

WORKMAN PLUNGES TO DEATH ON NEW YORK THEATRE STAGE

Fell at the Feet of the Ballet Dancers While They Were Rehearsing.

New York, March 18.—While watching a rehearsal in the Hippodrome Martin Magunsson, an ironworker, fell from the flies where he and several other men were working yesterday and died instantly on the stage.

Magunsson and other workmen were putting in a new curtain and were working high above the stage floor. It was the first time he had been in the building and a rehearsal of a ballet was in progress. In watching their movements the ironworker lost his balance and fell to the stage floor at the feet of some of the girls. In his fall he struck a projecting piece of scenery.

When the man struck the floor there was a panic among the girls on the stage. They screamed and rushed in all directions to get off the stage. Edward Temple, who was superintending the rehearsal, ran to the man's assistance, but soon saw that he was dead.

Policeman Fitzgibbons arrested the foreman of the work, Hans Paulson, of No. 307 Flushing avenue, and charged him with criminal negligence. Paulson was held in \$1,000 bail to await the action of the coroner. Magunsson was forty-two years old, unmarried and lived in Flushing.

FIRE AND WATER.

CREST OF THE FLOOD PASSED PITTSBURG THIS MORNING.

Two Fires Burning in Pittsburgh—Entire Block Burning—Eleven Buildings Destroyed—Adjoining Buildings Dynamited to Prevent Spread of Fire.

Pittsburg, March 15.—Two alarms have been sounded for a fire in the south-side district of this city. The entire block on the north side of Carson street, between 12th and 14th streets, is burning. The immense plant is threatened. The fire is burning fiercely.

A second fire broke out on Mount Washington about the same time, and at 10 o'clock eleven business houses and dwellings had been destroyed. The fire had assumed such threatening proportions that it was decided to use dynamite to destroy adjoining buildings to prevent more valuable property becoming a prey to the flames. No water is available to fight the fire.

Water Subsidy.

The crest of the flood passed Pittsburgh this morning at 6 o'clock, when 37 feet was recorded at the Market street wharf. The authenticity of this report is not known, as the gauge was buried under water last night long before midnight.

At 8 o'clock the weather bureau announced that the river had begun to fall, although in the flooded districts of both Allegheny and Pittsburgh there is no perceptible change of conditions.

The crest of the flood moved on slowly, and did not do the damage that was expected.

Twenty Persons Lose Their Lives.

Pittsburghers today are amazed at the immensity of the flood in the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers, which have submerged ten square miles in the lower section of the city. Enormous damage to industries has been caused. Over 100,000 persons have been temporarily thrown out of employment. Every transportation company is crippled. Skills are carrying hundreds of persons to their places of business. The utilization of wagon and horses as conveyances, which did inestimable service yesterday, was discontinued, owing to protests by the Humane Society. Twenty fatalities have occurred in Allegheny county directly due to high water.

Four massive bridges, the Sixteenth, Ninth, Seventh and Sixth street structures were threatened with destruction owing to heavy ice gorges, which came down the Allegheny River.

GRAU DIED RICH.

HE HAD INTRODUCED MANY GREAT STARS.

Well-known impresario, and for ten years director of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, who died Paris, March 18.—Maurice Grau, yesterday in his home in Cressy from heart trouble, was born in Brunau, Austria, in 1849, and received his education in the College of the City of New York. He began his theatrical career in 1868 with his uncle, Jacob Grau, who was managing Ristori's American tour. He directed American tours of Rubinstein, Wieniawski, Salvi, Lohse, Capoul, Palcoski, Marie, Bernhardt, Caspelli, Mounet Sully, Rejane, Irving, Sarasate, Josef Hoffman and other celebrities of the

MICHIGAN DIVORCE NO USE.

Court of Appeal Confirms Conviction for Bigamy.

