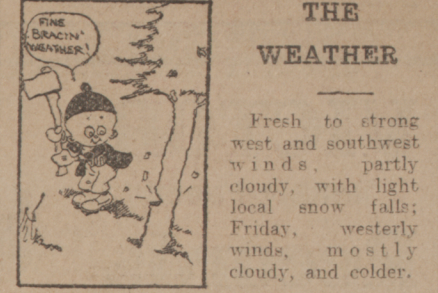




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HOTEL AND BUSINESS HOUSES BURN

Hundreds, Scantly Clad, Driven to icy Streets—One Life and Million Loss in Kalamazoo Fire

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—One life was probably lost, many firemen were overcome by smoke, 300 hotel patrons were driven, scantily clad, into the icy streets and property valued at approximately \$1,000,000 was destroyed by a fire which started here at 10 o'clock last night and was extinguished only after an all night struggle by the combined fire fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids.

Starting in the basement of the Star Bargain House, a five and ten cent store at 118 West Main street, the flames, fanned by a strong southwest wind, spread eastward along the north side of Main street, totally destroyed the Burdick House, a fine four story hotel and the store building covering more than half a city block, and burning out a dozen stores and offices in Main street.

While the flames were raging in the hotel a man suddenly appeared at an upper window and cried for help. Before a ladder could be put in position to rescue him he disappeared and it is believed he perished in the fire.

To the low pressure in the water mains the great extent of the fire can be principally attributed. The Battle Creek firemen appeared on the scene at 2 a. m. but owing to lack of water were of little service. The Grand Rapids firemen arrived at 6 o'clock and joined in the attack. The temperature was about ten degrees above zero and the fire fighters suffered severely from exposure.

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 9.—One man was killed, another is missing, and four others were seriously injured in a fire which destroyed an Italian boarding house today. The monetary loss is \$2,500.

D. F. TAPLEY LEFT ALL TO HIS WIFE

Will in Probate Court Today—Property Value \$13,700

In the probate court today, the will of Daniel F. Tapley, tugboat owner, was proved. He gives all his property to his wife, Eleanor Ann Tapley, absolutely and nominates her sole executrix. The real estate, consisting of wharf property, is valued at \$2,420; also a mortgage; personal estate, consisting mostly of furs, tools, \$11,100; total probate value \$13,700; Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, probators.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Munich, Dec. 9.—The death of Hermann Kautsky, the German socialist, is announced. He was born in this city in 1846. Paris, Dec. 9.—Private advices from Brussels say that King Leopold is slightly improved. His entire right side was paralyzed Tuesday, but yesterday he was able to sign documents.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Lamar Middleton, correspondent of the Chicago News, died today after a protracted illness of diabetes. He was one of the most brilliant correspondents in Paris. He leaves his wife and three children.

London, Dec. 9.—The British post office department has concluded a money transfer agreement with the Western Union Company, through which that company will be permitted, after January 1, to make cable transfers of money between its offices in the United States and points in Great Britain and Ireland, where the orders will be cashed through the postal department.

Toledo, O., Dec. 9.—The operator at the United Wireless Station here picked up a message this morning saying that six men had been taken off a burning vessel near Point Pelee and taken to Cleveland. He could not get the name of the ship nor of the sender of the message.

Shreve, O., Dec. 9.—After he had held his family in terror all night, Roy Lee, believed to be insane, today shot and killed Sheriff Jacob Bell, of Holmes County, when the officer attempted to enter Lee's home to arrest him.

LIVERPOOL AND THE BRITISH TARIFF

Liverpool, Dec. 9.—(Special)—The steamship owners' Association has passed a resolution affirming that it is imperative in the event of Great Britain adopting a universal customs tariff, to provide accommodation at Liverpool for handling goods free of customs control, as is done at the free ports of Germany, notably Hamburg.

