CAUSE OF EXPLOSION.

Sam Bayboro Light Match and Crash Followed.

Inquest into the Fatal Disaster at Brantford.

Brantford despatch: The theory that the recent disastrous gas explosion here was caused by the lighting of a match on the doorstep of the Theatorium building by the late Joseph Bayboro was given much prominence and credence at the inquest last night, by the testimony of Bert Holstock, who was with Bayboro at the time of the fatal crash. According to Holstock, he and Bayboro were seated on the steps, awaiting Joe Dumas arrival with the key. He asked Bayboro for some tobacco, and received it, whereupon he roued a cigarette. He then asked his chum, "Have you a match?" Bayboro replies, "I don't think so." That was all that Holstock remembered, and he testified that it seemed to him that as soon as Bayboro got the sentence uttered the explosion happened. He heard a sound and felt himself being lifted in the air. He knew no more until he regained consciousness several hours later. The witness would not say that Bayboro lighted a match when he asked him for one. He saw no match, but he admitted that it was reasonable that one might have been struck almost instantaneously with his asking. Holstock was severely burned, and rendered delirious for several hours after the affair. Bayboro succumbed to injuries received as a result of a rib piercing his lung.

Gave a Warning.

Nine witnesses were examined at the hearing. James Williams, restaurant keeper, whose place was among the wrecked buildings, testified that he smelt [illegible] gas about 3 o'clock that morning until 4 o'clock, when the explosion happened. He went to the gas employees, who were at work in the trench outside of his building, and warned them of the danger several times, telling them that he smelled gas. He noticed it particularly coming from his cellar, and, moreover, he said he was afraid to enter his cellar on that account. Williams used gas in his place for cooking, and the buildings which were completely wrecked were three doors west of his place. None of the other witnesses testified as to smelling gas.

The facts in connection with the rescue of the child which died from a fractured skull were brought out by Michael Judge, Dr. Wiley and the child's father, Thomas Horney.

Was Adjourned.

Crown Attorney Wilkes asked Coroner Ashton to adjourn the inquest for a week. He stated that the evidence of Holstock had cleared up the immediate cause of the ignition of the gas. At the next session evidence will be heard from every gas man at work in that locality, from the plumbers who made the connections to the various buildings, and from expert gas men.

Clears Up Mystery.

Through a regrettable mistake at the inquest into the explosion last night a man named Dunn, who had been summoned and was an eye witness to the affair, was not called to give evidence. Dunn, after the adjournment, appeared before the Coroner and stated that he saw Bayboro light the match that Holstock asked him for. Instantaneously the crash came. Dunn saw the young man roll the cigarette and described their movements minutely. His statement clears up the whole mystery as to the immediate cause of the explosion.

DASHED TO PIECES.

WRIGHT AEROPLANE FELL 75 FEET AT FORT MYER.

Lieut. Selfridge Killed—Orville Wright Seriously Injured, But Will Recover—Propeller Blade Broke, Machine Turned Over and Fell to the Ground.

Washington, Sept. 21.—After having drawn the attention of the world to his aeroplane flights at Fort Myer and having established new world's records for heavier-than-air flying machines, Orville Wright to-day met with a tragic mishap while making a two-man flight. Mr. Wright was accompanied by Lieut. Thomas E. Selfridge of the Signal Corps of the army. Lieut. Selfridge was fatally injured and died at 8.10 to-night. Mr. Wright was seriously injured, but is expected to recover. While the machine was encircling the drill grounds a propeller blade snapped off and hitting some other part of the intricate mechanism caused it to overturn in the air and fall to the ground, enveloping the two occupants in the debris.

Soldiers and spectators ran across the field to where the aeroplane had fallen and assisted in lifting Wright and Selfridge from under the tangled mass of machinery, rods and shreds of muslin. Mr. Wright was conscious, and said: "Oh hurry and lift the motor."

Lieut. Selfridge was unconscious and had apparently struck the ground with great force. His head was covered with blood and he was choking when the soldiers extricated him from under the machine.

Dr. Watters, a New York physician, was one of the first to reach the spot and rendered first aid to the injured man. When their wounds had been bandaged Mr. Wright and Lieut. Selfridge were taken to the Fort Myer Hospital at the other end of the field.

