

SEVEN WERE KILLED IN LONDON HORROR.

Nine Seriously Injured—All the Bodies Recovered from the Ruins.

Survivors Tell of Their Experiences—Responsibility for the Disaster.

THE DEAD.

- W. T. HAMILTON, of Hamilton & Long. JOSEPH LONG, of Hamilton & Long. FRANK SMITH, Manager of Brewster's. W. E. TAMBLING, age 14, son of W. T. Tambling, 361 Oxford street. TANTUM HOWITT, 505 Maitland street. CLARA MULLIN.

London, Ont., despatch: With seven dead, nine lying in the hospital more or less seriously injured, and a number of others suffering from shock and bruises, the calamity which cast its shadow over the city yesterday afternoon, though not so appalling as at first feared, has left an impression that from the minds of many time will never efface. London has had more than her share of disasters during the past few decades, and on every side one hears references to that eventful night in January, 1898, when the City Hall floor collapsed, killing 23 persons and injuring over 100; to the disastrous cloudburst on the Thames in 1881, or going farther still back, to the capsizing of the steamer Victoria, and the drowning of 200 holiday-makers. But there are features connected with the catastrophe of yesterday which have gripped the imagination of the public with a force that is scarcely to be measured by the extent of the death roll or casualty list.

A Terrible Transformation.

Apart from the awful suddenness with which the buildings fell, there was something peculiarly thrilling in the transformation of the busy mart, filled with men and women plying their peaceful vocation, with no thought of impending danger, into a death-trap and gruesome waste. That there were numbered among the victims citizens well known and highly esteemed in the community, and young people of both sexes, was an added element to the touching character of the dreadful affair, but even more profound than the sense of loss involved was the feeling created by the number of miraculous escapes and the prolonged and heroic work of rescue. The services rendered by the patient and tireless band of volunteers, who for over 24 hours kept toiling under a broiling sun amid surroundings in which dust and danger played equal parts, should long stand to the credit of London.

Last Touch of Tragedy.

In this connection the recovery of the body of Miss Clara Mullin, the last to be taken from the pit of death, was the finishing touch of tragedy. Found practically in the lowest level, with her hands and arms pinned down by heavy joists and jammed against a counter which she apparently grasped in terror, the slender body, upon which had rested tons of debris, was so badly crushed that her friends could scarcely recognize in the mangled figure the beautiful girl of twenty years who but a short time before had been gay with the life of joyous young womanhood. Miss Mullin is said to have possessed a particularly happy and amiable disposition, and seems to have been beloved by a wide circle of friends.

In Death Not Divided.

Other particularly sad features that have added to the poignancy of public feeling are the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Howitt and of Messrs. Hamilton and Long, partners of the same firm. In the one case bound by the ties of marriage, in the other by those of business, in both death found them undivided. By a tragic coincidence to-day was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Mr. and Mrs. Howitt's marriage, and the occasion was to have been celebrated in a way that was being looked forward to by all interested. The couple had gone to Hamilton & Long's store to make some purchases, and had just started for the door on their way out when they were caught in the avalanche of brick and mortar and, and still there were no signs of the inanimate form, for the finding of which all this tireless energy was being spent. Some of the men became so exhausted that they were advised to desist, but this they were reluctant to do, although others were waiting to take their places if need be. And so the work went on, furnishing a bright and thrilling example of that arduous form of heroism which is inspired by love of humanity and is sometimes its own reward. By 3 o'clock the men had got down to a level of the basement, and still eyes searched in vain for a trace of the missing body. Now it was a case of steady digging, for the debris had accumulated in the cellars to such an extent as to be almost impenetrable, but the men persisted, and at 4 o'clock Miss Mullin's remains, badly crushed, were brought to the surface.

Gloomy Duty Sternly Done.

This magnificent exhibition of determination and endurance was the culminating effort in a spell of strenuous rescue work which will be long remembered in London. Some men were at work to-day who had started immediately after the accident occurred, having started only a few hours' sleep during the night. Others who were among the first on the scene toiled on without intermission until the early hours of this morning. There were no thrilling rescues, no dramatic scenes, such as had characterized the operations at an early stage when the injured were being removed. The gloomy spirit of death hovered over the scene made dreary by the white heat of the sun and the rain which fell in a deluge over the ruins piled deep and

high. Hacking, sawing, digging, boring, the searchers pursued their grim task, now struggling with huge beams strewn across the path, now peering into crevices, or prodding heaps of plaster in the hope of finding the useless forms known to be underneath somewhere.

How the Dead Were Found. The first body recovered was that of Frank Smith, and half an hour later a group of searchers came suddenly upon the remains of the masonry and woodwork badly crushed about the chest and legs. Work continued for more than three hours before another victim was uncovered, this proving to be Mr. Howitt. Knowing that when last seen Mr. Howitt had had his wife beside him, the searchers applied themselves with renewed energy to the task of locating the latter, but it was not until daylight that their efforts were rewarded. Meanwhile in another part of the ruins a grim struggle had been going on for the body of Mr. Long, who was found embedded in a mass of masonry and woodwork about 8 this morning a fifth body was recovered, that of Mr. Hamilton. His features were badly battered, and his neck and chest were simply a mass of bruises. It appeared that he was being chanted over the counter in his shop with some one else when the crash came, and from the nature of his injuries it is beyond doubt that death had been instantaneous.