Toronto, March 18.—Jasper K. Kinbley in April, 1897, married Rosa Mary Card, in the county of Huron, where she still resides. His wife left him in August, 1898, and went to Michigan, where, on Jan. 15, 1906, she obtained a divorce. Afterwards, on April 12, Kinbley left with one Emily Florence Picot and was married in Detroit. Upon his return to Canada he was convicted of bigamy.

The first question submitted to the Court of Appeal was whether the decree of divorce granted to the wife on Jan. 15, 1906, by the circuit court of Michigan is valid and binding, and a good defence to the indictment for bigamy. The court decides in the negative.

The second question submitted was whether the culpability was removed by the fact of the defendant knowing that the decree of divorce had been granted, and his having been advised that he could legally marry again. The court answers this question in the affirmative. The conviction is affirmed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CANADIAN.

The Quebec Legislature has been prorogued.

The Minister of Railways has given notice of a bill respecting the G. T. P.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has decided to make Muskoka a divisional point on its new line.

Mr. C. M. Wilson has been appointed Assistant General Manager of the York Radial Company.

The Bell Telephone Company has offered \$200,000 a year for an exclusive franchise in Toronto.

The Secretary of the Fire Underwriters' Association states there would be no increase in rates in Toronto.

Daniel McPherson is to be charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of his father at London, Ont.

Mayor Coatsworth says he favors the expropriation by Toronto of the plant of the Toronto Electric Light Company.

A million dollar shipbuilding plant will be erected at Fort William if arrangements can be made with the city.

The mail bag stolen from the New Hamburg post-office was found near that place with some of the mail in it.

Hon. Mr. Templeman has given notice of a bill to create a separate Federal Department of Mines.

A C. P. R. express ran into a wrecking train on a curve near Port Arthur. One man, Mr. Palmer, of Rosport, was killed.

A proposal to set aside 250,000 acres in new Ontario for the Salvation Army has been made to the Ontario Government.

The Toronto Civic Property Committee decided to take steps to obtain the Grand Trunk for the City Hal from Architect E. J. Lennox.

From February 1, 1904, to March 31, 1906, the railways of Canada killed 402 people a large number of whom were trespassers on the tracks.

The Court of Appeal quashed the conviction of General Manager Hays of the Grand Trunk for not having put on a two-cent rate in the Province.

The inquiry into the charge against Governor Van Zant, of Toronto jail, was concluded. Commissioner Judd will report the evidence to the Government.

In view of the shortage of cars, the Canadian Pacific has issued a circular to agents in Ontario to request all shippers to load cars to their capacity.

For good work, the salary of Brantford's Chief of Police Slemm, formerly of the Toronto detective force, has been raised \$100, and is now \$1,400 per year.

A syndicate, headed by Mr. Charles Miller, of Toronto, secured a lease of the North Temiskaming pulp mill, paying in addition to the dues a bonus of \$40,000.

Frederick C. Corner, of Toronto, was arrested on a charge of perjury resulting from evidence he gave in the trial of a man, W. B. Riley, charged with receiving stolen property.

Mayor Ashdown, of Winnipeg, and Mr. Aird, local manager, are coming to Toronto with the object of negotiating a loan of \$2,500,000 with the Bank of Commerce.

The Temiskaming Railway Commission awarded the contract for the new office building at North Bay to the O'Byrne Bros. Construction Company of St. Louis, Mo.

Frank McIntyre, an employee of the Ontario Asphalt Block Co. of Walkerton, was engaged in the theft of some machinery, and was so badly injured that he died at Hotel Dieu yesterday. His people live in Port Stanley.

IS HE IN CANADA?

SEARCH FOR LOST MARVIN BOY CONTINUES.



This is a reproduction of a sketch of little Horace Marvin, aged four, who was kidnapped nine days ago from near Delmar, Delaware, and who is held for ransom. The child was playing around his home and was only five minutes out of sight when he was missed. Three days ago a letter was received by his father demanding the payment of \$1,000 in gold at some unnamed place in Canada, and threatening to murder the child if payment is not made. It is believed that the persons who hold this little fellow captive are not in this country, the hue and cry raised in the United States having caused them to retreat to the border.

