THE TRANSVAAL PARLIAMENT

Opened by the Earl of Selbourne To-day.

Will Re-Enact the "Asiatic Ordinance" Already Disallowed.

Employment of Chinese as Miners to be Stopped.

Pretoria, Transvaal, Transvaal, March 25.—The first Parliament of the Transvaal Colony, under the newly granted constitution, met here this morning in the hall in which the late President Kruger presided for so many years over sittings of the Upper Volksraad of the South African Republic. In a speech at the opening of the Legislature the Earl of Selbourne, High Commissioner for South Africa, said:

"My Ministers have resolved that the employment of Chinese in the mines shall cease at the earliest possible moment. As to the Chinese already employed there, my Ministers will not take any steps to prevent their repatriation at the end of the indentures, unless they are convinced that such repatriation will have to take place before an effective substitute either in the form of other unskilled labor or improved mechanical appliances, has been found.'

The disposition of the new government of the Transvaal to exclude all Asiatics from work in the mines is shown by the fact that the "Asiatic ordinance" recently disallowed by the Earl of Elgin, Secretary of State for the Colonies, after it had passed the late legislature, is again published in the Official Gazette here, indicating that among the first acts of the new parliament will be a re-enactment of this measure, in spite of the opposition of the Imperial Government.

The Asiatic Ordinance.

London, March 25.—The "Asiatic ordinance," which the Transvaal Parliament proposes to re-enact, although at the present time aimed specially at British Indians, who are ousting the small white traders in the Transvaal, is equally intended to exclude the Japanese or other Asiatics, who are emigrating to South Africa in increasing numbers.

Sir Gilbert Parker, who represents the colonists in the House of Commons on this question, is quoted to-day in an interview as saying:

"If, as I am sure it will, the Transvaal Parliament re-enacts the Asiatic ordinance, the Imperial Government will hardly venture to disallow it again, as over 99 per cent. of the whites in South Africa thoroughly approve of it."

W. H. M. S. MEETING.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR REPORTED, WITH A BALANCE ON HAND.

Progress Made Toward a Union of the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies—Election of Officers to Take Place To-day.

Toronto despatch: The fourth annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, western division, opened in Cooke's Church yesterday afternoon, with a large attendance of delegates. Mrs. R. S. Smellie, the President, was in the chair.

The report of the Board of Management, presented by Miss McMichael, Recording Secretary, noted growth of the hospital work under the care of the board of the W. H. M. S. at Atlin, Teuion, Wakaw, Sifton and Vegreville. Mention was also made of progress of thought toward a union of the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies.

The Treasurer, Miss Helen Macdonald, reported receipts totalling $22,322.38, and expenditures $21,460.57, leaving a balance of $861.81. Last year's balance amounted to $72.46.

Reports on the life membership, auxiliary and Mission Band Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer of "Pioneer," Secretary of Supplies, Corresponding, Literature and Travelling Secretaries, were also presented.

The election of officers will be held and other business transacted in Cooke's Church this morning.

FOUR OF A KIND.

CHICAGO GAMBLER LOST $9,000 ON JACKPOT PLAY.

Game on Four Days and Nights, and Still in Progress—Over $10,000 Said to Have Exchanged Hands.

Chicago, March 25.—A sensational poker game, lasting through four consecutive days and nights, was hurriedly adjourned from Magnet Hotel, No. 238 North Clark street, early to-day.

More than $100,000 has been won and lost, as is reported. Publicity drove to other quarters six participants of the greatest game ever known in Chicago. The worn and pallid gamblers are declared by their friends to have planned to resume play.

Four of the players had been continuously in their seats night and day since last Saturday, waging a battle of chips for high stakes.

Mont Tennes, one of Chicago's biggest gamblers, was reported to have been loser as high as $20,000. At daybreak he was $10,000 behind the game. In three hours he had gained back $4,000 of this amount.

One jackpot of $9,000 was lost by Tennes with four of a kind in his hand. He "bucked" against a straight flush, it was related.