Young Englishmen's Endurance. While every man employed in the searching operations rendered noble service, none worked with greater zeal or showed greater daring than a band of young Englishmen who came from the old country. They were among the first to volunteer, and the manner in which they bent to the work of rescue was the theme of general admiration and went far to stimulate and encourage the others. They ventured into where some of their comrades feared to tread, burrowing deep into recesses, crawling under beams which might have collapsed at any moment, balancing themselves on the most precarious footholds, and generally running risks which made the crowd gasp at times.

Condition of the Injured. All day long the Victoria Hospital, where nine of the injured are lying, was besieged by inquirers and some pathetic scenes were witnessed. The injured are Miss Ethel Earl, 19 Leslie street, aged 16, but not seriously hurt. Miss Earl was employed in Brewster's, and was buried under the wreck. Mr. John Loney, of 75 Cartwright street, shipper in Reid's store, suffering from a fracture of the skull, and serious bruises and injuries about the head. Miss Libbie Smith, of 317 Simcoe street, very badly bruised, although the full extent of her injuries cannot be learned. Her condition is not considered serious and her recovery is looked for. Miss Smith was employed at Brewster's.

Perce Robinson, of 12 Leslie street, is badly bruised. His injuries are not serious. He worked at Hamilton & Long's. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peters, of St. John's, are both suffering from broken legs. Mr. Peters has a compound fracture of one leg. Mr. and Mrs. Peters were in Brewster's store when the crash came. Baby Hazel Peters, their daughter, is not seriously injured, being bruised slightly about the head.

James Clugston, of 14 Watt avenue, is suffering from a fractured leg. He worked in Hamilton & Long's. The meeting in the hospital this morning between a mother and her daughter, who had been reported seriously injured, was very affecting. The mother seemed quite overwhelmed with grief when she entered the ward where her daughter was lying, and when she learned that the latter was not so badly hurt as had at first been supposed she threw her arms around the patient and wept with joy, crying, "Thank God, thank God, you are spared." A mother's love was also touchingly exemplified in the case of Mrs. Edward Peters, who, though herself suffering from shock, seemed to have no thought for aught else but her injured baby.

Dr. Stevenson was diffident about expressing an opinion as to the condition of the injured. In such accidents, he said, the effects of shock were sometimes most to be feared, and these often did not manifest themselves for days, if not weeks.

Stories of Survivors. Interviewed in the hospital, Miss Ethel Earl, the young lady clerk of Brewster's store, said: "Libbie Smith, Clara Mullin and I were engaged in marking some jewelry in Mr. Brewster's yesterday about 4 o'clock, when we were startled by hearing a crash, and seeing the west wall of the building fall towards us. We had probably gone about two steps when the wall came down, and I thought my last moment had come. As we fell I grasped Clara Mullin around the waist and she took a grip of me. I am sure that she was killed instantly, for she never moved or spoke after the first shock. I was so pained that I could not move even my hands. After what seemed an age I heard voices above me asking for Ethel Earl. I was so choked with dust and so frightened that I could not talk above a whisper, so I asked Miss Smith, who lay next to me, to tell them that I was all right and still living. I am sorry that poor Clara should have met her death. Beyond a black eye and a few bruises I am almost as good as new." Miss Earl added she could hear poor Miss Smith praying to be rescued.

James Clugston, the twenty-year-old boy who was rescued late last night, stated that he was pained by the ceiling in the rear of Hamilton & Long's Company's store, and that in falling he landed on his stomach. He could just barely move his head, the remainder of his body being held by a huge beam, which pinned him down. The boy was positive that at least five people from the store were carried into the cellar with the crash of timbers and bricks, and he believed that all of them were killed.

Long Instantly Killed. Percy Robinson, another of Hamilton & Long's employees, regarded his escape as remarkable. "How anybody could go through that awful chaos of timbers, beams, bricks, and what not, and come out alive, is more than I can pretend

to understand," he said. "I remember being struck on the head with a piece of timber a moment after Mr. Long was killed by a falling 18-inch beam which struck him in the back of the head."

Miss Libbie Smith, describing her experience, said she was standing near the front door of Brewster's store, where she was employed, when she heard a rumbling noise, and the west wall of the store crashed in. "I was going to run out at the door, but had only time to take about two steps when I felt myself caught on every side by bricks and all sorts of things so tightly that I could scarcely move. All was darkness, and the dust almost choked me. I don't know just whether I was much frightened, although I could hardly realize what had happened. Voices could be heard, some crying for help and others moaning, and soon I could hear men climbing above me and noises as if great piles of bricks were being emptied. Every little while great quantities of dust would come down and nearly choke me. For a long time, what seemed to be about half an hour, I shouted, but could not make anyone hear until at least a man was thrown down through an opening and a piece of wood removed so that I could get more air. Close behind me was Ethel Earl. I thought that she was dead several times, and she could hardly speak, but after a while she told me several times to climb up to the men above. Mr. Frank Smith, the manager of the store, had been working on a shelf high up near the top of the store, and for some time after the accident I could hear him groaning terribly, but after a time he gave me a drink out of a cup. By the time I was rescued, I was so tired that I did not speak, and I took her to be dead. We were both caught in a standing position, so that the wreckage had to be removed right down to our feet before we could be taken out."