Mr. Wright had lapsed into a state of semi-consciousness by the time he reached the hospital, while Lieut. Selfridge did not regain consciousness at all. He was suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull, and was in a critical condition.

After a hurried surgical examination it was announced that Mr. Wright was not dangerously injured. He is suffering from a fracture of his left thigh, and several ribs on the right side were fractured. Both men received deep cuts about the head. Mr. Wright regained consciousness at the hospital, and dictated a cablegram to his brother at Le Mans, France, and a message to his sister and father at Dayton, Ohio, assuring them that he was all right.

When the machine was released for its flight it was noticed that it did not rise as quickly from the ground as on the previous two-man flights. Lieut. Selfridge weighed about 175 pounds, making the weight greater than the machine had ever carried before. After gliding over the ground on its runners for thirty feet the machine rose gradually. There was a six-mile wind, and it was noticed that it did not run as smoothly as on its former flights, most of which were made in calm weather. The aeroplanist, however, apparently had control of the aerial flier, which rose to a height of 75 feet as it completed the second round of the field. This height was maintained on the third round.

While the machine was turning at the southern end of the field, several thousand feet from the spectators, some one shouted: "What is that? Something fell." Immediately all eyes were on the aeroplane and it was seen to turn over on its left side and pausing a moment, make a complete turn and then come swooping to the earth in a cloud of dust. No effort on the part of the aviator could possibly have averted the accident. Planes and rudder were absolutely incapable of righting the machine when it had turned in that manner.

TWO LIVES LOST.

The Tragic Death of a Woman and a Child.

A Parry Sound despatch: Two lives were lost on Wednesday in the bush fires which are now raging in the vicinity of Parry Sound. Miss Colarine Guisler and the eighteen-months-old child of her niece were the victims. Miss Guisler and the infant were on their way to attend the funeral of a Mrs. Cudmore, and as she drove along a road by a forest a big tree which had been burned through near the roots fell over on the buggy, killing both of the occupants instantly. When found both bodies were pinned down by the burning tree, and were so badly burned as to be almost unrecognizable.

Dr. G. F. R. Richardson, of Sprucedale, made an examination of the remains, and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Miss Guisler was the only daughter of her aged father, who is about 90 years of age. The horse, frightened by the falling timber, broke away from the buggy and escaped.

SCOTCH CRITICISM.

Quebec Has the Worst Farms In Canada.

London, Sept. 21.—The members of the Scotch Farming Commission are sending home admirable accounts of the tour. They apparently found much to admire in Canada, and something to criticise. R. B. Greig declares the Quebec farmers to be conservative and interesting, but the worst farmers in the Dominion, while regarding Ontario farmers, he observes a Buchan man would cut more thistles with less dash. There is plenty of room in Ontario for men with capital, though land is not cheap, he says, and points out that a quantity of land is wasted in New Brunswick and Quebec for want of sheep, because each man must keep a useless dog. Agricultural colleges are the objects of warmest appreciation.

ARTIST DEAD.

The Montreal Star Loses a Most Valued Servant.

Montreal despatch: Death came with startling suddenness to-night to Mr. R. Julien, artist of the Montreal Star. He was in the Star office at 5.30 and left to go home, but dropped dead on St. James street before he had gone a block. Heart disease is said to be the cause of his death. He was 58 years of age and had been on the Star staff for nearly a quarter of a century. He began life as an engraver and achieved considerable fame by his military sketches in the early seventies. He was probably the best-known and cleverest black-and-white artist in Canada. He leaves a widow and a large family. Mr. Julien had been in failing health for the past year.

TRIED TO KILL CABRERA.

Ingenious Plot by Guatemalan Would-be Assassins.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—According to reports brought here by officials of the steamer City of Para, which has just arrived, an attempt was made recently on the life of President Cabrera, of Gautemala, by means of one of the most remarkable infernal machines on record.

According to the information obtained, the would-be assassins connected the machine with a telephone in the President's room in such a manner that it would be exploded when the connection was made. Answering a call, President Cabrera was flung from his chair against the wall by a deafening explosion and almost stunned. He escaped with a few bruises.

