

THREE FELL TO DEATH.

Cornice Gave Way and They Fell Three Stories

AT BROOKLYN FIRE.

Dangers of Life in Huge Tenements... Mother Clashed Infant to Her Bosom and Its Life Was Saved.

New York, Nov. 22.—Three women were probably fatally hurt and five men were injured severely in a blaze that destroyed two buildings in Brooklyn early today.

The fire started in the cellar of a drug store at Fulton, and Adelphi streets. Three upper floors were occupied by three families consisting of 15 persons.

The flames spread upwards so quickly that when the sleeping tenants were aroused by the smoke and crackling flames they found all escape by the stairway had been cut off.

Bevill, Florence Seabrook and Hetta Richardson, all of whom lived on the fourth floor, made their way down one story and out to a cornice. Mrs. Seabrook had her baby in her arms. The cornice gave way and the women fell to the ground.

The women were hurriedly carried to a hospital where their injuries were pronounced probably fatal.

Eight families, comprising thirty four persons, escaped or were rescued from a building adjoining the drug store before the houses were destroyed. The firemen displayed great bravery in the work of rescue.

The financial loss was small.

CAUGHT BY NEAT RUSE.

Escaped Convict Hid Until He Thought Coast Clear... Then He Was Nabbed.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Chas. W. Johnson, the prisoner who was missing in Sing Sing prison Saturday evening, was caught late tonight by a ruse. It was not believed in the prison he had got outside the walls, but he had. At 10.30 to-night the big whistle in the prison sounded "O. K." This meant that search had been abandoned and that the guards who were watching the roads might come in or go to their homes.

LYNCHERS BACK DOWN.

Lexington, K. Y., Nov. 21.—A mob is again forming to lynch Jim Garfield, John Taylor and Ed. Taylor, negroes, under arrest for the murder of William Moore, a white man. An attempt to lynch the negroes Sunday night after the murder, was abandoned.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 22.—The mob that threatened to lynch three negroes held in jail here for killing a white man, last Sunday night, and for attempting to kill other white people, dispersed as day dawned. The troops and extra police have also retired and the jail is guarded now only by deputies. It is believed that all danger of lynching is past, as the authorities cannot now be taken by surprise and the jail will be well guarded at night with troops in readiness for calls.

THE TIMES AIMS TO BECOME THE BEST AFTERNOON NEWS-PAPER EAST OF MONTREAL.

ONTARIO CABINET WILL HAVE THREE NEW MEN.

Toronto, Ont. Nov. 22.—(Special).—The Mall and Empire says today that Premier Ross has completed the work of re-organizing his cabinet. Only two of his erstwhile colleagues, Hon. J. R. Stratton and Hon. E. J. Davis, are leaving him altogether, while Hon. J. M. Gibson formally announced at Hamilton last night that he will step down and out from the attorney generalship and enter

FORTIFYING VLADIVOSTOK.

Russia Paying Much Attention to That Stronghold at Present... Still Skirmishing at Mukden... Japanese Patriotism Shown in a Business Way.

Mukden, Nov. 21.—via Tien Tsin, Nov. 22.—Since the Japanese attack on Poutiloff Hill on the night of Nov. 18, no activity has been apparent. The character of the attack on Poutiloff Hill is not fully understood beyond the fact that three or four battalions participated. It probably was made on the initiative of the local commander without the consent of headquarters, and as an attack it can only be favorably regarded in the light of a reconnaissance in force.

This incident is the most important movement since the battle of Shakou. Poutiloff Hill, which is now the centre of interest of the entire line, could be seen flashing signals of attack from her fortress as the Japanese infantry advanced on account of repeated reports that the Japanese intended to attack on Nov. 19. The assault was believed to be the signal for an advance on the entire line, and consequently the entire Russian army on the qui vive began its own hostile movements both east and west of Poutiloff Hill.

The Japanese arrived within fifty yards of the Russian trenches. The Russian fire was too deadly for a further advance. The next morning disclosed about 80 Japanese dead, which the Russians buried yesterday. The Japanese succeeded in carrying off in haste 20 wounded. The Russians lost half a dozen men in the trenches.

Scouting operations on both sides resulted in daily encounters, sometimes between battalions, but the encounters are little more than skirmishes. The scouting is for the evident purpose of identifying opponents positions and local strength. The Russians continue daily to shell the Japanese position at Linshupu.

Fortifying Vladivostok.

New York, Nov. 22.—A Wonsong, Korea, despatch to the Herald, Nov. 10 via Shanghai, Nov. 21, says: A Korean arriving overland from Vladivostok reports a large number of men there engaged in throwing up a new line of fortifications outside of those already constructed, which have been greatly strengthened. Meanwhile the harbor presented a scene of activity. Four large steamers were loading thousands of tons

PAID \$50,000 FOR SHIPPING SITE.

