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FIVE KILLED TEN INJURED

Medicine Hat Had a Terrible Gas Explosion Last Night.

Building Full of Gas Blew Up When the Fire Reached It.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

MEDICINE HAT, Sask., March 20.—Five are dead and ten are known to have been injured in a gas explosion here last night. The fire department was called to attend a fire in the Western Canada Cold Storage and Packing Company building and were working at the fire when the building full of escaping gas was blown up.

Three of the walls—two sides and the front—were blown out and raised high in the air. Those in the pathway of the flying debris were buried alive. They were fleeing for safety when death overtook them, and just getting out of the door or distant from the building a few feet when an avalanche of bricks and timbers overtook them and they were mowed down in their tracks. That the list of dead and injured should be so small is miraculous.

The force of the explosion totally ruined the building which was one of the best built plants in the city. The bricks were blown to dust by the explosion and huge timbers broken like matches.

The dead: Reginald Rimmer, 21, fireman, buried in the ruins, body recovered six hours after the accident.

William Green, 13, died on the way to the hospital.

Charles Behannon, 24, head crushed, came here a few days ago from William Stewart, fireman, well known painter, head crushed.

Johnstone Gfar, city employe head crushed.

The injured: James ... had ankle broken.

Wm. Bannion, city treasurer's office and volunteer fireman, head and back injured.

Joseph Revett, leg badly lacerated.

Crist Topp, compound fracture of the leg and suffering from shock-conditions critical.

Wm. Buchanan, captain of the Fire Department, had scalp wound.

Wm. Long, back and ankle injured.

D. Sanderson, driver for Fire Department, back, shoulder and knee injured.

Jas. Connor, had scalp wound.

Sam Schmidlan, ankle and flesh wounds.

There were many more or less injured of the mighty explosion was enough to extinguish the fire for it did not make its appearance again. Injured and discharged from the hospital after being treated, others but slightly injured, went home.

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GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Friday March 21, Matinee and Night—Wesley Lambert offers the powerful Western drama, "THE COUNTY SHERIFF," in 4 acts, by Tom B. Parker. A thrilling and sensational play of the Northwest. The climax of emotion, beautiful in sentiment, full of good clean comedy, with special scenery and effects. Prices—5c, 25c, 50c, 75c. Seats Wednesday. Matinee prices—Children 15c, Adults 25c.

Saturday, March 22, Matinee and Night—Mort H. Singer presents for the first time here GEO. DAMEREL, the original Prince in "The Merry Widow" in the big musical success, "THE HEART BREAKERS," the musical comedy with a plot and a perfect princess chorus. Hear "Bashful Bumble-Bee," "Honolulu Honey Boy," "Melody of Dreams," "Your Eyes, Your Smile and You." A magnificent production and picturesque effects are guaranteed with all Mr. Singer's attractions. Prices, Matinee at 2:30: Lower floor, \$1, 75c and 50c; balcony, 75c and 50c; gallery, 25c. Night: Lower floor, \$1.50, \$1, 75c and 50c; balcony, \$1 and 75c; gallery, 25c. Seats Thursday.

Thursday, March 27—Back by de-mo—JOS. M. GAITES again presents "THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS," the delightful musical play. The same superb cast of principals, big heavy chorus and pony ballet, special orchestra. Note—This attraction having played here the beginning of the season, and as the company is exactly the same as seen Grand guaranteed. The Girl of My Dream's, the management of the musical shows which has played Brantford. Prices: 5 rows, \$2, 13 rows, \$1.50; 4 rows, \$1; balance, 75c; balcony, \$1 and 75c; gallery, 3 rows reserved, 50c; balance, 25c. Seats Tuesday.

ENGLISH MAIL CLOSING DATES

The Old Country mail closed this afternoon at 1.15, and was, as usual, heavy. The following are the closing hours for the remainder of the money. New money entirely is being secured.

March 21—9.00 a.m. March 25—9.00 a.m. March 26—9.00 a.m. March 27—1.15 p.m. March 28—9.00 a.m. March 31—9.00 a.m. March 31—7.00 p.m.

BLESSINGS ON THE MAGISTRATE

Colored Woman Paid Fond Farewell to His Worship This Morning.

George Walker, colored, was charged with assaulting his wife. Liquor trouble. Albert Woodard had been loafing around the house and securing the whiskey for Walker, who is a billed man.

His Worship asked Walker if he thought he could get along with Mrs. Walker if Woodard went away. He said he thought he could.

The assault case was dismissed. Mrs. Walker was then charged with supplying her husband, a billed man with liquor. She pleaded not guilty, and said that Woodard supplied the whiskey. At this stage, His Worship out of your mouth, I can't hear you.