Five Salvadoreans were arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the plot, but were reprieved after their execution was ordered and placed aboard the City of Para, which conveyed them to Acajutla.

"I really believe," said the married man, "that the average bachelor spends more on himself than a married man spends on his whole family." "Well, it's worth it," replied the bachelor.

THE DESTINY OF IRELAND.

Irish Race Will Work It Out Without Outside Aid.

So Said Joseph Devlin at a New York Meeting.

New York, Sept. 21.—Speedy attainment of autonomy for Ireland was predicted by John Redmond, M. P., envoy of the United Irish Societies to this country, in an address last night at the Hoffman House, where he was the guest at a reception given by the New York branch of the Irish Societies. Mr. Redmond, while declaring that the Irish Nationalist movement had reached the point where success within a short time was in sight, declared that the hope of its continued progress lay in the spread of education, and the new free Nationalist University, which was opened last spring.

Another speaker was Joseph Devlin, M. P., who, with John Fitzgibbon, accompanied Mr. Redmond to this country. Mr. Devlin dwelt upon the need of the unconditional support of Irish people in all nations of the world for the Nationalist movement.

"While we require the aid of every Irishman to acomplish this, we do not require the aid of any outsiders," he said. "The Irish race must work out its own destiny."

The envoys will leave to-day for Boston, where they will attend the National convention of the society.

ANGRY FARMERS

Seek Man Who Made Villainous Attempt on Seven-Year-Old Girl.

Ingersoll despatch With scarcely a moment's cessation a posse of angry farmers have to-day been scouring miles of territory in Durham township in search of a stranger who yesterday attempted to outrage the seven-year-old daughter of Frank Doward, a well-known farmer residing near Salford village. No occurrence in this section ever aroused such excitement or such a bitter feeling, and the men who are on the villain's trail declare they will not abandon the chase until he has been captured.

The attempted assault took place shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The child attended school in the morning, and was on her way home for dinner. As she neared an old barn, partly surrounded by an orchard, she saw a man in the field near the barn, who began to talk to her, and by showing her a bracelet, persuaded her to go where he was. Pleased at the prospect of getting the bracelet, the girl followed.

When the building was reached, however, she became terrified at the treatment she was subjected to, and cried loudly. She struggled for some time before she was released by the man. The girl told her story as soon as she reached home, and a few minutes later the news was being spread throughout the township by means of the rural telephone. It was learned that the man took a northerly course, and since that time many miles have been covered, but he has so far evaded his pursuers.

Farmers on every road have been notified to watch for him, and there is a strong feeling that he will soon be captured.

PATIENTS POISONED.

Nurse Had Given Them Water Out of Poisoned Dish.

San Diego, Sept. 21.—A nurse in the County Hospital last night confessed to District Attorney Kerby that she had accidentally furnished a number of the patients with drinking water containing a quantity of poison. Six were taken violently ill, one died and the others are in a serious condition, some being unconscious. It is probable that other deaths will occur. The wholesale poisoning was followed by rumors that the poisoning was brought about deliberately as the result of a plot. The sheriff and the district attorney immediately began an investigation at the hospital and finally learned from one of the nurses that she had used for drinking water a receptacle that had contained poison.

"TORONTO A HARD PLACE."

Old Scotchwoman Found Its Welcome a Cold One.

Toronto, Sept. 21.—Worn out with the struggle for existence in a land where her lot had little but hard work and poverty, even hunger, Mrs. Mary McDermott, an old Scotchwoman, who was picked up on the street in an emaciated condition last Friday, died in the General Hospital yesterday afternoon. The old woman came to Canada from Edinburgh about a year ago, and apparently had not a relative or friend here.

Last Friday she was found lying on the road on Adelaide street west. It was thought at first that she was drunk, and she was removed to Court Street Police Station in the patrol. Mrs. Whiddon, the police matron, found, however, that the woman was seriously ill, and had been practically without food for several days. Bread and a cup of tea were brought to her. She was too hungry to touch the bread, but the tea she gulped down with pitiful eagerness, clutching the cup in both her trembling old hands. While lying on one of the benches in the station she told the matron that since coming to Canada a year ago she had made a living by washing and other heavy work. Up to about a month ago she had been working in the laundry of the Western Hospital, but about that time she was run down by a bicycle. Things went hard with her after that. Unable to do any hard work, she had to peddle shoe laces, making scarcely enough to provide her with food. Then she became ill, and being unable to pay her board, was, according to her story, turned out on the street. She wandered about, sleeping in the open air for several nights, until she finally collapsed.

