

SIXTY WOMEN AND GIRLS KILLED IN FACTORY FIRE

When Trapped, They Leaped or Burned to Death.

A CARELESS SMOKER

BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED THE HOLOCAUST

At Binghamton, N.Y., On Tuesday Afternoon—Single Stairway, the Way To Escape, Blocked By Wall of Flames.

Binghamton, N.Y., July 23.—Sixty persons were killed, according to late estimates, and as many injured, a dozen of them mortally, in a fire which swept the four-story building of the Binghamton Clothing Company yesterday afternoon.

Some two score persons are known to have escaped, as by a miracle, from the building, which burst into flame like a tinder box and became a roaring furnace almost in no time after the first alarm was sounded.

About 125 persons were in the factory when the fire broke out. The unaccounted for, or most of them, are believed to be still in the red-hot ruins.

Around the scene of the catastrophe, the greatest this city has ever known, thousands watched the rescuers work in the glare of three big searchlights, many in the great throng being restrained only by the closely-drawn police lines from rushing into the ruins in an effort to find the bodies of relatives or friends.

Water in many streams was poured into the fiery pit that a few hours ago was the cellar of the burned establishment. As the ruins were spotted a bit from time to time in a cool upon which the streams were centered, men went forward to dig as long as human endurance would allow them to work.

It will take at least two days, the authorities believe, before the cellar can be cleared and the whole truth known.

Like Triangle Tragedy. The big, outstanding fact of the catastrophe is its suddenness. In this the disaster bears a strong resemblance to the Triangle Waist company holocaust in New York City, where 147 lives were lost when the inflammable material upon which the employees were working and the waste which littered the floors blazed up with inconceivable rapidity, and while the imprisoned workers jumped from the windows to escape their death.

The building was equipped with fire escapes and an automatic alarm system. The alarm tinkled at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Reed B. Freeman, wife of the proprietor, telephoned to the

DAILY MEMORANDA. Vaudeville, Lake Ontario Park 8 p.m. See top of page 3, right hand corner for probabilities.

A Word to the Wives is Sufficient

After everything has been said that can be said on the subject of women's rights, all true women feel, no matter what their political ideas may be, that their first and most important duty is the thrifty and business-like management of their households.

Screened With Pain.

The fire escapes were not big enough to hold all who madly rushed to the exits and there was a rush to the windows, the women screaming with pain as the flames swept upon them from behind and seared their bodies.

Then from the windows and fire escapes bodies began dropping. They fell thick and fast. The building was four storeys high and many who jumped, even from the topmost floor, escaped with their lives, although most of them were badly maimed.

It was on the fourth floor that most of the women operators were working and it was among those that the loss of life and injury was greatest.

A large corps of volunteers to-day, began the gruesome work of searching for the remains of those who lost their lives. Of fifty injured in hospitals, ten are fatally hurt and recovery is impossible. Some of them are so terribly burned that they are unrecognizable. They are still alive but unconscious. A rigid investigation has commenced.

Connec Seriously Ill. Port Arthur, July 23.—A message from Prescott, Arizona, indicates a serious turn of the illness of James Connec, ex-M.P., who has been in the south since September, 1911. His wife and daughter have gone to be with him, and his son Arthur is already there.

Wheat Crop Increase. Spokane, Wash., July 23.—Twenty per cent. increase over last year's wheat crop is the estimate of the 1913 yield of the four Pacific North-western states, made by the statistical department of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce from figures received from all wheat-growing sections.

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central fire station. The usual apparatus for a still alarm responded. Some excited person at Warren and Chenango streets, four blocks away, saw a burst of flame and pulled the bell.

That meant ten minutes of delay for part of the firemen. But even those arriving first were unable to do anything. The first puff of flame was hardly discerned before the fire leaped along the staircase, up the walls, up the elevator shaft, along the floors and ceiling.

There was a roar, front and rear, and the flames belched forth clear across Wall street, on which the building fronted, withering the shade trees on the river bank and scorching the building across an alley at the rear.

There was no booming sound, as of an explosion, but the roar was plainly audible above the rushing noise made by the mounting flames.

Building a Mass of Flames. After this fierce blast the fire seemed to burst from every part of the building at once. Upon the fire escapes girls, women and men were clustered and inside others were waiting to get on the iron ladders.

But the flames were too quick for them. The slow starting of the fire drill may have contributed to the holocaust. The delay in getting all the firemen to the scene may have been responsible for part of the loss of life. But persons who were early on the scene say that these things did not materially affect the result.

When the firemen came in response to the telephone alarm they were unable to get within 200 feet of the burning building and the ends of the streams from their hose were turned into steam, having no more effect upon the fire than a spray of vapor on the walls of a volcano in action.

