning to think that there is a magic spell about the bloomin' old cup. Two years ago, I had it almost within my grasp, but it escaped me then as it has escaped me now, and it seems as far off as ever. It reminds me of the story of the Irishman who was asked if he could play the fiddle. 'I don't know,' said he. 'I never tried it.' I have tried it, and tried it again, without success, but my motto has been 'try, try again.'"

"Although I have been without success each time I have tried, I do not despair that some day we shall succeed in capturing that famous trophy, although I must confess that we appear now to be more than a little bit astern. Herreshoff is the greatest designer of his age, but I am still very hopeful that I will see that cup on the other side yet."

"America is a very hard country to beat and I know it. I am a very disappointed man, but still I have the consolation that both conquerors and conquered belong to the same good old race. The cup is still in the family, only it is held by a younger and more ahead generation."

"Gentlemen, while I lost the cup, or rather did not succeed in winning it, I have not lost the esteem and good will of my American friends, which esteem and good will I reciprocate in the very highest degree possible. A great consolation to me in my unsuccessful effort to lift the cup is the great kindness shown me by all classes. My feeling of gratitude for this spirit is great beyond expression. I shall bear in mind the remembrance of your kindly acts for all time. I am sure that as the days and years roll by, these contests will not have been held in vain if they make us realize that wherever we are, all the world over, we shall 'brothers be for a' that."

LIPTON MAY CHALLENGE AGAIN.
All Depends on Finding a Designer Who Can Beat Herreshoff.
NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Sir Thomas Lipton is still undecided whether to challenge again for the America's cup. He said today:

"If I can find a man who can design a boat to beat the Yankee sloop, I shall challenge again. To say that I will not challenge again is untrue. If I do challenge again it will be with a 30-footer."

Both Shamrocks were towed to Erie Basin today. They will be jury rigged and start for England in tow in about ten days. Sir Thomas said today that he would not set either of them.

Reliance Towed to Old Anchorage.
NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The yacht Reliance was taken to her former anchorage off New Rochelle today. Later it is expected she will be taken to City Island to be laid up for the winter.

The Reliance, in tow of the tug Guiding Star, left the Horsehoe early on her way up the bay. Both yacht and tug were covered with flags. Passing craft and those at anchor gave the victorious cup defender a cordial greeting as she passed up the harbor.

Composer Herrman Zumpke.
MUNICH, Sept. 4.—Herrman Zumpke, the composer and musical conductor, died here today of apoplexy.

SHIPPING BOOM
Record Breaking Lumber Fleet in Port.

CAPACITY 20,000,000 FEET
Increase Due to Recent Advance in Rail Rates.

MOSTLY MODERN BUILT CRAFT
Lumbermen Do Not Expect a Reiteration of Former Rail Rates and Vessels Are in the Trade to Stay.

The recent advance in rail rates on lumber for California has brought into service a large number of steam and sailing schooners, the fleet now in the Columbia and Willamette rivers being the greatest on record.

The lumber vessels now in the river loading or under charter to load have a carrying capacity of 20,000,000 feet, and there is a fleet on route with a capacity of 10,000,000 feet.

The schooners can carry lumber at a profit at existing rates, and lumbermen are of the opinion that they are in the trade to stay, and that rail business for California ports is a thing of the past.

The recent advance in rail rates on lumber from Portland to California ports has caused a boom in shipping by coasting schooners and steamers, and Portland and other Willamette and Columbia River points today harbor the largest fleet of vessels of this class that has ever assembled here at one time. The August shipments of lumber by water from Portland exceeded 12,000,000 feet, half of which were to California ports, the remainder going foreign. Great as these figures seem when compared with those of a few years ago, they promise to be eclipsed by the shipments for September, as the fleet now in the river to load has a capacity of 20,000,000 feet, and there is en route under charter for Portland loading another fleet with a capacity of 10,000,000 feet.

While the lumber fleet in port at the present time includes a few steam schooners, the greater portion of the vessels are large modern built sailing schooners, which have an immense carrying capacity and can be handled with small crews. Lumber manufacturers are somewhat skeptical about the rail rate ever again being put back to the former figures, and if it should not be, the already generous proportions of the lumber fleet will be largely increased, as the schooners can show a fair profit at present rates, provided they are not too long in making a voyage. The largest carrier of any of the coasters now in port is the steam schooner Francis H. Leggett, which was built in the East for A. B. Hammond, specialist for the Pacific Coast lumber trade. This vessel will carry 1,500,000 feet, although she is of but 95 tons net register. Her cargo will be fully 500,000 feet greater than that of the American ship Two Brothers, of 1263 tons net register. The lumber fleet now in the river loading is as follows:

Name	Tons
Aivens	687
F. H. Leggett	975
Robert Dollar	355
Irene	647
Alma	1114
J. H. Lunsman	922
G. C. Lindauer	287
Alma	1428
Susie M. Plummer	508
J. M. Coleman	329
Two Brothers	1263
W. P. Garms	579
R. W. Bartlett	412
Zampa	1262
Signal	322
Schnee	829
Tam O'Shanley	542
Aberdeen	234
Rhythwood	1497
Alma	1428
Saxon	1527

This fleet of 21 vessels has a carrying capacity of over approximately 20,000,000 feet, and there is en route and listed under charter to load at Portland an even dozen coasting schooners and barkentines, and one large steamer, the Wyneric, which will take out nearly 2,000,000 feet of lumber.

The coasting fleet now en route consists of the schooner Andy Mahoney, Admiral Eldorado, Melrose, Lazon, Virginia and Mabel Gale, barkentines Addenda, Clearer, John C. Meyer and Omega. All of these vessels, with the exception of the Wyneric, have previously loaded at Portland, or other ports along the river. Thirteen of the in-port fleet are at the Portland mills, and the others are loading at Westport, Vancouver, Kalama and Carrolls Point. The schooner Endeavor, the last of the August fleet to clear, sailed yesterday. She carried 700,000 feet. Other big cargo going coastwise during August were the David Evans, with 1,000,000 feet, and the Mabel Gale, with 900,000 feet.

The coasting lumber fleet is not so valuable as the deep water vessels as a factor in the general trade of the port, but each of the vessels distributes some money, and they have this summer lived up the water front during a period when it is usually quite dull. Shipchandlers and other water front traders are very glad to see the numbers of coasters increase, for when the lumber went out by rail they received nothing out of the business. The timber men also share in the prosperity, for many of the outside draft are now engaged in towing schooners, when they are not busy with rafts of logs,

PRESIDENT OF IRON, STEEL AND TINWORKERS IS MISSING.



THEODORE J. SHAFER.
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 4.—The Dispatch tomorrow will say: Theodore J. Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tinworkers, is missing. He dropped mysteriously out of sight, and for several weeks neither fellow-officials at the local office nor the members of his family have been able to locate him.