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Silk Mufflers, Suits, Overcoats and Leather Goods.

W. E. FARRELL
The Broadway Store - Opposite Normal School

THELMA, THE QUEEN OF PERFUMES, the Latest Sensation. We will give **Free** to the first 20 Ladies buying 1 oz. of 75c perfume (your choice of any odor of the largest stock in town) 1 Linen Handkerchief, 1 Chatelaine sample Thelma Perfume. Ladies think it over, be one of the 20.

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Sterling Silver Cuff Links, 50c pair
Gold Plated do 50c to \$1.00 pr
Gold Filled do \$1.25 to \$3.00 pr
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Men's Suits Neckwear
Men's Overcoats Handkerchiefs
Underwear Hosiery
Caps Blankets
Braces Suit Cases
Muslins Prints
Laces Ribbons
Table Linens Napkins.

FOR CHRISTMAS, AT OUR STORE.

We are always busy, a sure indication our prices are the Lowest in the city.

Want of Space prevents us enumerating many lines for useful XMAS GIFTS and extend a Cordial Invitation to inspect our stock.

PETER FARRELL & CO

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF NEW YORK EXPLOSION

Nine People Known to Have Been Killed Four Missing and One Hundred and Twenty-Five Injured--Illuminating Gas Main Caused the Explosion--Many People Had Miraculous Escape.

New York, Dec. 19.—The very heart and backbone of Manhattan Island were shaken this morning by a terrific explosion of illuminating gas in the auxiliary power house of the Grand Central Station. Nine persons two of them women, are known to have been killed, 125 injured and property was damaged to the extent of \$500,000.

Four workmen, who are missing, are believed also to have perished. Of the 125 injured, 98 were removed to hospitals, of whom 8 may die. An investigation by the police, the district attorney's office and the coroner's office is under way. Traffic on the New York Central Railroad ceased entirely for some hours, and was disorganized for the remainder of the day, but the new station itself, now in process of construction, was not damaged.

THE DEAD.

Nicola Galucci, laborer.
Patrick Jordan, laborer.
E. B. Livermore, Pullman car inspector.
C. McMorro, laborer.
Edith Offner, stenographer.
Mary B. Pope, Boston.
Charles Roberts, expressman.
Frank Staggs, watchman.
John Ryan, laborer.

The injured include laborers and other employees of the railroad, pedestrians, bystanders and others in the vicinity of the accident. A passing surface car carrying seven passengers was lifted from its trucks and hurled into an automobile running alongside. Four of the seven passengers were killed outright, but the chauffeur of the motor car was only bruised and cut.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Of the nearly 100 in hospitals, the following are the most seriously injured:

Unidentified woman, fractured skull.
Michael Ryan, fractured skull and internal injuries.
Yetta Abrahamson, fractured skull and internal injuries.
Theresa Lottman, fractured skull and shoulder.
John Smith, injuries to the head.
Francis Kelly, policeman, burned and bruised.

John Cunningham, burned.
Unidentified man, internal injuries.
For some hours it was believed that dynamite alone could have wrought such instantaneous and pulverizing havoc, but late in the afternoon Fire Chief Croker said he was convinced the whole explosion was due to a mixture of air and illuminating gas, used in lighting railroad cars, touched off by an electric spark. The gas had accumulated in the auxiliary power house from a broken pipe snapped off by a runaway passenger car.

The force of the explosion ran north and south for two miles along the rocky ridge that is the backbone of the island, and east and west laterally for a mile. Foundations were jarred, walls were shaken out of plumb, windows were blown in by the thousand, ceilings came crashing down on the heads of those beneath, and the pavements were littered with pulverized glass that topped the shoe-soles.

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS.

The full amount of the property damage is as yet unavailable and may exceed the rough and conservative estimate of \$500,000. The loss to the New York Central Railroad Company includes the physical damage

done to the power house, which was utterly wrecked; the delay to construction work and the damage done to cars standing near the power house.

The loss to shopkeepers and property owners in the vicinity will spread over a wide range of items. Christmas displays were blown backwards into the shops, sucked into the street or cut to ribbons by flying glass. Whole fronts of buildings were left without a window like sightless masks.