C. B. Coal, Iron and Railway Co., Will Erect a Pier in Sydney... St. Laurence Coal Trade Season Over.

Sydney, Nov. 21.—The Cape Breton Coal, Iron and Railway Company has practically completed the purchase of two large and valuable waterfront properties in this city on which they intend to erect a shipping pier. The properties are located on King's Road in the heart of a populous residential section and it is believed that there will be great objection to the company shipping its coal in the vicinity.

WHALER GIVEN UP.

St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 21.—The whaling steamer Harbor Grace, with a crew of 12 men, from Norway for St. Johns, and now nearly a month overdue, is given up for lost.

NEW YORK OPERA MAD.

Purchasers Wait For Hours to Buy Grand Opera Seats... Record Breaking Sale.

New York, Nov. 22.—Record-breaking sales characterized the opening sale of seats for the first week of grand opera at the Metropolitan Opera House. For several hours a long line of people, extending around the adjacent block, awaited the opening of the box office, and when the sale began the number of tickets sold soon exceeded all office records. The seats for the opening, or subscription night were all gone before the opening and today's sale was for the balance of the week.

of supplies. Three large war ships have completed repairs and are ready for instant service. Eight torpedo boat destroyers are also ready, and auxiliary gunboats have been repaired by mounting guns on small steamships. Troops arrive daily by railway and immediately begin work on the fortifications.

From Vladivostok to the Tumen river at Tai-Bowie, a railway has been completed facilitating the transport of supplies. Russian troops in Korea are continuing to move south across the Tumen, the Korean representatives passing several large encampments of Russians. He estimates the total at 10,000 in the Kung Sung districts with numerous detached bodies at all the towns as far south as Ham-Gwan Pass.

No forward movement of each belligerent is yet apparent. The construction of this end of the military railway to Seoul was begun Nov. 9. The survey has been completed for half the distance and it is expected that ten miles of the grading will be completed before the ground freezes. A steamship has arrived from Japan loaded with railway material.

Japanese Patriotism.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—The collector of the port of San Francisco says, that an exceptionally large amount of Japanese goods are coming here, and that the increase of importations has been so large that the custom house officials cannot handle the goods. The cause of the exceptionally heavy importations is that the Japanese people are offering their manufactures at low prices, to help raise money for carrying on the war with Russia.

Russia's Navy.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 22.—Grand Duke Alexis, general Admiral of the Russian navy, has presented Emperor Nicholas a programme of the ships to be built at Russian dockyards. The small torpedo boats which Lewis Nixon is building in the United States will be shipped in sections to Sevastopol where the parts will be assembled. Subsequently the boats will be transported by rail to Vladivostok.

HE SLEPT IN JAIL.

No Bail Yet for Man Charged with Ballot Box Frauds.

Belleville, Ont., Nov. 22.—(Special)—Byron O. Lotts, the liberal candidate in West Hastings at the Federal election, who was arrested last night, in connection with the ballot box charges, spent the night in the county gaol. The Crown asked bail for \$2,000 either in a lump sum or two securities for \$1,000 each, but neither was forthcoming. It is still thought bail may be arranged later.

THE BALLOT SCANDAL.

Hon. J. W. Gibson says It Must Be Investigated.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 22.—(Special)—At a meeting of the Hamilton Liberal Association last night, Hon. J. M. Gibson attorney general, referring to the Hastings ballot scandal, said it looked as if there was some truth in the charges, and either he or his successor in the attorney generalship would prosecute the offenders, if action was not taken by the Dominion authorities.

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WILL ABOLISH COMMISSION.

Minister of Marine Wants his Department to Control Harbors.

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—(Special)—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, will introduce legislation next session, to abolish the harbor commissions, at Montreal and Three Rivers, and bring the Administration of the harbor more directly under the control of the department. Mr. Prefontaine will leave Montreal on Saturday for Toronto for a cruise on the lakes on the government steamer Vigilant.

AFTER A SUBSIDY?

English Packet Line May Give St. John-West Indies Service.

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—(Special)—Mr. Baker of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., of England, is here on business with the department of trade and commerce. The contract with Pickford & Black, for the steam service, between Halifax, St. John and Trinidad expires in 1905 and the service to Jamaica in 1906. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., has been in the business with the West Indies for the last 65 years. Their main line runs from Southampton to Barbados and to Trinidad, then on the Isthmus of Panama. They practically take in all the West Indian islands.

