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FIFTEEN BIG, FIERY METEORS SHOT OVER CITY LAST NIGHT ONE LARGE AS HALLEY'S COMET

People in All Parts of Toronto Viewed Strange Spectacle at Nine o'Clock When Huge Balls of Fire Whizzed Across the City, Followed by Thunder.

If, perchance, there were any love-sick mortals in Toronto last night who chose the long way home from church, they found more than the moon and stars to gaze upon. About 9 o'clock, no one will blame them if they grabbed each other's hands in fear and trembling, or if in the excitement of the moment they joined in an unconscious embrace. The sky-gazer had a rude awakening at that instant, for by the testimony of people in all parts of the city, Toronto was called to witness a most unusual sight. Fiery balls from the northwest shot thru the sky leaving in their wake a glittering, luminous trail. They crossed the city at a rate fixed by scientists at about 40 miles per second, and either lighted on the southeastern fringe or continued across the lake.

At least two dozen people, residents in different parts of Toronto, phoned The World a few minutes after the meteors had passed. By their awful descriptions one felt thankful that the strange visitors of the universe did not drop "in our midst." Careful enquiry by a World reporter revealed the fact that at least fifteen meteors, each of considerable size, were visible from any point in the city. Of these at least one was of extraordinary size. A Parkdale observer declared it was fully as large as Halley's comet which was seen in May, 1910. At that it must have been about 50 lbs. in weight and nearly half a cubic foot in volume.

Astronomer Explains. The explanation offered by astronomers is quite simple. P. L. Blake, the astronomer observer at the meteorological bureau, on Bloor street, said last night that the earth is bombarded by more than a million meteors every twenty-four hours. They are very small and are completely consumed in the atmosphere before coming within the range of vision. Periodically the earth passes thru swarms of large meteors. In August and again in November astronomers over the entire globe sit at night and view them by telescope. They may be seen often in day time, but not to as great advantage. The appearance of meteors in February is uncommon, but not remarkable. The explanation offered is that the earth last night was passing thru a shoal of these bodies drifting across its orbit.

Meteors of Iron. The average meteor, or meteorite, as it may be called, is simply a mass of iron or nickel and rarely of stone composition. Like an infinite number of other solid substances in space it is forced in a swift motion by magnetic attractions. The meteors seen in Toronto last night were very probably pure iron. Owing to their rapid movement they would take on a spherical shape. Attracted magnetically to the earth's surface they would come at an angle determined by their own and the earth's speed of motion. While in space they were extremely cold, their temperature being about the same as that of the ether, namely, about 200 or 300 degrees below zero. Descending to the zone of the atmosphere...

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LEADING CITIZEN DEAD AT GUELPH

Christian Kloefer, Ex-M.P., of Wide Business Activities, Is Victim of Pneumonia.

GUELPH, Feb. 9.—(Special).—At an early hour this morning a prominent manufacturer and a most popular citizen, Mr. Christian Kloefer, ex-M.P., passed quietly away.

The death of Mr. Kloefer will be felt throughout the whole province. He was a man of many activities. He was not only the head of the Raymond sewing machine and cream separator industries, but was actively interested in a number of other prosperous Guelph manufacturing, besides filled prominent positions in several leading financial institutions. Only recently his name was mentioned as a probable senatorial appointee, he having served as the representative of South Wellington in parliament, and he was well and widely known, especially in Toronto, where he had established a residence.

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COLLECTED FOR NEW CHURCH

Stanislaus Lang Taken Into Custody on Complaint of Toronto Polish Priest.

On the complaint of a Polish priest, Stanislaus Lang, was arrested on Saturday night by Detective Bart Cronin. The charge against the foreigner is that he has for the past month been defrauding people of large sums of money. The information with which the police have been furnished states that Lang called upon Lawrence Cosgrave, of the Cosgrave Brewery Company, and on the plea that he was building a new Polish Church, obtained \$100. Various other people also donated sums of money to the proposed new edifice. The Polish priest who laid the information claims that Lang is not a bonafide cleric and had no right to obtain the money. Lang maintains that he turned the money over to the building committee. He was released on bail.

J. M. Lynch is Here. J. M. Lynch of Indianapolis, president of the International Typographical Union, arrived in Toronto yesterday to attend the funeral of the late Robert Glocking this morning. Mr. Lynch is a guest at the Prince George Hotel.

HE "PUT HER OFF"



TRYING TO FIND HIS WAY HOME BOY WAS STRUCK BY MOTOR CAR

Lost on his return from Sunday school yesterday afternoon, Johnny McConnell, aged 9, was struck by a motor car when he ran across Harbord street for the purpose of asking a conductor which way to go home. He was reported to be in a critical condition at the Hospital for Sick Children last night, very little hope being entertained for his recovery.