As nearly as can be determined, this is how the accident occurred:

A train load of empty passenger cars, hauled by an electric motor, in charge of Albert Seagratt, got out of control of the brakes, crashed into the steel and concrete buffet post, snapped the post off and rammed a pile of lumber behind the post into a two and one-half inch gas main, connecting with the taps from which the tanks of the passenger cars are charged at 250 pounds to the square inch.

By the testimony of the motorman, and that of John P. Quinn, a bricklayer working on the main power house, adjoining the auxiliary house, the time of the break in the pipe, is approximately at a few minutes after 3 o'clock. Two clocks stopped by the jar fix the time of the explosion itself at 8.22. In the interval, the broken main had ample time to pour high pressure gas into the lower level of the auxiliary power house. When workmen set to cleaning away the strewn lumber, it is assumed, that one of them dropped a steel tool across the third rail; there was a flash of electricity, and the great reservoir of accumulated gas exploded.

What happened then will never be adequately told. The roof of the fire house No. 2, directly across the street from the power house, lifted like a magic carpet. A shower of glass, bricks, mortar and splintered timbers began to rain down on the pavements. In an instant the streets were filled with prostrate men and women, blown flat by the shock of the detonation and the rush of air. Black robed priests from St. Patrick's Cathedral, nearby, and white coated ambulance surgeons, passed each other on kindred errands of consolation and comfort. Persons who retained some connected idea of their impressions of these moments say that there seemed to be two distinct air currents—one pushed outward by the force of the explosion itself, and the other a rebounding cushion of air compressed against confining walls.

A practical illustration of how this concussion and re-percussion worked is given in the experience of a little girl in a candy store, a block away from the power house. When the explosion came the plate glass front of the shop door was driven inward, pushing the child before it with an impalpable hand, but before she could reach the rear wall, the confined air, bounding outward again, hurled her into the street unhurt.

That the death list did not reach into the hundreds was seemingly a dispensation of Providence. Half an hour later, the streets directly in front of the power house would have been crowded with school children. No incoming or outgoing passengers were passing. If a crowded suburban train had stood on the rails instead of files of empty cars when the walls of the power house blew out, it is difficult to imagine what the resultant horror would have been.

OBITUARY

The dark messenger of death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Hunter of Bloomfield Ridge on Sabbath morning the 18th inst and called home their little darling Martha Alice aged five months. About six weeks ago she took whooping cough which was prevalent in the district. The funeral service was conducted at the home of her parents by Robert Watson the Presbyterian missionary. Many friends and neighbors were present to show their respect and sympathy. She leaves a sorrowing mother, father, grandmother, five brothers and three sisters to mourn the loss of the little one who brightened their home for a few months "Asleep in Jesus, oh how sweet."

AT THE BIJOU

A programme that will suit anyone the Vitagraph, "The Tale of a Hat," is some comedy and for an Indian picture "An Indian's Gratitude" is about as good as you could see. The two Lubin pictures are also good and everyone will like Miss Gass' song. Vitagraph's Feature "The Nine of Diamonds" tomorrow.

CARLETON'S ABLE MEMBER TALKS OF THE SESSION

(St. John Telegraph)

F. B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton county, arrived in the city yesterday en route home from Ottawa. He speaks of the session just adjourned for Christmas as being a comparatively busy one. One of its most interesting features was the visit of the farmers. The government gave them a very attentive hearing he said and would comply with their demands as far as possible. Some of their demands he considered were a little excessive. For instance they asked for a reduction which in reality meant a removal of the duty on farming implements. While the government would consider a certain reduction they would hardly go so far as the westerners seemed to want. A removal of the duty on farming implements would mean a corresponding removal on the duty on the raw material, such as steel, oil, etc., and this would be instrumental in killing Canadian industries. Like the westerners, the government felt that in some cases there was too much protection in Canada, and wherever it would appear advantageous they meant to remedy it. This representative delegation also requested the government in addition to building to operate the Hunson Bay Railroad. The operation of the road was a matter which would have to be considered. In this respect, however, he thought that everything could be arranged satisfactorily in his opinion something along the lines of a trunk system would be very suitable.