"Toronto's an awfu hard place," she said tearfully.

The sergeant in charge at the station decided to have her removed to the General Hospital. There it was found that she was suffering from peritonitis, and this morning her condition was such that the surgeons decided that an operation was necessary. The old woman when told of this necessity stoutly refused. "I'd rather die," she said. The operation was not performed, and death came a few hours later.

FIGHTING FIRE.

Serious Reports From Various Parts of the Province.

Port Arthur despatch: Mr. T. Murray, who arrived from Pigeon River this morning, states that camps Nos. 2 and 10, of the Pigeon River Lumber Company, had been entirely burned by bush fires, and also that George Mooring's camp, on Arrow River, had been wiped out. The fire is still raging, and is travelling in a northeasterly direction, destroying large areas of timber. Along the Duluth extension of the C. N. R. the farmers have lost heavily. In some places they have had to fight for days to save their homes. Water is very scarce. East of here, at Dorrien, settlers have also had a hard fight to save their homes from destruction.

Ottawa despatch: Bush fires around Ottawa and district are still causing much alarm to the farmers whose property is endangered, and a heavy rain is very badly needed to prevent further serious loss. As a result of the fires the atmosphere of the capital to-day was so smoke-laden that vision beyond a hundred yards or so was obscured, and citizens are complaining of the effects of the smoke on their eyes.

A Cornwall despatch Bush fires are raging in almost every direction throughout the county of Stormont. Northeast and west of here the flames are consuming valuable bush, causing the farmers hourly anxiety, lest they may be called upon to defend their own property. Within a few miles of this place several bush tracts have been saved only after the greatest difficulty. A pall of dense smoke hangs in the air and the continued dry weather is causing much uneasiness.

JEW OR ARYAN?

Professor Raises Doubt as to Christ's Nationality.

Oxford, Eng., Sept. 21.—International congress of historical religions, which began on Tuesday, was aroused to a pitch of excitement yesterday by a paper presented by Professor Paul Haupt, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, in which he endeavored to demonstrate by a process of ethnological reasoning that Christ was not a Jew, but an Aryan. Prof. Haupt's paper provoked the keenest discussion, but he refused to be drawn into racial arguments.

Dr. M. Gastor, the noted Jewish writer and lecturer, was his most impressive opponent. He pointed out that in all their accusations the Jews never reproached Jesus with a proselyte ancestry, and that the omission of such evidence was highly significant.

Not a single delegate supported the theory of Prof. Haupt, which entirely failed to convince the congress.

DEMAND INQUIRY.

Toronto Exhibition Board Passes Emphatic Resolution.

A Toronto despatch: The Executive Committee of the Canadian National Exhibition yesterday passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, that inasmuch as the special auditors appointed by the city have completed their audit, and in view of their report, the Executive Committee of the Industrial Exhibition Association demands that the Board of Control orders forthwith a complete investigation into the affairs of the Industrial Exhibition Association, before the County Judge, and that this examination be made at as early a date as possible."

A copy of the resolution was at once sent on to the Board of Control.

ANOTHER BIG LINK LET.

Contracts for 350 Miles of the National Line.

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—Contracts for the construction of the two sections of the National Transcontinental Railway west of Lake Abitibi, for which tenders were received last month, have been awarded to O'Brien & McDougal, who were the lowest tenderers. Contracts for the two remaining sections in Quebec east of Lake Abitibi have been awarded to McDonald & O'Brien. The contracts are in the aggregate for about 350 miles of road.

DOG AS FIREBUG AND FIREMAN.

Pulls Lamp From Policeman's Table, Then Sounds Alarm.

Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 21.—During the absence of the family of Policeman Gallagher from home to-day a valuable Boston terrier, the only occupant of the house, seized the cover of a table on which was a lighted lamp, in his teeth, and when the lamp and cover struck the floor an explosion occurred. The blazing oil would have caused the destruction of the house had not the dog given an alarm.