WILL CREATE NAVAL MILITIA.

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—(Special)—The minister of marine will bring in a bill, next session, to create a naval militia. Next summer he will go to England for a couple of ships. In the meantime, there will be a school cruiser with full crews on the coast of Canada, from Halifax, to the West Indies. It will start from Halifax about 15th December, for the West Indies, with ninety on board.

QUEEN'S RINK IN NEW HANDS.

F. G. Spencer Has Leased It From A. J. Tufts For the Season.

Yearly the Queen's Rink, on Charlotte St., has become more popular as a winter resort, and this season promises to eclipse all others. F. G. Spencer, who has been so fortunate in all his efforts to provide entertainment has leased the rink from A. J. Tufts for the skating season of 1904-1905. It has not yet been decided whether hockey will be played in the rink or not, but it is a foregone conclusion that this latest venture of Mr. Spencer's will be eminently successful. Nothing will be left undone to make the rink attractive, and by the most careful attention to every detail that would tend toward the comfort and pleasure of patrons Mr. Spencer hopes to make this the best season in the history of the Queen's rink.

Mr. Spencer's contract takes effect on December 1st and immediately after he will have the rink put in shape for the season's business. Mr. Spencer says the music will be a feature, as he intends that the patrons of the rink shall have nothing but the best.

D. A. R. PLANS.

A. McGregor, marine superintendent of the D. A. R. is at the Royal, Mr. McGregor came over from Digby on the steamer Yarmouth, which has been placed on Hilyard's blocks, and will undergo thorough renovation and repainting. While she is on the blocks she will be relieved by the Prince Rupert and the latter will go to Yarmouth and run in her stead and on the Digby St. John route. Mr. McGregor today said that the D. A. R. line ran a steamship's service to New York, last winter, which proved very satisfactory. They will run a service next year with increased passenger accommodations.

PROBATE COURT.

There were five prisoners in the police court this morning. One common drunk was fined \$4.—Michael Kelly drunk on Mill St., and Henry Addison drunk on Clarence St., were fined \$8 each.

Henry Alexander was given in charge by John Holland for wilfully breaking a pane of glass in his house on the corner of Clarence and St. Patrick streets, and for using obscene language. He was fined \$8 on the first charge, and \$20 on the second.

Jos. McNulty was arrested for being drunk on Broad street and violently resisting the police. He was fined \$8 for being drunk, and \$16 for resisting the officer.

POLICE REPORTS.

Officer Marshall was called into the branch office of the Bank of British North America, on Sydney street yesterday afternoon, to eject John Fitzgerald who refused to leave when told to do so by the clerk.

Officer Henry shot a horse yesterday morning, belonging to John Brown, Douglas St. The animal was sick.

Leger-Bennington.

Edmond Leger of Randolph, and Miss B. Bennington of Shediac, were married in St. Rose's church, Fairville, this morning, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. Chas. Colwell performed the ceremony. A reception will be held at the home of the groom, this evening. Many beautiful presents were given to the newly wedded couple.

BOLD ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

Frank Priest Sandbagged and Robbed by Thugs on Acadia Street Last Night... Robbers Got Clean Away With \$300... No Clue Obtained Yet.

Frank Priest, treasurer of the Ship Laborers' union, was sandbagged and robbed of \$300, in an alley off Acadia street, north end, last night.

As a result of the injuries he received Priest is confined to his bed and his condition is considered serious.

Deputy Chief Jenkins, Sargt. Kilpatrick and Detective Killen are working on the case but have discovered no clue to the perpetrator of the double crime.

It seems almost impossible that highway robbery on such a scale could be so successfully carried out, and no one in the vicinity knew about it, yet, the story of Frank Priest leaves little room for doubt.

Mr. Priest had attended the meeting of the Ship Laborers' Union, in his capacity as treasurer, and received yearly dues of the members, which were paid last night.

When he left the hall at the close of the meeting he had in his pocket over \$250 belonging to the union as well as \$45 of his own. Capt. W. Waters a member of the union, accompanied him. They stopped at Brown's restaurant on Main street for a lunch and about eleven o'clock they left and proceeded up the street. At the corner of Acadia and Main streets Capt. Waters left Mr. Priest and went on to his home. The latter stepped into Baxter's lunch store and had a glass of milk, but left very soon for his residence on High street.

According to his usual custom he went via Acadia street.

All this time Mr. Priest had his money securely in his right hand overcoat pocket, and to make sure of its presence he kept one hand constantly upon it. Acadia street curves slightly when about half way between Main and High streets, and the latter one is lighted by the electric lamp on High street. This angle causes the right side of the street to be considerably darkened.

