

SEVEN KILLED

In an Explosion of fireworks in a Cleveland Store—Many Others Injured

CLEVELAND, O., July 4.—Seven persons were killed, at least two others were fatally injured, many more were severely hurt, as the result of a fire in S. S. Kreage's five and ten cent store on Ontario street yesterday.

The fire followed an explosion of fireworks on display in the store. The exact cause of the explosion has not been determined. A woman who was at the fireworks counter said the stock was ignited by sparks from a device which was being demonstrated to her by a clerk. Fire Chief Wallace and the store manager were of the opinion that the pieces were ignited by an arc light.

Immediately following the explosion an alarm of fire was sounded and a panic seized the hundreds of clerks and shoppers. A mad rush was made for the doors and windows. Many jumped from the second and third floors.

The store, which is located near the busiest corner in the downtown districts, was well filled with shoppers, mostly women and children. Practically all of the clerks were young girls. Although the explosion of the fireworks caused consternation, the real panic did not occur until someone shouted "fire."

For an instant a hush came over the crowd. Then, crazed by the possibility of injury or death, all on the main floor rushed for the front and rear doors. The front doorway soon was jammed, the rear door was too small for all who sought safety there, and the rear windows were closed with iron bars.

Several women forced to the rear of the store by the approaching flames finally sought safety under a counter, where their bodies were found two hours after the explosion. The five women had been suffocated, the sixth victim, the four-year-old son of Mrs. George Parker, was knocked to the floor in the first panic. There he lay unconscious and trampled upon until suffocated by smoke.

While the panic upon the main floor was in progress the flames from the fireworks counter rapidly advanced to other parts of the store. The smoke and flames were whirled up the stairways to the second and third floors. There another frenzied crowd of clerks and shoppers was endeavoring to find a means of escape by way of the stairs and were frustrated by the suffocating smoke. The elevator made several trips during the first few minutes of the fire, and took many to the main floor.

Hundreds of persons were near or in front of the store at the time of the explosion. Terrified shoppers rushed out of the front door to the sidewalk. Women and children appeared in the upper windows shouting and pleading for help. Hysterical with fright, some hurled themselves to the sidewalk. In this manner many were severely injured. When one or two had thus faced death it stampeded the others upon the upper window ledges and they, too, followed.

A WARNING TO THE PUBLIC RE PRINCE RUPERT.

A notice with the above heading has appeared in the Vancouver World, signed by the Prince Rupert Townsite company, 43 Fairchild Building, Vancouver. A statement is therein made that their property is the original and only legal Prince Rupert, and the Railway company own 4,000 to 5,000 acres of arable land immediately surrounding the same.

The above statement is misleading and incorrect as the only townsites registered are: South Prince Rupert, owned, it is understood, by the company who signed the above warning, and the Townsite of Prince Rupert at the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, situated at the North-West portion of Kaien Island. The distance between these two townsites is over eleven miles, and the Grand Trunk Pacific company is not in any way interested in South Prince Rupert, nor is it the intention to have a station at that place.

East Prince Rupert so-called in various reports which have appeared in the press, is not registered; the sub-division referred to is situated over 16 miles from the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway and is not on the line of that railway.

The Prince Rupert at the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway is now being surveyed, and it is expected the lots will be placed in the market in September or October next, due notice of which will appear in the public press.

Any further information the public may require can be obtained by addressing the Land Commissioner of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway at Winnipeg.

Little Willie—Say, pa, is fighting prohibited by law in all the States? Pa—I believe so, my son, except in the matrimonial state.

HARVEY STATION.

July 3.—At a special school meeting recently held at the school house, it was decided to petition the Board of Education to divide school district No. 2 into two parts, forming a new district at the Station. Inspector Brown has directed that the present school building be enlarged, and it is thought by many of the ratepayers that instead of enlarging the present building it would be better to divide the district, and erect a new school house at the Station.

As a large part of the children come from the Station, and have to walk over a mile to school, the accommodations in the present school will be ample for the remaining part of the district if the division is made.