TEXAS STORM.

Galveston In the Centre of the Blow—Damage Done.

One Man Drowned, Streets Flooded and Wires Down.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 21.—One man known to be drowned, telegraph and telephone wires prostrated, several business houses and residences damaged to some extent and a partial flood of the streets, are the visible results of a northeaster which struck Galveston at 9 o'clock this morning and revisited it about 4 o'clock this afternoon. With the wind whipping along at 62 miles per hour, according to the United States weather bureau, it was feared that a repetition of the disastrous 1900 storm was at hand.

In this belief hundreds left the city on the early trains, but their fears were proven groundless. The storm struck, but not with the force nor the results of seven years ago. At Houston, 70 miles inland, the wind tore down signs and broke trees, but caused no other damage. Warnings had been sent out of the impending blow and shipping was made snug. One oyster sloop, braving the wind, was picked up like an eggshell and turned completely over. Its occupants started to swim ashore, and Steve Messina, a sailor, was drowned. The life-saving station saved the others. So far as can be ascertained to-night, he is the only victim.

The first storm struck at 9 o'clock and from then until 12 the wind whipped over the island, forcing the water from Galveston Bay up into the residence section and finally forcing it into sections of the business quarter. In places it was three feet deep.

When the second twister came at 4 o'clock this afternoon its effects were more perceptible. Several residences were unroofed, but no water was forced over the island. Several persons were reported to be slightly injured by flying debris, but none seriously. At 8 o'clock to-night the wind has abated and communication is on again between Houston and Galveston.

DOG HAD RABIES.

Dr. Bruce L. Riordan Bitten and Hurries to New York.

Toronto despatch: With Dr. Bruce L. Riordan's departure for the Pasteur Institute in New York yesterday afternoon the fourth case in Toronto and vicinity within a month of bites from dogs infected with rabies has developed. Dr. Riordan, official surgeon of the G. T. R. and one of the most widely known medical men in Ontario, was bitten on Wednesday evening by a family pet dog, which he was examining. The animal bit almost clean through his left hand, also lacerating a finger of the right.

He thought little of the injury, but as a precaution sent the body of the dog, which had died in the meantime, to Dr. John Amyot, Provincial analyst. Yesterday Dr. Amyot found that the dog was suffering from hydrophobia in a very advanced stage. Dr. Riordan, accompanied by his wife and Dr. J. M. Cotton, left for New York, where he will be treated at the Pasteur Institute.

The dog by which Dr. Riordan was bitten had been his family's pet for years, and it had been sick for some time.

LATE ICE.

Fears That Hudson Bay Railway Project May Fail.

St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 21.—Should the report of the ice-blocked conditions in Hudson Bay last summer, brought to St. John's, Nfld., by the sailing steamer Adventure, prove to be true of every year, the great project of the Canadian Government, providing for the expenditure of $30,000,000 in the opening of a line of grain-carrying steamers from Fort Churchill, Hudson Bay, to Europe, will undoubtedly fall through. The Adventure reported that she was unable to enter Hudson Strait until the last week in July, because of an ice blockade, and said that heavy ice was also encountered in August.

HER SIDES CRUMPLED IN.

Allan Liner Corinthian in Dry Dock After Collision.

Quebec despatch: The Alan steamer Corinthian is now docked in the Levis graving dock, having been given first choice on account of her being a passenger dock and ready for dock in the harbor before the arrival of the Head Line steamer Malin Head. When docked and clear of water, the full extent of the damage done to the Corinthian as a result of the recent collision with the Malin Head become visible. Her bows are smashed in for fully ten feet, the damage extending from just above the hawser piper down to the fore foot, her plates being forced over from the starboard bow to the port side, where they are rolled back like cardboard. Her stem is also smashed and the greater part of it carried away.

WILL BE THE "HAMONIC."

Northern Navigation Co. Decide to Name of New Vessel.

Toronto, Sept. 21.—The Northern Navigation Company would have called their new ship the Pacific had not the department of marine at Ottawa refused to register it because there are already two lake vessels of that name.

