

DEADLY ACETYLENE GAS.

Hotel Torn to Pieces by the Force of an Explosive Shock.

TWO INMATES KILLED AND A DOZEN OTHERS WERE SEVERELY INJURED.

Ridgetown, Ont., Nov. 12.—The explosion of an acetylene plant in the cellar of the Loosier House resulted in one of the worst disasters in the history of the town. The explosion occurred shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the place was well filled with people.

The tale of victims shows two killed and six injured, of whom two may not recover.

For some time before the explosion occurred people in the vicinity had noticed the smell of escaping gas, but those inside the building were apparently unaware of the danger until within a minute or so before the concussion.

The lights suddenly went out, and the proprietor went to investigate. He groped his way to the cellar door, which was in the rear of the front hallway, and as he opened the door was met by a blinding puff of flame, and then came the roar of the explosion.

In an instant the floors parted and the hotel was riven from the cellar up to the floor of the top storey. The whole front was blown out. The walls tottered from top to bottom, and the first and second floors fell with a crash into the cellar.

Buried beneath the ruins were at least a dozen people, and to the rescue of these the townspeople set to work. It was no light thing to venture within the compass of the ruined building, the high brick walls of which were quivering as though every minute would see them crash down.

One of the first to be taken from the debris was J. W. Atkinson, canvasser for the London Advertiser. He was frightfully injured, and died in a nearby store within half an hour.

A. B. Weir, auctioneer, of this place, was also soon reached. He was taken to the Queen's Hotel, but his injuries were such that from the first no hope was entertained. He died at 9.30, never having regained consciousness.

Following is a list of the injured removed from the ruins: Capt. Thos. R. Watson, Ridgetown; Col. Wm. Barclay, Ridgetown; John W. McKenzie, Howard Township; Miss Adamson, Ridgetown; Michael Doherty, Ridgetown; H. W. Purcell, Ridgetown; John Beddard, aged seven, Ridgetown.

Of these Mr. McKenzie's skull is fractured. He has regained consciousness, but may not recover. Miss Adamson has a bad scalp wound, but will recover. Captain Watson has a slight concussion of the brain, but will also recover. Mr. Purcell's injuries are in the head, but are not serious. The others are not hurt.

The hotel is badly wrecked. The front is practically destroyed. All the floors are blown up, and the place cannot be rebuilt.

Several nearby stores are damaged, and plate glass windows within a block are all smashed.

But for the work of firemen, the hotel would probably have been turned, as the flames had commenced when they arrived.

The cause of the explosion is a mystery, inasmuch as Proprietor H. W. Purcell states positively that the acetylene plant was in good order when he last inspected it, and had been cleaned yesterday. He states that the machine had been approved by the underwriters.

It had been in successful operation for about eight months.

Coroner Young has called an inquest, the first sitting of which will take place today.

The disaster, like all of its kind, had many peculiarities. The machine stood in front of the cellar directly under the office, and while entirely wrecking the front part of the house, it left the rear

uninjured. Mrs. Purcell and her staff of five girls, who were in the kitchen, escaped without a scratch. A horse tied in front of Northway's fifty yards away, was struck by flying glass and had one foot nearly severed.

A peculiar coincidence is that this is the second explosion in Ridgetown through which P. Watson has gone. Unfortunately he did not escape so well as in the one which wrecked his mill and caused several deaths a few years ago. Although the results of the accident were appalling they were not nearly so bad as might have been, for the explosion could not have taken place at a more opportune time. There was a downpour of rain at the time, and the streets were practically deserted. Had it been an hour later the streets would have been full of home-going workmen, and many more would have been in the house.

There were several in the bar at the time, but, strange as it may seem, all escaped with nothing worse than a shaking up of body and nerves.

UNFIT FOR WORK.

The Result of Severe Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

After Years of Much Distress Mr. W. F. Kennedy Has Been Restored to a Life of Activity.

