

MANY LIVES LOST.

Sixty-four Men Burned to Death Underground.

OVER FORTY LOST BY CAPSIZING OF A LAUNCH.

A Series of Disasters in Japan.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 6.—News is brought by the steamer Empress of China of a disaster in Kobe harbor on January 19, as a result of which between forty and fifty lives were lost. The steamers Yokohama, Maru and Genkai Maru were being repaired and the steam launch Hayabusa was sent to take their workmen from one steamer to the other. When the launch was near the stern of the Genkai Maru a strong northwest gale swept over the harbor and capsized the launch, which foundered in a few minutes. Some of the men swam to the Genkai Maru, others were rescued by Sampansante launch, but between 40 and 50 were drowned. Twenty-eight bodies were recovered.

Fire occurred on January 17 in the Urushiu colliery, Fukuoka, Ken, Japan, and sixty-four miners were burned to death. Two and twenty miners were working in the mine when a miner accidentally ignited a dynamite fuse and an explosion followed. Many escaped, but gas formed rapidly, and a cave-in at the pit's mouth blocked up the mine, imprisoning sixty-four men, who all lost their lives.

The plague is increasing at Tokio. It seems that the germs were imported in cotton from Bombay. Doctor Yokota, the quarantine officer, was one of the victims. He succumbed on January 14. On the day of his death the Japanese Emperor bestowed on him the order of the Rising Sun with the sixth order of merit, and 1920 yen has been granted to his family.

As a result of a combat between one hundred fishing smacks of the Japanese coast a heavy loss of life has resulted. It was reported that 45 had been killed.

Inflamed Nose and Throat

And such diseases of the respiratory organs as Bronchitis, Weak Lungs, Cold in the Head and Nasal Catarrh, are treated with marvelous success on strictly scientific principles by Catarrhazone. The medicated vapor of Catarrhazone quickly traverses every air passage possible to be reached by any treatment. All soreness, pain, congestion and inflammation are at once dispelled, and by means of the healing powers of Catarrhazone the vitiated tissues are quickly restored. Where Catarrhazone is used colds last only ten minutes, coughs half an hour, and Catarrh, Consumption, Asthma and Bronchitis flee as from fire. A trial will convince anyone of the startling merit of Catarrhazone. Costs \$1.00, small size 25c. At Druggists, or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills cure Constipation.

The Father Arrested.

Collingwood, Ont., Feb. 6.—A small child of Mr. A. H. Clarke, which was insured for a small amount, died under peculiar circumstances. The doctor who was called to the house by the father found the child cold in death and came to the conclusion that the death had been caused by a convulsion of some kind. The father of the child stated to the doctor that he had placed strychnine on cheese to kill rats and that the child had eaten the cheese and also that he insured the child's life. The circumstances aroused the suspicions of the doctor, who thereupon performed a post-mortem examination and found cheese in the stomach of the child as stated by the father. The mother of the child stated that she had given the child some beer from a glass from which

she had drunk and which had made her deathly sick. The circumstances led to a coroner's inquest at which the above facts were brought out. Clarke was arrested during the proceedings and is held awaiting further developments. Mr. Aubrey A. Bond has been retained to defend the prisoner. The inquest was adjourned until Monday, when Crown Attorney Cotter will take charge of the proceedings.

PALE AND LISTLESS.

A Condition That Effects Very Many Women.

The Appetite Fails—Strength Departs and the Sufferer Feels That Life is Really a Burden.

From "The Topic," Petrolia, Ont.