MURDER IN DIVORCE CASE

Sheriff Killed in Effort to Serve Papers on Charles Galloway, Kansas City Business Man

Kansas City, Dec. 9.—The attempt of Charles H. Lukens, a deputy sheriff, to serve papers in a divorce suit on Charles Galloway, a business man, last night, led to the killing of Lukens in a street, the mortal wounding of Galloway and the serious shooting of Harry Anderson, a detective. Accompanied by William Drew, city marshal of Rosebud, Kansas, Lukens attempted to serve the papers on Galloway in the street. Galloway ran and he officers pursued him. Lukens shot at the fleeing man and he returned the

BURGESS TELLS COURT HE IS INNOCENT

Express Robbery Case Proceedings in Truro This Morning, Rutledge's Story, He Says, is False

Truro, N. S., Dec. 9.—At the express robbery trial today William Burgess made the following statement to the court: "I had nothing whatever to do with the robbery of the Canadian express office here on May 18 last. I was held up by a man whom I don't know and while I was being held up, the property which it is claimed I stole, was all robbed from the office by one of these two men."

"The story told by W. L. Rutledge as to my planning or taking part in this robbery is absolutely false. I had no knowledge, whatever, that any of the stolen property was concealed on the farm of my father, and did not know it was there until delivered to Mr. Creighton."

"The case was then adjourned till 2 p. m., when counsel will address the court and the magistrate announce his decisions. The charge against W. L. Rutledge was taken up. It covers similar grounds as in the case already heard. The prisoner asked to be remanded till 11 a. m. tomorrow to enable him to retain a lawyer and prepare his defence. This was granted. The court house was crowded again today, and quite a number of women occupied seats in the gallery reserved for them."

HALIFAX FERRY STEAMER IS CONSUMED BY FLAMES

Think Firebug Has Been at Work—Thousand Dollars Had Just Been Spent on Boat—Steamer's Value Placed at \$25,000

Halifax, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Dartmouth lost one of its ferry boats this morning and incendiary is the only theory which can be advanced for its destruction. The steamer Halifax, valued at \$25,000 is today a charred hull, practically valueless.

During the past month or more the Halifax has been out of the ferry service for government inspection. She was placed on the marine railway where the bottom of the steamer was inspected and on the report of the hull inspector was newly sheathed and put in first-class condition at a cost of about \$1,000. Then she was taken to the south ferry dock, where she was laid up with banked fires, to be held in reserve against accident.

The steamer has been there for a number of weeks, the only fire being in the furnaces. When Harry Nixon, the night watchman who attends to the fires on the steamer,

SHOOTS STEP MOTHER AND SUICIDES

Toronto Lad Evidently Went Crazy—Workman Crushed to Death in Flywheel—"Big Brother" Branch

Toronto, Dec. 9.—James McMath, aged fifteen years, adopted son of Hugh McMath, a real estate agent of Parkdale, fired three shots, two of which took effect, at Mrs. McMath last night, and then leaving the woman probably fatally wounded, left the house and going down town shot himself dead in a public lavatory in Toronto street, opposite the general post office.

Young McMath visited Buffalo recently, and while there purchased the revolver which he used last night. No quarrel or trouble of any kind preceded the shooting, and a sudden fit of insanity seems to be the only explanation.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 9.—(Special)—While offing the main shaft at the Canadian Pacific coal dock plant, Fred Patitti was drawn into the fly wheel and crushed to death. Practically every bone in his body was broken.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—(Special)—A group of young business men have organized a branch of the "Big Brother Movement," originated in New York in 1907. They will work among juvenile offenders and endeavor to get situations for them and to interest them in education.

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ANOTHER CASE OF HOLD-UP AT BORDER

Fort William Woman Sent Back Twice By U. S. Immigration Officials—Mayoralty Candidate Brings Suit

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—(Special)—The latest victim of petty United States immigration officials is Mrs. Rosenthal, wife of a Fort William merchant, who, with her three children were en route to spend the winter in United States cities on the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Rosenthal came here a few days ago and made considerable purchases as presents for her friends on the coast, and then left. She was stopped at the border on the ground that she had not sufficient money in her possession to warrant her in crossing the border. As a result she was compelled to return here and to telegraph to her husband for more money, explaining her predicament.

After getting more money Mrs. Rosenthal again left for the journey with her children, only to be again stopped on some similar formality and sent back to this city, where she is at present. One of the children is an infant in arms.

