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SIX CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME

Tragedy at Coboconk on Saturday Morning.

THE MOTHER A WIDOW

ALONE ESCAPED FROM BURNING BUILDING.

The Family Lived in Toronto Until Three Years Ago — The Bodies of the Children Were Burned to a Crisp.

Coboconk, Jan. 19.—Six children, the family of Mrs. Cora Weatherby, a widow, were burned to death early on Saturday in a fire which destroyed their home. The woman herself was also severely burned and is in such a state of prostration that her story has not yet been learned.

It is thought the fire may have originated from the kitchen stove. The house was a one and one-half storey frame structure and nearly new and the children, it is understood, were sleeping upstairs.

There are houses about a hundred feet away on either side, and the neighbors were awakened about two o'clock by screams and the crackling of flames. They reached the burning house just in time to take care of the distracted woman, but so far had the fire progressed that the building collapsed before any attempt could be made to reach the children.

The victims ranged in age from one and a half years to eleven, and included two boys and four girls. Their names from oldest down were: Corinne, Ellsworth, Dorothy, Thelma, Mildred and Edwin.

Mrs. Weatherby is about thirty-five years of age, and her family reside here. She and her husband came from Toronto about three years ago and she has been a widow about two years. She escaped in her night clothes by jumping from an upper window, and her hands are badly gashed from broken glass.

The contents of the house were valued at about $1,000. The bodies of the children were removed from the debris, burned to a crisp.

ALD. HUGH C. NICKLE

A newly-elected alderman and also superintendent of the Electric Railway.

JUDGESHIP FOR COL. SCOTT

Head of Orange Order Likely to go on Bench.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—According to a well-informed legal gentleman at Osgoode Hall, Col. Scott, Walkerton, who is at the head of the Orange order, is to shortly be appointed county judge at Lanark.

He also said that J. P. Hayes, Peterboro, a brother-in-law of A. Claude Macdonell, M.P. for South Toronto, will get Waterloo county judgeship and that Acting Judge Elliott, of Halton, is to be transferred to Norfolk county.

Another predicted change is that Junior Judge Johnston, Prescott, and Russell, will be transferred to Pembroke.

GIFT FOR ALBERTA GIRL

Wrote by Registered Letter to Santa Claus.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 19.—The only one of the thousands of Santa Claus letters addressed to the Washington post office, which was registered by its little sender to ensure safe and certain delivery, was from nine-year-old Myrtle Marie Foisin, of Badger Lake, Alberta, Canada.

To-day there was shipped to the little girl in far off Alberta a $15 baby doll with an outfit that would have graced a debutante bride.

The little girl had asked Santa to send a pony, but this would have taxed the mail too heavily, so the doll was substituted.

SIR JAMES WHITNEY ARRIVES IN TORONTO

And Is In The General Hospital—The Journey Did Not Affect Him

Toronto, Jan. 19—Sir James Whitney arrived in Toronto this morning at 9.18 o'clock from New York City and is now in a private ward of the general hospital. The sick premier's transfer from Gotham to his home city was accomplished without incident. So that there could be no undue excitement, no representatives of the Ontario government were at the station, but there were a couple hundred curious persons attracted, with half a dozen policemen to hold them back from the private car, "Sir James," when it arrived, coupled to the flyer.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, who, with the rest of the party accompanied the patient said that the journey had not affected Sir James' condition to any noticeable degree, and there were hopes that the change and new bright surroundings might effect a change for the better."

Britain Not Pressing Nicaragua

London, Jan. 19.—The British foreign office says there is no foundation for the report from Managua, Nicaragua, stating that Great Britain had joined with Germany and Italy recently, in lodging a precise demand for the payment by Nicaragua of the debts of their nationals, amounting to over $1,000,000. It was admitted that Nicaragua had been repeatedly urged to settle the claims of British creditors, but no special representations had been made recently.

Duke of Athol Jubilee.