Two new players were called into the game during the night to make it six-handed. The presence of refreshed players revived the weakened participants. Four times in each twenty-four hours since Saturday the game was interrupted for meals. One man's eyes gave out and he was forced to stop for an hour. Liquors and cigars were served to the exhausted players. The men, all Chicagoans, were in the front parlor of the hotel. No noise could be heard in the hotel but the rattle of the chips and the subdued voices of the men. A limit of $200 was made, but jackpots were opened for their size.

The game began mildly with a $10 limit and soon rounded into table stakes. From this it was worked up before midnight into a $200 limit, the play being still for all that each man had in front of him up to $200.

Not since the days when the old "House of David" and the "House of Blazes" were wide open has Chicago seen such a game. It is the gambling event of an epoch.

BAIL FOR RUEF.

SIXTY-FIVE CHARGES RETURNED AGAINST 'FRISCO BOSS.

San Francisco, Cal., March 25.—Sixty-five indictments were presented late yesterday afternoon by the grand jury against Abe Ruef, for bribery in connection with the United Railroads, United Gas Company and Home Telephone franchise and the prize fight permits, and ten against T. V. Hasley, in connection with the Pacific States Telephone Company franchises.

The judge asked the district attorney what he thought was fitting bail. District Attorney Langdon said $5,000 cash bail on each indictment and $10,000 in bonds.

The judge agreed that this was fair, but said, with the $100,00 which Ruef but said, with the $100,000 which Ruef would represent $750,000.

"Well," said Langdon, "that ought to hold him."

Court was then adjourned, and Ruef still remains in custody of an elisor, who keeps continual personal guard over the prisoner.

MAY BE MURDER.

Eliska Havens, of Hartford Mills, Slugged by Unknown Parties.

An Ithaca despatch: The Ithaca police are hard at work upon a case which threatens to develop into a murder mystery. Elisha Havens, of Hartford Mills, is in the city hospital with a compound fracture of the skull, which, he declares, is the result of an assault and robbery east of this city last night. Havens was found by two Italian laborers beside the Elmira, Cortland & Northern tracks today almost lifeless. He was rushed to the city hospital and gave an ante-mortem statement, in which he stated that he had been struck by two men and robbed of his watch and money. His blackened eyes and dangling watch chain support his story. Employees at the East Ithaca station say they saw Havens drunk last night. Havens denied the police theory that he had fallen from or had been struck by a train. He could not describe his assailants, and was so weak that the authorities feared to question him further. His skull was trephined.

What Thaw Says.

New York, March 25.—"I am perfectly sane, and everybody who knows me knows that I am sane. In fact, on second consideration of the matter, I am rather glad, on the whole, that the case has taken this turn, because I am satisfied to declare that I am sane at present, and after that you can guess for yourself what will happen."

TROOPS CALLED OUT.

ROUMANIAN JEWS, TERRORIZED, FLEE TO BUCHAREST.

Bucharest, Roumania, March 25.—All the army reserves have now been called out to join the colors, with the result that the Government has at its disposal plenty of troops to enable it to speedily suppress the Agrarian troubles. Large numbers of Jews from Jassay, Vaslui, Botosahni and other Moldavian towns which have been terrorized by the excesses of the peasantry have arrived here, seeking refuge and assistance. They assert that the Russian portion of the population largely participated with the peasants in the plundering and incendiarism at Botosahni. According to the latest advices received here from that town quiet has been restored there.

SCARE IN SCHOOL.

PANIC AMONG CHATHAM CHILDREN WAS NARROWLY AVERTED.

Chatham, Ont., despatch: While a local plumber was inspecting the gas pipes at the Collegiate Institute this morning he held a lighted match too near a big leak, and the gas ignited. The result was an explosion, which tore up pipes all over one of the rooms. The force of the explosion shook the whole school, and the children were terrified. Owing to the presence of mind of the teachers, a panic was fortunately averted. The plumber was severely burned about the hands and face, and narrowly escaped death. The damage to the school will be considerable.