NEW EVIDENCE

SAID TO BE IN POSSESSION OF CROWN IN PERKINS CASE.

Cayuga despatch: Since the preliminary hearing of Mrs. Mattie Perkins, held here last week, the prisoner has been resting very quietly in her cell and employing her time with reading various periodicals and the writing of letters. She is still very confident of an acquittal.

The excitement over the case has quieted down considerably, but the Crown authorities are still active on the case and some important new evidence is looked for at the trial.

At the Berlin Spring Assizes three bills were brought in by the Grand Jury against William Heuser and William Reitz, charged with manslaughter, and for assault with intent to commit serious bodily harm to John Oraszek, who died a few weeks ago.

Mr. William A. Buchanan, proprietor of The Provincial Librarian of Alberta. Mr. Buchanan has edited The Letbridge Herald for a year, and has made it one of the brightest and newest weeklies in the Province of Alberta.

Mrs. Jessie Agnes Paul, of Toronto Junction, on behalf of herself and three children—Joseph Earle Paul, John Harold Paul and James Norman Paul—has entered a suit against her husband, John A. Paul.

That the deceased, Margaret Wilson, came to her death on March 13th in the Rosedale ravine from carbolic acid poisoning, self-administered, London, Ontario, in a letter to the coroner, the diet of the Toronto jury was run down by the death of the 16-year-old girl found under the Huntley street bridge last Wednesday morning.

Six Indians came before Police Magistrate Hunt at St. Thomas on Thursday, on a charge of assaulting Cornelius Jones and Charlotte Thomas, a squaw, on the River road. Five of the Indians were discharged and Cornelius Jones was sent up for trial at the Spring Assizes.

At the Spring Assizes at Berlin the jury awarded Daniel Foreman, a farmer from Wellington Township, \$3,500 damages and costs in his action against the Berlin and Waterloo Street Railway Company. Foreman was run down by a car and had his right leg cut off at the knee.

The seven-year-old son of F. Beattie, Tannystelle, Man., yesterday afternoon, in the temporary absence of his parents, picked up a loaded shotgun which had been left standing behind the door, and accidentally shot and killed his three-year-old brother, killing him instantly. The bullet penetrated the little fellow's eye.

At Dorchester, N. B., Oswald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carwell Spence, was burned to death in his parents' kitchen. He was three years old. It is supposed that the child was playing with matches and set fire to his clothes, while his mother was visiting a sick lady living near by.

Mayor Bowley, of Brantford, has refused to sign the assessment by-law, by which two assessors are appointed to supersede Commissioner Thornburn, on the ground that it was given third reading on the night of its introduction without the necessary two-thirds vote as required by the rules of the Council.

Mr. George H. Barr, of London, who has been in charge of the construction in the service of the Dominion Government as head of the dairy branch of the Fruit and Dairying Department, Mr. F. Berns, Strathroy, who has been at the Dairy School for some years, succeeds Mr. Barr.

At the Brantford Assizes on Thursday J. S. Clark, ex-President of the Grand Valley Railway, sued his father-in-law, Mr. Eason, for alienation of the affections of his wife, Clara. Mr. Clark took the stand and swore that his father-in-law had seduced his wife, and because of this would not allow his father-in-law to return to her. Mr. Justice Britton found this point Mr. Justice Britton found this point in favor of Mr. Clark.

POOR SWETTENHAM.

U. S. ADMIRAL CHEERED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Foreign Secretary Grey Pays Tribute to Davis for Going to Relief of Jamaica—Some Reports Denied.

London, March 18.—The incident involving Governor Swettenham of Jamaica and Rear-Admiral Davis, U. S. N., at the time of the Kingston earthquake, was brought up in the House of Commons to-day in a hypothetical question by Jesse Collings, Liberal Unionist member for the Berdesley division of Birmingham, who was in Kingston at the time of the disaster.