London, Jan. 19.—The Duke of Athol, head of the historic Scottish house of that name attained the jubilee of his succession to the estates yesterday. The occasion was made one of great festivities among the tenantry and householders of Ballinlvig. The duke, who is seventy-four years of age, is the seventh holder of the dukedom.

Black Foxes For England

London, Jan. 19.—The Financial News states that some of the Canadian black fox farms are to come here to be established in the joint stock form. "We trust that the animals will be thoroughbreds, and not a cross between the black fox and the wild cat," adds the paper.

It is probable that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will visit Newfoundland next summer.

DAILY MEMORANDA

Band at Palace rink to-night.

Dickens' Recital to-night, Convocation hall, 8 p.m.

See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

Frontenac Hockey Club's excursion to Toronto 12.55 p.m., Tuesday.

Remember the Glee Club concert at the Y.M.C.A. Friday, 8 p.m. Admission 25c.

Tea and sale of home-made cooking at Mrs. Shales', 1 Victoria Terrace, Tuesday, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Council 29, C.O.C.F., will meet tomorrow evening. A large attendance is requested. The auditors' report and other special business will come up.

The Red Flag of Failure

When you do not advertise your business you are inviting the Sheriff to come and do it for you.

His red flag and bell form the final advertisement.

It is poor policy to save your advertising for your business obituary.

Just run your eye over the advertisements in to-day's Whig.

You will notice that the names attached to them are the names of men who enjoy sound financial ratings. Certainly they are names of those on whom the bankers look as good moral risks.

They are mighty good company to be with and a man is often judged by the company he keeps.

It is better to march behind the band of progress than to halt under the red flag of failure.

OCTUPUS AT VANCOUVER

Diver Narrowly Escaped From Suckers of the Devil Fish.

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—While diving in the first narrows, Frederick Maddison encountered a huge octopus, and but for the promptitude with which his signal for assistance was answered would have become the victim of the devil fish. The monster was lodged in one of the crevices with which the narrows abound and had drawn shackle weighing forty pounds into its lair. It was while trying to get the shackle out that the fish got hold of Maddison, and even when ascending it made every effort to fasten its suckers on him.

PETITION TO HANG CAMPBELL

Hon. C. J. Doherty Must Decide Fate of Sentenced Man.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—While a petition has been sent to Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, asking that the sentence of death imposed on William Campbell, murderer of George Muir, be commuted to imprisonment for life, there is a counter petition in circulation asking that the death sentence be not commuted.

William J. Muir, a brother of the murdered man, is circulating the petition against the commutation of the death sentence.

KILLED AT DESERONTO BY POWDER EXPLOSION

Daniel Brant the Victim of Blow Up at Olympic Powder Company Plant.

Deseronto, Jan. 19.—An explosion of a very serious nature occured at the Olympic Powder company's plant at Deseronto Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. As a result an employee named Daniel Brant was instantly killed. A number of the female employees were very badly burned. Mrs. Baldwin's burns proved to be about the worst. She is very seriously injured. The injured people were taken to their homes as quickly as possible after the accident and medical attendance was provided. The packing house was completely wrecked.

Brant, who was in charge of the cartridge machine, wis in the building devoted to the making of the cartridges. In the same building were several girls whose duty it was to roll and wrap the cartidges as they are turned out of the machine. So far as can be ascertained, Brant discovered some powder lodged in the large screw of the machine which he had failed to clean out the day before. Instead of digging the powder out with his hands, which would have been comparatively safe, the unfortunate man picked up a chisel which was lying near and proceeded to dig it out. The friction at once ignited the powder, causing an explosion. Owing to the saturated condition of the building fire broke out and the walls fell apart in a short time. The only other man in the room, John McKenny, was slightly burned.

Coroner Passmore called an inquest, and after one sitting it was adjourned until Tuesday morning.

THE WATERWAYS REPORT

Dr. McCullough to Announce in Toronto Finding of Commission

Toronto, Jan. 19.—The final report of the Waterways Commission, which has just concluded its session at Washington, will be printed in Canada, probably in Toronto, this work, having been entrusted to the Board of Health of Ontario.