WON BATTLE.

NICARAGUAN TROOPS DEFEAT FIVE THOUSAND OF ENEMY.

Paris, March 25.—The following despatch was received to-day by the Nicaraguan legation from Senor Gomez, the Minister of Foreign affirs of Nicaragua: "Five thousand Salvadoreans and Hondurans have ben decisively defeated at Portillos de Namasique, after a bloody three-days' battle."

ACTRESS AND PEER TO WED.

Lord Dalmeny and Miss Phyllis Dare, the English music hall artist, whose engagement to his lordship, son of Lord Rosebery, is reported.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CANADIAN.

Mrs. J. J. Leslie, of Winnipeg, strangled her nine-year-old daughter during a fit of insanity.

Mr. Robert Sutherland, father of Mr. Donald Sutherland, M. P. P., died on Wednesday at Ingersoll.

Bookies who accepted bets at the Woodbine are to be brought before the Toronto Police Magistrate.

Charles Fosgren was killed at Lodge, Ont., by an explosion of dynamite, on which he was pouring hot water.

The resignation of Rev. J. D. Freeman was accepted by the congregation of Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto.

A team of British horse artillery volunteers will be sent to Canada this summer in response to an invitation from the Dominion.

One of the most severe storms on record swept over Ontario on Tuesday night and the Maritime Provinces yesterday.

"Uncle Mike" Wigle, one of the oldest inhabitants of Kingsville, is dead at the age of 75 years. Mr. Wigle was the last of a family of sixteen.

The Government is considering the advisability of granting 11,027 acres in Freeman township, Georgian Bay district, to a hunting club.

Eight hundred miners in the Dominion colliery at Glace Bay went on strike to force a number of non-union men to join the Provincial Workmen's Association.

While Clifford Taylor, an employee of the Defiance Iron Works, Chatham, was at work his arm became entangled in the cog wheels of a machine and was badly lacerated.

Relatives have been apprised of the sudden death at Havana of Mr. George Stuart. The deceased was the manager of the Quaker Oats Company's plant of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a son of the late Peter Stuart, Ingersoll.

The action of the Quebec City Council in its by-law compelling liquor dealers to close their places of business at seven o'clock on Saturday evening has been maintained by a judgment rendered in the Superior Court by Judge Lemieux.

Early on Wedensday morning at the G. T. R. diamond at Guelph, an east-bound freight crashed into the first car behind the engine of a north-bound freight, and knocked it into the ditch. The car was filled with merchandise, much of it being damaged.

When the woodworking factory of Sexton & Company, Carlaw avenue, Toronto, was opened yesterday morning it was found that the electric meter had been actually melted away by its own current, caused by the crossing of the wires in the storm on Tuesday night.

Donald McDonald was drowned at Sault Ste. Marie while crossing on the ice bridge, in an attempt to recover his hat, which blew off. S. Larsen, who went to his rescue, was swept under the ice, came up again at a hole some distance away, and managed to save himself.

The St. Catharines civic enquiry into the alleged bribery charges in connection with pavements in that city was resumed on Wednesday. A number of witnesses, including Mayor Riddell, Ald. Campbell, and ex-Ald. Hodgins, were examined, but nothing new was brought out.

Six carloads of settlers' effects were ditched five miles east of Port Arthur on Wednesday morning through the breaking of the trucks under a wrecking derrick, which had been in use at Carlstadt. No person was injured, but several head of stock were killed.

Four Indians are now down with smallpox in a shanty in the woods near Middlemarch. The health authorities are having much trouble to keep the Indians in quarantine, as there are shanties all through the woods, and the Provincial Board has been communicated with.

Two Poles arrived in Montreal from Cornwall, Ont., on Tuesday afternon. They went to a private boarding-house, 26 Craig street east, and next morning one of them, Jonon Yokenci, aged 19, was found dead in one bed, and his companion lay unconscious in the other. The room was filled with gas.