The question brought out from Foreign Secretary Grey a hearty tribute to the American admiral.

Mr. Collings asked if it was in accord with international law and comports with the honor of a British colony without the permission of the governor. The foreign secretary, in reply said: "No, and I may add that no such rights were claimed in the incident referred to. What I am convinced of is that while, in the presence of such a catastrophe, there was a certain amount of misunderstanding on the part of the governor, he was inspired by single-minded motives and a desire to relieve suffering. Any other construction placed on his action is most unworthy and untrue."

Mr. Collings then asked if the fact did not demand that, in opposition to the governor, armed troops were landed when there was no cause or warrant for such action, but the foreign secretary replied: "According to my information, the question conveys a statement, which is not borne out by facts."

The foreign secretary's tribute to Rear-Admiral Davis was heartily cheered.

THE HOKEY TRAGEDY.

CORONER'S JURY HEARS EVIDENCE IN MCCOURT CASE.

Struck From Behind—Masson Skated Some Distance to Do It—McCourt Had Been Doing Some Striking on His Own Account and Had Been Penalized.

"That the said Owen McCourt came to his death by a blow from a hockey stick in the hands of Charles Masson during the progress of a game of hockey played in the Victoria rink in the town of Cornwall on the 6th day of March, 1907, and that in the opinion of this jury, although there is no evidence of any ill feeling previous to the blow, there was no justification by personal provocation for the above blow at the time of the disaster. Your hands of the said Charles Masson. Your verdict further recommend that an act be passed by the Legislative Assembly whereby players and spectators engaged in the game of hockey may be severely punished."

A Cornwall despatch: A huge crowd attended the adjourned inquest into the death of Owen (Bud) McCourt, the hockey player, which was held in the court house here to-night by the coroner, Dr. Hamilton.

Thomas Egan, said that he had followed the play to the south end of the rink, and turning, saw McCourt skating towards the "timekeepers' box," following the game. A second or so later he saw Masson skate over to McCourt and strike him on the head. Then followed a mixup by several players. Throp and McCourt were assisted to the dressing room. Masson had no occasion as a player to skate the fifteen or twenty feet he was distant from McCourt. Afterwards, Mr. Quinn said, he visited the dressing-rooms and saw the injuries of the players. He also described how McCourt had returned to the game for a short time.

He believed that McCourt had been struck by some one else at the side of the rink before he skated across and was struck by Masson.

To James Dingwall, county attorney, the witness said that it was his impression that McCourt was pursuing an act of self-defense when he was struck by Masson. Masson was behind McCourt when he was struck. The wound caused by Masson seemed to be a cut, an indentation made with the heel of the stick.

E. A. Pilon, of Montreal, the judge of play in the Ottawa "Victoria" game, was the next witness. He did not see McCourt struck. The play up to the time of the accident was hard, but not rough. To Mr. Dingwall he denied that he was present under pay. He was an amateur, and only received expenses were paid. At the time of the mix-up he heard a whistle blow and saw a fight in progress. He blew his own whistle, and attempted to part the combatants. He also helped to get McCourt off the ice. Cross-examined by Mr. Pringle, Mr. Pilon explained that he had ruled McCourt off in the first half for hooking Throp.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

A motion to repeal the Irish crimes act has been passed in the British House of Commons.

Five persons were killed at Belgrade yesterday in a conflict between the police and strikes.

The city of Vienna has bought out the two companies which control the undertaking business there.

It is reported at Shanghai that a Wesleyan mission has been destroyed at Ningpo and the missionaries killed.

Five sailors were drowned in the foundering of the tow boat Cruiser on the Ohio River yesterday.

Six persons were killed yesterday at Kharkov, Russia, by the explosion of a bomb in a student's room.

Mrs. Timothy McNeerney and her infant child were suffocated in a fire which partly destroyed their home at Geneva, N. Y. yesterday.