There is probably no man in the township of Pelham, Welland County, better known than Mr. Wilbur F. Kennedy. He is a prosperous farmer and the owner of a large cooerage, and is held in the highest esteem by all who have his acquaintance. Mr. Kennedy is now seventy-two years of age, and is as active and rugged as many a man years younger. For years, however, he was a great sufferer from kidney trouble and he cheerfully gives credit for his present good health to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Kennedy says: "Ten years ago, as the result of exposure, I think, I was stricken with kidney and bladder trouble in a severe form. The complaint at times caused me most intense suffering and great personal discomfort as I would often have to arise a dozen times in the night. I tried many kinds of treatment and some of the best physicians, but their skilled efforts were unavailing, and as a result I lost in flesh, grew very weak, and was troubled also with insomnia. I grew despondent and felt that I was doomed to a life of suffering, if not an early death. At this stage I was prevailed upon to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. After using four boxes I could see a distinct improvement in my condition, and I gladly continued the use of the pills until all the symptoms of the trouble had passed away, and I was again strong and healthy. It is no exaggeration to say that at the time I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I was so weak that I could not lift twenty-five pounds, while now I am quite sure I can lift as much as any man of my age. I believe the pills not only relieved me of the misery I suffered, but have added years to my life."

Anaemia, rheumatism, kidney trouble, heart ailments, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, and the many ailments peculiar to women are speedily cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, simply because these pills make new, rich, red blood, and thus reach the very root of the trouble. There are pink colored imitations of this great medicine but the buyer can protect himself against these impositions by seeing that the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" is printed on the wrapper around every box. Sold by all dealers in medicine or direct by mail from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

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Dog Acts as a Caddy.

New York, Nov. 13.—One has heard of dogs becoming noted on links as fine caddies, but not until Miss Maud Pottle's Bob stepped into the breach is there any previous record of a canine carrying clubs. Bob carries for his mistress regularly over the Marine and Field Club links and has three clubs on each side. He is a greyhound of the bluest blue blood. He is shortly to be presented with a medal by members of his mistress' club.

Hitherto many dogs have become famous in the capacity of fine caddies. At St. Andrew's, Trow and Lythan and St. Ann's links each boasts of its wonderful canine. Bob, however, stands by himself, and will undoubtedly be handed down in golf history.

HE DESERVED PITY

His suffering from Sciatica was so great but thanks to Nerviline he was cured. "I suffered for three years from sciatica" writes E. S. Jenkins, of Portland, "and no man ever suffered more. I spent a small fortune on different remedies but the only one with real merit was Nerviline. I used a few bottles of Nerviline and was perfectly cured. I can recommend Nerviline as a sure cure for sciatica; its excellent also for rheumatism and neuralgia." Try Nerviline, 25c at all druggists.

A Heroic Operation.

Toronto, Nov. 12.—The advance of surgery is strongly evidenced by a recent operation which was successfully performed at Grace Hospital. A diseased portion of a man's brain has been removed, and he has been cured of a long standing subjection to epileptic fits. Mr. R. Blakey, of Toronto, was the patient, and he was daily seized with three or four fits, during which he would become violent. He is 57 years of age, and the operation to effect a cure was considered nothing short of heroic. Upon diagnosis it was found that a diseased portion of the brain must be removed. In order to do this a piece was cut out of the skull, of about the size of a 50 cent piece and the brain was laid bare. The diagnosis had been a correct one, and the piece of brain known as the left corticle centre was removed. This was five days ago. Since then there has been no recurrence of the fits, and Mr. Blakey is now well advanced toward recovery. No plate will be put over the hole in the skull, as was formerly the custom in such cases. Mr. Blakey will go about with that part of his brain bare.

Canadian Girls Libelled.