It is impossible that a medicine can be so widely known and used as are Dr. Williams' Pink Pills without striking results frequently becoming known and the merits of this great remedy for the common ailments of man and woman kind being published. Mrs. Thos. Kettle, of Petrolia, Ont., is a case in point. Mrs. Kettle is an old resident of this district and is well known. Coasting with a reporter of the Topic the other day the conversation drifted on the subject of medicines, when Mrs. Kettle spoke in the highest praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which, she said, had cured her of a long illness. Our reporter, being naturally interested, made further enquiries, when Mrs. Kettle gave him the following particulars:—"I am the mother of twelve children and in spite of the constant strain and worry the raising of so large a family entailed upon me in addition to my household work, I was for many years blessed with splendid health. However, after the birth of my last child my strength seemed to fail me and I felt that my health was gradually going. I consulted a doctor and continued under his treatment for some months, but the only result that I could see was that I grew steadily worse. I could not name any particular ailment that I suffered from, but I was all "run down." My appetite failed me, my strength seemed all gone and I became pale and listless, scarcely able to drag myself around, and much of the time in bed. I became alarmed at my long continued ill health and as doctor's medicine had done me no good I determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I purchased a box and thought it did me some good, so I got six boxes more, and before I had finished taking the second I felt a lot better, and by the time I had finished the seven boxes I had perfectly regained my health, had gained weight and felt better than I had for many years. I consider the pills a splendid medicine, a real godsend to weak and ailing women, and have frequently recommended them to my friends and used them with my children, always with good results." Judging from Mrs. Kettle's healthy appearance today none would imagine she had ever known what a day's illness meant.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a positive cure for all diseases arising from impoverished blood, or a weak or shattered condition of the nervous system, such as epilepsy, St. Vitus' dance, paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, heart troubles, anaemia, etc. These pills are also a cure for the ailments that make the lives of so many women a constant misery. Sold by druggists or sent by mail, postpaid, at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A Bright Youth.

President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell University tells this story on himself: One Fourth of July a few years ago the President's eldest son, Robert, had exploded all of the firecrackers that he had provided for the occasion much before dark. The youngest and his little friends were very anxious for more celebration, so young "Bob" sought out his father and asked for more money wherewith to buy firecrackers.

"Papa, will you please give me some more money? My firecrackers are all gone, and it isn't four o'clock yet."

"I will, my son, if you can tell me what you are celebrating with all of these fireworks," replied Mr. Schurman, who, by the way, was born in P. E. Island, while the boy was born in New York State.

"I can do that easy enough, pop," said the boy. "This is the anniversary of the day we licked you fellows."

The money was at once forthcoming.

Cramps are Like Burglars.

They come unexpected and when least welcome. Be armed with a one-minute cure in a bottle of Nerviline, which relieves cramps and stomach pains in five minutes. In Colic, Summer Complaint, Diarrhoea, Indigestion and Nausea, Nerviline is a remedy of remarkable potency, and acts promptly and satisfactorily at all times. The composition of Polson's Nerviline expresses the highest medical progress of the age, which accounts for its superior merit. Price 25c. Hamilton's Pills are Good Pills.

The Premier's Health.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The indications are pretty clear that an organized conspiracy is on foot among Conservative politicians and newspapers to make out that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's health is shattered, and that he will be compelled to retire on this account from public life. The object of these discreditable tactics is to create a feeling of uneasiness and unrest in the public mind in the hope of deriving some party capital. From time to time paragraphs have been appearing in the Opposition press hinting darkly that the Prime Minister was a very sick man, and pretending to express deep regret at the fact. It has been authoritatively stated on several occasions that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been examined by medical experts in Paris and the United States and pronounced free from organic disease. All that was prescribed for him was a temporary rest, and care in his diet. The Prime Minister, in pursuance of this advice, spent a holiday in the south, from which he returned very much benefited. Since that time, except on the occasion of visits to Montreal and Quebec, he has devoted himself continuously to the duties of his position and the cares of state, coming to his office and remaining until late, and walking to and from his house, a mile and half away. The improvement in his health and his unaffectedly cheerful spirits have been remarked by all who came in contact with him. One member of the Government, who Tuesday spent four hours with Sir Wilfrid said: "I have rarely witnessed the Premier in better spirits."

The King's Playmate.

With the passing away of Mr. Kenneth Howard recently, London has lost one of its best known and best liked personalities.

Mr. Kenneth Howard was born in 1845, and was a son of the second Earl of Effingham, who was once a great personage in the Whig party. Mr. Howard received a home education, never going to school, and as a boy he used to be constantly invited to Buckingham Palace to play with the then Prince of Wales—His Majesty King Edward—and the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg—then Duke of Edinburgh. At the age of twenty he became a clerk in the Foreign Office.