Since the beginning of the week the names of over a hundred young boys and girls who frequent the Toronto theatres, particularly at the matinees, have been taken by the truant officer attached to the morality department. A dozen had to be taken to the police department before they could be forced to give their names and addresses.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

A mail bag, with contents valued at $400,000, has been stolen en route between New York and Paris.

There is serious friction between King Leopold and the Belgian Cabinet over the conduct of the Congo affairs.

President Roosevelt has announced that he is anxious to allay any feeling of want of confidence in the country and will meet the railroads half way.

The Grand Jury at San Francisco returned 75 indictments charging bribery. Of these 65 were against Abraham Reuf and 10 against A. V. Halsey, former general agent of the Pacific States Telephone Company.

A duel with swords that went to six bouts was fought at Paris, between Emmanuel Arene, senator from Corsica, and Adolphe Brisson, a well known journalist. Both contestants were wounded in the arm.

Archbishop Serafin, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church in Canada, is taking strenuous action to offset the propaganda of the Presbyterian Church in the West. Last year the Archbishop excommunicated nine of his priests for banding themselves in unauthorized consistory and being in the pay of the Presbyterian Church. This week he excommunicated twelve more for the same offence.

DOCTORS SAY THAW IS CRAZY.

COMMISSION IN LUNACY MAY BE APPOINTED TO-DAY.

Justice Fitzgerald Was to Hear Evidence This Afternoon—Thaw's Attorneys Will Fight Hard Against Its Appointment— Jerome Convinced Prisoner is Insane.

New York, March 25.—That Justice Fitzgerald will appoint a commission in lunacy to inquire into the present mental condition of Harry K. Thaw seems to foregone conclusion. This afternoon he will hear arguments of counsel on both sides of the famous case, and he plainly intimated yesterday that he would appoint a commission. That this commission will find that Thaw is now insane is the opinion of most of those who have closely followed the trial.

Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, one of the country's most famous alienists, has openly expressed the opinion that Thaw is now insane, and that he is incapable of conducting his own defence. Dr. Carlos MacDonald and Dr. Austin Flint, also noted alienists, have expressed the same opinion, and affidavits are expected from all three, as well as from the doctors who are familiar with the history of the Thaw case, and with the insanity which is said to have been present in both sides of his ancestors. The appearance of Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton in the case yesterday and District Attorney Jeromes' appeal to "the conscience of the court," came like bombshells. It was expected that the testimony would be finished yesterday and this morning the summing up would begin. It was the general expectation that the case would go to the jury not later than Saturday.

But when Mr. Delmas called Dr. Hamilton to the stand the end was in sight. The shadow of the famous alienist has loomed large in the background ever since the case began. It was known that he believed Thaw to be still insane and neither side was anxious to call him. The defence apparently did not want him because of his belief in Thaw's present insanity; the prosecution could not call him because his relation to Thaw was that of physician to patient, and he could not be compelled to testify without a specific waiver of the privilege created by these relations.

That the attorneys for the defence will make a hard fight to prevent the Judge from appointing the commission when court sits this afternoon is probable. From the first the fight had been to secure an acquittal, and it is not probable that it will be given up so long as there is the slightest chance that it may be successful.

On the other hand, Mr. Jerome is convinced that Thaw is now insane, and he will fight just as hard for the appointment of the commission. To-day's session being informal, the rules of law and evidence will not be enforced, and either side may place before the court any evidence that it desires to show the mental condition of the defendant. The jury will not be present, and the sole object of the proceedings is that the Judge may be informed of all the facts in the case and on them decide whether or not he will stop the trial until a legal commission has decided whether Thaw is in such a condition as to permit his case going to the jury.

The law of New York State specifies that only insanity that can excuse a crime is a mental derangement which makes the person charged with a crime incapable of knowing the nature or quality of his act when it is committed and incapable of knowing that it is wrong.