Thos. Robison, M. P. P., has a number of men at work on Mrs. Smith's new store, and the work of building is being rapidly pushed along.

Messrs. George, Robert, Manzer and L. Moffatt of Manners Sutton, left yesterday morning for Summerside, P. E. I., to visit a sister who resides there. They expect to purchase some horses to bring back with them when they return in a few days.

The Sunday School Institute which was held here on June 26, was very interesting, and was fairly well attended by Sunday school workers. A number came from Brockway. Rev. I. C. Robertson of Toronto, and Rev. J. H. A. Anderson of Florenceville, were present; also Rev. R. A. MacDonald of Richmond.

Road Superintendent Donovan is having a covered drain put in, connecting the road drain in front of Robison's hotel with the railway sewer.

Between the ages of fifteen and forty-five the time when womanhood gains and motherhood ends, it is estimated that the aggregate term of woman's suffering is ten years. Ten years out of thirty! One third of the best part of a woman's life sacrificed! Think of the enormous loss of time! But time is not all that is lost. Those years of suffering steal the bloom from the cheeks, the brightness from the eyes, the fairness from the hair. They write their record in many a crease and wrinkle. What a boon then to women, is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It promotes perfect regularity, dries up debilitating drains, heals ulceration, cures female weakness, and establishes the delicate womanly organs in vigorous and permanent health. No other medicine can do for woman what is done by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

WALL STREET.

Origin of the Western Hemisphere's Most Famous Thoroughfare.

On the morning of March 31, 1644, a man of clerical appearance might have been seen standing at the entrance to the dilapidated fortress of New Amsterdam with a sheaf of official papers in his hand. It was not an inviting prospect which confronted the observer that raw spring morning, for the roughly built wooden houses scattered about the fort looked sadly weather beaten, and the straggling, ill made roads and paths which served as streets were littered with refuse and rubbish of every sort and ankle deep in mud.

The man at the fort did not, however, waste much time in gazing at these discouraging surroundings. They were familiar to him in every dreary detail, for Cornelius Van Tienhoven had been secretary of the council at New Amsterdam for many years, and if he had ever been disturbed by the prevailing wretchedness of the town it had long since ceased to afford him the slightest concern. Slowly turning his back to the view, he tucked one of his official documents to the wall of the fort and then, swinging about and picking his way across the miry ground to a convenient tree, affixed another paper.

Van Tienhoven's handwriting was easily read. Indeed, good penmanship was the only qualification he had ever displayed for his office, and that virtue had wholly failed to endear him to the populace, who hated the very sight of his clerical list. The particular notice he had transcribed that morning, however, was singularly free from offense. It merely recited a resolution of the director and council of New Netherland that a barrier be erected at the north of the settlement sufficiently strong to prevent the straying of cattle and to protect them from the Indians and "warned" all interested persons to appear on "next Monday, the 4th of April, at 7 o'clock," for the prosecution of this work.

It was not long, therefore, before the colonists were hard at work at the projected cattle guard, and within a few days it stood completed. There is no authoritative information as to how it was constructed, but there is evidence that it consisted mainly of untrimmed trees felled at the edge of the adjoining forest and piled together to form a sort of barricade and that its northern line, running certainly from the present William street, New York city, to what is now Broadway and possibly from shore to shore, marked the farthest limits of New Amsterdam, as it then existed, and practically determined the location of Wall street.

Such was the origin of the best known thoroughfare of the western hemisphere.—Frederick Trevor Hill in Harper's Magazine.

SHE WEARS LARGE BOOTS.

Has to on account of corns—but they can be cured in twenty-four hours with Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Use no other but Putnam's.

CARRIED OFF THE BRIDE.

Wedding Festivities Stopped by Masked Men in Ireland.

A fickle Irishman who jilted a girl and married another in spite of the parish priest is having the worst time of his life at the hands of the neighbors.

He lives in the notorious Ballinagleragh district of County Leitrim, where a pitched battle took place a few weeks ago between two armies of police and peasants, and for years had been courting the local beauty. A little while ago he transferred his affections to her rival, also of Ballinagleragh.