"The pollution of the great lakes is not so bad that it cannot be improved," said Dr. McCullough, provincial health officer. "Maps have been prepared for use in preparation of the final report printing of which has been entrusted to the Provincial Board of Health for Ontario."

PRINCE TO WED.

Future Queen of Bavaria to be Princess Maria.

Munich, Bavaria, Jan. 19.—Crown Prince Ruppeccht, of Bavaria, son of King Ludwig, is about to marry again, according to a persistent report here, which says that the future queen of Bavaria is to be Princess Maria Del Pilaro of Bavaria, a daughter of Prince Ferdinand of Bavaria and a cousin of King Alfonso of Spain. The crown prince's first wife died in 1912

IMPRISONED A WEEK IN A FREIGHT CAR

Feeble Cries for Help Bring Release and Then Man Suddenly Disappears

Hamilton, Jan. 19.—Imprisoned for more than a week in a Canadian Pacific railway freight car, a man, weak from hunger and exposure, was discovered Saturday morning by watchmen in the local railway yards. The car in which he was found was filled with grain, and it was upon this that he had been subsisting since leaving Winnipeg almost ten days ago.

That he was not frozen to death during the long journey, during which the temperature was 20 degrees below zero, is considered a miracle.

Railway men heard the man crying feebly for help and released him. After supplying him with food the man suddenly disappeared.

It was suggested that the stowaway might have been John Kratchenko, who escaped from the Winnipeg jail about a week ago after being committed for trial for the murder of H. A. Arnold, manager of the bank of Montreal at Plum Coulee.

The car in which he was found had been sealed and billed through to New York.

PITH OF NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE LATEST TIDINGS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges.

At Paris, Fernand Foureau, the African explorer, died, on Saturday, from congestion of the brain.

The Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, will shortly inaugurate a service between Quebec and Bermuda.

Lady Victoria Percy, daughter of the Countess of Limerick looped the loop five times, at Hendon, England.

Traffic earnings for the week ended Jan. 14th were $1,563,000. For the same week last year they were $1,996,000.

The government awarded the contract for the construction of a detention hospital for immigrants at Vancouver, to cost $227,000.

Richard Horricks, Drummond township, died, on Sunday, while driving home with his wife from a funeral of Mrs. McNaughton, his aunt.

Joseph Meyers was instantly killed at the Knechtel Furniture company's works, Walkerton, by some logs rolling off a car, crushing him.

At Ogdensburg, N.Y., Arnold E. Smith, aged seventy-three years, a prominent insurance man of the city, dropped dead on Friday afternoon.

The debate on the address, barring accidents begins to-day. There is nothing yet to indicate what sort of a debate it will be or how long it will last.

Many of the cities of France have begun to experience a miniature famine owing to the virtual stoppage of traffic caused by the heavy snowfall.

Sir John Duncan, J.P., part proprietor of the South Wales Daily news, South Wales Echo, and Cardiff Times, is dead. He ruptured a blood vessel.

The sub-marine A7, which failed to rise after a dive in Whitesand Bay, near Plymouth, on Thursday morning, thereby causing the loss of eleven lives, is still unlocated.

The charges of bribery and corruption in connection with the canteen supplies of the British army, which have aroused such widespread attention, were the subject of charges brought at the Bow street police court, London, against eight army officers and non-commissioned officers and eight civilians.

NEARLY SMOTHERED.

Edinburgh, Scotland, Jan. 19.—While Thomas McKinnon Wood, secretary for Scotland, was speaking at a meeting here this afternoon, suffragettes threw a bag of flour which nearly smothered him. He was taken to the hospital and the police made eight arrests of suffragettes, who fought the police tooth and nail.

