

U. S. TRANSPORT MEADE SCENE OF A FATAL FIRE AT 'FRISCO LAST NIGHT

Twenty Men Overcome and Three of Them Have Died---Four More Are Missing---Transport Was to Have Sailed Today for Manila with Troops

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 1.—Fire broke out late last night in the hold of the transport Meade, lying at Folsom street wharf, and raged for several hours, despite the efforts of the fire department. Fully twenty men were overcome, of whom three are dead. Four others are missing, and are supposed to be still in the hold.

The dead are: Third Officer George Wallace, of the Meade; B. Henshaw, line-man, of Engine Company Four; Captain Charles Dakin of Engine Company Four; Missing: Charles Gill, operator for Chief Fernandez; George Brown of Engine 12; W. Regan of Engine 12. One of the sailors of the Meade, name unknown. At three o'clock this morning the fire

NATIONAL DRUG CO. IS NOW IN CHARGE OF LOCAL DRUG HOUSES

Transfer Completed Today, and Business is Now Being Carried on in Mill Street Premises---Canadian Drug Company Ten Years Old Today.

The drug merger went into effect today, whereby the Canadian Drug Co., T. B. Barker & Sons and the McDiarmid Drug Co. go out of existence and the National Drug Co. of Canada assumes control of the business. The officers of the new company have removed to temporary quarters in the Horn building on Water street, which they occupied until December of that year, when they moved into the new building on Mill street, which is now the headquarters of the firm. The stock will be moved there from the other premises, which will be rented after May 1st.

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THEY CAN'T GO TO JAIL

Striking Chicago Printers Must Pay Fine---State Will Not Allow Them to Work it Out.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Five hundred members of typographical union No. 16 voted unanimously to go to jail. As they are on strike, they thought they might save \$1,000 fine assessed against the union by Judge Holdom if they were permitted to work out the amount in prison. After the resolution was adopted, a committee was sent to attorney W. H. Barnum to learn if there was any hope for the strikers breaking into jail and in that manner satisfying justice. They were disappointed when they told them that if the fine was upheld by the higher courts it would have to be paid, and that there was no prospect of the debt being liquidated by the strikers going to jail.

PASSED THE "AGE LIMIT"

Prof. Osler's Alleged Theory Finds a Contradiction in the Ages of His Immediate Relatives.

The New York Herald has the following special despatch from Toronto:—"In Toronto the statement attributed to Professor William Osler about chloroforming people reaching the age of sixty has never caused the same amount of discussion as it aroused elsewhere. The reason is that the Osler family is a remarkably long lived one, and Professor Osler often travelled many miles to minister to his father, the late Rev. F. L. Osler, who died only a few years ago, well up in the nineties, leaving a widow who is now in her one hundredth year.

ARMING FOR THE BATTLE

Mayorality and Aldermanic Candidates in the Field---Ex-Mayor Sears to Run.

Ex-Mayor Sears has announced that he will be a candidate for the mayorality at the coming city elections. He told a Times reporter this morning that he had been asked to run and had decided to enter the fight. Robert Maxwell's name has been mentioned as a possible candidate, but it is not considered likely that he will consent to run. This leaves the field to Ald. J. H. Frink and Ex-Mayor Sears, should no other candidates appear.

THE MOROCCAN CONFERENCE

Draft of Taxation Project Adopted Without Modification.

ALGECIRAS, Feb. 1.—The Moroccan conference at its session today adopted, without modification, the draft of the taxation project. The Moroccan delegates raised a number of objections and will refer the proposals to the Sultan at Fez. The question of reforming the customs duties was not considered.

MEAT RUSH CONTINUES

Corinthian Took \$218,000 Worth of American Packing Products Away on Sunday.

Among the American goods shipped via steamer Corinthian to Liverpool last Sunday were 2,568 packages meats, 2,800 packages lard, and 100 casks tallow, valued at \$218,000. Manifests for 40 cars meats and provisions were received at the customs house today.

TEACHERS ASK FOR INCREASE

Fredericton Lady School Teachers Contend That They Are Not Sufficiently Remunerated.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 1.—(Special)—A delegation of lady teachers waited on the city school board at its monthly meeting yesterday afternoon and asked for an increase of salary. They presented a memorial showing that the teachers in St. John, Moncton, St. Stephen, and Milltown, were better paid than those in Fredericton. The salary paid lady teachers here is \$350 per year and the board is asked to increase it to \$425. The trustees promised to refer the matter to the city council.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, Feb. 1st (special)—David Fisher, of New Maryland, York County, died at the provincial hospital this morning. He was councillor for New Maryland for many years, and held the office of warden for one term. He was about seventy-five years of age. The trustees of Chipman, who lately erected a fine new school building, have made application to the Board of Education for the transfer of the county grammar school from Gagetown. The board will take no action at present, but it is probable that the transfer may be made some time in the future.

