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ONE CENT.

FATAL ROW IN CHURCH

One Man Killed, Two Others Seriously Wounded.

IN BLOODY AFFRAY.

A Christmas Tree Entertainment in a Virginian Town Which Ended in a Tragedy---Liquor the Cause.

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 27.—A Christmas tree entertainment at a church in Colan, a small town north of here, Christmas night, was brought to a sudden close by a bloody fight in which one man was instantly killed and two seriously wounded. The dead man is Everett Thompson and the injured are Nimrod Thompson, (his father) and Mike Duncanson.

Nearly 100 people of the little town had gathered at the church where a Christmas tree with the annual treat for the children had been arranged. There was drinking by some of the audience and Everett Thompson is said to have become so intoxicated that he was noisy.

Duncan went to where Thompson was sitting and requested him to keep better order. Thompson drew a knife and stabbed Duncan in the breast. Duncan fell bleeding to the floor of the church but succeeded in pulling a revolver and fired point blank at Thompson, killing him instantly.

Nimrod Thompson, seeing what had happened to his son, rushed toward Duncan when the latter raised the revolver a second time, and shot the father in the temple. No hope is entertained for his recovery.

OTTAWA GETS A NEW CHIEF.

Major Delaronde is Now Head of Police Department --- Political Notes.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—(Special)—Major S. E. Delaronde, of the Forty Third D. C. O. R. has been appointed chief of the Ottawa police force to succeed W. F. Powell, resigned. Several changes in the force will also be made, including the reduction of deputy chief Wizzard and the appointment of detective Robillard to be made head of detectives. Delaronde's salary is \$1800.

Berkley Powell has refused the conservative nomination for the legislature for the city of Ottawa and therefore it will be necessary to get a running mate for Denis Murphy, the Irish Catholic candidate. A. E. Frippe, barrister, will likely get the nomination. There are some who desire to wait until after the municipal elections, and if Ellis is successful in landing the mayoralty then run him for the legislature as well.

MONCTON WANTS CHEAPER RATES.

A meeting of the insurance underwriters is being held today, in connection with the application of the city of Moncton for a reduction of the 10 per cent increased rate. Two years ago the insurance rates were raised 10 per cent. The understanding was that if a new water main would be laid to supply the deficiency on the higher levels; also to give a competent supply on the lower levels; that the 10 per cent. would be taken off.

Moncton has complied with the demands of the underwriters and now seeks the promised reduction. The matter was discussed at some length and it was decided that Mr. Clinch should go to Moncton and have a test made of the improved water service.

HAGGARD'S VERSATILITY.

Rider Haggard, whose romance of the crusades, "The Brethren," has just been brought out by McClure-Phillips, will, of course, always be considered a romanticist only, by the general public because of the great popularity of his "King Solomon's Mines," "She," etc. But Mr. Haggard's activities are very wide, indeed; and those who look at the list of his works catalogued opposite the title-page of his new book will find him credited with nearly thirty volumes not all romances by any manner of means. There is a volume of political history dealing with South Africa, two works on agriculture and country life, "Rural England" and "A Farmer's Year," a book of travel and then the novels and the romances.

DEGREE FOR EARL GREY.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—January 25th has been decided upon as the date upon which McGill University will confer the degree of L. L. D. upon Earl Grey.

"I hear he is a confirmed bibliophile." "How awful! I always fancied he was a teetotaler."

SERIOUS CHARGE BY IMMIGRANTS.

Claim They Were Deceived by C. P. R. Officials in England---They Are Stranded in St. John---Immoral Conduct in Steerage is Alleged.

Six men who came over from England on the steamship Lake Manitowish are very much displeased at what they claim is gross misrepresentation on the part of C. P. R. officials. The men are Augustine Bowles, George Rattery, T. Law, Abbott Smith, William Burns and Alfred Mungein.

They claim that they were assured by the C. P. R. agent in London that there would be no trouble in getting work here, and that men were in great demand. The men say they made inquiries here of the immigration bureau, and that the officials referred them to the C. P. R. officials at the general offices on King St. The men have not money enough to take them to the west, and the C. P. R. officers refuse to conduct them any farther. They said if they had known as much as they do know, they would not have come over here.