The life nets, the extension ladders of the firemen were useless. There was no chance of escape by jumping, and this many took, while others fell, shrivelled and crumpled with the heat.

Women fainted by dozens, realizing that death was sweeping down upon them. A scene of indescribable confusion followed. Some of the men employees kept their heads and did their best to rescue the imperilled women.

Three Pounds Per Acre Will Be Required in West. Moose Jaw, July 23.—Owing to the heavy rains making heavy straw, farmers here estimate that at least three pounds of twine per acre will be required for the crops and in some places in the south country the oats are four feet high. In addition, the flax that usual has been grown around here, which fact will also add to the larger supply of twine required.

Radical Changes in Education Law To Be Made by Premier Asquith's Government—British School Age to Be Increased. London, July 23.—Stung by the allegation that British children in the mother country have not the same opportunity to secure an education as their cousins in Canada, and other British dominions, the Asquith government will make radical changes in the education law at the present session.

It is proposed to put secondary as well as elementary education in reach of the poorest children of England. To do this the age limit of compulsory education will be raised above fourteen.

Right Hon. Joseph Peace, minister of education, has prepared a law enforcing school boards in poorer localities to provide meals for children and make other provision for physical maintenance. The changes will materially increase the education rates, but arrangements will be made to assist the poorer district through the national exchequer.

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CANADA'S OIL WELLS Are Showing Signs of Becoming Exhausted.

Ottawa, July 23.—The Canadian oil fields as a base of supply for the admiralty in its newly announced policy of operating warships with oil fuel afford many interesting possibilities, but the extent to which the requirements may be furnished by Canada can only be regarded as problematical.

The oldest and best producing wells are in Hamilton county and near Petrolia. Their discovery dates back to the sixties, and the flow is still maintained on a very profitable basis.

It was stated at the geological survey, however, that the output of wells are in Kent county, Ontario, but there are signs of them becoming exhausted likewise. Albert, N. B., has an oil-field, but in latter years it has been operated little. In the west there are indications of oil at different places, but it is not being produced in large quantities.

BLOOD TRANSFUSED BY SMALL SYRINGE

New Method of Performing Operation Tried at Philadelphia Successful.

Philadelphia, July 23.—Physicians believe that the life of Mrs. Rose Roehndel, twenty-three years of age, has been saved by a transfusion of blood performed yesterday, when six ounces of her young husband's blood were transferred to her depleted veins.

The operation was performed by a new method. Instead of the veins of the recipient and giver of the blood being jointly directed by the tubes, the blood was transfused by means of a newly invented syringe. This method is said to obviate the possibility of blood clots or air bubbles foiling the operation, and has the advantage of measuring the exact amount of blood taken from the donor.

HAS FALLEN HEIR

Bartender Must Keep Hard At Work To Win Fortune. Philadelphia, Pa., July 23.—Edward Musse, an American born German, of this city, who is now acting as a bartender at a Delaware Water Gap hotel, has just fallen heir to \$200,000 from an eccentric German uncle who imposes on him curious conditions.

Musse is now twenty-four, and when he is thirty he will come into possession of the principal sum, "providing he stays continuously employed at the position he occupies when he learns that he is heir to his fortune," the will reads. Hence he will continue to dispense Scotch highballs for the next six years to become a wealthy man.

To appease the nephew the uncle provides that he may receive an income from \$65,000 each year until he reaches the age of thirty.

\$100,000 FOX SHIPMENT.

Valuable Cargo Arrives At Vancouver From Skagway. Vancouver, B.C., July 23.—One of the most remarkable shipments from the north for some time is \$100,000 worth of foxes included in the cargo of the C.P.R. steamer Princess May, which arrived in port from Skagway this morning.

There are 126 animals of the finest specimens, including black, silver tip and red foxes. All are cubs, and one pair of black foxes alone, it is estimated, will be worth \$10,000 when full grown.

The shipment is consigned to St. John, N.B., and Prince Edward Island, where there are large fox farms. The animals are being fed on condensed milk.

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As He Takes a Great Interest in the Shipping Affairs of the Fatherland—The Storm Will Break At the End of the Year.

Berlin, July 23.—It is stated on high authority that a bitter and gigantic shipping war is brewing between Germany's two great navigation companies, the Hamburg-American and the North German-Lloyd. Relations are already highly strained, and the controversy has passed into a stage in which recriminations are being exchanged, although the actual outbreak of hostilities is deferred until the end of the year. The lines are compelled by contract to work together in harmony until that time.

It is admitted on both sides that unless a settlement is arrived at of which there seems at present no prospect—intermediate warfare in the German shipping world will ensue with the dawn of the new year.

The contract, the existence of which is now unmasked, is the so-called "Continental Pool." It is entirely distinct from the North Atlantic pool. The German lines a pro rata of business, mainly passenger traffic, in accordance with each company's gross tonnage.