Mr. Kenneth Howard has occupied a unique position in London. He succeeded the late Mr. Augustus Lumley as a popular bachelor, an indefatigable party-goer, and an organiser-in-chief of many smart entertainments. He had somewhat retired from the world lately, and only accepted dinner invitations from his many friends.

His great characteristic was his intense devotion to London. He never paid a country house visit, and for the last few years had actually never been an hour away from the metropolis. The "sweet shady side of Pall Mall" was everything to him.

A man talks about owning his business, but, as a matter of fact his business owns him. His whole life is regulated by the demands of the business. The time at which he rises, his breakfast hour, the time given to meals, are all determined by business obligations. He rushes through lunch because he "can't spare the time from business" to eat leisurely. He won't take a rest because he is "needed at the store or office." He is in fact an absolute slave to business. The results which follow this slavery are to be seen on every hand. Men dyspeptic, irritable, nervous, with drawn faces, and hollow eyes, sit at the desk or stand behind the counter until they collapse in a fit of sickness, or are taken away by heart failure. Those who cannot escape the exactions of business will find a friend in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It strengthens the stomach, increases the action of the blood-making glands, increasing the vitality and physical vigor. It makes men strong and prevents those business breakdowns which so often terminate fatally.

Old Gentleman—So you think my daughter loves you, sir, and you wish to marry her? Duddleigh—That's what I called to see you about. Is there any insanity in your family? Old Gentleman—no sir! And there's not going to be any.

Corns Cured in 24 Hours.

When Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor is used, Corns, Warts and Bunions can be removed in one day. No pain, no bother, no suffering. Try "Putnam's."

The Marvellous Agent That Brings Happiness and Joy to Sad Homes.

Paine's Celery Compound

Full of Virtue and Power, Saves Life When Everything Else Fails.

Fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters should all be interested in making home happy and joyous. Home cannot be a bright spot while some loved one is laid low by disease and suffering. Too often, the efforts of physicians are vain and fruitless, and the iron hand of death snatches away some loved one, and we are left to mourn.

To-day, thank Heaven, there is a strong and mighty helper that we can bring into our homes for the rescuing of our dear ones. It is Paine's Celery Compound, the precious prescription of one of the noblest physicians that ever lived. No living mortal can form an estimate of the blessings that Paine's Celery Compound has carried into the dwellings of our country. It has revived spent hopes, banished fears, brought smiles to the faces of sad ones, because it has saved life at the eleventh hour. Thousands of bright, strong and thankful letters of testimony continually pour in, telling of perfect restoration to health after years of suffering. Miss J. Valliere, Dorchester St., Montreal, says:

"I think it my duty to advise you of what Paine's Celery Compound has done for me. I was terribly afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism. I tried a vast variety of medicines, but all proved failures; I also spent much money with doctors, but never got any relief. I took the advice of a friend, and used four bottles of Paine's Celery Compound, with the result that I am now perfectly cured. I think it is the best remedy in the world."

Completely Fagged Out.

The world is full of sickly, despondent, tired, enervated people, all hoping to be well some day. The surest road to health is along the way of taking Ferrozone after meals. Ferrozone is a great appetizer and enables one to eat plenty of wholesome food without fear of indigestion or dyspepsia. This results in the rapid formation of an abundance of red, vitalizing blood, which will restore the nerves, increase flesh and vigor, and nourish and feed every organ of the body. Ferrozone is an ideal restorative and invigorant. It is a tonic of unequalled merit that anyone can use with benefit. Price 50c. per box, or six boxes for \$2.50, at Druggists, or N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

The New Army Rifle.

(London Express.)

The new army rifle has been given out to a few battalions for experimental purposes as a preliminary to the issuing of a final report, and it is expected that the general manufacture of the new arm will be begun in March.

Orders for perhaps 300,000 rifles as a beginning will run into a million sterling, the cost per rifle being about £3 4s. If the Volunteers and India and the Colonies are armed with the new pattern, the cost will approach three millions. This will involve extra work for the Government small arms factories at Enfield Lock and Sparkbrook, where, recently, many workmen have been unemployed.