Walker was called to testify in the case and Mrs. Walker said: "Oh, he'd swear to a lie any time to get out of jail."

Walker testified she gave him whiskey, but Woodard was responsible for it coming into the house. Woodard was then charged with supplying liquor to a billed man, and found guilty. He was given three months or \$35 as an alternative.

Mrs. Walker and Woodard were discharged whereupon Mrs. Walker said: "Thank you Your Honor, with the greatest pleasure" and as she was leaving, she said: "God bless you till I see you again."

Four or five ladies were up in the children's court this morning charged with breaking some windows. They were allowed to go with a warning.

One Minute Interviews

Mr. John Patte, chairman of the Board of Health—"The fact that the windows look out on a cemetery and the place is otherwise very inadequate makes the present smallpox hospital a disgrace to the city."

Mr. Roy Secord of P. H. Secord and Sons—"We are just waiting for a steam shovel and then we will at once start work on the new public building. We intend to make a fine job of it, and it will probably take two years for completion."

Postmaster Raymond—"The mails so far this March have been heavier than for a like period in previous years. The British mails in particular, both in and out, continue to manifest a constant advance."

SMALLPOX CASE

A Well Known Young Bank Clerk Was Removed to Hospital Yesterday.

A case of smallpox was removed last evening from one of the local banks, one of the senior clerks being the unfortunate victim. It is believed he contracted the disease from handling cash, but the case is of a mild type. Medical Health Officer Pearson announced this morning that he did not think it was necessary to close the bank under quarantine, as a most thorough disinfection had been immediately made last night, as soon as the case was detected. Moreover, it was discovered very early. The clerk, who is Mr. R. Burns, is well known and popularly esteemed locally. He was removed to the hospital. He is in no danger.

Amazing glove bargain—7,000 pairs women's chamois gloves, white and natural \$1.00 quality at 50c to-day and Saturday. Crompton's.

New spring styles in footwear on show Saturday at Ludlow Bros.

Will Evidence of the Son of Henry Love Convict Father On the Charge of Murder?

The Boy Arnel is in the Box To-Day and Stuck With Determination to the Story Which Incriminates the Accused.

(Canadian Press Despatch) OWEN SOUND, March 20.—At the second day's session of the trial of Henry Love for the murder of the Arnel, the 14-year-old son of the accused, again took the witness stand and testified in regard to his father's movements preceding and subsequent to the evening of the tragedy.

The lad lost nothing of the non-chalance which characterized his demeanor in the box on Wednesday, and though subjected to a vigorous examination by Mr. W. S. Wright, counsel for the defence, held determinedly to his original statements. Much of the interest of the morning's proceedings was focussed around the clothing found in the Love household by Inspector Reburn and since zealously guarded by the provincial authorities. These garments, consisting of two coats and as many pair of trousers, were brought into court in a box and held up for identification by the lad. They were his father's, he said definitely, but among the things he missed a certain pair of pants which he said his father had been wearing on Monday, December 9th, and not subsequently.

These particular trousers had a dramatic description of his father's behavior on this occasion. "I lay down on the lounge in the kitchen," he said, and put my overcoat over me. Father went to the bedroom, and as soon as he got inside the door he stopped and said: 'What's that?' I said: 'What do you mean?' and he replied: 'It's something

like a moon.' He got the lantern, opened the trap-door and went down the stairs he cried out: 'My God! There she is!' He said it in a way that frightened me, and I got out of the cellar as quickly as I could." Crown Prosecutor Gamble elicited from the witness that while on his way to school he (the boy) had seen a tall, well-built stranger. He had repeated this furtive information to neighbors.

"Why did you make those statements if they were not true?" "Because father told me to agree with him in everything he said." Mr. Wright, in cross-examination, pressed young Love in regard to his statements made at the inquest concerning the black trousers of the accused alleged to have been missing since December 9th. Counsel sought to show that these pants might have been cut up and made part of a patch-work quilt, which he had up for the court to view. The boy, however, could identify none of the patches as the mutilated remnants of the discarded garments of his father's. The boy told of being taken in charge by Detective Reburn for about two hours on the Wednesday afternoon and of discussing his mother's disappearance along with that officer. That same night he had come back to his home and slept in the same bed with his father. "But," the witness said, "I had no discussion with him."

Counsel obtained some sidelights on the boy's previous history when he admitted having fled with another boy from home. "We struck out to see the world," the witness smilingly admitted. "And took two guns with you and caused your parents considerable worry," fired back Mr. Wright. Replying a little later, the boy

swore that he heard no noise on the Monday evening, and when he came downstairs on Tuesday morning the place was tidy and he found a warm breakfast awaiting him. Since the inquest the lad admitted that portions of his evidence there given had been read to him. He did not divulge the name of the person who had read this evidence, however.