According to the North German-Lloyd version, the Hamburg-American company has long been dissatisfied with the way in which the arrangement is working out for it. It appears that the Kaiser is now ordered not to occupy Adrianople but to cross the frontier as quickly as possible and march into Bulgarian territory.

MEXICAN REBELS WIN

Mexico City, July 23.—After a desperate fight lasting three days, the rebels have defeated General Huerta's government troops at Torreon, and are said to be rapidly marching on this place. Foreign subjects here are in a veritable panic.

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RUNAWAY KILLED BOY.

Then Crashed Into Buggy Injuring Driver. Cobden, Ont., July 23.—Knocking a young lad from his bicycle, the boy dying in twenty minutes, throwing the occupants out of the buggy to which they were hitched, and colliding with another buggy, smashing it and injuring the driver, were among the fatalities caused by a runaway team here on Saturday last.

The boy who lost his life was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cole. He was riding his bicycle along Main street when he collided with the team coming in the opposite direction. The boy fell under the horses' feet, was picked up unconscious, and died twenty minutes later.

The horses, became even more frightened and bolted, throwing the occupants out. They continued on their mad course, and when about a mile from Cobden ran into a buggy driven by W. Murdoch, who also was hurled to the ground, sustaining an injury to his shoulder. Finally they became entangled in a fence and were thus brought to a standstill.

The funeral of young Cole was held yesterday at Cobden cemetery.

MOST ACUTE STAGE IN BALKAN SITUATION

Intervention by the Great Powers is Now Regarded as Inevitable.

London, July 23.—Several hurried conferences were held to-day at the foreign office between Sir Edward Grey and the other ambassadors relative to the Balkan situation, which is now at its most acute stage. Intervention is now regarded as inevitable, but the question is whether all shall take a hand or delegate the task to one power. The situation to-day is admittedly the gravest that the Balkan embroglio has brought forth. Surety of the will of the powers must be maintained, but no further complications precipitated.

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In Canada, Declares Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

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WHERE THE FUNDAMENTALS ARE CONCERNED

The Curtailment By the Tight Money Market is Only Temporary—The General Trade of the Country is Satisfactory.

Montreal, July 23.—"With a fair crop we have every reason to expect that the conditions will be quite normal again in the late autumn." This is the opinion expressed to-day in an interview by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., and it continues to bear out the optimistic stand Sir Thomas has taken throughout the long period of worldwide depression.

Sir Thomas feels no anxiety where the fundamentals of the situation in Canada are concerned. "It cannot be denied that some lines of business are not so active as a year ago," admitted Sir Thomas. "The banks are not encouraging investment in unproductive real estate. The high rate of interest has curtailed public works. But this is temporary. I see no reason for anxiety. The general trade of the country appears reasonably satisfactory."

Sir Thomas made it quite clear that there is no need to anticipate anything in the nature of an economic crisis in Canada.

The tide of immigration is greater this year than ever. Canada, in short, is still comparatively a new field, a field which promises to be highly productive in the future, and the general situation is quite healthy.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

News Clipped From Our Many Exchanges. Queen Anne's of Portugal is suffering from a severe attack of influenza. Toronto counsel unanimously decided to spend \$1,000,000 for a mechanical filtration plant on Toronto Island.

The Dominion Alliance is propagating a temperance movement under the Scott Act in the unorganized districts of Ontario.

In London it is understood that a Winnipeg issue of \$690,000 at 4-1/2 per cent. of consolidated stock at 97 has been over-subscribed in advance.

That there is no possibility of a grain blockade, however large the crop this year may be, was the announcement made by Sir Donald Mann at Brandon, Man.

King Alfonso and Queen Victoria will leave for England on Thursday. The Marquis Viana will accompany them.

According to an official announcement of the Grand Trunk railway executive, W. C. Shabolin, K.C., has been appointed general solicitor of the company, with headquarters in Montreal.

An overdose of morphine, a package of which was tossed to him over the wall of the Montreal city jail, in which he was confined for a nine-months term, killed Desire Jacquet, according to evidence taken at a private inquest.

BODY WAS IDENTIFIED

It Is Believed That Herman Wandtke Committed Suicide. A report received here from Rochester states that the body of a man found floating in the water near the Erie canal has been identified as Herman Wandtke. He was sixty-eight years of age, and employed as a tailor. He had been missing from home since Saturday and having been ill, it is believed that he committed suicide. Identification was established by examination of a letter, containing eight new \$20 bills addressed to some one in Germany.

