

Brief Chronicle of Local Events 1902

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January	2	Departure of Barbados of Messrs. J. B. HARRISON and G.F. FRANKS to attend the Intercolonial Agricultural Conference
	3	Municipal welcome to Sir James Alexander SWETTENHAM, the new governor
	4	Death in hospital of William CUMINGS, who was accidentally stabbed at Lichfield on the 3 rd instant.
	6	Action brought in the Supreme Court by Caroline ROSE, widow, against Messrs. SPROSTONS, Ltd. To recover \$500 damages for the loss of her son, who was drowned the Pataro. Plaintiff was non-suited.
	8	Publication in the <i>Official Gazette</i> of an application by Mr. J. H. De JONGE, on behalf of the Omai Gold-Mining Syndicate, for a concession covering 120 square miles on the left bank of the Essequibo.
	13	Inquest relative to the death from scalds received in the factory of Pln. Ruimveld of a lad named BHUDWA.
	22	Boating disaster in the Massaurini; eleven lives lost; Bosey ROBERTS sentenced to death at Criminal Sessions for the murder of Adelaide TELFORD at Plaisance on November 2, 1901
	24	Marriage of Miss Angela de FREITAS to Mr. Manoci RODRIGUES
February	8	Miss F. M. KING married to Mr. William SHANKLAND at Brickdam Cathedral
	13	Arrival of the immigrant ship <i>Main</i>
	14	Fire at lot 26, North Street
	15	Execution of Bosey ROBERTS for the murder of Adelaide TELFORD; Inquest in Georgetown, relative to the suicide of Frederick AGARD, jeweler, in Hincks Street
	17	Death of Mr. N. W. KING, manager of Pln. La Grange
	19	Fire in Murray Street
	26	Appointment of Mr. H. A. BOVELL to the Chief Justiceship of British Guiana
	27	Announcement of the retirement from the B. G. Militia of Major SWAIN
March	28	Death of Mr. George S. JENMAN, Government Botanist; Death of Mrs. A. FERREIRA, of Victoria
	1	Inquest at the Police Magistrate's Office regarding the suicide of Antonio VELLADO of Bentick Street
	12	Decision delivered in the Supreme Court for \$1,250 damages, with costs, in the case of D.W.A. McKINNON v. S. DAVSON & Co, a claim for \$4,700
	13	Deputation of lawyers to the Governor relative to the proposed removal to New Amsterdam of Mr. A.F. C. WEBER, acting Assistant Police Magistrate, Georgetown
	18	Meeting of Portuguese citizens; "protest against oppression and misrepresentation"
	20	Organ recital at St. Philip's Church
	27	Eugene ALLEMEYER and fourteen other escaped criminals sent back to Cayenne by the F.M.S. <i>Ville de Tanger</i>
April	1	Sale announced of the <i>Berbice Gazette</i> to the People Newspaper Company, Limited
	2	Death of Mr. George GREIG
	4	Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Francis TAYLOR PIGGOT, M.A., as Attorney General of British Guiana
	5	Boat accident at La Penitence, two men drowned
	15	Boating accident off Ponderoyen
	16	Return of the Rev. W. B. RITCHIE; reception at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church; Arrival of Mr. J. STEELE, C.B., to enquire in the excise system of the Colony; News received of the death, in England, of Mr. G.H. HAWTAYNE, C.M.G.
	19	Coronation Celebrations
	24	Death of Mr. James THOMSON; Mr. P.N. BROWNE returned

