

CHURCH FLOORING GAVE WAY; MANY INJURED.

Crowd Had Assembled in Vestibule to Attend the Annual Turkey Supper — More Than Sixty Persons Precipitated Into the Cellar, a Distance of Ten Feet — Panic Narrowly Avoided — Injured Taken to Hospital.

BOYLSTON, Mass., Jan. 18.—The flooring of the vestibule of the Congregational church in Boylston Centre collapsed tonight under the weight of a crowd of people who were there to attend a turkey supper and between sixty and seventy persons were precipitated into the cellar, a distance of ten feet. Several persons were seriously injured, several others were so badly hurt that they required the attention of physicians, while nearly all suffered from shock and bruises.

Supposed Red Beach Burglars Captured by St. John Police.

Clever Work of Sergt. Baxter Who Found His Men a Few Hours After Description Arrived—Prisoners Were Heavily Armed.

Two men, one a mulatto, the other white, supposed to be the desperadoes who after a series of burglaries at Red Beach Me., on Tuesday morning shot and dangerously wounded James Brown, the Red Beach Plaster Co.'s night watchman, were captured in this city yesterday afternoon by Sergeant Baxter and Officer Wm. H. White. Both men were armed to the teeth, and the mulatto put up a vicious fight for liberty. His efforts against the police and nerve of Sergt. Baxter, however, proved unavailing, and both men were taken into custody.

RURAL ENGLAND FOLLOWS EXAMPLE OF THE TOWNS.

Liberals Being Returned by Big Majorities—Unionist Free Trader Publishes Correspondence With Chief Conservative Whip, Which Creates Sensation—Cambridge University Returns Two Unionist Tariff Reformers.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Rural England is now being polled and returning liberals to parliament with the same enthusiasm as that already displayed by the towns. Few additional returns are available as the country has not yet only known the day following balloting, but those announced show persistent liberal and labor gains.

END OF EDWARDS CASE NOT YET.

Widow and Others Are Reluctant to Accept Suicide Finding

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Charles Hiller, at whose home his brother-in-law, Chas. A. Edwards, of New York, met his death three weeks ago, stated today that he desired to see all the evidence upon which Conover Mix had his finding of suicide.

DON'T WANT TO OBSERVE TWO SUNDAYS.

Seventh Day Adventists Protest Against Sunday Law of Lord's Day Alliance.

(Special to the Sun.) OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—A deputation of Seventh Day Adventists, including W. H. Thurston, president of the Canadian Union conference; H. E. Rickland, president of the Quebec conference; A. O. Barrill, president of the Ontario conference; and Eugene Leland, secretary of the Religious Liberty Association of Canada, waited upon the prime minister and the minister of justice today to protest against the Sunday law proposed by the Lord's Day Alliance.

GAME BOARDS.

Advertisement for game boards, including crokinole boards, air ships, and billiard and pool tables. Includes an illustration of a crokinole board and a person playing.

front of the building. When she had imparted this information to others living nearby the party immediately hurried to the watchman's assistance and were horrified to find him unconscious and lying in a pool of his own blood. The Plaster Co.'s officials were at once summoned to the scene, and Dr. Russell, who has Dr. Beach at Calais, summoned to his assistance, the latter assuming charge of the case as Dr. Russell had another patient whose condition required his immediate presence.

Dr. Beach found Mr. Brown suffering from a bullet wound, the missile having entered the back between the shoulders, penetrating the lungs. The victim was in a precarious condition, but recovered consciousness long enough to tell how he was wounded. He stated that a little before two o'clock he heard sounds as if some person was hammering upon metal and upon going to the store door to investigate, discovered that the sounds came from the direction of the post office, situated 75 or more yards from the Plaster Co.'s store. Mr. Brown caught up his lantern and hurried to the post office, where he surprised two men in the act of forcing open the safe, the hinges of which had been knocked off by means of a heavy hammer.

His sudden appearance startled the burglars, who ran out of the building towards the street, but struck him over the head with his lantern. The fellow started and ran, with Mr. Brown in pursuit, when his partner again suddenly appeared and began firing his revolver at the courageous watchman. Five shots were fired, but only one took effect.

Realizing that he was up against desperate characters Mr. Brown started for his company's store to secure his own weapon, when one of the burglars caught him between the shoulders, but he kept bravely on, reached the store and secured his weapon, but when he got outside the building his strength gave way and he fell unconscious upon the ground and mouth. There he was found by Miss Mingo.