"The navy question," he said, "owing to the stand which Messrs. Borden, Monk and Bourassa have taken unfortunately can be said to have certain unpleasant features about it. These three working in unison are doing their utmost to stir up a racial feeling, which to say the least is bound to have ill effects." He put great faith, however, in the good sense of the French people who he felt at the crucial moment would show themselves to be animated with the true Canadian spirit. In Quebec the navy was not a money question. The gospel of conscription had been preached by this trio and the antagonism at present existing was due to the fact that the unsuspecting habitant believed that the advent of a navy meant the dragging of their children from their homes and forcing them into bloody strife. Monk on the floor of parliament admitted that this was the feeling which was being aroused.

When reminded that St. John seemed to be well looked after in the estimates Mr. Carvell remarked: "Well I am not in a position to give out any inside information. And as a matter of fact if I had any inside information I don't suppose I could give it out, anyway. I do say this, however, and I am sanguine about it too, that before May 1. next you will see extensive work in the way of constructing wharves and terminals going on here."

FAMOUS DETECTIVE

The great sensational detective feature "A Case of Identity" by Edison in which Hogarth the famous detective plays the prominent role was shown last evening at the Unique and made a decided hit. Same will be repeated tonight. Special matinee Saturday 2.30 Daily matinees next week.

Mr. A. G. Blair, who was here attending the funeral of a relative, returned to Ottawa last evening.

SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

The condition of Mr. George Charters, of New Maryland, whose skull was fractured by a horse trampling him, is reported today to be slightly improved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The special committee of the City Council appointed to consider the matter of a dispute between City Marshall Rogers and a local baker, will meet on Thursday at 8 p. m.

SCOTT ACT RUMORS

There is a rumor current that three men supposed to be searching for evidence of violation of the Canada Temperance Act, arrived in the city Saturday night and on Sunday employed various parties to buy liquor for them. It is said they made their headquarters at a local hotel, but were requested to leave on Monday morning. The men are said to belong to Bangor, Me. The authorities deny any knowledge of the men or their movements.

SIR WILFRED

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and the members of the government are not at all sure. Men of strong convictions and definite ideas can scarcely be expected lightly to abandon them even to please their political friends.

LOST

Large black fur glove lost Saturday night. Finder please leave at The Mail Office.

XMAS PRESENTS

Many are at this time deciding what to buy for Christmas presents. Following is a list of Goods suitable for Christmas Giving, which are appropriate and much appreciated.

FOR MOTHER

A Nice Fur, Dress Length, Waist Length, Net Waists, Umbrella, Kid Gloves, Handkerchief, Muffler and lots of other things.

FOR FATHER

A Nice Umbrella, Necktie, Silk or Satin Muffler, Kid Gloves, Braces, Fancy Hose, All Linen Handkerchief, Etc., Etc.

FOR SISTER

Angora Gloves, Kid Gloves, Nansen Muffler, Coat Sweater, a Set of Furs, a Pretty Belt, a Fancy Collar, Fancy Hat Pin, etc.

FOR BROTHER

A Nice Pair of President Suspenders, Necktie, Lined Mocha Gloves, Muffler, Sweater, Underwear, Hose, Umbrella, etc.

TENNANT & HOLDER.

GOOD PIPES

THE SHIELD BRAND at - 35c
THE OXFORD at - 50c
H. B. B. SPECIAL at - \$1.25

Also a choice line of Silver Mounted Case Pipes in Briar, Meerchaum and Calabash. Moreover every Pipe is guaranteed against cracking or burning.

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Good Keepers.

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INVITATION

You will not make any mistake in supplying your Christmas needs from my stock of Perfumes, Sachet Powders, Toilet Waters, and Toilet Articles of various kinds. It is well assorted and comprehensive. Your inspection is respectfully solicited.

C. Fred. Chestnut The Quality Drug Store
572 QUEEN ST.

XMAS GIFTS

We have just received another shipment of the

Rayo Lamps

In Old Brass and Nickel Finish

Nickel Finish with White Shade . . . \$2.25
Nickel Finish with Green Shade . . . 2.50
Old Brass Finish with White Shade . . . 2.50
Old Brass Finish with Green Shade . . . 2.70

See Window Display

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Absolutely Pure
The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar
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