Mr. Mungein, one of the party, said he had been assured by the C. P. R. agent in London that there was lots of work to be had, and with that understanding he came out. He claims also that the officers of the steamer took \$5 from him for services rendered, which they were not entitled to. It seems that on the passage over Mr. Mungein cut his hand and the second cabin steward, summoned the surgeon of the ship to attend to the injury. Mr. Mungein claims that the medical attendance on the boats is free and that he should not have been compelled to pay for it.

He says that his pocketbook was taken from him and \$5 removed to pay the surgeon's fees. He has since learned that they have no right to charge him for medical attendance. He complained to the C. P. R. officials, but they told him they had nothing to do with the matter, and that he would have to see the steamship people.

RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Delay in Pere Marquette Shipments Receiving Attention.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—(Special)—The railway commissioners are now looking into the case of the Pere Marquette Railway. Mr. Bernier is of the opinion that the proper course to pursue is for the shippers to take the delays caused to their shipments and for other causes. Mr. Mills is looking into the matter to see if the commission cannot proceed direct against the company.

LOST COAT AND MONEY.

Robert Atchison met with a loss on Saturday evening last that he is likely to remember for some time. Early in the evening he went into Sam Ritchie's store on North Market street.

He removed his coat and after hanging it up engaged in a game of pool. Having finished playing he went out to put on his coat and was very much astonished to find it had been removed from the hook. Not only was the overcoat expensive, but the pockets contained a sum of money as well as a number of Christmas presents.

The police are working on the case, but have not yet succeeded in locating the guilty party.

On the Huckleberry Railroad Line. Passenger. I say, conductor, can't you run any faster than this? Tommy—Yes, suppose we could do a little better, but then, you know, passengers might not be able to read the advertising signs along the line quite so easily.

Tommy—"Pop, what are the cardinal virtues?" Tommy—"Pop, well, painting the town red is one of them, my son."

CUTLER MOUNTAIN MYSTERY IS APPROACHING SOLUTION.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Charles Nelson of this city firmly believes that the dead woman found on Cutler mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo., was her sister Mrs. Bessie Bouton. The main point upon which the conclusion is based is the peculiar nature of the dental work shown on the teeth of the dead woman. Other circumstances support this conclusion. She says Mrs. Bouton left Santa Barbara last August for Denver. It is said she travelled in company with a salesman.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 27.—The News today says:—"Bessie Bouton, believed to be the young woman who was found on Cutler Mountain with a bullet in her brain and her face burned beyond recognition, was a guest at the Albany Hotel from May 2 to July 23, according to the hotel register. She was accompanied by a man and the couple registered as F. Bouton and wife.

Bouton became a familiar figure at

Mr. Mungein further alleges that immortality was practiced in the steerage. He says he noticed several instances of immoral conduct.

Mr. Mungein says it was his intention to have a lady friend come over shortly, but after what he had seen, he certainly would not allow her to come over unescorted. Mr. Mungein was formerly a musician but was advised by his physician to take up outdoor work. He has been engaged in fruit culture and farming for about two years.

Another Complaint.

Complaint has been made that passengers are not properly met on arrival here. One Ottawa gentleman with his wife and children found their way over to the east side yesterday, to learn that they should have got transportation from the steamer to the railway station. The gentleman says the officials of the railway company should be more in evidence on arrival of steamers.

A Times' reporter called at the passenger department of the C. P. R. this morning, and inquired as to what arrangements were made for the transportation of passengers from the steamer to the train. Mr. Howard, a member of the staff, said that the saloon passengers were usually brought over in coaches, and the second cabin passengers were driven over by the transfer companies, unless there were enough of them to make up a special train for them. In some cases the passengers take their own head for it and come over to look around the city before proceeding on their journey.

Mr. Howard said that there were officials there on the arrival of each boat to look after the passengers, and they were sent over to the depot as soon as their tickets and baggage was arranged.

FREDERICTON LIQUOR CASE.

Two Witnesses Heard This Morning and an Adjournment Taken.

Fredericton, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Samuel Stafford, of Marysville, who was arrested for shop lifting Friday evening, was discharged from court today this morning. Nobody appeared to prosecute.

Two more witnesses testified this morning in the Scott Act case and for a third offense against John McCoy of the commercial hotel, but the evidence was unimportant. The case has been postponed until Saturday to procure additional witnesses. It is said that Rev. J. J. Colter, complainant in the case was furnished with the names of witnesses by a lady who had been keeping McCoy's place under surveillance.