The Glasgow Distress Committee has decided that it will aid no more married men to emigrate except those accompanied by their wives and families.

President Wilcox, of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, has announced that there have been only three passenger fatalities on his road in twelve years.

Lorenzo Klein, four years of age, died last night at Buffalo from the effects of a built-up cold inflicted by his three-year-old brother Clifford. The shooting was accidental.

Mr. George J. Bury, General Manager of the C. P. R. western lines, has been offered the position of General Manager of the Chicago & Rock Island, at a salary of \$50,000 a year.

The British Government's extension postal contract with the Canadian Pacific provides for a journey of 708 hours from Liverpool to Hong Kong in summer.

In rioting connected with the street railway strike at Louisville, Ky., yesterday, five cars were demolished. Several persons were badly injured, among them a police corporal.

The Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung of Essen says the German Navy Department intends to acquire the entire base of the Island of Heligoland and will build a strong fortress there.

Henri Rochefort, the well known editor of the Paris Intransigent, and Michel Pelletier, a lawyer, will probably fight a duel in consequence of an exchange of recriminations in the courts yesterday.

The Spanish Government is reported to be concluding arrangements for the lease of the Ferrol arsenal to a foreign company. Several vessels of the new naval programme of Spain are destined to be built there.

Patrolman John P. Maloney was shot and killed on Wednesday night while attempting to arrest two men at Williamsport, Pa. The murder occurred along the Reading Railroad tracks, in the west end of the city.

At London yesterday the Thames rose four feet. The ice in the south branch broke up and went away. There is a jam above Springbank, but no serious damage is anticipated.

Swartwout, the New Haven, Conn., man, who married the dining room cook of the Queen's Hotel, Montreal, while having a wife and five children in New Haven, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment to-day.

Michael Yeshow, serving a life sentence at Clinton prison for murder, and who recently killed Francesco Ruffo, a fellow convict, hanged himself on Wednesday night with a towel rather than undergo trial for his last crime.

The British tramp steamer Gowan Burn, while feeling her way through a fog, ran her nose into the sand off a point on the shore of Long Island Wednesday. After considerable difficulty her crew of 61 men was rescued yesterday noon.

In an interview at Los Angeles, Mr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of the Columbia University, said: "President Roosevelt will not run for President again, no matter what pressure is brought to bear upon him."

Three hundred Salvation Army emigrants left Euston Station, London, for Canada on Thursday. Rider Haggard, Canada on their departure, who addressed them on their departure, said that, at any rate, they were going to a land where every man could rise to put his back into his work.

King Alfonso has decided to revolutionize Spanish police methods and to establish a criminal investigation department, modeled on the English Scotland Yard. He has offered the position of chief of the reorganized force to Inspector Arrow, of the London force, with a salary of \$5,000.

The bill to do away with the employment of women as barmaids in the United Kingdom will not be introduced at this session of Parliament, Home Secretary Gladstone having promised to deal with the question in his forthcoming general Licensing Reform Bill.

THE WHITE PLAGUE.

ASSOCIATION ASKS FOR MORE CARE OVER CONSUMPTIVES.

Ottawa, March 18.—Several strong resolutions advocating increased vigilance and law enforcement of existing regulations were the result of the deliberations of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption at this morning's concluding session in the Normal School. The Committee on the Care and Control of the Consumptive Poor recommended that physicians must notify the Medical Health Officer of cases; that inspectors should make a monthly inspection; that no changes of residence must be made by the patient without notification and proper disinfection made; that unless home treatment is tolerated, a trained nurse should be employed; and lastly, that the action of the general hospitals in refusing to admit tuberculous patients was to be heartily endorsed. The officers of associations were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. J. G. Galkin, Halifax, as a delegate from the association waited on the Minister of the Interior to urge that more stringent regulations be imposed upon steamship companies in regard to bringing in consumptive immigrants, and that a longer time be devoted for purposes of medical inspection at ports of departure and entry. Hon. Mr. Oliver replied that steps were already being taken to more closely guard against the arrival of immigrants afflicted with tuberculosis. He thought that the deportations now being made would soon show the steamship authorities that they must be more careful in this respect.

