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DIONNE FOR RIMOUSKI. Sault Ice Bridge Breaks Away—Cigar Company Liquidation. Quebec, Dec. 31.—It is rumored that C. E. L. Dionne, K.C., of this city, will be the conservative candidate in Rimouski at the next federal elections. If so, his son, who is a lawyer practicing at Rimouski, will be the conservative candidate at Matane, against D. Caron, M.P.P. C. E. L. Dionne has also been requested to run for Kamouraska in opposition to Hon. G. H. Carroll.

The ice bridge which had formed at the Sault, broke away yesterday morning and passed down. At a postponed meeting of the shareholders, creditors and members of the Havana Cigar company, in liquidation yesterday, M. L. A. Faucher was appointed liquidator, and M. M. J. B. Borriassette, Hubert Moisan, and Napoleon Gignac, were appointed inspectors.

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THE VERY LATEST NEWS CALLED FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. Lake Shore Limited train, No. 22 ran off the track near Ashtabula, Ohio. Two engineers and one fireman were killed.

Announcement is made of the appointment of W. J. Hunter as commercial agent of the G.T.R. system at Winnipeg. Max Lubbock, light weight champion wrestler, threw Frank Klin, Detroit, at the Empire, Detroit, taking forty-five seconds to each man.

The completion of all the necessary preparations for the celebration by Japan has been followed by a temporary bill pending the receipt of Russia's reply. Major G. W. Hattan, Benton Harbor, Mich., formerly of the British army, but lately devoted to literary work, and heir to large English estate, is dead.

The explosion of a projectile at Niostown, Pa., is thought to reveal a plot of anarchists to blow up the great guns of warships of the United States navy. Oliver L. Ashenfelter, for over seventeen years a reporter on the Toronto Telegram, died Wednesday night of pneumonia. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

It is reported at Seoul that the Russian minister is trying, by every means, to induce the Korean court to grant to Russia a lease of Masampo as a naval station. Chicago's striking livery drivers have established a truce of ten days, owing to the great disaster and every man now on strike is required to report for duty at once.

On Thursday Mayor Cook, Ottawa, Ont., was presented with a handsome living cup and an address from the employees and heads of the departments at the City hall. The C.T.R. has issued a writ against the Lindsay and Pontypool railway to restrain the letter from expropriating land claiming that it has no authority to do so under its charter.

The election trial judges will meet on Monday next to consider what is to be done with the election petitions standing for trial. The conservatives claim that, notwithstanding that the house has been called, the trials may go on by consent. The trial of the Detroit River is growing worse and the railroads are being alarmed. The powerful transport Lansdowne consumed all of yesterday in making one round trip from Detroit slip to Windsor.

The Canadian Pacific steamers Michigan and Ontario were all day making one trip each. The Grand Trunk boats, however, had but little trouble.

John Slavin, the comedian who takes the part of "Barry in 'The Country Girl'" had a difference with the management after the play last night, and with drew from the company, which left at 8:15 o'clock this morning for Ogdenburg, N.Y., without him. It seems he was criticised for not kissing enough of the girls when he first came upon the stage in the first act, and of not performing the warm osculation in a hearty enough manner. No doubt, Mr. Slavin tires of rubbing his lips against so much powder and paint.

The Magic Lantern Exploded. Regina, N.W.T., Dec. 31.—Prof. Coard, of the Experimental farm, was badly burned about the face and hands while operating a gasoline magic lantern at a concert in St. Paul's church. The machine exploded, causing great consternation in the crowd.

A Montrealer Sentenced. Fort William, Dec. 31.—John Ryan, Montreal, was sentenced to twenty-five months imprisonment in Kingston penitentiary for the theft of \$75 from the Queen's hotel.

Joseph Doyle, Belleville, is a member of "The Country Girl" Opera company, which performed here last night. Owing to the illness of his father at Belleville, Mr. Doyle was unable to appear here. The officers of Court Earl Roberts, I.O.F., were installed Wednesday evening, many visiting foresters witnessing the ceremonies. An oyster supper was afterwards served. George McGowan is dispensing his usual New Year's eve gifts of bread to all poor people who call at his factory between three and eight o'clock to-day. The last train from the west was two hours late this afternoon. Judge Britton is in the city. Happy New Year.

Kingstonian's Daughter Was One of the Victims

The effects of the appalling fire in the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, were far reaching, touching tender chords in Kingston. Mrs. Middleton, 49 Clergy street, received a telegram early on Thursday morning from her son, John A. Middleton, St. Louis, Mo., announcing that his daughter, Kathleen, a bright young maid of fourteen years, was in the theatre fire, and that the remains would be taken to St. Louis for interment.