This law, which is founded on an old English decision, is far behind the times according to alienists. Many a man, they say, has an overpowering impulse to commit a crime, an impulse which he is unable to conquer and which forces him to commit crime, but if his mental state is such that he realizes that he is doing wrong, the law does not take into account the insane impulse which he is unable to overcome.

A case in point is that of Aran Taschjian, an Armenian, who has just been transferred to the Dannemora hospital for the criminally insane after ten days in Sing Sing prison, where he was sent on a conviction of murder in the second degree for killing his brother and cutting the body to pieces. Dr. Charles MacDonald and Dr. Austin Flint, both of whom have been witnesses for the prosecution in the Thaw case, testified as experts for the prosecution in the Taschjian case. Both were convinced that the Armenian was insane, but were not able to swear that his insanity was such that he was incapable of knowing his act was wrong, as required by the statute.

"I believe the Thaw case and the Taschjian case to be exactly parellel," District Attorney Jerome said to-day. "Both are insane and both are suffering from paranoia. The trial of Thaw is an outrage. He should be sent to an insane asylum. But under the law I have not been able to show that he is insane. I am bound by the legal aspect of the case and the moral side of it I am not allowed to enter into. My experts who have testified that they did not believe Thaw's mental condition was such that he did not know the nature and quality of his act and that it was wrong, are ready to testify that they believe him to be insane. I have tried throughout this case to bring in this moral aspect, but I have been balked at every step. Therefore, there has been nothing for me to do but to conduct the case along the strict legal lines. I believe Thaw is insane and I believe the insane hospital is the place for him."

Went to Jail.

London, March 25.—Seventy-six "suffragettes," who were arrested yesterday for congregating near the precincts of Parliament, were sentenced to-day to from $5 or a fortnight in prison to $10 or a month's imprisonment. They all decided to go to jail, and were taken away in the prison vans amidst the mingled cheers and jeers of the crowds outside the police court.

A SKIN GAME.

THE RECIPIENT TO ENTERTAIN THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED.

A St. Thomas, Ont., despatch: Two years ago last November Bruce Little, a Michigan Central engineer, whose home is in this city, was badly scalded in the wrecking of his train at Peleon, near Windsor, through the carelessness of the Pere Marquette interlocking tower operator. Owing to the amount of skin lost, he was making very slow recovery, and the attending surgeons requested Little's friends to contribute portions of their cuticle. There were plenty of volunteers, and Little secured a good growth of new skin, where his own had been destroyed. To-morrow night he is to give an interesting entertainment to those friends who gave of their epidermis to save him.

MINERS' STRIKE.

CALGARY MEN HAVE SUBMITTED ULTIMATUM TO BOSSES.

Dover, Del., March 25.—Dr. Marvin miners have presented a final ultimatum to the operators which, if not accepted to-day, will cause the suspension of all operations in the mines on April 1, when the present agreement expires. The ultimatum is that all the agreements now prevailing at the various mines are to continue, with an advance of 10 per cent. on the present rates of wages.

The miners are determined, and say the operators are not trying to arrive at a contract, as they submitted an agreement which is preposterous, calling, as it does, for a 50 per cent. reduction in the present wages. The operators refuse to talk, but it is almost certain they will turn down the ultimatum, and a strike will follow.

MORE RAIDS BY SUFFRAGISTS.

Three Separate Onslaughts on British Commons.

Seventy of the Women Arrested—Indignation Meetings Held.

London, March 25.—The women suffragists to-day attempted a demonstrative raid on Parliament more important and more determined than any previous efforts. The police, however, had timely warning, and made preparations that resulted in making the demonstration somewhat ineffective. The only result was some amusing disorderly scuffles and the arrest of nearly seventy suffragists, who were at once liberated on bail.

Previous to this demonstration an indignation meeting, which was largely attended by the so-called "suffragettes," and their friends, was held at Caxton Hall, where the speakers denounced the House of Commons for stifling the Dickenson woman suffrage bill.