The remains of the late Charles Estey, a civil war veteran, who died on Sunday were interred at Nashwaakiss this morning. The deceased was a millwright by trade and was well known along the river. He fought all through the American Civil War on the side of the North and at the time of his death was in receipt of a pension of twelve dollars per month from the government of the United States.

LATE PERSONALS.

Hon. L. J. Tweedie is registered at the Royal.

O. W. Stinson returned this morning from St. Andrews, where he was spending Christmas with his parents.

W. A. Hornbrook returned from Renfrew last night.

Mrs. Fred Gillen is critically ill at the city hospital, in Moncton. Her sister is with her from St. John.

AMERICAN IDEAS FOR CANADIAN BUILDINGS.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special)—John McDougall commissioner of customs, S. W. McMichael chief inspector of customs, and D. Ewart, chief architect of the public works department, have left for New York. They have gone to inspect the examining warehouses there with a view of utilizing the best features in them in similar buildings which it is intended to construct in Canada. The Canadian government have under contemplation the building of examining warehouses in Toronto and Winnipeg.

GOES TO MEXICO.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—(Special)—A. E. Donly, brother to Hal B. Donly, proprietor of the Simcoe Reformer, and the liberal candidate in Norfolk at the last general election, has been appointed by the Canadian government as commercial agent in Mexico. Mr. Donly's father is registrar of deeds in Norfolk county. Mr. Donly has been in Mexico for fifteen years. The Canadian Club there asked for his appointment.

TRAFFIC IS PARALYZED.

New York in the Grip of a Silver Thaw Today.

RAIN AND SLEET.

Trains Are Delayed and Trolley Lines Are at Times Practically Tied up---Wires Coated With Ice or Broken.

New York, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet with rising temperature following the recent heavy snow storms have greatly impeded traffic in and about New York.

Telegraphic communication has been considerably handicapped and nearly all through trains from the west and north are delayed owing to slippery rails. In the city the rain and sleet which froze as soon as it struck the ground makes walking hazardous and inconvenient and wherever there was a grade on the surface road there was great trouble. On the elevated lines brilliant electrical displays marked the passing of trains over the ice-coated third rail.

Brooklyn appeared to suffer more than Manhattan. There all the trolley lines were in trouble. At times the entire railroad system of the borough was practically tied up. Trains supposed to run in half an hour from the bridge to the end of the lines, required nearly two hours for the trip. How badly the telegraph and telephone wires have been crippled could not be estimated early today. All through the east and in Pennsylvania, the wires are coated with the ice and the extra weight has broken many of them.

New York, Dec. 27.—In addition to the delay caused by the sleet, the congested traffic of the upper harbor and the North and East rivers, crowded with ferry boats was hampered by a dense fog which wrapped the city and harbor in blinding folds. So dense was the fog that it was still almost dark at 7.30 a. m. and ferry boats bringing the stores and office employees from Jersey City and Brooklyn to Manhattan made their way slowly from ship to slip in constant danger of collision. Up through N. Y. State many wires were down, and those which were not could only be operated slowly. Service to Chicago was greatly delayed. In New England the conditions were better, but at many points business was moved slowly.

St. Louis in Line.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—The blizzard that has been raging in the west struck St. Louis and vicinity today and there was a fall of 28 degrees in the temperature in less than two hours.

Kansas Has It Too.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—This portion of the southwest was today in the grasp of a genuine blizzard which extended through Missouri into Oklahoma and Indian territory. Snow fell to a depth of nearly a foot and a high wind, which drifted badly. Railway trains in every direction were delayed. At some points telegraph and telephone wires were down. In Kansas City in Iowa and Nebraska, telephone and telegraph wires were rendered useless by sleet for many hours. The thermometer near close to the zero mark, a fall of 35 degrees within 24 hours.

BAD FIRE AT BLOOMFIELD.

House and Two Barns Owned by Gilbert Titus Burned Last Night.

Bloomfield Dec. 27.—(Special)—About 12 o'clock last night the fine residence and two barns, the property of Gilbert Titus, were destroyed by fire, the occupants narrowly escaping with their lives. The only persons in the house at the time, were Mr. and Mrs. Titus, and a small boy. They were sleeping on the second floor and were awakened by the smell of smoke. Even then the fire had made considerable headway and it was with much difficulty they escaped. Unfortunately none of the neighbors knew anything about the fire until it was over. A small quantity of furniture was saved from the lower flat, and the horse and wagon were got out of the barn. The fire is believed to have caught from the furnace. The property was valued at about \$2500 and was insured for \$1,000.