	30	Small Pox in Barbados
May	3	Death of Mr. A.E. STRIPP
	5	Receipt of the news of the death in Scotland of Mr. D.E. JARDINE, proprietor of the <i>Daily Chronicle</i>
	8	Departure of Colonel McINNIS; Captain of a Steam Launch charged with manslaughter
	10	Inquiry at City Police Court relative to the death of a prisoner
	11	The Catastrophe in the Windward Islands – pulpit references
	21	Suicide in the Demerara River
	22	Death of the Rev. Frederick SCURFIELD
	23	Graphic description of the reupion of La Pelee by the Rev. D.J. REYNOLDS
	24	Post Office Robbery in Georgetown
	27	Arrival in the Colony of refugees from Martinique
June	1	Mysterious robbery at the “Black Lion” rum shop
	3	Fire in Georgetown; Drowning fatality in the Demerara River
	4	Water Street flooded by high tides
	9	Suicide in the Eldorado Hotel of an orchid collector; drowning fatality in the Demerara River; Inquest at Providence; Presentation to the Rev. W.G. ANDREWS
	11	Gruesome find in the Demerara River
	12	Rural Constable dismissed for neglect of duty
	14	The Eldorado Hotel Suicide – Inquest. Receipt of the news of the shooting of Capt. O.S. MELING in Venezuela
	17	Lecture by Commissioner CADMAN on the “Darkest England” Social Scheme in the] Town Hall
	23	His Excellency reprieved Jeremiah JAMES, the Potaro murderer; News received of boating accident in the Massaruni
	24	Official announcement that Father GALTON has been appointed R.C. Bishop of this diocese.
July	1	Executive Council meeting to consider charges against Mr. KELLY, Magistrate’s Clerk, East Coast Judicial district
	3	Death of Mr. L.F. VALLADARES, the proprietor of the “Nugget” printing office
	4	W.H. GRIMSHAW, Magistrate’s clerk, charged at Vergencegen Court with Theft and remanded
	6	Body of William HURRV, fireman of the S.S. <i>Sprostenwood</i> , recovered from the river near the Fort
	11	Attempted suicide of W. HUTTON, solicitor’s clerk
	13	Alleged murder of an Arab named IMANSBOLRHAH by Alfred VEIRA; Sermon at St. George’s Cathedral by Dean DASWELL, regarding marriage with a deceased wife’s Sister
	17	Boating accident in the Massaruni reported
	18	Murder of a coolie woman at Leguan
	19	Verdict of manslaughter against Alfred VIEIRA, who killed an an Arab by blows with a stick on the previous Sunday, at La Penitence
	21	Verdict of willful murder against Matadeen for alleged murder of a coolie woman at Leguan; LAHOWRIE, a free East Indian immigrant, committed for trial at Sparendaaam for the alleged murder of RAMCHURRAN, also an immigrant
	22	Annual meeting of the Demerara Rowing Club at which Professor HARRISON and Mr. E.M. SANDERSON were re-elected President and Vice-President respectively; Boat accident in the Berbice river whereby one life was lost
	23	News received of two cases of small-pox at Barbados; News received of the death in Scotland of Mr. R. JEFFREY, formerly partner in Messrs. Booker Brothers
	25	Official telegram received that the Coronation will take place on August 9 th
	26	Barbados declared an infected port
	29	Retirement announced of Mr. F.A. CONYERS, for 36 years secretary of the Hand-in-Hand Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Ltd

	30	Woman electrocuted in Croal Street
August	2	Departure of Rev. Mr. SHIRLEY
	5	Receipt of news of the murder of Mr. James MAVOR, an old Demerara planter
	7	Opening of the inquest into the electric wire fatality in Croal Street
	8	Trial of an alleged counterfeiter; Decision reserved in the Marshall Syndicate's claim against J. C. MENZIES
	9	Coronation Day in Georgetown
	12	Alleged counterfeiter referred for trial
	15	The Croal Street electrocution case – conclusion of the inquiry; Decision in the Marshall Syndicate's claim; Death of Mr. C.D. KING
	16	Artillery concert at the Fort
	19	Death of Mr. Donald SKEKEL
	22	Meeting at the Town Hall of the Victoria Memorial Committee; Decision to erect a band stand on the Sea Wall
	27	Town Council Election – Mr. S.A.H. CULPEPER returned as representative of the North Cumingsburg West Ward
	28	Punt struck by lightning --- three men seriously injured
	29	Arrest of Manoel MENDONES, insolvent, on a charge of accounting for part of his property by fictitious expenses; Lecture by the Rev. W.B. RITCHIE on a tour from Paris to Venice
	30	Passenger on the S.S. SAVAN detected smuggling tobacco and whiskey
September	1	Feast of Saint Philomena
	2	Death of Mr. F.A. WINTER
	3	Interview with Professor SPAWN on the banana industry; Funeral of Mr. F.A. WINTER
	4	Arrival of Colonel LUSHINGTON and Mrs. LUSHINGTON; Sad death of a mother – the jury recommend the prosecution of two uncertified midwives
	5	Receipt of news of the death in England of Dr. E.F.H. Henery; Arrest of the clerk and wharfinger of Manoel MENDONCA, insolvent, on a charge of conspiracy
	7	Reference by Rev. Canon JOSA, at Christ Church, to the death of Mr. F.A. WINTER; police parade at St. George's Cathedral
	8	Woman sentenced to a month's imprisonment for abandoning a child; Charge against Manoel MENDONES, insolvent – evident of the Administrator General; Large consignment of diamonds from the Massaruni to Messrs. ARMONY and FOGEL and the Marshall Syndicate
	12	Charge of embezzlement against Francisco C. FERNANDES, clerk to Manoel MENDONES, insolvent
	13	Woman burned to death in Bourda
	14	Sacred concert in the Promenade Gardens
	16	Charge against East Indian Interpreters of making alterations in Government records
	17	Sudden Death in Croal Street
	18	Application by Johu GOBIA to withdraw his signature as surety for the East Indian Interpreters charged with altering government records; Receipt of the news of the death in England of Mr. R.J. KELLY, a retired Demerara planter
	20	Drowning accident in the Demerara River – four lives lost; Burning accident in Bourda- the inquest
	22	Unveiling of the Russell Memorial Cairn at the Lamaha Stop-off
	25	Burglaries in Water Street
	27	Death of an infant from a coal-pot accident
	29	The recent disturbance at Victoria – prosecutions at Sparendaam
	30	Sudden death of a girl in the Colonial Hospital; Burglary epidemic in Water Street
October	1	Charges against Manoel MENDONES and F.C. FERNANDES dismissed
	3	Death of Mr. J.A. MURDOEH; receipt of the news of the tragic death of Mr. A.B. BARNARD