TEMPERANCE BATTLE

Dr. H. I. Strang Accepts Liquor Representative's Challenge

Goderich, Jan. 19—At a meeting held in the interests of temperance Dr. H. I. Strang accepted the challenge issued some time ago by John Ransford, leader of the liquor interests, who resides in Clinton. Dr. Strang severely scored the arguments presented in the country press, in articles furnished by the liquor man, and said he would like to meet Mr. Ransford on a public platform. The chairman of the meetng, Sydney Belcher, said he was ashamed to see in the local press literature as furnished by the County Business Men's Association, as the local liquor men call themselves.

The liquor interests have organized here and the light promises to be warm. The Canada Temperance Act will be voted on throughout the county on Jan. 29th.

BREAK ON THE C.N.R.

Sink Hole at Lake Opinicon Causes a Tie-up.

The traffic over the Canadian Northern railroad, between Kingston Smith's Falls and Ottawa is tied up as a result of a sink hole on the line near Lake Opinicon. On Friday afternoon the roadbed went down, causing a tie-up. The ballast train had just passed over a few minites before the accident occurred. It is very unfortunate for the company, as the service had only started on January 5th. It is expected that the break will be repaired in about ten days' time.

John Davis of the Davis drydock company, Kingston, went to Ottawa on Monday to meet the government engineer with regard to building a large four and one half compound engine for a new government boat which is being built upon Lake Winnipeg.

The synod of Ontario committees will be in session this week. There will be three committees in session to-night, the committes on classification, on mission givings, and apportionment.

Rev. F. J. Kirkpatrick, of Tweed, arrived n the city on Monday, to attend the Synod of Ontario committee meetings.

BIG NEW GAME RESERVE

Proposal to Duplicate Algonquin Park in Temagami District

Haileybury, Jan. 19.—The Board of Trade of this town will submit at the associated Boards' meeting in Toronto a proposal to ask the government for the establishment of a Dominion Government Fisheries in Northern Ontario; that the Temagami Forest Reserve be also made a game reserve similar to Algonquin Park, in which all animals would be protected the year round.

Another proposal is the approval of a trunk road from North Bay to Cobalt, as part of the ocean-to-ocean highway of the Dominion government.

WENT TO ELECTRIC CHAIR

Declaring That Another Prisoner Was Innocent.

Sing Sing, N.Y., Jan. 19. With the last hour confession that Ralph Furcola whom he testified against and who is now serving a ten year term was absolutely innocent of the crime, Francis Muhlfield walked to the electric chair with a smile on his face this morning and was electrocuted for the murder of Patrick Burns, New York saloon keeper. Muhlfield intimated that he hoped till the last moment that his crime would be fastened on Furcola, who will likely now be liberated.

IMMIGRATION RULES ARE MADE MORE RIGID

Asiatics Must Possess $200 Before They Can Obtain Entry Into Canada.

Ottawa, Jan. 19—No new restrictions of regulations are intended in the orders-in-council just passed by the government regarding the landing in Canada of Asiatics. The two new orders, which deal respecgively with the manner by which such immigrants may come to Canada and the amount of money which they are required to have, are intended to supersede the old orders-in-council, which were recently declared by Chief Justice Hunter, of Vancouver, to be ultra vires. The reason advanced by his lordship was that the orders-in council exceeded the statute from which they sprung.

Clause 37 of the Immigration Act provided that the government may prohibit the landing in Canada of any who have come other than by continuous journey from the country of which they are native or naturalized citizens. In the order-in-council which sprang from the statute the word "naturalized" was left out, and by this omission Judge Hunter found that the order exceeded the statue.

By the new order just passed the word "naturalized" is inserted so that the order may conform with the statute. With the second order dealing with the amount of money which an Asiatic must have, the same fault was found, namely that it exceeded the statute, which declares that certain immigrants shall have in their own right a certain amount of money. The old order went somewhat further and declared that Asiatics must have in actual right and possession the sum required. The new statute simply says: "From and after the date hereof no immigrant of any Asiatic race shall be permitted to land in Canada unless such immigrant hall possess in his own right to the amount of at least $200.