C. R. Wilkes, whose wife is unexpectedly absent, has been nominated for mayor on Tuesday, announced that he will bring action against the city clerk, Charles Brown, for forgery, alleging that Brown put the name of "Ginger" Snooks, a city scavenger and well known character on his nomination paper.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Because he was conveying a raving lunatic from Hamilton to the insane asylum here, George Clover, a chauffeur, escaped a fine in the police court yesterday for exceeding the speed limit in Queen street. The detectives in charge, he claimed, could hardly hold the lunatic and they therefore urged him on.

BULL FIGHTER, IDOL OF THE RING, ARRESTED

Serious Charges in Connection With Suicide of Young Girl

Mexico City, Dec. 9.—Rodolfo Ganga, a bull fighter, known as the "idol of the bull ring," is under arrest under serious charges in connection with the suicide of Marie Louise Nuckel, fifteen years old.

The girl, whose family is well to do, was of a romantic disposition and looked upon Ganga as a hero. She eloped away from home one night and went to a ball. On returning home next morning she committed suicide by shooting. Police investigation, it is alleged, showed that she was with Ganga at the ball.

Rodolfo's brother, Enrique, is also in prison in connection with the case but the charges against the men are not published.

POLITICAL CHAOS FOLLOWS DOWNFALL OF ITALY'S CABINET

Rome, Italy, Dec. 9.—The fall of the cabinet, which was caused by the union of the Socialists and anti-Clericals, has led to a serious and difficult situation since the Democratic parties are determined not to support any new ministry unless, in addition, there is financial reform of a radical character. It undertakes an anti-clerical policy. The support of the democrats is indispensable to the retention of power by any ministry, and hence their demands are likely to be acceded to, despite the fact that it is bound to provoke the opposition of the conservatives, who are still numerous.

That the new cabinet will be short-lived is the belief of all observers, as it is practically impossible to harmonize the conflicting interests of the different factions. Though the Democrats, Socialists and Republicans and Radicals are united on an anti-clerical platform, they lack cohesion. It is conjectured that the democrats will take advantage of the crisis to inaugurate an anti-clerical campaign akin to that of France, leading finally to separation and open hostility to the Vatican.

DAVIS FREED

Englishman in Fredericton Took Overdose of Laudanum and Whisky as Medicine

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 9.—(Special)—The Englishman, named Robert Davis, arrested a few days ago for insulting young girls in the street, was discharged from custody by Col. Marsh this morning. Several clergymen intervened in his behalf, and it was shown that at the time he committed the offence, he was crazed from an overdose of laudanum and whiskey taken as medicine.

Major Fiset was the host at a very enjoyable supper at the officer's mess last evening. Covers were laid for fifteen, and the guests included Lieut. Col. Humphrey, D.O.C., of St. John.

The case against Mrs. Longboat of Regent street, charged with violating the Scott Act, was dismissed by Col. Marsh this morning for want of evidence.

IRELAND TO HAVE PLACE AT NEXT TORONTO EXHIBITION

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—There will be an Irish section at the Toronto Exhibition next year, according to a report received at the trade and commerce department from Trade Commissioner Bickerdike at Belfast. He states that the Belfast Industrial Development Association has taken up the matter, and in view of the large Irish population in Canada it is deemed desirable that Ireland should be represented at the Toronto Exhibition with a section exhibiting its manufactures.

DISCOUNT RATE DOWN TO 4½ P.C.

Bank of England Relieve Trade of Abnormal Rate Which Has Prevailed—Budget Action a Factor

London, Dec. 9.—The governors of the Bank of England today reduced the minimum rate of discount from 5 to 4½ per cent.

The governors apparently had some difficulty in reaching a decision as the meeting was longer than usual. That the bank maintained the five per cent rate for some weeks against the open market rate of 4 per cent or lower was attributed to a desire to ascertain the full effect of the political crisis, but no material change followed the throwing out of the budget so the directors concluded that the reserve, which is higher today than a year ago, when the rate was only 2½ per cent, is sufficiently strong to justify them in relieving trade of the abnormal rate instituted to attract gold here after the depreciation of the reserve last October.

The change in the rate had little effect on the stock exchange. The consols were steady at the opening, but declined 3-16 later.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:—Total reserve, increased, £239,000; circulation decreased, £612,000; bullion decreased, £381,313; other securities decreased, £407,000; other deposits decreased, £2,040,000; public deposits increased, £1,862,000; notes reserve increased, £286,000; government securities unchanged. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 36.71 per cent, last week it was 36 per cent.