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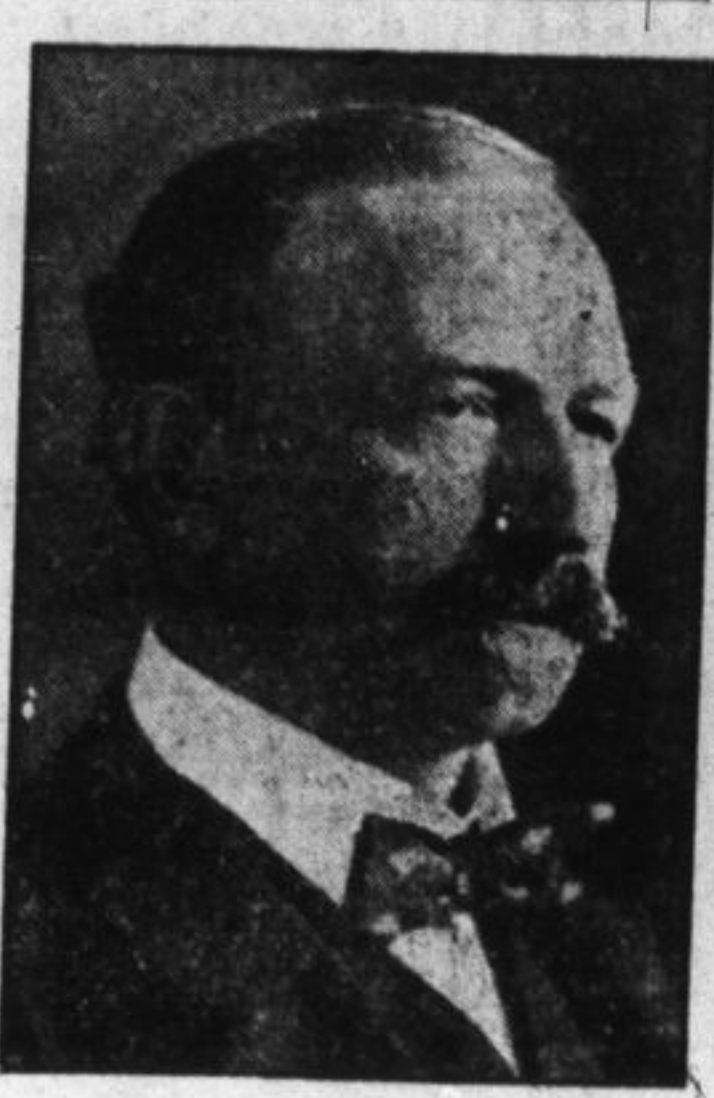
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SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY, who looks for normal business conditions in Canada in the autumn.

STREET CAR TROUBLES.

Ladies With Tight Skirts Have a Difficult Time. "Tight skirts cause no end of trouble to women getting on and off the street cars," said a conductor to the Whig on Wednesday afternoon. The conductor said that he noticed by the papers that conductors on the C.P.R. had been given instructions to take special care of the lady passengers and see that they got on and off the trains safely. The reason given is the prevalence of the tight skirt among the fair patrons of the road.

"The ladies here have their own troubles," said the conductor, "and it is certainly a great wonder we have not had serious accidents."

RUNAWAY LAD ARRESTED

Donald Wood Will Be Taken To His Home In Smith's Falls. Donald Wood, aged seventeen, who ran away from his home in Smith's Falls, last Thursday, was arrested on Wednesday, by Constable James Bateson, and will be taken back to his home. He was taken in charge at the request of his father. The latter had an idea that his boy had come to Kingston, and Constable Bateson, who was given the case, succeeded in finding the youth, who was staying at a boarding-house on Upper Princess street.

At New York, "Joe" Jeannette, the veteran colored heavyweight fought Lester Johnson, a South American negro, in a ten-round bout.

At Gellenschen, Rheinland Prussia, fifteen miners were entombed by a fall of coal. There is little hope that they will be rescued.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

IS ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING CITY STORES

Bucknell's News Depot, 295 King E. Clarke, J. W. & Co., 353 Princess Street. College Book Store, 100 Princess St. Cutler's Grocery, 5, 609 Princess Street. Cutler's Grocery, 5, Princess & Alfred Frontenac Hotel, Ontario St. Gibson's Drug Store, Market Square. Homer's Barber Shop, 307 Division. McAuley's Book Store, 93 Princess. McNeill's Cigar Store, 66 Princess. McLeod's Grocery, 51, 53, Eastern St. W. Medley's Drug Store, 200 University Ave. Paul's Cigar Store, 70 Princess. Proulx's Drug Store, 312 Princess. Vallieu's Grocery, 308, Montreal.

MARRIED

GRANT-MARSHALL—In Kingston, July 19th, by the Rev. Dr. McMillan, Mary S. Marshall, to George A. Grant, both of Kingston.

DIED