About 4.35 p.m. the lad found himself at the corner of Harbord and Bathurst streets. He had been wandering the streets for some time. Seeing a street car man on the opposite corner, young McConnell started across the street to ask the man to take him to his home at 98 Garnett avenue.

A motor car, driven by Robert Lottridge, 7 Concord avenue, turned off Bathurst street into Harbord. Before the brakes could be applied, the child had been struck and the front wheel of the machine passed over his body.

Dr. Gaby, 642 Bathurst street, attended the boy in his surgery and found he had a fracture of the pelvis and internal injuries. The police ambulance then removed young McConnell to the Hospital for Sick Children. It is also feared that his hip is broken.

TURKS SHIFTING WOMAN'S DEATH WAR ZONE TO BLACK SEA SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Reports of Attempts to Land Troops Along Coast of the Black Sea and Sea of Marmora Officially Confirmed—Bulgars Make a Strong Counter-Move.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(Can. Press).—Some light is beginning to be shed by the brief official despatches, which contain almost all the available news upon the military tactics in the Balkan campaign. The reports of attempts on the part of the Turks to land troops along the coast of the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmora, which heretofore were only learned from unofficial sources, are now officially admitted, and it looks as though the Enver Bey's mysterious and desperate move, of which there have been some rumors, was an attempt to effect a landing at Charkov, about 35 miles to the southeast of Rodosto, with the intention to relieve the pressure of the Bulgarian attack on the Bulair lines.

This movement of the Bulgarians, according to an uncorroborated despatch from Constantinople, is causing serious anxiety at the Turkish war office. It is known that the allies are marching in strength against Bulair, and the Constantinople despatch adds that the Greek fleet has appeared in the Gulf of Saros, where Servian troops are also reported to have been landed to lend assistance to the Bulgarians. Abandoned Tobatalja Attack. It now seems clear that the allies have abandoned the attempt to force the Tobatalja lines in favor of an attempt to capture the Gallipoli peninsula, so as to open the way, by sea, to Constantinople.

According to Turkish reports, Turkish Helistrop returned to his house for supper. Upon entering the front door he felt a draught thru the house. Instantly thinking that this would not better his mother's condition the young man walked into the kitchen to close the rear door.

As he stepped to the doorway, Mr. Helistrop saw Mrs. Easton lying in the yard. He attempted to carry the woman into the house, but she was too heavy. Samuel Nixon, who had rooms at 182 Macdonell avenue, climbed the fence and the two men carried Mrs. Easton into the kitchen. Dr. Russell was summoned and found that the base of the skull had been fractured. From these injuries the woman died next morning.

Struck With a Stone. From the stoop of the steps to the spot where Mrs. Easton was found, a distance of nine feet, her head was found in the centre of the sidewalk running to the back yard. This fact, coupled with others of an equally suspicious nature, leads the detectives to believe that Mrs. Easton was struck from behind with a blunt instrument or by a stone.

Altho the woman died at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, she police were not notified until 3 in the afternoon. Or Chendeman was ordered by Chief Coroner Johnson to open an inquest at the morgue at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Adjourment will be made until the report of the autopsy is presented.

Ontario Woman Will Be Rich. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—(Can. Press).—Preliminary report of the administrator of the estate of David S. Wilson, an Oregon, Illinois, farmer, who died recently, leaving more than \$1,000,000 in securities in a safe deposit box in Chicago, is to the effect that all heirs to the estate have been located. The report was made public today to halt the steady flow of letters and telegrams from persons who believe themselves entitled to a share in the property. Miss Rhoda Lee of Ontario, Canada, an aunt, and descendants of David Nelson Brown, an uncle, are said to be the only heirs.

Diaz Freed, Heads Revolution Madero is at Bay in Palace Mexico City in Rebels' Grip

MAY BE NEW PRESIDENT



GENERAL FELIX DIAZ. Nephew of former President Porfirio Diaz, who may secure a grip of the reins of power. Released from prison in Mexico City by his adherents, and backed by a majority of the troops, he has former President Madero now at bay.

QUEBEC PULP AND PAPER ARE BARRED OUT BY UNITED STATES BIG QUEBEC INDUSTRIES HIT

Removal by Province of Export Restrictions on Certain Crown Lands Does Not Permit Products Free Entry Is Pronouncement of President Taft.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(Can. Press).—President Taft today denied the right of free entry from Canada into the U. S. of wood pulp and paper made from the timber of certain crown lands in Quebec, on which that province recently announced it had removed export restrictions. The president sustained the decision of Secretary MacVeagh of the treasury department, that Quebec's action was not sufficient to entitle these products to free importation under the only reciprocity clause of the Canadian reciprocity agreement which abolished the duty on wood pulp and paper provided Canada did not restrict their exportation in any manner. This action forestalls the reported plan of four big paper manufacturers of Canada to send a large shipment of paper to this country.