The jilted girl's relatives did their utmost to prevent the wedding taking place. They were supported by the parish priest, who is a power in Ireland in these matters. He refused the necessary certificate. The young man thereupon went to the bishop of the diocese, but the bishop upheld his priest.

The young man, however, is a person of resources, and told the clergy that he would go and get married in a registry office in the distant town of Enniskillen. Nobody in Ballinagleragh believed that he would fly in the face of the parish priest, but he did.

The night he brought his bride home an extraordinary scene occurred. A large crowd collected outside the house where the dancing and feasting were in progress, and groaning and hooting. The groaning ceased about midnight, and the festivities continued.

An hour later about thirty men, wearing crepe masks, burst in the door of the cottage and called on the father of the bride to take his daughter home, with the alternative of being seriously dealt with.

The old man thereupon took his daughter away. The valiant bridegroom declared he would accompany them. The trio marched in the small hours of the morning toward the home of the bride's parents to the accompaniment of groaning and hooting. When about a mile of the journey had been traversed, the bridegroom was seized by another disguised band and compelled to go back to his own home.

This occurred several days ago, and the bridegroom has not seen his bride since. He has not been allowed to leave his house, and the bride has not been allowed to leave her father's. Both houses are watched night and day.

The police are powerless to restore order in the district or to prevent this very original form of boycotting.

HAD UNEXPECTED VOYAGE.

Policeman Carried Off on Board a British Warship.

After spending four days as a compulsory guest of a battleship, Police Sergeant Gale, of the Metropolitan force, who is stationed at East Ham, has returned to London. He has recently been the most talked-of member of the force.

Gale arrived at Sheerness, where the North division of the home fleet was anchored, in charge of a deserter from H.M.S. Bulwark. Chartering a boat, the sergeant boarded the battleship and was formally handed over his prisoner when an officer hurriedly told him to get back into his boat. The fleet, he explained, was under immediate orders to sail.

"I went to the side of the ship," said the police sergeant, "and looked over. My boat was gone! Then I remembered that the boatman had rowed off to another ship. As I stood there in a quandary the engines of the Bulwark started and we steamed away. They told me that it would be impossible now to put me ashore without delaying the whole fleet; in fact, I was helpless!"

"You can imagine how worried I felt when I remembered that neither my superior officers nor my wife would know what had become of me. 'Where shall we stop first?' I asked. 'You can guess my dismay when they told me that the fleet would not anchor until it had reached Invergordon, near the Moray firth.'"

"The officers treated the affair as a great joke; but they were very kind to me all the same. I was put to 'mess' with the petty officers, and hadn't a stroke of work to do, of course. If it hadn't been for the anxiety of not being able to send a message ashore, I might have enjoyed the trip very much. A boat from the Bulwark put me ashore at Invergordon late on Thursday night. The first place I visited was the telegraph office. Then I took train to Inverness, and came on from there to London—a 600-mile journey, altogether."

To Receive "Miners' V.C."

Richard Merriman, a Notts miner, residing at Shirebrook, has been recommended for the Edward medal (the miners' Victoria Cross) for bravery at Shirebrook Colliery, Notts, last year.

It appears that a strand in one of the conductors which pass through the loops attached to the pit cage became entangled, thereby causing the cage to tilt. Three of the fourteen occupants were pitched out and killed. Had it not been for Merriman, who, with great daring, seized the catches on the cage, all the others must have met with a similar fate.

Wedge in a sitting posture, and expecting every moment to be hurled down the shaft, Merriman clutched the catches with both hands. Though two comrades were hurled upon him, causing a fracture of his thigh, he held the catches for two hours, during which period his comrades were rescued.

As the result of his bravery, Merriman has lost the use of both hands, and the injury to his thigh has forced him to use crutches. He is unable to do any kind of work.

The Musical D. D.

The professor was complimenting the violin virtuoso on the excellence of his playing.