LONDON BANKER BRINGS CHEERY WORD TO CANADA

Eager For Canadian Investment In England For They See Stability and Progress—Million Investment In Molson's Shares is Working

Montreal, Dec. 9.—(Special)—"I believe that more British capital will come to Canada next year than ever before. The feeling towards this country in Britain is most friendly and the big capitalist is inclined to withdraw his funds invested in Britain and place them here, because he believes that a great future awaits Canadian security, owing to the wonderful growth of the country."

"Canada needs capital, needs a great deal and it seems to me that Britain will supply it as long as the securities sold there are good, and are not misrepresented."

In making this statement last night, E. MacKay Edgar, partner in the London banking house of Sperling & Co., said this condition of affairs was not due in any great degree to the budget, which is now the centre of a political crisis in Britain.

"The Britisher," said Mr. Edgar, "who has been so eager to place his available funds in British securities has come to see that while these are solid enough, there is no great future for them. He has also come to see that his money invested in Canadian securities brings him good return with additional prospect of increase owing to the phenomenal growth of Canada."

"A good illustration of this is furnished in the demand in England for Canadian bank shares. Before I came to Canada a number of jobbers in London signified their anxiety for a block of shares from some Canadian bank. I presented their case to Moulson's, on arrival, and told them I could dispose of a block of 5,000 shares valued roughly at \$1,000,000 if they could provide it. The directors took kindly to the proposition and the matter will soon come before the shareholders of the bank. There is no attempt on the part of the Britisher to secure control of the bank but should the stock be issued the result will be that \$1,000,000 of new capital will have come into the country."

BLAME RIFON CAPTAIN

Naval Court of Inquiry Into Collision of British Steamers Near Portland

Portland, Me., Dec. 9.—Yesterday afternoon and last evening a naval court of inquiry was held in this city relative to the collision between the British steamships Devonian and Rifon, off Half Way Rock, a few miles outside Portland Harbor, at 1.30 o'clock last Saturday morning. The court was composed of British Vice-Consul John B. Keating, Captain Ingham of the steamship Englishman, Captain A. W. Fleming of the British bark Snowdon and Captain Deane of the steamship Otoman, with Attorney W. H. Gulliver as adviser of the court.

After hearing the evidence, the court found that the master of the steamship Devonian did everything possible to avoid a collision.

The court also found that the master of the steamship Rifon erred in judgment in supposing he was in danger of sinking the pilot boat, and that he failed to reduce the speed of the vessel in order to keep the stern well clear and go clear of the Devonian, and this, with his action in putting the helm hard aport, was responsible for the accident and consequent damage. The court ordered that his certificate as master be suspended for one calendar month from date.

THE KEATS-SHELLEY MEMORIAL HOUSE

Rome, Dec. 9.—A bulletin on the Keats-Shelley memorial house in the Piazza di Spagna, in Rome, has just been published by the Keats-Shelley Association. In addition to reviewing steps preliminary to the purchase of the house, in which the late Edmund Clarence Steadman and R. L. Johnson of New York were associated, the bulletin presents letters endorsing the plan by King Edward, King Victor Emmanuel and Theodore Roosevelt. The library in the house already includes 1,000 volumes, comprising first edition works of the two poets. Among the benefactors are the Duchess of Argyll, Miss Marie Corelli and Andrew Carnegie.

MONCTON HOCKEY MEN COME HIGH

Gregory Wants \$800 For Season With All-Montreal—Upper Canadian Team Wants Norman

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 9.—(Special)—The hockey war which is raging fiercely in upper Canada between the Canadian Association and the National League, and the fight for services of players has cast a shadow over maritime province hockey. Two local players, Chester Gregory, the crack centre of the champion Victorias, and Rollie Norman, left wing of the same team, have had offers from upper Canada, and it is possible that both these players will not be seen on maritime ice this year.

The All-Montreal team of the Eastern League may have Gregory's services if they come up with \$800, which the local player demands for the season's work. Gregory had a telegram yesterday asking for his services and wired asking \$800, and is awaiting an answer.

Renfrew, Ont., which has come into the limelight in the fight for Ottawa's players, is also after Gregory and Norman. E. A. Williams, formerly I. C. R. detective, was making arrangements to have both these players go to Renfrew.