Before witnesses Mr. Brown informed president Newton of the Plaster Co. that one of his assistants, "Boggy" Marshall, a resident of Red Beach for ten or more years, and from his description of the second burglar suspicion fell upon a young Italian named Joe Caputo, who has been hanging about the town for the past six weeks, doing odd jobs for anyone willing to employ him.

While the excitement over the shooting of Mr. Brown was at its height the police became known that the burglars had been busy in other parts of the town attempting the robbery of the post office. First the blacksmith shop of Robert Pottle had been visited, where a race and bit and a small silver watch were appropriated, and then left by Mr. Pottle in his dead-end alley. Proceeded to the store of Thomas & Bonney, entrance being easily gained by means of the tools secured at "Potting" after helping themselves to a number of pipes, several boxes of cartridges and two revolvers, and a supply of cartridges the burglars looted the till, containing about \$10, and proceeded to the post office, where they were working with the tools stolen from the blacksmith shop, when one of the burglars made an effort to open the safe when Watchman Brown appeared upon the scene and upset their plans, with perhaps fatal results to himself. At this place the secured about \$10 in cash before attempting the larger task of opening the safe.

The officers, who made an inspection of the places visited by the burglars, found nothing in the nature of a clue, excepting perhaps two small dark lanterns, one of which was found together with the tools stolen from the blacksmith shop, were abandoned by the cracksmen when they were interrupted in the post office. At the school building the fact was discovered that some persons had been there during the night, a settee which had not been in use for years being found upon the floor, with marks upon its dust covered seat indicating that three persons had sat upon it during the interval between the closing of the school and the visit of the officers. A half card of Canadian matches were also found, and were in possession of the police.

While the police were seeking the perpetrators of the outrage, Drs. Brehaut and Russell were engaged in an almost hopeless fight with death at the office of the Plaster company, where Brown had been carried after the hour after they worked and watched over the unfortunate victim of the daring and murderous robbers, expecting that at noon slight improvement was noted and hope revived, and at a late hour Tuesday afternoon the cummunity received with pleasure and relief the announcement that Mr. Brown had a chance, though a slight one, of recovery.

John Morley, secretary of state for India, was returned by a good majority for Montrose. Cambridge University returned two unionist tariff reformers, S. H. Butcher and Mr. Rawlinson. Lancashire county appears to be going as strongly liberal as did Manchester. The three results announced regarding the liberal and one labor gains. Among those unseated in Lancashire are Lord Stanley, former postmaster general, and the laborites; W. T. Wilson, with a majority of 3,123, and C. A. Cripps, with a majority of 2,324 (free trader), with a majority of 2,324.

Taken altogether the returns, although less sensational than those previously reported, are most disastrous for the unionist standpoint. No less than five members of the Balfour ministry had been unseated, namely: Wm. St. John Brodrick, secretary of state for India; A. Bonar Law; Ernest Geo. Fremantle, secretary of the Admiralty; Lord Stanley, postmaster general, and Aljwin E. Fellows, president of the board of agriculture. Henry Chaplin, who was president of the local government board in the Salisbury ministry, is also among the defeated, who now include ten members of the late cabinet.

The defeat of A. Bonar Law will be a serious loss to the tariff reformers, as he has been looked upon as one of the ablest advocates of Mr. Chamberlain's policy. Since the elections opened the unionists have gained only three seats while the ministerialists have gained 12 seats. The seats up to the present are distributed as follows:

Liberals.....202
Unionists.....87
Laborites.....35
Nationalists.....60

The continued liberal triumphs made the result at Birmingham yesterday seem all the more remarkable, an lend color to the contention of the liberals that they were due exclusively to the force of Mr. Chamberlain's personality and to local influences and that they had no connection whatever with the fiscal problem.

Mr. Chamberlain himself is evidently undaunted. Speaking at Smethwick, near Birmingham, tonight he asserted that there had been a fair fight at Birmingham on the question of fiscal reform. He added that there were two remedies for the existing social problems—socialism and tariff reform. For the moment, he said, the country preferred socialism, but when the quick remedies of the present government had failed there would be opportunity for his hobby and "no obstruction could prevent its taking root."

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Thomas Gibson Bowles, the unionist free trader, who was defeated at King's Lynn in Norfolk, by a tariff reformer, provides the sensation of the campaign by the publication of correspondence which Sir Alexander Fulton, Acland Hood, the chief conservative whip, in his correspondence, which is published tonight, Mr. Bowles accuses the unionist party of sacrificing his seat on the dictum of Joseph Chamberlain simply because he is a unionist free trader.