This was all the information which the telegram conveyed, but it was sufficient to tell the sad tale. The deceased young lady was visiting her cousin, John Henderson, in Chicago, and took advantage of the matinee performance to visit the ill-fated theatre. The two cousins were to have started for St. Louis to-day to spend the opening of the New Year there; it was a sad home-coming, indeed, which took place to-day. Mr. Middleton

AN AWFUL FIRE.

(Continued from Page 1.) I described the scene upon the stage and the cause of the fire as follows: "I was standing in the wings when I heard the explosion, and then immediately afterward a cry of fire all over the theatre. I saw the curtain was ablaze, and at once I ran for the fire curtain. We got it closed, and when the wind rushing in from the broken skylight belied it out so that it caught, and we could not budge it. With the stage hands I climbed to where it was suspended, and together we tried to push it down. Our efforts were futile, and seeing that no human power could move that fire curtain, and that the stage was a mass of flames, I turned my attention to the actors. The women were frantic, and the men not much better. I stood at the stairway leading to the dressing rooms where the chorus people were located and kept some from going up to get their street clothes. As the others came down I forced them to leave the building. I don't know how they ever got out, all those girls and men, for the stage entrance was blacked by flames."

"God forbid, that I ever again see such a heartrending sight," said the bishop last night. "I have been in wars and upon the bloody field of battle, but I have never seen anything half so gruesome as the sight in that balcony. There was a pile of twisted and bleeding bodies, ten feet high, with blackened faces and remnants of charred clothing clinging to them. Some were alive and moaning in their agony. Others, and by far the greater number, were dead."

Presence Of Children. It was the presence of the children, hundreds of them in the audience, and the efforts of their frantic mothers to save them, that caused much of the pandemonium. Alexander H. Revell, who had sent his little daughter, Margaret, with a little friend, in charge of a maid to see the performance, drove frantically to the burning theatre, but the children had been saved. Mr. Revell then hastened to the theatre and participated in the rescue.

"I worked in the upper balcony," said he. "The sight of those women and their little children with clenched fists, raised as though trying to beat their way to safety and stricken down in the very act, is too horrible to attempt to describe. I noticed the policemen and firemen in carrying down more than twenty bodies."

Sheriff Barrett and a score of deputies from his office assisted in carrying out the injured people, and in keeping order among the mob who thronged the streets. "On all sides were heaps of mangled and charred humanity," said Sheriff Barrett. "We carried out so many injured and dead that at last they grew so numerous that we were unable to keep track of them."

E. Leavitt, the ticket taker at the theatre, who was at the main entrance, said: "I heard the cry and saw the mob rushing for the door. When the first of the frenzied audience reached the outside door, I tried to calm them, but in less than a minute I saw it was no use and I burst open the doors. Then I ran for the first alarm box."

He described the panic as terrible. Waiters and cooks from Thompson's restaurant rescued fifteen people by raising a ladder from the roof and shed to a window in the rear of the building, around which a mass of screaming women and children were congregated.

Marvellous Escape. One of the marvellous escapes was that of the members of a theatre party given by Miss Charlotte E. Pimmond, of Chicago. The party was made up of a number of prominent society people.

Miss Pimmond said: "I could see little girls and boys in the orchestra chairs pointing upwards to the slowly moving line of flame along the curtain. One of the stage hands and Eddie Foy requested the audience to keep their seats. I knew of the smouldering curtain fell into the orchestra pit. I looked over the faces of the audience and remarked how many children were present. Their faces were filled with interest as they watched the fire. Just then the people in the balcony rose to their feet and crowded to obtain a better view of the fire. Eddie Foy rushed to the centre of the stage again and waved his arms for the people to be seated. At that instant a woman in the rear of the place screamed 'Fire,' and the entire audience of women and children rose to their feet filled with uncontrollable terror. "In another instant there was a roar made by the thousands of people as they rushed madly from the danger. On the stage the chorus girls tur-