No more Lee-Netford rifles of the existing pattern are to be made after next month, when the present contracts for 1,500 per week will expire. New plant is being laid down at the Government factories and at the private establishments where work is done for the Government, and a brisk time is expected during the next two years.

In addition to the chief change of a short barrel two other improvements are effected in the new rifle. One is a funnel-like but imperceptible enlargement of the bore towards the muzzle, to give increased velocity. The other is that the bayonet will be attached by a simple method with a nose cap, giving expedition.

It is claimed for the new rifle that it is the best in the world. But there is one serious objection to it. The shortening of the barrel causes the weapon to kick viciously. This will mean bad shooting in the hands of many men and reduced rapidity of fire.

Colonel Hopton, the chairman of the Small Arms Committee, is trying his best

to remedy this defect. An attachment for the muzzle, which is said to take away the kicking, is to be tried at Hythe.

It is expected that all native and overseas forces now possessing old pattern rifles will be armed with the discarded type, and probably as the stock of old rifles increases some further concessions will be made to civilian rifle clubs to popularize shooting.

Another rifle claiming some attention is that invented by Major Woodgate the action of which is automatic with the quick fire of a machine gun.

A Brilliant Journalist.

(London Express.)

The death of M. de Blowitz, the famous correspondent, is followed by the demise of an almost equally famous and brilliant journalist in the person of Mr. Julian Ralph, the well known war correspondent and author.

The cables yesterday reported that Mr. Ralph had died at New York of dropsy, in his fiftieth year.

There is perhaps no writer today who has had a more varied and interesting career than Mr. Ralph. There is certainly none who possesses that remarkable gift of pen-portraiture, which caused every written line of his to throb with life and realism. He was, if anything, a very pastmaster in the art of vivid description.

Mr. Ralph was born on May 17, 1853, New York. His father was an English physician practising in the American metropolis, and the boy was educated in the public schools of New York.

At a very early age he became "devil" in a country newspaper office, thus laying a solid foundation to that vast knowledge of journalism which eventually made him one of the most brilliant and interesting men in his profession.

From the country he graduated to New York journalism, where he soon made himself famous by writing a series of "German barber sketches," which at the time were as widely quoted as are Mr. Dooley's philosophies today.

The New York Sun advanced Mr. Ralph to a position of national importance and his writings were quoted broadcast. For a time he severed his connection with journalism, and then followed those journeys over the world on behalf of Harper's which resulted in so many delightful volumes, chief among which are "Alone in China," "On Canada's Frontier," and "People we Pass."

Mr. Ralph was war correspondent in the Sino-Japanese, the Greco-Turkish, and the Transvaal war. His work as "Daily Mail" correspondent in South Africa with Lord Roberts is well remembered for its picturesque, truthful and highly interesting character. The exposures of the late war made him an invalid, and his early death is the result. It is said that on the Modder river he "swallowed enough sand to kill a dozen men."

His last book, "The Millionaire," has proved a success. Mr. Ralph leaves a widow and five children, the youngest of whom is fifteen.

CUTTING TEETH.

A Trying Time to Both Baby and Mother.

There is no time when baby requires more attention than during the teething period. At that time the little one is always cross and fretful, subject to stomach disorders and sometimes convulsions. Often mothers are absolutely worn out caring for baby, and the household is in a condition of anxiety. This condition can be easily remedied by the use of Baby's Own Tablets which cool the sour little stomach, allay the inflammation of the gums and give the little one healthy, natural sleep. A mother's word can always be depended upon where the health of her little one is concerned, and thousands of mothers praise this medicine. Mrs. R. L. McFarlane, Bristol, Que., says:—"In my estimation, Baby's Own Tablets have no equal as a medicine for children. They are invaluable at the teething period, and I would not be without them as they keep my baby healthy and happy."

The Tablets relieve all the minor ailments of little ones; are guaranteed to contain no opiate or poison—"soothing stuff" and may be given with absolute safety to a new born babe. Sold at 25 cents a box by all druggists or sent post paid, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co. Brockville, Ont. or Schenectady, N. Y.

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