Denies Claim of Plaintiff

Watertown, N.Y., Jan. 19.—Undertaker W. G. Northam, on the stand in supreme court, denied that he had ever mentioned the subject of marriage to Mrs. Jessie Smith, much less proposed to her, or that he had arranged to meet her in Syracuse during the state fair five years ago. The defendant also denied that he had given her the diamond ring which is playing so important a part in the breach of promise action brought by Mrs. Jessie Smith for $10,000 damages.

An Aged Skipper Dead.

London, Ont., Jan. 19.—Capt. John Graham, aged ninety-one, for half a century one of the best known skippers on the great lakes, is dead at his daughter's home in Ekfrid township, after an illness of only a few days.

THE ADMIRALTY BOARD MAY RESIGN EN MASSE

If The Bristol Government Opposes The Proposed Increase in The Navy.

London, Jan. 19.—How Canada and Canada's difference of opinion on the naval policy is more or less responsible for the dissension in the British cabinet is indicated this morning by the Morning Post's definite statement that the admiralty plan for replacing the expected Canada dreadnoughts by two British vessels received the endorsation of the cabinet before Christmas.

The Post declares it is believed in independent circles that Churchill and the admiralty board will resign en masse unless the government consents to what they believe to be an irreducible minimum for imperial safety. The Post says it is a matter of principle as well as ships.

Strathcona No Better

London, Jan. 19.—A bulletin issued this afternoon indicates that there is no betterment in the condition of Lord Strathcona.

"Long whisks," at Gibson's.

LAURIER TO CRITICISE SPEECH FROM THRONE

Owing To Some Very Important Omissions

PREMIER WILL EXPLAIN

THE WHY AND WHEREFORE OF OMISSIONS.

The Opposition May Move Amendment Advocating Free Wheat — The House of Commons Resumed Its Sessions on Monday Afternoon.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—After the social functions of last week, the business end of parliament got to work at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The debate on the address took precedure over all other business and the first speeches of the session were of H. F. McLeod, successor of O. S. Judge, to the constituency of York, N.B., the mover, and J. O. Davelee, member for Belle-chasse the seconder.

When the address has been moved and seconded, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will deal at some length with the speech from the throne, with special reference to these things which it does not contain. Sir Wilfrid will comment upon the absence of any reference to navy, to the tariff or to prevailing conditions throughout the cuntry. He will make reference to the dissipation of the emergency, as indicated by the government's failure to submit naval legislation of any kind. Sir Wilfrid will undoubtedly conclude by moving an amendment regretting the inaction of the government and its failure to deal with the pressing problems of the day. Round this amendment, the debate for some days will hinge.

It is understood that Mr. Borden, in the course of his reply, will give the government's explanation of its reason for not introducing the navy bill this season. He will declare that it would be futile to reintroduce the measure while the government continues to be in the minority in the senate. He will not, however, outline any measure of senate reform, other than that which will be brought about by flux of time, and by a bill for increased representation in the upper house, which heads the list on the order paper.

There is talk of an amendment being introduced by the opposition advocating the placing of wheat on the free list.

It has not been decided, however, whether to introduce it in connection with the address, or later on as a separate resolution. It is believed here that the government will vote against it, in whatever manner it is brought forward.

Government supporters state that the new redistribution measure will be framed in a spirit of fairness and that it will be submitted to a joint committee for preparation. This was the custom followed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Premier Borden, it is stated, has no intention of making any innovation.

The debate is certain to occupy most of the week and may run into next week. It depends largely on whether there are one or more amendments.

ALDERMAN IS CRITICIZED

By Pastor For Opening Meeting With Box of Cigars.

Rev. G. I. Campbell, of Queen Street Methodist church, made special reference from his pulpit on Sunday evening, to the statement made by Ald. R. D. Sutherland, chairman of the Fire and Light committee, on Tuesday last. The pastor made the following statement: "That was an unkind remark of Ald. R. D. Sutherland, chairman of Fire and Light, when he made the statement (if he was reported correctly), 'I will not open the meeting with prayer, but with a box of cigars.'

"Let me tell Ald. Sutherland that it is easier to find one thousand men who would open a meeting with a box of cigars than one man who had the backbone to open such a meeting with prayer."