ESCAPED FROM JAIL.

FRED FORBES DOES A CLEVER TRICK AT WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, Ont., despatch: Frederick Forbes, of Tillamook, who was confined in Woodstock jail, pending removal to the Central Prison to serve one year for larceny, escaped this morning. He has not yet been found.

Spring cleaning has been in progress at the jail for several days. This morning Governor Cameron opened the rear iron door prior to taking a ladder out. He noticed Forbes come downstairs, and told him to go to the kitchen to get some water. Forbes' attention was called away for a few minutes. About three minutes later he went out through the door he had opened.

He noticed a door into one of the small vesting rooms. Looking in, he saw a pile of jail clothes in the corner. A search was immediately made, and Forbes was missed. Apparently Forbes had a suit of civilian clothes under his jail uniform. He pulled the prisoner's garb off in the small yard, and ran out by the big gates to the outer yard that were open. Forbes is a young man with a police record.

THE PLUMBERS.

THE TORONTO COMBINATION MUST PAY FINE.

Toronto despatch: The Central Supply Association (plumbers) have lost their appeal against the conviction for violating the law as regards combines, for which a fine of \$5,000 was imposed.

In giving decision, Justice Garrow said: "It is common knowledge that the majority of large operations in manufacturing and dealing in the articles and commodities of commerce are now carried on by joint stock companies. Can it be impugned to the legislature that the intention in preparing the net was to catch only the small fry? Surely not."

Chief Justice Garrow said: "What were the motives that led to the incorporation? The association has no stock in trade, and carries on no business, nor does it buy or sell commodities. It does not profess to be a trade association, but it is an association for the purpose of general benefit and is not a social club."

Justice Maclaren agrees with these opinions.

Justice Oiler, however, dissenting, says: "It cannot be too strongly insisted upon, nor too clearly borne in mind, that the appellants are not responsible, criminally or otherwise, for anything which took place before their incorporation which took place before their incorporation and acts done after the incorporation, and as tending to prove a conspiracy, but the fact of the incorporation alone would not be enough."

Justice Meredith, also dissenting, says: "It seems to me impossible to avoid the conclusion that they were tried, convicted and sentenced, in a substantial measure at least for the offences committed long before the date of their incorporation. The appellants had any sort of legal existence, and so were wholly incompetent to commit any crime or do any unlawful act."

BREAKS THE FARE RECORD.

Tonopah Sport Loses \$300,000 in One Session With the Bank.

Tonopah, Nev., March 18.—All records for plunging in gambling games was broken here when Abe Brown, part owner of the Tonopah Club, the famous gambling resort of southern Nevada, lost \$300,000 in one sitting.

"The Green gambled away \$300,000 in less than twenty-four hours, as it is actually lost but \$200,000, as he is a third owner in the game in which he lost his fortune and one-third of his loss is his winning as part proprietor.

The Tonopah Gambling Club is owned by Brown, Kennedy and George Wingfield. Brown started in to play faro in his own house and in a short time lost over \$25,000. He wanted the limit taken off the game, but the dealers could not do so without the consent of the other two partners in the game. Accordingly George Wingfield was called up at Goldfield and the situation explained to him. Wingfield told the manager of the house to raise the limit to \$5,000. The regulation limit is \$500.

Brown started into bet \$5,000 on a single card. Luck was with him at first, and in a short time he was nearly \$100,000 ahead of the game, but fortune suddenly switched to the other side of the faro layout, and Brown lost heavily. According to the best reports the battle of dollars waged for nearly twenty hours and finally Brown had \$300,000 in markers standing against him in the layout drawer.

Brown was as cool as a cucumber after he had lost his fortune. He rose from the table, sauntered to the bar, where he took a drink, and bidding his friends good-night he went off to bed.

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