Re-examined by Mr. Gamble, Arnel told of being alone with Inspector Reburn for some time in a hotel at Flesheron. Later had come Magistrate McGill, who was present when the lad's statement for the information of the witness volunteered this caustic comment on this procedure. "Is that a proper thing for a magistrate to do?" he asked Mr. Gamble. "I have a very clear opinion that it is highly improper. I have no reason to doubt that Mr. McGill did this in good faith, but it is only right that the public should know what the courts think about it."

Two butcher knives, each of them wrapped in twine, were shown to the boy, who testified that he had seen one of them on the window sill on Tuesday morning. The judge was curious to know why the lad particularly recalled seeing this knife, but the only reply he secured from the witness was: "I don't remember." The lad's ordeal on the stand came to an end shortly before noon. He left the witness box in the same brisk manner in which he had first entered it on the previous afternoon to take his seat in the court room. It was necessary for him to pass behind his accused parent, and in passing the lad looked squarely into the prisoner's face without a sign of recognition. Love reddened to his hair, passed his hand nervously over his face, and sat back in his seat in palpable discomfort.

CALGARY MAN UNDER ARREST

Three Charges of Embezzlement Against Prominent Ex-Alderman. He Was Formerly the Civic Treasurer—A Western Scandal.

(Canadian Press Despatch) CALGARY, Alta., March 20.—Charles Henry Minchin, ex-alderman, former city treasurer, and this year's candidate for city commissioner, was arrested last night on three charges of embezzlement of \$8,800 from the city. The alleged misappropriations were eighteen hundred, two thousand and five hundred dollars, the amounts being taken, it is alleged, in September, 1911, Minchin was released on bail of \$24,000. It is reported that thefts were discovered in the prosecution of an audit covering a period of nine years. Formerly a monthly audit had been made, but it is said that the accounts were altered following each monthly audit. These audits were not checked back by the city auditor, and because of this the alleged manipulation of figures escaped attention until an independent audit was instituted several weeks ago. The present audit will not be completed for several weeks, but revelations up to date made Minchin's arrest necessary in the estimation of the auditors. The method by which accounts are said to have been changed was crude, according to the auditors, who state that a common pen-knife was used for erasures.

Minchin is a young man, popular in Calgary. He was identified with municipal affairs for several years until defeated for the commissionership early this year.

THE PROBS

TORONTO, March 20.—The western disturbance has now reached Lake Michigan and there are indications of the development of a storm off the middle Atlantic. Mild weather prevails from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces and the cold conditions continue in the West.

FORECASTS

Strong southerly to westerly winds, mild with showers and local thunderstorms. Friday—Strong northerly winds, snow flurries and turning colder. Saturday—Cold.

It is understood that the Gummro Spine Company has been strengthened by additional capital put up by some prominent citizens, and that new quarters and an enlarged output will be the result. The firm of Geo. Foster & Sons, Limited, is said to be interested in the reorganization of the company.

STRICT MEASURES ARE TAKEN

In connection with the case of smallpox discovered in a local bank yesterday, the strictest precautions possible have been taken to prevent any outbreak. All the new money in the bank was despatched to headquarters, while all the old money was ordered under a six-hour fumigation. It is believed that the contagion was carried by the money.

"MOVIES" MADE IN BRANTFORD

First Production New Movies Takes Place at the Colonial.

Mr. J. S. Barnes, who showed the first moving pictures ever exhibited in Great Britain and also in China, and who has been here the last six weeks superintending the first production in Canada of moving picture films, made a test last night at the Colonial Theatre, after the regular performance.

The films depicted the French underworld and the pictures were taken by Mr. George Pucknall of London, England, who is associated with Mr. Barnes. The demonstration was a splendid success and reflects much credit upon Mr. Pucknall. The run was 5,000 feet and consumed one hour and a half.

The plant here is to be greatly developed in the future. Local pictures such as the breaking up of the Grand River, the Brantford fire brigade in action and so on, will shortly be exhibited. To-morrow morning the procession will be taken of the Knights of Pythias.

In many places where moving picture scenes are developed, many hundreds of people are employed, and Mr. Barnes thinks that the Brantford end will develop to a similar figure.

Mr. E. Symons, Manager of the Colonial is financially interested.

THIS DRAMA A BIG SUCCESS

Biblical Tragedy Is Set Forth With Intense Realism by Maeterlinck.