THE KAY-WHEATON FUND

The total amount received by the Times for the Kay-Wheaton fund was \$159, as follows: Previously acknowledged, \$157; Sympathy, \$1; Cash, \$1. Total, \$159. Out of this fund the undertaker's bills, amounting to \$22.50 for each of \$85 in all, were paid, leaving a balance of \$94. Of this amount \$54 will be given to Mrs. Kay, who has the larger family, and \$40 to Mrs. Wheaton.

FAMINE RAGES IN NORTH JAPAN

VICTORIA, Feb. 1 (Special)—Advices from Japan by the S. S. Empress of North Japan are becoming awful. Thousands are suffering from starvation. Large numbers of deaths have occurred and many others are dying. The government is organizing relief and foreign committees are distributing rice in the famine districts. One third of the population of 2,800,000 in the three stricken provinces are in distress.

THE SUPREME COURT RUSH

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 1.—(Special)—The case of the King vs. Carleton, ex parte Grundy, was before the supreme court this morning. Mr. Laforest showing cause against the rule nisi. Aaron Lawson, contra. Cases on the special paper will likely be taken up tomorrow. Thomas W. Purvie of this city has purchased the Hayward farm at Lincoln.

WILL CUT DOWN PASS PRIVILEGES

I. C. R. to Curtail All Expenses in Hope of Increasing Earning Power.

An Ottawa despatch to the Toronto News says: The earning power of the Intercolonial Railway is to be increased by the curtailment of pass privileges, season tickets and so forth. The passenger rates are also to be brought up to a figure more uniformly approaching those of other railway companies.

LOOTED WHILE CLERKS KNELT

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Two armed robbers entered the Empire Loan Bank, 144 North Clark street, last night, compelled the two clerks to kneel behind one of the counters, looted the cash register of \$300, filled a valise with watches, diamonds, and other jewelry, and made their escape. The jewelry stolen is valued at \$700. When the robbers entered the store it was deserted, except for the two clerks, who were counting up the day's receipts.

ARRIVED AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 1.—(Special)—The Furness liner Annapolis, formerly the German steamer Capri, arrived from London at 1.30 p. m. today.

AUCTIONS

At Chubb's corner today Auctioneer Lantaulm sold the book debts of the late firm of J. S. Armstrong and Marchant, amounting to \$886.73 to Andrew Jack for \$14.

LATE LOCALS

Ralph Dunham, of Mecklenburg St. while at work at Sand Point yesterday had his hand badly jammed. He will be laid up for a few days. A pronounced cold wave is moving rapidly eastward across northern Canada. It is accompanied by westerly winds and local snowfalls. Captain Ben. Kingston writes the Times that he would like to meet Isaac Pattell again in a half mile skating race to take place in any of the city rinks. The home of Edward Evans was the scene of a pleasant gathering last night, when he entertained the members of a social club—about fourteen in all. Music and games whirled away the time until eleven-thirty o'clock, when the merry-makers left for their respective homes.

TO VISIT AMERICA

Admiral Togo and two Armored Cruisers Will Come This way in April.

TOKIO, Feb. 1.—It is announced upon reliable authority that Admiral Togo will visit America in April with two armored cruisers. A permit for Americans to visit the Lia Tung Peninsula and investigate the condition of their properties, abandoned at the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war was officially granted today.

BANK CLEARINGS

Clearings for week ending Thursday, Feb. 1, 1906, \$1,006,983; corresponding week last year, \$757,870.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A JOB FOR WUN LUNG. The citizens will be glad to learn that the Onangundy and Wun Lung will both be kept in commission. The Onangundy will be the Ludlow's understudy, under the new order of things, and Wun Lung will be equipped and utilized as a fire-boat. It is true that Wun Lung has not yet got her papers of release from Rodney Hospital, but the ferry committee are confident that after a few more weeks with the nurses she will get a clean bill of health and be ready for the great future which is no longer behind, but is now before her.

MARRIAGE AT FOURTEEN

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—(Special)—Pursuant to representations made by the W. C. T. U. the marriage law will be amended by the legislature, fixing the age limit at fourteen years.

WORKMEN KILLED

OTISVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Several workmen were buried by a cave-in, which occurred today in the Erie Railroad tunnel, which is now being constructed near here.

BANKS MUST REPORT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The U. S. comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business on Monday, Jan. 29th.

NEARLY \$2,000,000

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 1.—(Special)—The amount of bounty paid on iron and steel for the past calendar year was \$1,900,206.

MONCTON, A POOR FIELD FOR SNEAK THIEVES TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY

Young Man Who Stole Hides Caught With the Goods and Confessed---Moncton Fire Laddies To Go To Charlottetown Tournament.