"By the way," he said, "do you play the 'Doctor of Divinity'?" "That is a piece I have never heard of," answered the violinist.

"Never heard of it?" exclaimed the professor. "Fiddle D. D.!"

THE "FATHER OF BASEBALL."

Recollections of Henry Chadwick, the Famous Fan.

Henry Chadwick, known all over this continent as the "father of baseball," who died recently at his home in Brooklyn, was one of the most widely known writers on sporting topics in America.

Mr. Chadwick first became associated with the national game when he played shortstop on an amateur team in what is now a part of Hoboken, N.J., in the fifties. His book, "Chadwick's Game of Baseball," had wide circulation and was considered an authority on the game. He was the unrelenting foe of those who violated the rules of the game. He compiled and edited "The League Guide," a baseball publication, and was the author of several books on cricket and baseball.

In an interview many years ago Mr. Chadwick explained how he first thought of making baseball a national of the game and to fostering it in England.

"It was while passing through Elysian fields in Hoboken upon my return from a cricket match," he said, "that I chanced to see a game of baseball being played in the Gotham and Eagle clubs. I became convinced then that this was a game which would be a powerful lever to make the people of America take a keener interest in outdoor sports and healthful exercise. From the period that I first became an ardent admirer of baseball I have devoted my efforts to the improvement of the game and to fostering it in every way."

Mr. Chadwick was an authority on cricket as well as baseball. Only a few years ago that old man, who never used tobacco in any form, was a member of the Staten Island (New York) cricket team when it achieved a notable victory over the New Jersey veteran cricketers. Chadwick came to bat with his team behind, but so keen was the aged fan's eye and so active was his aged system that he made eight runs during his inning and won the game. This astonishing performance is without a parallel in sports. He was then eighty-one years old.

Father Chadwick saw the possibilities of baseball and predicted its wide scope and popularity as the national game in the enthusiasm of his youthful days, and his interest never flagged an instant during his nearly fifty years' prominent connection with it. No one did more for the welfare and

salvation of baseball than Henry Chadwick. In the days of its adversity, when the crookedness crept into the ranks of the players, Henry Chadwick was foremost in denouncing the enormity of the offence and the danger to the very life of the game. He was a strong and earnest advocate of a permanent blacklist and never wavered in his denunciation of anything that tended to lower the standard of the game.

He delighted to be called and known as the "father of baseball," and he well deserved the title which he so loved.

The great national game of baseball which he founded and fostered so steadily, firmly and conscientiously as it now stands is a monument to his memory. It is doubtless the only monument he would have wished. That is as imperishable as any statue of granite or marble.

We Ought to Know.

Mrs. Hens—Just look here, John! I've found a ten cent piece in this chicken's craw.

Mrs. Hens—Wa-al, that makes one authentic case, an' the first I ever knowed, whar there wuz money in chickens.—Judge.

Uncle Allen.

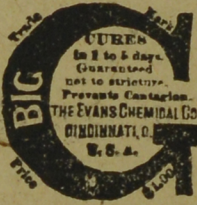
"Some men," muttered Uncle Allen Sparks after the tiresome speaker had sat down, "remind me of an old water mill that's running with empty hopes. Their wheels keep on going, but they don't turn out any grist."

The First Kiss.

The Boston girl
Had told him yes,
Her head awhirl,
We must confess.
'Twas like a play correctly staged,
For he and she were now engaged.

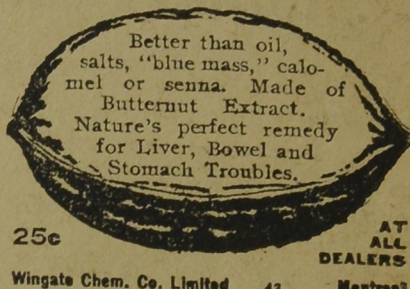
The Boston chap
Surveyed with pride
Her classic map,
Sweet and four eyed.
'Priscilla,' he made bold to state,
'I think that we might osculate.'

—Pittsburg Post.



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