In it are scathing letters to Sir Alexander containing numerous thinly veiled personal insults, accusing him of deliberate breach of faith and politically dishonest conduct. Mr. Bowles attacks the source from which the conservative party fund was derived and gives a chapter and verse regarding the inclusion of some years ago when Ernest Terah Hooley, of "unhappy memory," contributed \$50,000 to the party fund, "in circumstances most discreditable."

This contribution, Mr. Bowles says, was refused and returned by Lord Salisbury at a distance of 100 miles.

Mr. Bowles, insinuating that his successful opponent received support from the party fund, says: "From such a fund I should deem it shameful to receive assistance."

Sir Alexander in reply, says that the organization because of his attacks on Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain, but he briefly denies that A. F. Burgoyne, the successful candidate at King's Lynn, received any support from the fund.

Mr. Bowles under today's date replies to Sir Alexander, who, he says, evades every point raised, but he accepts the statement that Mr. Burgoyne's candidacy was not supported

WANDERERS DEFEATED AFTER GREAT CONTEST

Champion Ramblers Defeat Haligonians in Clean Play

(Special to the Sun.) HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 18.—The respective records of the Halifax Wanderers and Amherst Ramblers in their six games played this season have been such that a high pitch of excitement had been aroused among hockey devotees in view of tonight's match between these clubs, and 1,800 people were in Aberdeen rink to witness it.

The champions of last year suffered defeat this year by the Truronians, who were beaten by the Wanderers. Though the Wanderers suffered defeat by the Ramblers last season, the former club has been so much strengthened this season that it gave the home team a hard game tonight, the score being: Ramblers, 3; Wanderers, 2.

Wanderers—Hilton, goal; Woodworth, point; E. Dwyer, cover point; Barclay, rover; Gorham, centre; David, left wing; F. Dwyer, right wing. Ramblers—Currie, goal; Brown, point; Murray, cover point; Twaddle, rover; Murray, centre; Simpson, left wing; E. Curran, right wing.

The game was started at 5 o'clock and the puck went directly to the Wanderers' goal, when Murray found the net in half a minute. For the next ten minutes' play was without further success. Play then went into the Ramblers' ice, when Currie stopped a couple of hard ones. Shortly after the puck went behind the Wanderers' goal and Simpson brought it out and found the net. Time, 15 minutes.

Two minutes later the Wanderers got one past Currie on a shot from the puck went into the net. For the remainder of the half was busy, without further success. Finally Currie worked the puck down into the Wanderers' territory, and shot a goal. Time, ten minutes. From this point the play became more exciting, the Wanderers putting forth extra effort to even matters; finally F. Dwyer located the net. Time, 20 minutes. With ten minutes to play, the visitors still had a chance and made the best of their opportunity, keeping the Ramblers' defense very busy, but failed to score, sending Ramblers, 3; Wanderers, 2.

Hilton of the Wanderers, was perhaps the star player of the team, making many clever stops and several times saving his team. Woodworth at point did some good lifting, but the visitors stopped many of his shots. E. Dwyer at cover played well and did some extra strong shooting. The four forwards played an aggressive game, attempting good combination plays, but the defence was too heavy for good results. Currie, the Ramblers' goal, put up an extra good game and stopped many hard ones. Brown at point did some effective checking and is improving at every game. F. Curran at cover did a lot of hard clean checking and some good shooting. Twaddle and Murray maintained their old high reputation. Simpson played his usual aggressive game and stayed on the puck continually. E. Curran played his usual game, but lost for the team by being on the boards on two occasions. Except for an occasional trip on each side the game was clean throughout, contrasting strongly in this respect with the New Glasgow and Amherst Ramblers game. At the beginning and close of the game the teams heartily cheered each other and the best of feeling prevailed throughout.

Harry Young refereed satisfactorily to all. The visitors leave for home at four in the morning.

SMALLPOX AT WATERBORO

WHITE'S COVE, Queens Co., Jan. 17.—There is great excitement in this place again over the new outbreak of smallpox at Waterboro, Mr. and Mrs. Eleazar Wiggins of that place is said to have broken out with the disease this week, and it is feared that other new cases will develop.

CAHALIS, Me., Jan. 17.—The quietude of Red Beach, which is officially known as Ward 7, of this city, was rudely disturbed at an early hour Tuesday morning by an occurrence which it is feared had been made upon James Brown, night watchman for the Red Beach Plaster Co. A young girl named Mingo, who was hurrying to the Forest telephone pay station to summon medical aid for her mother, was the first to raise the alarm, and in a very brief space of time the whole village was aroused.

Miss Mingo, who lives near the Plaster Co.'s store, had the occasion to pass the store on her way to the telephone office and heard the watchman, Mr. Brown, lying upon the platform in