

DEATH IN A PRESENT

Christmas Skates Prove Fatal to Little Jack McIntyre.

HIS BODY FOUND IN A POOL

Nine-Year-Old Son of G. T. R. Agent at Beamsville Drowns in Three Feet of Water—Got Under the Ice and Was Held Down Till Life Was Extinct—Accidents Fatal and Othertwise.

Hamilton, Dec. 28.—Little Jack McIntyre, the nine-year-old son of J. McIntyre, the G. T. R. agent at Beamsville, was drowned yesterday. In the morning he put on a pair of skates that had been given to him as a Christmas present, and went on a little pool that had formed on the road. When the family were ready for dinner about 1 o'clock Jack was missing. A search was started, and his body was found in the pool. The water was only about three feet deep, but he got under the ice and was held down until he drowned.

Going Home: Life Crushed Out. Sarnia, Dec. 28.—While on his way home to spend Christmas with his family here, William Borthwick, 50 years of age, who had been a switchman nearly all his life, slipped on a rail, and was run over by several cars. His life was crushed out. He leaves a widow and three children.

Woman Fatally Burned. Toronto, Dec. 28.—From the effects of burns received from the overturning of a lamp, Mrs. Caroline Sedow, in her 83rd year, died in St. Emergeny Hospital Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, twelve hours after she received her injuries.

Man and Daughter Killed. Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 28.—A horse attached to a buggy ran into the Pennsylvania 18-hour "flyer" at Delsho, Ohio, yesterday, and Henry Horner and daughter Rose were killed, and Mrs. Barney Wahomhoff, also a daughter of Horner, was severely injured.

People Thrown From Buggy. London, Dec. 28.—Charles Harris and wife of Elmwood avenue, while driving in the country Saturday night, were thrown from their buggy by the horse backing. Harris was badly injured, being unconscious for some time from severe wounds to the head.

Buried Under Tons of Ore. Ironwood, Mich., Dec. 28.—Eight men were killed Saturday by a fall of 1,000 tons of iron ore from a slip on the 1,300 foot level of the Newport mine in Ironwood.

Escapes Death by Miracle. Toronto, Dec. 28.—While alighting from a train at Toronto Junction Sunday night at 11 o'clock Henry Boyle of London was struck by a shunting engine and sustained severe injuries. Both upper and lower jaws were broken, and his head was cut. Boyle did not notice the locomotive, and escaped instant death by a miracle.

Locomotive Explodes. Paterson, N. J., Dec. 28.—A railroad locomotive was badly blown to pieces, and two members of the train's crew were badly injured here yesterday by the explosion of the engine's boiler. Charles De Barr of Shrewsbury, N. J., fireman, and Conductor J. J. Butler, N. J., were terribly scalded. De Barr is expected to die.

Fate of Crew Not Known. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—With all her headgear torn away and her topsails set, an unknown three-masted schooner sank in 12 fathoms of water in a half mile north of the winter quarter lightship and directly in the path of coastwise navigation. The fate of her crew is not known here.

Twelve Seriously Hurt. Durango, Cal., Dec. 28.—The east-bound Denver and Rio Grande passenger train from Silverton, well loaded with passengers, was wrecked three miles from here Sunday and many of the passengers were injured, twelve of them seriously.

SMASHED JAIL FURNITURE. Hope Young, Murderess Sentenced to Death, Goes Insane and Will Be Placed in Asylum.

Halifax, Dec. 28.—Hope Young, convicted of the murder of May Ward and now lying in Digby Jail awaiting a new trial, recently ordered by the Supreme Court, has become violently insane, and before she could be secured had broken the glass of the window in her cell, smashed the scanty jail furniture and wrecked the stove.

Jailer Hutchinson had trouble some nights ago with the unfortunate woman, and had to hold her to prevent her doing herself injury. In her ravings she declared that she was haunted by witches, who were trying to murder her, but said that she had succeeded in hanging them.

Except Marie Ward, the last named in the mother of the dead child for whose murder Hope Young was sentenced to death.

Until Saturday no actual symptoms of insanity were noticeable. Sunday she was examined as to her mental condition and has been placed in a straight jacket. Sheriff Smith will probably take steps to secure her removal to the provincial insane asylum at Halifax.

Taking Holidays. Washington, Dec. 28.—Both Congress and the Senate adjourned yesterday until Jan. 4.

Five Years in Prison. Brockville, Dec. 28.—Edward Banford, convicted of stealing a fur-lined coat at Burritt Rapids, was sentenced to five years in the Kingston Penitentiary. Banford has a criminal record, and recently married an Ogdensburg girl.

General For Police Commissioner. Washington, Dec. 28.—Lieut.-Gen. Chaffee yesterday received a letter from Mayor McCallan of New York, tendering him an appointment as police commissioner of New York. He returned a courteous declination.

Will Spend \$200,000. Salt Ste. Marie, Dec. 28.—Two hundred thousand dollars are to be spent on the erection of an open hearth shed by the Lake Superior Corporation, according to a statement by General Manager Sawyer yesterday.

A SUPERHUMAN HATE

The New Driving Force Behind Both Troops and Rebels.