The offers mark a epoch in lower Canadian hockey, as they are the largest ever received from select upper Canadian hockey circles.

Benner, arrested last night on a charge of pointing a gun at Eddie Bourgeois, pleaded not guilty this morning and the case was adjourned.

SAYS WATSON SOUGHT TO BE MADE KNIGHT

Asquith's Explanation of Why Woman With Serpent's Tongue Was Written—Failed to get Title

London, Dec. 9.—Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the prime minister, explains that she does not care to dignify William Watson, the poet, by replying to his statements concerning herself and her step-mother.

She attributes his astounding statements in America to the fact that he had used all his influence to gain a knighthood, and had made her father's life miserable with his persistent demands, and had failed.

He had asked for a large literary pension, and expected the announcement of his knighthood would be made on the king's last birthday, almost a year ago. When it did not come out, he became peevish and blamed her mother and herself for not appreciating his greatness.

Miss Asquith's opinion is that he is a thorough cad, who has taken this means to get even. It is known that her view is that though he is ambitious to be known as a poet of passion, he is really merely a poet of pretension.

One of those present when Miss Asquith was speaking, recalled Lord Beaconsfield's famous retort when asked why he had not appointed a certain over-ambitious man a peer. "I suppose," said the prime minister, "I could make him a nobleman, although nobody could make him a gentleman."

SIR WM. MULOCK ON IMPERIAL MATTERS

He Approves Canada's Stand on Defence—A Tribute to Old England

Toronto, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Old England is giving way to the pressure of modern ideas. That the tree bends and does not break is the surest proof of its vitality. Such was the tribute paid by Sir William Mulock last night at the annual dinner, to the heart of the British Empire.

At least 100 students, graduates and professors were present. Prof. G. W. Wong, who occupied the chair, expressed the hope that Canadians would not be found wanting in their duty to the empire.

Sir William Mulock also spoke approvingly of the stand Canada was taking in the matter of defence, and said he considered it not inconsistent with the ways of peace to make preparations for war.

DRASTIC PENALTIES TO KILL WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Washington, Dec. 9.—Suppression of the so-called "white slave" traffic has become the slogan of an increasingly powerful international movement. President Taft is said to have given much encouragement to those who have consulted him on the subject of reform. This fact gives new importance to the re-introduction today by Representative Mann, of Illinois, of his bill, prescribing drastic penalties for those convicted of these practices. The bill would make it a crime for any person to aid, entice or force any female to go from one state to another for immoral purposes, whether or not without her consent, with a penalty of five years imprisonment or a fine of \$5,000. If the girl be under the age of 18 years, the penalty provided is ten years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

The bill also seeks to carry out the avowed purpose of the White Slave Traffic Act, under which keepers of immoral resorts are required to make complete reports to the commissioner-general of immigration.

That official is required to collate information concerning alien women of this class.

LABORER ON G. T. P. SUES FOR \$10,000

Montreal, Dec. 9.—A \$10,000 damage action for the loss of an arm by a premature blast of dynamite has been started before Mr. Justice Archibald. The plaintiff, John McDonald, is suing Donald McDonald, a contractor on the Grand Trunk Pacific for the loss of his left arm and other injuries, which he claims will permanently disable him.

Last summer, McDonald was foreman on a gang near La Tuque, and while blasting rock, a charge of dynamite failed to explode. McDonald after a time went to investigate and when he got within danger distance the charge exploded, shattering his left arm so it had to be amputated. He claims that the accident was due to defective electric apparatus used to fire the charge, while the defence alleges that he took unnecessary risk in trying to see what was wrong with the dynamite.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS

November Figures Have More Hopeful Aspect But Seven Months of Year Are Discouraging

London, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Board of Trade report of November of this year, as compared with corresponding month in 1908, show increased imports and exports of £11,700,745 (£88,503,725), and £1,171,640 (£29,870,200) respectively. Although these figures reveal a hopeful state of affairs, the return for the seven months in 1909 constitute a discouraging record. They show that in this period, as compared with the same months in 1908, the imports increased £27,620,999 (£128,140,905), while exports decreased £3,228,456 (£16,162,280). Most notable feature of November was the increase of £20,100,765 in raw cotton.