EBEN PERKINS GAINS HIS POINT.

No Extension of Liquor Licenses Will Be Granted by the Commissioners After the First of Next May---Will Enforce the Law.

Eben Perkins has laid information against the liquor license commissioners Col. Blaine, M. Coll and P. A. Linton, charging them with granting to William J. Savage of 265 Main street an extension of license before the 1st and 30th of November last. The case was before the court today.

Walter H. Trueman appeared for the commissioners.

John B. Jones, the liquor license inspector, was the only witness examined. Mr. Jones testified that on the 27th of July last the board authorized an extension of three months to Mr. Savage. This was the last meeting of the board that was held. Mr. Trueman was, however, willing that evidence be given of any verbal transactions. Mr. Jones said that some time in October a further extension of three months was granted. There was no evidence given that this was the authorized act of the board. Mr. Trueman said that the license commission had no desire to take advantage of any technical objection, or to move for dismissal of the charge on the ground that a sufficient case in law was not made out. The commissioners had succeeded to a condition of affairs that for a number of years had been in existence and it was very difficult for them to reduce the number of licenses. They had sought to do so last May, but so many representations had been made to them of the hardship being inflicted on former licensees that they felt constrained to grant extensions.

In the case of Mr. Savage, he had always been a respectable licensee, and would have been granted a license had it not been that his landlord had sought to get it away from him for himself, and the delay thus caused led to his failure to obtain a license.

The board had every desire to conform to the law, and were very anxious to keep the number of licenses within the number fixed by the law. He was authorized by the board to say to Mr. Perkins and to all persons who desire that the number of licenses be kept within the limit prescribed by the act, that after the first of May next, no extensions would be granted. It was not desired that the case be fought on any of the narrow grounds of law, and that Mr. Perkins take this assurance as one that would be kept.

Mr. Perkins was informed by the magistrate that it would be necessary for him to carry the evidence further if he desired a conviction, as a number of points could be raised that the evidence was not sufficiently strong. Mr. Perkins said that he felt he had obtained the object he had in view, and did not wish to proceed any farther. He thanked Mr. Trueman for the fairness of the statement. The proceedings then terminated.

HONORS FOR RAILWAY MEN.

Reported that C. M. Hays and D. McNicoll Are to be Knighted.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Rumour has had that both Charles M. Hays, General Manager of the Grand Trunk, and D. McNicoll, general manager, of the Canadian Pacific, are to be knighted on January 1st. Enquiry at the head office of both companies develops the fact that neither of these gentlemen is as yet aware that he is to be the recipient of the honor in question.

THE DUBLIN JARVEY.

(Vance Thompson in December Outing.) The Dublin Jarveys are not what you would call good whips. They drive, as unladylike people say, like the devil; they cut around corners feathery enough and go slapping up heart-breaking hills; but nine out of ten of them drive with a loose rein. They talk to the fare and the little horse runs on, doing the best he can and following his own dauntless will. I lay no fault upon the jarvey. The Irish horse shares Paddy's grudge for independence. Of him, too, it may be said that he serves without servility. The jarvey—light-hearted lad, be he young or old—gains in the run of the days an average of six shillings. The fares are jolly cheap. For a "set-down" within the boundary the charge for two persons, between 9 a. m. and 10 p. m., is only sixpence. By time the charges are one-and-sixpence an hour, with an added sixpence for each succeeding half hour. Still the jarvey does fairly well. Barney, who is no better than the others, took me to his home. It was in Spring Garden, where there are rows upon rows of neat little red-brick cottages, with gardens and stables. They rent at £20 a year. Owing his car as he does Barney pays no car-rent to anyone, and if he drives Lawler's mare, 'tis more for love than profit. Year in and year out he puts by a bit, for the "childer, God bless 'em!" are growing and will have need of education. In his smart little home, with his smart little wife, there are no "luckier men than he."

"If twere not for the fightin'!" says Mrs. O'Lea, "a better man than Barney never pulled a shirt over his head."

Barney, it seems, believes that animosities should be cultivated. Being a good man with his hands and blithe and gay in battle, he colors the week's end with riot.