Secretary MacVeagh found, after an extensive investigation, that Quebec had not actually removed the restrictions on the exportation of the timber grown on the lands involved. It developed that the four companies leasing the lands would certainly not export the wood, but would convert it into paper before sending it to the U. S. Quebec, it is declared, refused to remove the export restrictions from other crown lands held by companies which would export timber.

The primary purpose of the law, the secretary held, and the president agreed, was to induce Canada to remove export restrictions so that wood could be freely imported into this country for manufacture into paper. He consequently challenged the sufficiency of Quebec's action. Treasury officials deny that Quebec's case parallels the situation in British Columbia, which is given free entry. In that province only one company exports paper to this country and no restriction is placed upon either timber, wood pulp or paper.

A Disappointing Season. This is the greatest fur bargain season Torontoians will know in some years. The mild weather of the early part of the season has made the selling below normal, while the stocks, put in for 1912-1913, were as large, or larger than for the previous season, when the winter was exceptionally severe. Dineen's frankly admitted their stock is too heavy, and offer bargains that invite purchasers, irrespective of the weather requirements. W. & D. Dineen Company, Limited, corner Yonge and Temperance streets.

Majority of Regular Troops Join Insurrectos and Seize Federal Buildings, Including Arsenal, After Desperate Street Fighting in Which Hundreds Were Slain, Gen. Reyes Among Them—Madero, Surrounded by Loyal Adherents, Declares Revolt Will Be Quelled With Iron Hand—Army Marching to Give Aid.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 9.—(Can. Press).—President Francisco Madero, with his ministers and a strong detachment of loyal troops, is fortified in the National Palace tonight while Gen. Felix Diaz, with a large majority of the regulars behind him, has practical control in the capital. In several bloody encounters today, the president and his supporters succeeded in defending themselves against the rebels, and notwithstanding the fact that the troops in large numbers are in a state of revolt which carried all before them today, there was an appearance of genuine optimism at the palace among Madero and his ministers.

To all parts of the republic Madero telegraphed reassuring news which he and his cabinet seemed to believe. The state governors and military commanders were assured of the loyalty of the army and that tranquility had been restored.

Madero Hopeful. To a representative of the Associated Press, President Madero said the facility with which the new revolt had been suppressed was only another indication of the strength of the government and the loyalty of the army. Pointing from a window in the palace to a mob, for the most part of boys carrying the national flag and crying vivas for Madero, the president said: "There you can see the people are with us. It is said the government stands alone, but that is not true. The government has the support of the people. There will be no more temporizing, we are going to use the iron hand."

Earlier in the day, shortly after the first outbreak occurred, Madero declared martial law thruout the city and announced that he would ask congress to authorize a suspension of the guaranties thruout the republic. Gen. Huerta was named as post commander on account of the wounding of Gen. Villar.

Revolt Hard to Crush. "In the belief that the government had scored an easy victory, Foreign Minister Lascurain, Ernesto Madero and others of the cabinet embraced one another and congratulated themselves and the president on what they called the new turn of events.

Those who have observed affairs closely point out that Gen. Diaz, who escaped being shot summarily following the failure of the Vera Cruz revolt, can now expect no clemency, but must fight to the death.

There is no question that Diaz is straining every fibre to depose Madero, and with the large forces at his command, both within the city and outside, it is not likely that the present revolt and the rising within the capital will be suppressed easily.

Carl Guaranties Protection. President Madero was asked by the diplomatic corps to say yes or no as to whether he could give protection to foreign residents. The president did not answer. The diplomats then sent a message to Gen. Diaz notifying him that they would look to him to give such protection.

After a hull in the fighting the government sent a force to attack the arsenal, but the federals were repulsed with heavy losses by the machine gun, rifle and artillery fire. The total number of dead is reported to be 250. Three Spaniards were killed.

An American, E. L. Ramsey, formerly of Galveston, Tex., was seriously wounded. Stray bullets entered the embassy buildings. Captured Capital. The army rose in revolt in Mexico City today, took possession of the public buildings, shot down the federal adherents in the streets, released Gen. Felix Diaz, the leader of the Vera Cruz revolt from prison and falling into line, under the banner, practically captured the Mexican capital.

Francisco Madero, president of the republic and the members of his cabinet, took refuge in the National Palace, where they were besieged, but, with some loyal troops at their back,

Continued on Page 3, Column 2. Selected Company in "The Chocolate Soldier." The company which will present "The Chocolate Soldier" at the Princess this week, beginning tonight, has been selected especially by F. C. Whitney. The management promises a better company and production than has ever before been seen in this tuneful musical play.