The raid was led by Lady Harberton, who was assisted by the most prominent women who took part in the previous raids. The women drove up in wagons, and after promenading before the Houses of Parliament stormed the entrance of the House of Commons, where the police reinforcements, drawn up for the occasion, awaited the onslaught and drove the women back.

After this first rebuff the women made a second determined attempt to penetrate the police cordon, but all to little purpose. In accordance with the instructions, the police employed against the women as little force as possible. At a late hour this evening the suffragists reassembled at Caxton Hall, and amid the greatest enthusiasm adopted a resolution to send another deputation to the Premier and to renew their demonstrations before Parliament. Accordingly another move was made against the House of Commons, the disorderly scenes were repeated on a smaller scale, and several further arrests were made.

ANGLERS' LICENSES.

May Restrict Free Rod Fishing to Residents.

The Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature yesterday considered the fishing regulations of the proposed bill. One clause considered was that, except without a license, no person not a resident of the Province of Ontario shall be privileged to angle in the waters of the Province. This clause stands until the next meeting. A similar license and regulation applied last year to Nepigon district and realized $9,000.

The committee took out of paragraph B. black and grey squirrels, and classed them with quail and wild turkeys, giving them added protection.

For the killing of geese and swans the season will be May 1 to Sept. 15, instead of Sept. 1, as formerly; ducks and other waterfolw, from Dec. 31 to Sept. 15; snipe, quail and plover, Dec. 15 to Sept. 15 of the following year.

HONORED POPE.

MENELIK DECORATES HIM WITH STAR OF ETHIOPIA.

Rome, March 25.—The Pope to-day received in solemn private audience Father Maria Bernado, of the Capuchin Order, who presented an autograph letter from King Menelik of Abyssinia, conferring on His Holiness the decoration of the Star of Ethiopia. The letter was an answer to a communication from the Pope who asked the Abyssinian King to protect the Catholics in Abyssinia and inquired regarding the health of his Majesty and the progress made by Abyssinia.

THIEF CONFESSES.

GANG OF INTERNATIONAL ROBBERS EXPOSED BY PAL.

Paris, March 25.—The man named Butless, arrested here recently with $42,000 in American securities in his possession under the suspicion that he was an accomplice of the thieves who stole a mail bag containing about $400,000 on the French line steamed La Prevence, which left New York, Feb. 28, and arrived at Havre, March 6, has made a confession, implicating a gang of international robbers as the result of which other arrests are expected immediately. It developed to-day that the majority of the stolen securities are not negotiable.

THE MURDERED MAN.

FINE ART SOCIETIES TO HONOR STANFORD WHITE'S NAME.

New York, March 25.—Friends of the late Stanford White are preparing to hold, as soon as the Thaw trial is over, a series of meetings, in which they will pay tribute to his artistic achievements and genius. Plans of the gathering have been discussed for several weeks. Meetings will be held by the various societies which form the fine arts association, when tributes will be read and resolutions formally adopted as part of the records, and then made public.

Capture Fort.

London, March 25.—News has arrived of a fight in December between a British force and a robber band of Tibuks, west of Lake Tchad, Africa.

The British besieged a fort, which was captured with difficulty and with the loss of 11 killed and 42 wounded. Among the latter were two officers. Most of the casualties were caused by arrows.

The Tibuks lost 300 killed and wounded.

THE LOST BOY.

THE LAD FOUND AT ERIE WAS ANOTHER KIDNAPPED BOY.

Erie, Pa., March 25.—What was thought to be a true clue at last to the whereabouts of the little son of Dr. Horace Marvin, of Dover, Del., has proved a false alarm, and the lad whom Attorney A. P. Howard, of this city, alleged was the kidnapped boy turned out to be the son of a Ripley (N. Y.) couple named Norville, and has been living in this city since the Marvin boy was kidnaped.

It appears that a woman of Ripley, N. Y., has separated from her husband and pending proceedings for a divorce has brought her young son to this city. This boy answers the general description of young Marvin.

Up to 11 o'clock to-night everyone, including the police of this city, believed that the misinsg lad had at last been found.

GOT TWENTY YEARS.