MONCTON, Feb. 1.—(Special)—Considerable petty thieving has been reported about town of late but the hoodlums most barefaced work came to light yesterday, M. J. Steeves, hvy. crim. warehouse situated a few yards from place of business. Yesterday afternoon two young men entered the warehouse and stole 2 or 3 hides and were on their way to the market to sell them either to the owner or to a competitor doing business in the market. Unfortunately for the youths they were seen coming out of the warehouse and their game was nipped in the bud. When discovered they dropped their booty and escaped. Today Fletcher Ayer was arrested charged with theft and confessed to the crime. He implicated another young lad for whom the police are now searching. Last evening Undertaker Price had occasion to

he took room over his shop and a boy going through his shop. The boy being caught through a window before he could be apprehended. A meeting of the fire department was held last night to consider an invitation to take part in the Charlottetown tournament next summer. A letter from the Charlottetown department states that they have \$1500 on hand for prize money and hope to make it the biggest affair of the kind ever held in the maritime provinces. A committee was appointed to get up teams to take part in the sports. The new city council will be sworn in this afternoon and will hold the first meeting tonight. Notwithstanding the mild weather and the soft ice Moncton and Sackville held the league match at Sackville tonight.

IS UNSAFE IN SOME PLACES

Soft Weather Has Rotted River Ice and Crossing is Dangerous.

A few days more of soft weather in all probability make a great difference in the condition of the river ice. It is running at Indian town today and as stated in previous issues of the Times, there is clear water at Carter's Point. Reports from the Belleisle indicate that there is no more good while at Millville. It is so soft and rotten that the country and it is only with considerable difficulty that farmers are able to reach the city. The soft weather is rapidly rotting the ice in the Kennebecas river as well. A resident of Robbessay said this morning that the ice between Moss Glen and Rothsay is scarcely two inches thick and it is unsafe for teams to cross at this point. Further up the river, however, the soft spell has not had so great an effect as teams are crossing from the Willows.

OFFICERS OF HIGH COURT

Install Officers and Deliver Interesting Addresses on Independent Forestry.

The public installation of the officers of Court Ouangundy, I. O. F., in the hall, Simonds street, last evening, was a notable Forestry event. High Chief Ranger Lingley, who is also a member of this court; High Secretary F. W. Emmerson, High Vice Chief Ranger H. F. Woods, of Wolford, and P. H. C. R. Chapman were present. There was a guard of honor of Royal Foresters in uniform. Many members of the other courts, and companion courts, with ladies and gentlemen not members of the order filled the hall, and the impressive ceremonies and the after programme were highly appreciated. The fine hall was prettily decorated. The following officers were installed: F. E. Morrissey, C. R.; Geo. Clark, V. C. R.; W. F. Crook, T. J. A. Brooks, F. C. R.; L. W. Mowry, R. S.; T. A. Armour, C. R.; Fred Bellows, H. W.; W. H. Brounfield, J. W.; Armand Mowry, S. B.; W. G. Estabrooks, J. B.; W. F. Roberts, C. P.; D. Bradley, C. D.

BOSTON STRIKE ON

Book and Job Printers Went out Today on Eight Hour Week.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—A strike was declared today by the book and job printers against all firms that have not acceded to the demands of the Typographical Union for an eight hour day. Many of the larger printing houses, including the firm of Wright & Potter, who are the state printers, and the Municipal Printing plant, have already granted the eight hour day. Both the employers and the strikers express confidence in the outcome. The strikers have strong financial backing.

ST. LOUIS COPS MUSTN'T SWEAR

Cost One of Them \$50 for Expressing Himself Too Vigorously.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—Recently the board of police commissioners issued an order prohibiting policemen from swearing while on duty. Last night Chief of Police Kitley issued an order that policemen arrest all persons heard using profane language in the streets and in public places. Since the police board's order was issued, one patrolman has used profane while on duty and has been fined \$50.

FUNERAL OF MABEL BELL

Victim of Shooting Tragedy Was Laid at Rest Today in Fernhill.

The body of Mabel Bell, the English immigrant girl — who shot herself on Tuesday last—was interred in Fernhill cemetery this afternoon, Coroner Berryman having given permission for burial. The funeral took place from the residence of William G. Salmon, with whom she lived. At the conclusion of the service the casket was placed in a white hearse and headed by the clergyman and Undertaker Chamberlain, the solemn procession started for Fernhill, where interment took place. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Samuel Howard. Among the floral tributes were beautiful wreaths from Exmouth street church and Sunday school. After about three weeks' inactivity at the I. C. R. elevator, work was commenced this morning in unloading about 20,000 bushels of grain to be placed in the

WAS PROBABLY FATALLY BURNED

PORT HOPE, Feb. 1.—(Special)—Mrs. James Massie was so badly burned this morning that she remains unconscious and there is little hope of her recovery. She got up early this morning and was lighting a lamp when her clothing caught fire. Her daughter rushed to her assistance and smothered the flames, but not before the old lady, who is eighty years of age, was severely burned.

IN CIVILIZED RUSSIA

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Feb. 1.—Four more anarchists, making sixteen during the past fortnight, were shot without trial in the city here today. Of the total fifteen were Jews.