London, Nov. 12.—An Englishwoman in Canada writes to the Leader, caustically criticizing the taste and appearance of Canadian women. She says no English girl who lets her lover go to Canada to make a home for her need fear that he will fall a victim to the charms of the Canadian girl. In Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal the typical face is hard-featured, sallow, frequently maddy-complexioned, no doubt the result of over heated rooms, pastry and candy. She says: "One seldom sees the pink and white skin of the English girl. The Canadian girls have long, thick hair, dressed in the Gibson girl fashion. The girls are well set up and neat, but have no idea of softening their hard features by a less hard style of dress. The London shop girl would look a perfect elegant in Toronto or Montreal. The Toronto woman when over thirty does not realize that to wear her hair dragged up behind and tight in front, enmounted by a hard-looking felt hat, only serves to intensify her plainness. Royal blue or pure white are the two colors which least accord with the Canadian girl's complexion."

ALMOST EVERY WOMAN

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Football Player Near to Death's Door.

New York, Nov. 13.—His brain injured in hard football play, Raymond McVeigh, a young athlete, is lying at the point of death in the home of his father, William McVeigh, at No 9 Spencer Court, Brooklyn. There were indications late last evening that consciousness, which left him on Saturday, was returning, but the physicians say that even if he survives he will never regain his sight.

McVeigh is eighteen years old and is a member of the Cadillac football team.

On election day the Cadillac boys went to Long Branch to play. They were surprised to find men opposing them. McVeigh arrived home with a severe cut over his right eyebrow. He worked Wednesday and Thursday, but complained of illness Thursday night. He remained home Friday.

His mother Saturday morning found him lying in the middle of the floor. The room was in disorder. The pillows and bed coverings were scattered about, the bric-a-brac had been knocked from the bureau and mantel, and it seemed as if the boy, in a delirium, had thought he was playing football until he fell unconscious.

Dr. Pieron, the family physician, said that the boy's brain had been injured. During the day he became delirious and his father had to hold him in bed.

Spent Over \$2,000 Doctoring.

Mr. Joseph Pominville, of Stillwater, Minn., after having spent over \$2,000 with the best doctors for stomach trouble, without relief, was advised to try a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He did so, and is a well man today. For sale by all druggists.

Lena Ashwell's Sally.

London, Nov. 13.—Lena Ashwell, a leading actress and the principal guest now of the Vagabond Club, responding to a toast, said she was surprised to find herself the principal guest of such a club, for most of her childhood had been passed in a little wooden house in Canada, where her duties were washing, mending, baking and cooking. Englishmen, she said, laughed at the colonial accent, but the colonial would occasionally smile at the accent heard in London.

Miss Ashwell, whose name in private life is Daisy Pocock, is well known in Toronto, where she attended the Bishop Strachan School.

Trailing Skirts.

"Ladies don't wear trailing skirts, as they are an element in spreading disease," said Mrs. James L. Hughes to the members of the Household Economic Association at Toronto. The fashion plates of the twentieth century, continued Mrs. Hughes, dictate that women are not stylishly gowned unless they are wearing a trailing skirt. It was a tiresome task for some ladies to hold up the train, but they had to have the fashion just the same. These trains if held up gather the filth and dirt of the streets, and their being hung in wardrobes without being properly brushed spread microbes in the house.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other soap powders, as it also acts as a disinfectant.

Can Dance Now.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 13.—Lolita Armour, whom Dr. Lorenz, of Vienna, treated for hip disease, is so far recovered that she is able to dance. She has entered a private dancing academy and will soon be able to move with all the freedom of other children.

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Hon. Lewis E. Johnson is the son of the late Reverdy Johnson who was United States Senator from Maryland, also Attorney General under President Johnson, and United States Minister to England, and who was regarded as the greatest constitutional lawyer that ever lived.

In a recent letter from 1006 F St., N. W., Washington, D. C., Mr. Johnson says: "No one should longer suffer from catarrh when Peruna is accessible. To my knowledge it has caused relief to so many of my friends and acquaintances, that it is humanity to commend its use to all persons suffering with this distressing disorder of the human system."—Lewis E. Johnson.

Catarrh Poisons.

Catarrh is capable of changing all the life-giving secretions of the body into scalding fluids, which destroy and inflame every part they come in contact with. Applications to the places affected by catarrh can do little good save to soothe or quiet disagreeable symptoms. Hence it is that gargles, sprays, atomizers and inhalants only serve as temporary relief.

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