It was therefore decided to christen it "Hamonic," out of respect to H. C. Hammond, president of the company. J. A. Pfeifer, of Detroit, who suggested the rejected title, is awarded the prize offered, but Mrs. James R. Moore, of Richard's Landing, who suggested the one chosen, will be given a special prize.

AGED MAN DIES AS HE JOKES.

Overcome by Apoplexy on Train as He Jests About His Age.

New York, Sept. 21.—Charles C. Tyler, of Mount Vernon, active in business though 75 years of age, died suddenly of apoplexy, on a New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway train on his way into this city at 9 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Tyler and a lawyer friend were discussing jury duty and Mr. Tyler asked how old a man would have to be to be exempt from such service.

"I told him that 70 years was the limit and jokingly remarked that he was past the safety line. As I turned around, to see what effect my intended humor had on him he collapsed," said the friend.

Coroner's Physician Schultz was on the train. He examined Mr. Tyler and pronounced him dead of apoplexy.

VESSELS TIED UP.

Smoke and Fog at Kingston Stops Navigation.

Kingston, Ont., despatch: The smoke-induced fog keeps up, much to the annoyance of steamboat men. The river fleet of the Montreal Transportation Co. has been at a standstill for the past couple of days. The big steamers Algonquin and Meadford have been anchored inside of Nine Mile Point since yesterday. The Algonquin crawled in this morning. Two Rideau steamers arrived, bound for across the lake, but are tied up to await clearer atmosphere. The steamer Stranger started for Gananoque yesterday, but was compelled to put back, the air was so thick. The steamers Corona and Columbia, which are on their way to Montreal, are tied up at the Government dry dock. A number of schooners managed to feel their way into the harbor.

At a meeting of the School of Mining governors L. A. H. Warren, M. A., was appointed permanent lecturer in mathematics, and W. C. Way, M. Sc., Lindsay, lecturer in drawing and designing.

DICKSON RETURNS.

Hopes to Straighten Out His Financial Affairs.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 21.—Walter B. Dickson, M. P. P. for Albert County, who disappeared suddenly two weeks ago, leaving, it was reported, a shortage of $150,000 in his accounts, and against whom an absconding debtor's warrant was issued, returned to-day.

He says he disappeared on the advice of a few friends who believed his absence would be beneficial. Now he comes back with the intention of endeavoring to straighten out his accounts.

MAKE TITLES GOOD.

Walkerville Property Owners Feel Easier.

Wakervile, Ont., despatch: The tangle that resulted when it became known that Luke Montreuil, by the will of his father, held only a life interest in valuable property which he sold years ago to provide sites for manufacturing concerns in Walkerville adn Sandwich east, has been unravelled and there is no danger of any of the titles being declared worthless. The Montreuil heirs have decided to endorse the sales, as these were made in good faith, and already have signed off their rights to the property affected.

TENANT CASE.

Wanted Him Put Off Farm Though Rent Was Paid.

Chatham, Ont., despatch: One of the most peculiar cases heard here for some time was that of Albert Laprise against his tenant, Henry Belliste. The latter paid his rent up to December 1, this year, but in spite of this fact, the landlord wanted him legally to be put off his farm, maintaining that the tenant did not work the land properly under the contract of the lease. Judge Dowlin decided that the tenant may stay on the land.

FOUND NATURAL GAS.

Discovered Recently in Jos. Russell's Brickyard, Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 21.—Natural gas has been discovered in Toronto east of the Don, in what quantity is yet to be determined. The discovery was made a few days ago in Mr. Joseph Russell's brickyard, between Pape and Jones avenues, north of the Grand Trunk tracks. The clay bank is now being worked at a depth of about 50 feet from the surface.

A workman with a grub, an edged pick used to loosen the clay, struck a "pocket" of gas, and the hard clay flew in every direction.

Yesterday natural gas was also struck by men digging a well under the Canadian Kodak Company's building at 588 King street west.

AGAINST BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Tamaqua Board Turns Down Patriotic Orders' Appeal.

Tamaquin, Pa., Sept. 21.—At a special meeting of the School Board to-day the resolution presented by the patriotic societies requesting that the Bible be read daily in the public schools was defeated by the board.

That body decided "that it is not wise nor serving the best interests of the schools to adopt the resolution."