4	Burglary epidemic continues to rage; The Lowande Circus Company, opening performance
9	Reported case of bigamy – charge against a druggist --- Sunday trading prosecution, defendant fined \$150
10	Shocking double murder in Berbice – mother and daughter hacked to death
13	Death of Mr. J.E. MATTHEWS
17	Concert in the Promenade Gardens
19	Boating accident in the Demerara River
22	Mr. A.A. THORNE returned unopposed as the representative of Lacytown Ward, in succession to the late Mr. J.A. MURDOCH; Receipt of the news of the death of Mr. William BLAIR, Inspector of Schools; Burglary at Messrs. WIETING and RICHTER's store
23	Report of the find by two pork-knockers of a large gold nugget in the Barima district; Entertainment at the Ursuline Convent in honour of Bishop GALTON
24	Reported embezzlement by a cashier
25	Burglary in Cuming Street
27	Alarm fire in Kingston
28	Spontaneous combustion of kerosene oil in the engine room of the S.S. <i>Arthur</i> ; Frear's entertainment in the Assembly Rooms
29	Raid on "Wharf Rats"
30	Charge of bigamy against a Druggist – evidence of the second wife
November	
6	Lecture by the Rev. W.B. RITCHIE on Pompeii; Interview with Hubert TITUS, alias Gold Bead, an expert Demerara burglar
7	Ruined "CHEFFA" keeper interviewed
8	Fire in Hadfield Street]
10	Parade of the local forces at Eve Leary; Excursion to Wismar and Dora
11	Ball at Government House; Mr. T.A.I. GILBERT, Barrister-at-Law, charged with theft
12	Receipt of the cablegram announcing the Knighthood of Mr. H.A. BOVELL
14	Disorderly Barbadian to be sent back to Barbados; Concert in the Promenade Gardens; Congratulations of Bench and Bar to Mr. H.A. BOVELL on his knighthood
21	Terrible tramway accident in a North road; purser of the S. S. ORINCO robbed
23	Tribute to the late Rev. Hugh Price HUGHES by the Rev. D.J. REYNOLDS
26	Barbadian speculator robbed of \$420
27	Burglary at Mr. J.I. CHAPMAN's grocery; prisoners referred for trial. Man burned with sulphuric acid at La Penitence store
28	Fatal accident in North road, Inquest; Motorman censured
December	
2	Mr. G.H. PLUMMER, Magistrate's Clerk, suspended
3	Theft charge against Mr. T.A.L. GILBERT, Barrister-at-Law; Mr. S.F. BARNES, solicitor, charged with assault; Firemen on board the S.S. <i>Masaruni</i> charged with terminating their contracts with Messrs. SPRESTONS, Ltd. Without giving notice
4	Claim by Mrs. N. SILAS against Dr. MATTHEY for the delivery of a Rifle Association prize cup; Sentence for Mr. G.H. RICHTER in a claim for damages against the Electric Company
5	Fire at McINROY's building; Seizure of rum on board the punt <i>Julia</i>
6	Fatal burning accident in Kingston- opening of the inquest; Burglary at "Ross Hope's"
8	Burglar crashes through a skylight at Mr. J.P. SANTOS' store in Water Street; Burglary at Mr. W. FOGARTY's store, Water Street
9	Stowaway by the S.S. ARDIE from Madeira charged before Mr. P.H. HILL
11	Annual sale of work at St. Philip's School Hall; Fancy Fair in Providence Church grounds; Firemen convicted on strike on board the <i>Massaruni</i>
12	Laying of the Foundation Stone for a market in Bourda ward

- 14 Consecration of the new Moravian Church in Queenstown ward
- 16 The punt *Eve* put under quarantine
- 17 Seizure of rum on board the *Julia*; sailor charged with being concerned in the removal of it
- 19 Commencement of the work of the installation of the overhead telephone cable; Manoel RODRIGUES fined \$68 for smuggling cigars and cards on board the R.M.S. *Solent*
- 20 T.A.I. GILBERT, barrister-at-law, convicted on the theft of \$13 belonging to Mr. J.A. HENRY, clerk at "Booker's"
- 21 Church parade at St. George's Cathedral
- 23 Death of Mr. G.H. Van NOOTEN
- 24 Mr. J. Wood DAVIS re-elected Mayor
- 25 Salvation Army Xmas dinner to the poor; Death of Capt. MORLEY
- 27 Death of Mr. James FITZGERALD, of the Immigration Department

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