RUSSIA DISTURBED BY A RED CROSS SCANDAL.

New York, Dec. 27.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Herald dated December 26 says: Owing to the wholesale misappropriation of Red Cross funds and material which has entirely estranged public sympathy, no one will subscribe to the fund. It is announced officially that a complete and thorough re-organization will be made. At the same time a loud outcry has been raised against the commissary department for having culpably failed in its duties. Since Prince Khilkoff has returned, the Trans-Siberian railroad has been managed most erratically, causing much trouble, as the accumulated stores have been consumed and now

the army is depending on what the railroad brings. The cold is causing intense suffering.

The Hague, Dec. 27.—The report that Holland will place Sobang (in the Straits Settlements, twenty miles north of Malacca) at the disposal of the Russian second Pacific squadron as reported from Tokio, in a despatch to the London Times, is devoid of foundation. It is learned in official quarters that Holland will observe the same strict neutrality in her colonies as at home and that neither Sobang nor any other points in the Dutch East Indies, will be placed, either directly or indirectly, at the disposal of the belligerents.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Admiral Baron Von Spaun, of the Austro-Hungarian navy, who, at the opening session in Paris, Dec. 22, of the International commission to inquire into the North Sea incident, was unanimously elected the fifth member of that body has agreed to serve on the commission.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Thurston of Pagan Place, will hear with regret of the death of his youngest daughter, which took place at 4.20 o'clock this morning. The little one had been ill only a short time and nothing serious anticipated. The babe was but months old.

CHILDREN CREMATED.

Four Little Ones Burned Before Mother's Eyes IN A FARM HOUSE.

North Bay, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The farm house of Mr. Lafreniere, situated a short distance from Calender, was totally destroyed by fire with all the contents. The four children of the family, the eldest being about six years of age, perished in the flames. The mother of the children had temporarily left the little ones alone while she went to deliver some milk to a nearby neighbor. Noticing flames issuing from her house she immediately started for home, hoping to be in time to rescue her children but, when she arrived, the flames had already enveloped the house and the lives of her children were past saving. The poor woman was almost distracted by the terrible calamity to her home and family, and was prevented from rushing into the midst of the flames only by a number of neighbors who had gathered. The charred remains of the four children were subsequently taken from the ruins.

CHINESE ENVOY TO INVESTIGATE.

Has Started for Thibet to Look Into the Conditions There.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 27.—Tang Shao Kao, taoti of Tien Tsin, left this morning en route to Thibet, to investigate conditions there. Tang Shao Ki, who was educated at Yale College, was formerly secretary to Yuan Shai Kan, viceroy of Chi Li province. He is conversant with foreign affairs and is not considered anti-foreign although jealous of Chinese interests. He was commanded in the latter part of September to proceed to Thibet and was created a metropolitan officer of the third rank. He was also promoted to the military rank of lieutenant general.

REFORM IN RUSSIA.

Moscow, Dec. 27.—At the meeting of the Moscow Zemstvo today in the presence of a great audience resolutions of confidence and congratulation were passed on the appointment of Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky as minister of the interior, and at the prospect of closer relations and mutual confidence between the government and the people. The Zemstvo then voted \$150,000 for the construction of school houses to mark its satisfaction. It is reported that Chief of Police Troppoff, who took an active part in the suppression of the recent student demonstration is about to be sent to the front.

It was announced from St. Petersburg yesterday that the social revolutionary party in Moscow before the demonstrations of Dec. 18 and 19, practically issued a warning condemning to death Grand Duke Sergius, governor of Moscow, and Chief of Police Troppoff, if during these demonstrations there should be a recurrence of the police brutality which was witnessed in St. Petersburg.

RECEIVED BY LORD CURZON.

Calcutta, Dec. 27.—Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, received Prince Inyat Ullah, son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, with great ceremony at noon today in the throne room at the government house. Both the viceroy and the prince were attended by brilliant staffs. The scene was most effective and the prince was evidently delighted with his reception.

NEW C. P. R. STEAMERS.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—The Canadian Pacific Railway company has decided to place two new steamers, each 550 feet long, with a speed of 19 knots, in the Oriental trade in conjunction with the three Empress liners operated by the company. The steamers are being built by the Fairfield on the Clyde.

AGREES TO SERVE.

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