Passing along this side and when opposite an alley leading to the rear of Jones' grocery store, Mr. Priest was struck down so suddenly from behind, that he had no time to see his assailant or to judge of the instrument which inflicted the blow.

When next he became conscious he found himself lying in the mud well back in the dark alley and the money was missing. He was able to grope his way along to his home, but when he reached the doorway unconsciousness again overpowered him and he sank down in the porch. His brother, Harry, found him there when he was returning home at about 11.45 o'clock.

Harry, knowing that his brother did not drink, was amazed to find him in such a condition. His hat was gone and his clothes covered with mud. He aroused his brother by shaking him vigorously, and got him into the house, where he told the story.

Dr. Roberts was sent for and responded quickly. He found Mr. Priest in a semi-conscious state and at once set to work to revive him.

Three marks showed where Mr. Priest had received blows, one at the back of the right ear, another on the temple, and a third under the eye. In no case was the skin broken. The nature of the effect point to the use of sandbags by his assailant or assailants; and not satisfied with the first blow, which had stunned Mr. Priest, they deliberately dealt two more, in vulnerable spots.

All night the injured man went from consciousness to unconsciousness, but the physician does not anticipate any serious injury. A slight concussion of the brain took place, but the results will slowly wear off.

Mr. Priest can give no clue as to the robbers. He says that he is convinced that one or more members of the union were concerned in it, as they alone would be cognizant of the large sum of money he was carrying. The alley on Acadia street lends itself readily to such a desperate undertaking.

The corner of an adjoining building shields it from the light and a loose board fence, makes it easy for watchers to see the approach of any one coming along the street, while they, themselves, are hidden in darkness. No one in the union or out of it, as far as Mr. Priest knows, bore him any ill-will, and the money alone he thinks, tempted his assailants. Nothing else was taken off his person but the \$300.

Mr. Priest thinks he was carried into the alley and there robbed at leisure. No alarm had been raised, and the darkness of the alley prevented passersby from seeing what was going on.

The police were notified by Dr. Roberts as soon as he had made the man comfortable and the chief set his men at work.

This morning, the Deputy Chief with Sargt. Kilpatrick called at all the houses near the place where the robbery is said to have taken place. No one in the vicinity heard anything unusual, and the police are baffled to know where to look for a clue. One woman whose windows look directly on the alley, says she was sitting near the window until

quite late, but she heard nothing unusual.

Dr. Roberts called at the home of Mr. Priest this morning, and he has hopes that the patient will all right in a day or two.

In connection with the high robbery, a Times' reporter had a conversation with M. J. Kelley, secretary of the Ship Laborers' Union, this morning. Mr. Kelley said that the union meets every Monday night, and last night the amount of money above referred to, comprised dues and tickets. The union is extremely sorry about the mishap to Mr. Priest, the treasurer, who, Mr. Kelley says, is held in the highest esteem by every member of the organization. He is one of its most conscientious workers, and has the full confidence of all the members. Mr. Priest is a thoroughly temperate man, and his misfortune is generally regretted.

HIS TARIFF POLICY.

President Roosevelt's Advance on McKinley's Scheme For Extending Trade.

(Wall Street Journal). The time has now come when the Republican party, as the party in power, must decide definitely whether it intends to proceed in the path pointed out by McKinley and desired by Roosevelt, or whether it will refuse to do anything in response to the steadily growing demand for a reasonable tariff revision, which must necessarily, if carried out at all, be carried out largely on the lines of reciprocity.

Mr. Roosevelt has been elected to another term by a phenomenal popular vote, and as an expression of confidence such as even McKinley did not receive. But, now, President not as the legate of an assassin's crime, but by the express voice of the people, he is in a position to form a definite Roosevelt policy independent of any moral obligations which he has hitherto had, to carry out the McKinley policy.

No one, however, questions his desire that the tariff system of the United States shall be made more responsive to the needs of our foreign commerce. The Roosevelt policy is not only the policy indicated by President McKinley in his last speech, but probably something in advance of that position. We are confident, therefore, that President Roosevelt will take steps to bring the subject of the tariff before the American people in such a way as to effect some practical result. It is not to be expected, however, that he will break with his party on this question.

Mr. Roosevelt will work within the party lines, but will endeavor with all the influence that he can exert to lead the party into a progressive movement towards a more liberal tariff. It was he who introduced into the Republican platform, adopted last July, the clause pledging the party to a tariff readjustment whenever such a readjustment should seem necessary. The results of the recent election read like a summons to action. They are not a commission to "stand pat." In Massachusetts and in the northwest there is a growing sentiment for reciprocity with Canada.