(Canadian Press Despatch) NEW YORK, March 20.—A cable to the Tribune from Nice says: "Mary Magdalene," a three act drama by Maurice Maeterlinck, presenting with intense realism the Biblical tragedy and brought out last night at the municipal Casino, produced a profound impression. The theory that Mary Magdalene's influence on the Saviour was greater than that of any other woman.

The first act discloses Mary, a beautiful and wealthy Jewish courtier, at a sumptuous luncheon in the garden of Silenus, the philosopher at Bethlelem. A handsome young Roman lieutenant, Lucius Versus, is desperately in love with Mary, who refuses his offers.

The second act passes in the luxurious villa of Mary, who is already under the mystic religious influence of Christianity. Lucius Versus presses his suit and Mary is about to yield to his supreme outburst of profane passion. It is a terrific struggle between the flesh and the spirit, but Lazarus, restored to life, appears saying to Mary, "The Master calls you," whereupon Mary as if by magic quits Lucius and follows Lazarus.

The third act is at Jerusalem Pontius Pilate has entrusted his lieutenant, Lucius Versus, with the duty of guarding the imprisoned Christ, Lucius, burning with his passion for Mary, declares that he will allow Christ to escape if Mary will yield to his embrace. The Disciples who are present implore Mary to comply but Mary, imbued with mystic faith, refuses and follows Christ on the path to Golgotha. This is considered the finest and most dramatic work which Maeterlinck has yet written.

The part of Mary is admirably played by Georgette M. Leblanc Maeterlinck. The Christ is not impersonated on the stage, although his voice is heard in prayer and proclaiming the Christian faith. This scriptural tragedy is a complete dramatic success and will be given later in Paris.

A new spring hat free with every suit purchased for \$15.00 at Ludlow Bros., Saturday.

AT DASTARDLY TRICKS AGAIN

Suffragettes Burn Down the House of Lady Amy White.

Widow of Field Marshall Sir George White Has Big Loss.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

LONDON, March 20.—"Arson squads" of militant suffragettes were out during last night when they burned down the fine country residence of Lady Amy White, widow of Field Marshal Sir George White, the hero of Ladysmith during the Transvaal war, and also the buildings on the golf links at Weston-Super-Mare, the fashionable summer watering place of Somersetshire.

Lady White's house was a big mansion standing in spacious grounds at Englefield Green in the county of Surrey near the River Thames. An outbreak of fire was discovered at one o'clock this morning and the flames had by that time got such a good hold of the building that it was entirely gutted in spite of all the efforts of the local fire brigade. Traces of oils and inflammable materials were found scattered about the house while stuck on prominent spots outside in the grounds were papers inscribed with the words "stop torturing our comrades in prison," "Votes for Women."

By kind permission of Charles Hobhouse, the last being a reference to tant of Mr. Hobhouse, who is Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, uttered early in the campaign that women lacked the real revolutionary spirit of men who burned and sacked in support of their cause.

Two women on bicycles were seen in the neighborhood half an hour before the fire was discovered. They are suspected of being the incendiaries, but all trace of them has been lost. The house was unoccupied.

The incendiaries of the golf pavilion at Weston-Super-Mare also escaped. There are many suffragettes now in that city, where Viscount Haldane, Lord High Chancellor, is scheduled to deliver an address before the National Teachers' Conference.

Glories in Notoriety. Olive Hocken, the militant suffragette, who is charged with attempting to set fire to a pavilion on the Roehampton golf links, appeared in the magistrate's court for another week for counsel for the treasury had opened the case for the prosecution.

Miss Hocken appeared to glory in the notoriety she had achieved. She entered the prisoner's enclosure wearing a bright new sash done in the suffragette colors across her breast and smiled contentedly as counsel told of her alleged activities in the field of arson in the destruction of letters in the public mail boxes, etc.

The articles found in the militant suffragette arsenal in the Kensington district of London on March 13, consisting of telegraph wire cutting apparatus, bottles of corrosive fluid, hammers, flints, tools for breaking windows, false identification plates for automobiles, and a number of climbing, as well as paraffin, cotton wool, rape oil, fire lights, candles, etc., found in the gripsack alleged to have been dropped by Olive Hocken on the Roehampton golf links were prominently displayed in court and formed an interesting museum of exhibits.

Counsel for the treasury described Miss Hocken's studio in Campden Hill Gardens Kensington, as a "depot" where people gathered armed and prepared for any particular marauding outrage on foot with the full knowledge and confidence of the accused.

Among Miss Hocken's correspondents, he added, was a letter from Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, openly inciting her followers to acts of lawlessness and outrage.

In the course of the hearing of the charge against Olive Hocken, the (Continued on Page Six)

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