REDMOND IS WRONG

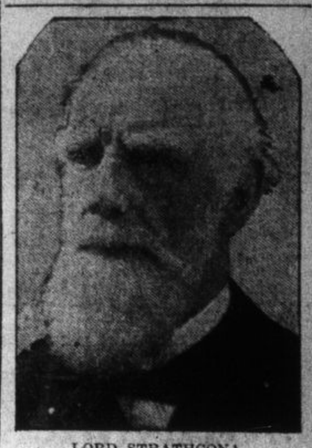
Claims O'Brien Has Lost Confidence of Constituency.

Cork, Jan. 19.—William O'Brien, nationalist member of parliament for Cork city, has applied for the Chiltern Hundreds, which is equivalent to resigning, in order to again contest the seat. Mr. O'Brien has taken this action because the followers of John Redmond, with whom he does not agree, declared that the defeat of the O'Brien candidates in the recent municipal election showed that he (Mr. O'Brien) had lost the confidence of his constituency.

Permission to Ice Company

There is some comment regarding the permission given to the Kingston Ice company to float ice from out in the harbor to the King street breakwater. A few years ago other parties were refused the same permission, being required to draw the ice to the shore, owing to danger of coming in contact with sewage in this locality. As the whole harbor is now declared to be contaminated it would seem that it would not matter if the ice were floated ashore or not. However, the permission for the floating of the ice comes from the Board of Health.

Fancy Spy apples. Carnovsky's.



LORD STRATHCONA.
He is reported to be sinking rapidly.

SEARCH FOR SUBMARINE

Continues Off Plymouth, England — Hope Not Given Up.

Plymouth, Eng., Jan. 19.—The disappearance of the submarine "A7" and her sixteen men was still a mystery to-day. Although the admiralty authorities admitted the fear that quicksand had swallowed up the diver, the search for the missing vessel was resumed at dawn. Blindly refusing to give up hope, the rescue fleet continued tirelessly to comb Whitsand bay and Plymouth channel.

ULSTER VOLUNTEERS REVIEWED BY CARSON

Warmly Compliments the Officers on Men's Appearance and Apparent Proficiency.

Belfast, Jan. 19.—Amid highly enthusiastic demonstrations, seven thousand men of the East Ulster regiment of Ulster volunteers, on Saturday passed in review before Sir Edward Carson, the Duke of Portland, the Marquiss of Londonderry and General Sir George Richardson.

The volunteers, uniformed and well drilled, were greeted with prolonged cheers, and Carson complimented the officers warmly on the men's appearance and apparent proficiency.

When Carson landed here from Liverpool the customs officers, carrying out the royal proclamation against the importation of arms into Ireland, asked him if he carried any guns in his luggage.

"No," retorted the anti-home rule leader, "but I have three blackthorns which you are invited to inspect."

The police had a very quiet time over the week-end, there being no arrests. A dispute over the ownership of a waggon, in court a few days ago, was further adjourned for a day.

Men are busy at work on the alterations to the police station rooms.

Mothers! Read Livingston's advt.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

IS ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING CITY STORES

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Clarke, J. W. & Co. ....353 Princess
College Book Store .....100 Princess
Coulter's Grocery .....000 Princess
Cullen's Grocery, Cor. Princess & Alfred
Frontenac Hotel .....Ontario St.
Gibson's Drug Store ..Market Square
McAuley's Book Store ....93 Princess
McGall's Cigar Store ....354 King St.
McGall's Cigar Store ....66 Princess
McLeod's Grocery ....51 Union St. W.
Medley's Drug Store 200 University Ave
Paul's Cigar Store .....70 Princess
Prouse's Drug Store ....312 Princess
Valleau's Grocery .....308 Montreal

DIED

CLYDE—At Cataraqui, Jan. 17, 1914, John Clyde, aged 58 years.
The funeral will take place from his late residence Tuesday, Jan. 20th, at 2 p.m.
Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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