THE ENORMITIES OF MADMEN

Fierce Fighting in the Streets of Moscow—5,000 Killed and 14,000 Wounded in the Battle—Insurgents Planned to Hold the Outskirts of the Town and to Close in Upon the Troops.

London, Dec. 28.—The correspondent of The Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in a despatch dated at 1.15 p.m., Dec. 26, says: At an early hour this morning the battle at Moscow was estimated at 5,000 killed and 14,000 wounded, with the fighting still proceeding. The inhabitants of Moscow have been forbidden to leave their dwellings after 7 o'clock in the evening. It is impossible to move about the city in consequence of the frequency of stray bullets. Many innocent persons have been accidentally killed. A scarcity of provisions is threatened.

The same correspondent, telegraphed at 10.35 p.m. says: Your Moscow correspondent's telegrams have not been accepted because all private messages were refused this afternoon.

Desperate Fighting. It is feared, however, that cannon firing is now proceeding in various parts of the city, where to-night very near the railroad stations the barricades erected by the revolutionaries are being desperately defended.

The Kurk terminus at Moscow is being pillaged, and many wagons laden with provisions are being looted.

The Emperor is engaged daily in reviewing at Tsarskoe-Selo, the remnants of the St. Petersburg district. The spirit of the troops is decidedly loyal.

The Fury of Hate. From fragmentary accounts received from Moscow, I gather that the civil war has brought no decisive action, but only a thickening of the blood cloud, an intensifying of the horrors, and an increase of the prevailing bitterness.

The driving force behind both the troops and the rebels is no longer that enthusiasm or any human impulse.

It is the fury of superhuman hate, and hence the deeds reported are not acts of patriots, soldiers or otherwise, but the enormities of madmen.

For every barricade destroyed Sunday, two or three appeared in other places. Orders were given by the revolutionaries to shoot only when there was great hope of bringing a man down, but otherwise to spare the troops until they lost patience.

Loyalty of the Troops. "The most surprising thing of all is the loyalty of the troops, which no body here anticipated.

Talking with an intelligent group of St. Petersburg revolutionists I was informed that while they believed the strike would be victorious, they fully realized they were staking everything upon the issue, and that failure would set back their cause for several years.

The revolutionaries were devoting their efforts to shaking the foundations of Russian finance in full confidence that once the existing regime was overthrown, they could as quickly build another and that foreign nations would be as ready to advance money to a democratic republic as to the autocracy.

"In conclusion they declared that in event of failure of their cause they would have recourse to terrorism, choosing their victims from all classes of society."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—Direct telegraphic communication with Moscow was severed Sunday night, but the Government succeeded in restoring communication by a roundabout route yesterday morning.

All reports agree that the fighting Sunday, which continued until midnight, assumed the nature of a butchery by the machine guns of the artillery, which consisted in being employed mercilessly against the ill-armed insurgents.

Atrocious tales are told of the Cossacks, who, piled with vodka until drunk, fired down the streets, sometimes charging with lance.

The insurgents displayed great stubbornness in holding their barricades, even advancing in a mass to the slaughter. At the same time the bombs were thrown from the windows of houses near the barricades occupied by the revolutionaries, the artillery was summoned and battered the houses to pieces.

The plan of the insurgents, it is stated, is to hold the outskirts and gradually enclose the troops in the centre of the city.

Leaders announce that an army of 30,000 is concentrated at Orechovoeff, northeast of Moscow, and will soon be ready to march to the city's assistance.

The latest report is that both sides were exhausted at midnight, when firing practically ceased.

The streets were in absolute darkness, save for searchlights in the towers of the bivouacs behind barricades.

STORY OF THE BATTLE. A Reign of Terror in Moscow—First Butchery Occurred Saturday.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—(1.15 p.m.)—The situation at Moscow to-night is exceedingly critical. A regular battle is raging in the streets of the city, and a state of terror reigns.

The revolutionary message just received by the Associated Press says that the destruction of machine guns, volleys by cannon and the bombing of barracks can be heard at intervals. The military seem to have the upper hand, although there are rumors that the gendarmes and the Cossacks have revolted and have refused to fire on the people.

According to this telegraphic message the revolutionary leaders had given the signal for an armed rising of the proletariat at 6 o'clock this evening, but Governor-General Douboassoff discovered their plans and acted quickly. He massed twenty-five thousand troops of all arms in Red Place, under the walls of the Kremlin, mounted machine guns in the towers of the old Chinese wall, posted artillery at intervals and

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The Minister on Saturday visited Lille and Dunkirk, but on returning to the Hotel Continental here, he was compelled to take his bed, and a physician was sent for. The latter pronounced Mr. Prefontaine's illness to be serious, and a specialist was called into consultation. Complete rest was advised, and all engagements were cancelled.

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The body will be taken to Montreal, Que., for interment.

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FAVORITES WITH THEIR CLASSES.

Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Maxson Remembered by Their Pupils.

HONORS RETIRING MINISTERS.

Royal Victorian Chain and Windsor Uniform to Lansdowne and Balfour.