five children of H. S. Van Ingen, of Kenosha (probably), father, became separated from them and is among the injured; C. W. Turbush and family; Mildred Merriman, three years old, rescued by father, but died on reaching the street; Bernice Bailey, A. M. Mandel, C. J. A. Winkler, Thero Rivers, Mrs. Donald Walls, Burr Scott, Fernetta Peterson; Harvey Kisley, St. Louis; Thomas Coultell, Emperly Hall; Thomas J. Flannigan, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. M. A. Henry, Rose K. Rogers, H. P. Moore, C. I. Cooper, May Curran, "Martin," a boy of fifteen; E. Moses, H. W. Williams, B. Reagenberg, Ella Linden, Noir; Emma Brinckley, Richard and Allen Holst; Harold Martin, Pullman, Ill.; Joby, Holland; Lulu Shabbard, W. V. Sprang, Charles H. Koll, Mrs. Dawson, Whitefox, a boy; Mr. Butt, Robert Martin, young son of Principal Martin, of Pullman school; John Van Ingen, Kenosha, Wis.; Walter Bessinger, died at hospital; Margaret Bauer man, died at hospital; Mrs. Leo Wolf, Hammond, Ind., died at hospital; Alice Kausman, died at hospital; Helen Howard, died at hospital; Helen Cooper, died at hospital; E. E. Gould, died at hospital; Mortimer Eldridge, Helen Beversloth, Evanston, Ill.; Rev. Henry L. Richardson, Louis Kiser and wife, said to have belonged to Blue Beard company, Chicago; Rev. George H. Dudley, pastor of All Saints' Episcopal church, Waller, B. Zeisler, son of Dr. Zeisler, of the University of Chicago, who is now in Europe.

Seriously Injured. Following is a partial list of the seriously injured; Emma Tubbs, wife of Charles Tubbs, brother of Western Union Superintendent, and daughter, Anna; Mrs. C. Kranz, Racine, Wis., will die; Mrs. A. Bressen, Herman Dell, Mrs. Wigwall, may die; William McLaughlin, nephew of Dr. Frank Gunsalus; Mrs. Mallan, R. A. Evans, member Bluebeard company; Dorothy Marlow, pony ballet; Anna Bella Whitford, queen of fairies; Miss Mariella Morgan, Detroit, may die; Lester Doty, seven years old, son of L. V. Doty, of Illinois Steel company; Mrs. Henry Miller, Ontonagon, Mich.; H. K. Chester, wife and two children; Earl Hennessy, H. S. Van Ingen, wife, Edith; Mrs. Chapman; M. S. Schalk, will die; William Patten, will die; Mrs. C. Kimball, will die; Susan Deahl, will die; Jessie Phelin, will die; Margaret Buehman, will die; Richard Emelgang Standhard, will die; Mrs. M. Lehmann; Mrs. Frances Behman, will die; Miss Carrie Anderson; Mrs. Mabel Midmillan, Fall; Fred Crawford, and William Patterson, young sons of C. Patterson, of the Pullman Palace Car company; J. Pomeroy; Miss Myre; Mrs. C. H. Pier; Mrs. Josephine Spenser; A. C. Jones, usher, will die; Leonard Biffendorff, aged sixteen, of Lincoln, Ill.; Louise Dec, will die.

Over 700 Dead. Chicago, Dec. 31.—(1 o'clock p.m.)—Up to this hour 564 bodies have been taken from the ruined theatre. The dead list is now placed at not less than 690, and may go over 700.

There was no fire escapes at the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago. Balconies were in place, but no ladders.

To-day brought on the legacy of yesterday's monumental calamity, and the prediction that the list of fatalities in the Iroquois fire will run over 600 when information is complete. The latest statement of death at the various morgues is 564, and it is stated at the various hospitals and hotels, to which the injured were removed, that of the 157 people who were injured apparently one-third cannot live.

The raising, to-day, were forgotten here in the horror over the tragedy. The flags over the American steamship offices here are half masted.

Over Sympathy. London, Dec. 31.—The lord mayor of London, Sir James T. Ritchie, transmits the following: "The citizens of London offer their deep sympathy and sincere condolence with the American people in the awful loss of life in the fire in Chicago."

All other topics were forgotten here in the horror over the tragedy. The flags over the American steamship offices here are half masted.

The following names, among others, were injured by the accident to the Lake Shore limited, at Ashtabula, Ohio: H. Freytag, Chicago, head cut and body lacerated, also internally injured; E. W. Fowler, Chicago, legs and arms fractured, internally injured; Mrs. Baleric Bureau, mad in the family of Marshall Field, Chicago, arms broken and badly bruised. Of the injured those were the only ones seriously injured.

Russia's reply to Japan will be handed to the mikado's officials on January 1st. The reply, it is intimated, will be couched in a conciliatory term.

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