"What are you studying about?" asked Officer Casey. "Oi am studying a great question," replied the Janitor philosopher, as he lit his pipe. "Maybe I can solve it." "Thin try. Which gets out of date the quickest, a battleship or a woman's hat?"—Chicago News.

CLOSE THE DOOR.

Mark Twain Posts Up a Notice to Burglars.

Deputy Sheriff Shot In the Leg and Burglar Wounded.

Redding, Conn., Sept. 21.—Two burglars, who had broken into the residence of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), in Redding, last night, were captured this morning on a New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad train between Bethel and Redding, after a desperate fight, in which Deputy Sheriff Banks, of Redding, was shot in the leg, and one of the prisoners was severely wounded in the head.

The prisoners, who are believed to be professional crooks from New York, refused to talk.

Mr. Clemens to-day posted this notice on the door of his house: "Notice.—To the next burglar: There is nothing but plated ware in this house now and henceforth. You will find it in that brass thing in the dining room over the corner by the basket of kittens. If you want the basket, put the kittens in the brass thing. Do not make a noise—it disturbs the family. You will find rubbers in the front hall by that thing which has the umbrellas in it, chiffonier I think they call it, or pergola, or something like that. Please close the door. Yours truly,

"S. L. Clemens."

GIRL SHOCKED.

Electric Shock Set Clothes on Fire But Blaze Put Out.

North Tonawanda, Sept. 21.—Choking with smoke, burned by an electric flame and bruised by a sudden fall, Miss Mary Wankoske, who conducts the candy and tobacco store in the waiting room at Main and Sweeney streets, dragged herself painfully from behind the counter this morning, and, half dazed from repeated electric shocks, finally succeeded in putting out the fire which was smouldering in scores of places in her dress.

When Miss Wankoske first reached the waiting room this morning she removed her hat, and while placing it on a shelf with one hand endeavored to connect the switch for the electric heating apparatus. The fuse, almost directly over her head, blew out with a loud explosion. The shock threw the young woman to the floor and ignited her dress, burning her hands and destroying the straw hat, which had also fallen. She crawled from behind the counter and was discovered by several passers-by, who were attracted to the waiting room by the flames and smoke. The young woman was given assistance, and soon recovered enough to show that her injuries were not fatal. She is expected to recover.

THE COMING AIRSHIP

Will Carry Passengers Across Ocean In 18 Hours.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 21.—"Within five years airships will be carrying passengers across the ocean in eighteen hours, 200 miles an hour. Aerial flight will be commercialized in that time. The perfected heliocoptal will be able to encircle the globe in a week."

These statements were made yesterday by Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor, in the course of a talk on aerial navigation. He asserted that the proper idea had not yet been worked out, but would be within five years.

"Neither the aeroplane now owned by the Wright brothers nor any airship built along that principle, nor along the idea of the dirigible balloon, will ever be of practical use or success commercially," he said. "The weak point of the present aeroplane, around which the Wright inventors will never be able to get, is that the operation of the machine lies wholly in the wonderful brain of its operator. One fractional mismovement would mean destruction to the machine and operator too.

"The dirigible balloon is a farce and the aeroplane impracticable. The successful machine must be automatic in operation. The human part of it must be reduced to mere mechanism, as in the case of the automobile and steam engine. Otherwise the dream of skimming the clouds must ever remain a dream."

ALMOST A PANIC

At London Fair—Cry of Fire Caused Stampede.

A London, Ont., despatch: A cry of "Fire" raised by some boys during the progress of the fireworks to-night caused a stampede in one of the grand stands at the Western Fair. A number of women fainted and for a few moments it looked as if many would be injured. The police, however, kept control of the crowd and soon had them quieted.

SMART CABIN BOY.

He Holds Up $100,000 Yacht on $8.50 Claim.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 21.—The steam yacht Pastime, owned by Franklin H. Walker, of the firm of Hiram Walker & Sons, was seized by United States Marshal Taylor in Detroit this morning to satisfy a claim of $8.50, which a cabin boy alleges is due him for wages. The boy was discharged some time ago by the steward and has taken this method of securing what, he thinks, is due him. The yacht is valued at about $100,000.

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