London, Dec. 28.—The King has awarded two unique honors to two of the chief men of the outgoing Ministry. The Marquis of Lansdowne received the Royal Victorian Chain of the highest class. The Royal Victorian Order was instituted by Queen Victoria in 1856. It is practically restricted to the royal family and its connections abroad, but was conferred upon the late Archbishop of Canterbury on the occasion of the coronation of King Edward. The only other non-royal holders of the decoration are the Dukes of Argyll and Fife and Lord Curzon, who received the Royal Victorian Order in 1903. The Marquis of Lansdowne received the Royal Victorian Chain of the highest class.

The day after the late Minister was sworn in he told your correspondent that it would be his policy to sink all party feeling when dealing with his department, and all will agree that he left his record.

Dear Teacher.—We take this opportunity of calling on you this evening to express our hearty appreciation of your work as our Sunday school teacher, to be more attentive and punctual in the future. We wish you to accept this small token of our esteem and love for you. We to our spiritual welfare.

Signed on behalf of the class. Last evening a jolly gathering of young fellows greeted their teacher, Miss Maxson at home, in the form of a surprise party and presented her with a very handsomely engraved toilet set and the following address:

Dear Teacher.—Once more we, the boys of your Sunday school class, have taken advantage of this season of the year when hearts are filled with loving cheerfulness and goodwill to meet with you and express in some slight way our sincerest thanks to you for the loving kindness you have shown us. Although we feel that at times you may have felt discouraged in your class, still we feel deeply grateful that you have been ever a faithful and painstaking exponent of that which pertains to our spiritual welfare.

We would ask you to accept this inadequate gift as a slight token of our love and esteem.

Wishing you continued success amongst us, we wish you a merry Christmas.—Signed on behalf of the class.

Chinese Minister At London to Negotiate With British Government.

London, Dec. 28.—The correspondent of The Morning Post at Shanghai says that the Chinese Foreign Office has instructed the Chinese Minister at London to negotiate with the British Government regarding the mixed court dispute, to demand the dismissal of the police concerned in the recent outbreak.

Another Riot Probable. Shanghai, Dec. 28.—The mixed court was reopened Saturday. The German assessor and armed foreign guards were present, but everything was normal. All was quiet yesterday, but blue-jackets and guards will be still posted around the foreign concessions. There are rumors of another riot, but all precautions have been taken.

FRENCH SQUADRON TO MOVE. Cruiser Division Gets Sudden Orders Sail on Unknown Mission.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The Minister of Marine has ordered the commander of the Northern Squadron to have his cruiser division in readiness to start immediately on receipt of orders for an unknown destination.

Officers and men on Christmas leave have been telegraphed to return to their ships.

It is believed the division will go to the Morocco coast during the coming conference on Moroccan reforms.

Firebug Working in Hamilton. Hamilton, Dec. 28.—The firebug was at his old tricks again last night. During the past three nights he has set eight places near the centre of the city on fire. This evening about 9 o'clock fire was discovered in a stable in rear of Bennett Bros' flour mill on Market street. It is another clear case of incendiarism.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Full of Sunshiny Days.

This is the Annual Greeting

we wish to send out to all; to those who favor us, as well as those who do not. In the coming year we hope to be spared to do business with all our old friends of the past and with a long list of new ones. We are in business to please our customers, to study their interests, and thereby promote our own.

Again wishing all a very Happy New Year,

We are cordially yours,

O'Loughlin & McIntyre.

THE DREAMER. (John Boyle O'Reilly.)

I am tired of planning and toiling, In the crowded hives of men; Heart weary of building and spoiling, And epiling and building again.

I would go where the children play, For a dreamer lives for ever, And a toiler dies in a day.

I am sick of the showy seeming, Of a life that is half a lie; Of the faces lined with scheming, In the throng that hurries by.

From the sleepless thought's endeavor, I would go where the children play, For a dreamer lives for ever, And a toiler dies in a day.

I feel no pride, but pity, For the burdens the rich endure; There is nothing sweet in the city, But the patient lives of the poor.

Oh, the little hands so skillful, And the child's mind choked with weeds, The daughter's heart grown wilful, And the father's heart that bleeds.

No, no! From the street's rude bustle From tomes of art and stage, I would fly to the wood's low rustle, And the meadow's kindly page.

Let me dream as of old by the river, And be loved for the dreamer's sake, For a dreamer lives for ever, And a toiler dies in a day.

Here's a Mean Man. (From the Wingham Times.)

Rev. R. Hobbs on Monday evening at the Methodist church told a true story of a mean man. In a certain congregation there was a man who would place a 25c piece on the coin slot as he left his impression on the envelope, then remove the coin and place the empty envelope on the plate. Truly we have some very individual is entitled to first place.

Newspapers and Magazines. The delineator begins the New Year with an attractive cover and a display of all that is new in the fashion world, to say nothing of the many features of literary excellence.

"At Spenser Farm" is concluded, as story of John Luther Long's clever well as John Luther Long's clever story of the stage, "Castles in Spain."

The education of the child is the subject of a thoughtful paper by Dr. Grace P. Murray, and the pastimes for little folks include the first of series of fairy tales by Alice Brown.

The various departments are filled with matter of interest and value to the woman of the home.