Throughout all the west there is a growing sentiment in favor of a more reasonable tariff. This sentiment is also increasing in the middle States. It is highly significant that Mr. Babcock, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, announces that he favors tariff reduction along the line of the McKinley ideas. Roosevelt has the great opportunity to lead his party in the direction of a more reasonable tariff. He has the courage and the ability to lead, and so far as he can carry his party with him, some legislation may be expected that will impart a greater expansive power to American commerce.

"Well," remarked Tyle Dout to himself as he struggled with the piece of cake he was eating, "now I understand about it's being better to give than to receive."

NAN PATTERSON'S TRIAL EXCITES DEEP INTEREST.

New York, Nov. 22.—Search for a missing witness who for months has eluded the detectives from the district attorney's office, and the possibility that one of the central figures in the case, the dead man's widow, would appear before the jury and tell her story, were the points of special interest today when the trial of Nan Patterson for the alleged murder of Caesar Young was resumed in the supreme court.

In outlining his case yesterday, assistant district attorney Rand informed the jury that the prosecution, after months of endeavor, had been unsuccessful in locating J. Morgan Smith, who, he claimed, purchased the revolver with which Young was killed. He hoped, however, that

Smith would be brought forward by the defence at the proper time. Later in the day Miss Patterson's counsel said the defence had no intention of producing Smith. Only the announcement that the defendant herself would go on the stand and tell of her acquaintance with Young could have created, more public interest than the report that the dead bookmaker's widow might appear in court.

Since the day her husband died Mrs. Young has remained in seclusion except when she called at the district attorney's office and testified before the grand jury. During the trial she has not appeared in the court room, but it is said she has followed all proceedings from an adjoining room.

HIS HOUSE WRECKED

By a Bomb Placed on the Front Porch

IN OMAHA.

A Lawyer who Had Been Active Against Law-Breaking, Saloon Keepers and Diamond Robbers.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 22.—The home of Elmer E. Thomas, a prominent lawyer of this city, and attorney for the civic federation, was wrecked by a bomb placed on the front porch early today. Mr. Thomas and his wife were in the house, at the time, and he considered it a miracle that they were not injured.

Mrs. Thomas was awakened by a noise on the porch, and aroused her husband, believing that burglars were trying to enter the house. Mr. Thomas began an investigation, and discovered a fire on the front porch.

He picked up a large rug, and attempted to smother the flames, when a terrific explosion occurred. Although but a few feet from the missile, he escaped injury. The front wall of the house was blown out, doors were shattered, and an immense hole torn in the ground. The interior of the building is a wreck.

A squad of police were on the scene in a short time but no clue to the perpetrator could be found. The explosion was heard for three miles.

Attorney Thomas has been active for some time in the prosecution of saloon keepers for violation of the Stocum law, which prohibits all night and Sunday opening of the saloons. He has also been active for the civic federation in the habeas corpus proceedings in which Thomas Dennison has sought to avoid being taken into Iowa in connection with the \$75,000 Pollock diamond robbery.

G. T. P. WILL NOT ABSORB

Denial of Rumor that Will Take MacKenzie and Mann's Road.

Winnipeg, Nov. 22.—(Special)—Mr. D. F. Bole, M. P. elect for Winnipeg, has returned from St. Paul and Minneapolis, where he has been taking a short rest after the fatigues of the campaign. Mr. Bole has received a letter from President Hays since the election, in which he says there is no foundation whatever for the rumor that the G. T. P. has absorbed or intends to absorb the Canadian Northern road.

"The plan endorsed by Parliament, and the contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific, provide for a new third transcontinental railway from ocean to ocean, and that is what we are going to get," concluded Mr. Bole.

BIG DEER IN VERMONT.

(From the Brattleboro Phoenix). Naturalists cannot fail to be surprised at the weight of some of the deer caught in Vermont woods this season. These scientific gentlemen have been laboring under the impression that about 225 pounds was the maximum weight of any deer ever found in this section of the country.

As a matter of fact, many deer have been shot in Vermont that weigh more than 225 pounds. Here in Windham county this season one specimen weighed over 300 pounds, two others at least close to that figure, and nearly all the bucks brought in were in the 200 class or over. Vermont deer are in a class by themselves, and in size and proportions are far ahead of the deer found in Maine and the Adirondacks, and their meat is of a better quality. Old hunters account for the difference in the fact that the deer in Vermont have better feed than those in the more closely wooded sections. They are not limited to boughs of hemlock twigs, but find an abundance of nutritious grasses, and, if reports from Windsor county are correct, they occasionally top off with apples, turnips, corn and beans.