"I'm Sorry I Cannot Have You Flogged," Said Judge at Brandon.

Brandon, March 25.— Asevere sentence was pronounced upon Jesse Perriman, an English farm laborer, convicted of a serious offence against an eleven-year-old girl. In pronouncing sentence Judge Richards said: "Considering the horrible circumstances, I may say I seriously thought of ordering you to be hanged, and though I am not doing so I may tell you that murder is not more deserving of hanging than that heinous crime with which you are charged. Unfortunately I cannot emphasize your sentence by flogging. Why the Legislature has not made such a provision under this court I cannot say, but I greatly regret I cannot order you to be flogged three times during the term of imprisonment. I order you to be imprisoned in Manitoba penitentiary for twenty years."

TRAIN HITS TINY MASTER.

Faithful Dog Unable to Save Three-Year-Old.

Phoenixville, Pa., March 25.— After vainly trying to pull his little master from in front of an approaching passenger train on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Cromby, this morning, a collie dog stood guard over the crushed and bleeding form so faithfully that for a time it was impossible to render medical aid.

The little victim was Paul, the 3-year-old son of Harry W. Elliottt, a prominent contractor of this place.

The child wandered from home, accompanied by the dog; strayed on the railroad tracks and cooed with delight as he waited for an approaching train to round a near-by curve.

The child was seen by the engineer; but the distance was too short to stop the train.

A physician among the passengers examined the little fellow after the dog had been driven away. His injuries consisted of a broken arm, rib and severe cuts and bruises. The escape from instant death seemed miraculous.

The dog and boy are the same age and and have been inseparable companions.

BOY'S POCKET BLOWS UP.

Spark From Bonfire Reaches Powder in His Trousers.

Washington, Pa., March 25.—While experimenting with a pocketful of gunpowder to-day at his home at Iams Station, south of this place, Norman, the 13-year-old son of George Phillips, was fatally injured by a terrific explosion, which resulted.

The boy was throwing powder from his pocket on a bonfire, when the fire communicated with the explosive in his pocket.

His clothing was almost torn off, and when picked up, twenty feet away, his body was a charred mass, and was enveloped in burning rags.

His mother heard the explosion and soused the boy into a barrel of water, which stood near. He is still living, but cannot recover.

THE LOST BOY.

Father of Kidnapped Child Starts on Another Journey.

Calgary, N. W. T., March 25.—The left town on a mysterious mission today. He probably has gone on another trip to seek his kidnapped son.

A caravan of gypsies was rounded up near here to-day and ten children with the outfit examined. None was little Horace Marvin.

Erie, Pa., March 20.—Mrs. Norvelle, the mother of the child whom Attorney Howard suspected was the kidnapped Marvin child, may die from the shock following the police investigation into the identity of the boy.

She boards with Mrs. Belle Stirks, of 2,124 Myrtle street, and a physician has been at her bedside all day.

Duff's Church.

DEATH BY LIVE WIRE.

Lineman at Chatham Electrocuted by Fall From a Pole.

A Chatham, Ont., despatch: J. Dieudonne Lozon, a lineman in the employ of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, was instantly killed this afternoon about 5.30 o'clock. He was on the top of a telegraph pole connecting wires when he slipped and fell on a live electric light wire. The wire caught him just behind the left ear. He fell over the wires and his companions noticed him hanging in mid-air, motionless. He had to be carried down the pole, but he was dead before his fellow workmen even reached him.

He was about 25 years of age and unmarried.

G. T. P. TO GET CENTRAL.

New Brunswick Will Sell or Lease Short Cut to St. John.

Frederickton, N. B., March 25.—In the budget speech in the house to-day, Premier Pugsley announced that, within a few months, the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Co. property, known as the Central Railway, and owned by the province, would be sold or leased to the G. T. P., which would use it to divert traffic to St. John from Chipman, where the Central Railway and G. T. P. connect. The run to St. John is only 78 miles, several hundred miles shorter than to Halifax.

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