Saw the Wall Coming. A somewhat similar story was related by May Hardingham. "I saw the wall coming," she said, "and started to run, but was crushed to the floor before I had taken two steps. I was not frightened. It all happened so quickly that I barely realized what was taking place. It was the west wall over the candy counter that came in first. Clouds of dust and small pieces of brick nearly choked me at times, but although I could not see, I knew my body, my left arm was pinned to my breast in such a manner that my hand protected my face from dust to a large extent. I could hear voices indistinctly about me while lying under the debris." A warm tribute to Miss Hardingham's coolness and pluck was paid by Mr. Bert Barbour, who, with two others, went to her rescue. "She remained calm and encouraged us by her coolness," he said. "She was given water through a straw, as in her position it was almost impossible to give her a drink out of a cup. By the aid of keyhole saws and chisels the timbers and broken boards were sawed away. It was found that one timber had fallen an inch farther would have crushed out her life."

Mr. Reid's Statement. Mr. Reid, owner of the building, was not at home when the accident happened. He returned last night. "I did not know a thing about it," he said, "until 9 o'clock this morning, when I picked up a Toronto paper. I would not care about the money, but to think of the lives lost is too horrible. It can't be the fault of the building. It was built about twenty-five years ago. The best material was used. It was very strongly built. Only the other day several old citizens happened to remark on it, and their one verdict was that it was one of the best built structures in the city. As for being overloaded, that must be a mistake, as only small stock was carried under the circumstances."

The millionaire shoe-shine king, Peter Smirles, of Grand Rapids, lessee of the Reid building, will be on hand at the investigation. Smirles is inclined to take a lenient view of the disaster, but he fears that the contractors took all the necessary precautions. To this man it seems attention is now turned. Smirles leased the building from Reid, to take effect July 15, at \$6,000 a year, and Mr. Reid, it is said, will claim that it was against the specific instructions material was not to be made at the point where the building collapsed.

Expected Death. A curious fact in connection with the death of Miss Clara Mullin was a presentiment that she expressed some days ago if she went to work in Mr. Brewster's store something would happen to her.

Speaking to two girl friends she said: "I have an idea that something is going to happen to me and I cannot get it off my mind. I don't know what it is, but the idea bothers me, and I don't know whether to go or not."

FOR AMUSEMENT HOUSE. Grand Rapids Owner of Building Explains Its Intended Use. Grand Rapids, Mich., July 17.—Peter Smirles, of this city, the wealthiest Greek in Michigan, lessee of the building in London, Ont., by the collapse of which at least seven persons have been killed, left here to-day to take a personal hand in the investigation which is to follow the disaster.

"I bought the old building several months ago," said Mr. Smirles, "paying part down and agreeing to complete the purchase when the alterations were completed. I had intended to establish a sort of amusement place there, and the structure needed considerable changing to make it suitable for the purpose to which I contemplated putting it."

It was necessary to remove several pillars, the contractor said, and I supposed that weakened the structure so that it fell. Girders were being substituted for the other supports when the crash came, I understand.

"I received the first intimation of the disaster last night in a telegram from London, but only learned the full details when I read the morning papers."

At St. Catharines, a striking machinist at Toronto, was yesterday sent for trial for calling a workman's name.

Even when a man breaks his arm the doctor is inclined to pull his leg.

TALK BLOODSHED.

TROUBLE IF PUBLIC LAND IS FENCED IN.

Chief of Reservation of Oka Indians Near Montreal Issues a Defiance, and Assistance of Police is Invoked.

Montreal, July 22.—A special from Oka, says: The fact that Chief Angus Corinthe has announced that there will be bloodshed in Oka if the fencing of public land is proceeded with, gives those who know the ways of the Indian far more concern than all the alarm-letters that have been set afloat at different times during the last few years. Almost every year there have been, so to speak, pocket rebellions here, in the course of which, at various times, the Provincial police and detectives, as well as those of the Dominion, have been called out for service. The outlook, however, has never before been so serious as at the present. Those who know Angus Corinthe know him as a careful, deliberate man, who would not openly proclaim such defiance as he has done unless he had thought the matter out carefully.

In connection with this, it must be remembered that a little over a year ago he deliberately tried to bring things to an issue by cutting down a tree on the site of the proposed dam, which would have given him a large portion of the land, and he was fined for the same. He has been called out for service. The outlook, however, has never before been so serious as at the present. Those who know Angus Corinthe know him as a careful, deliberate man, who would not openly proclaim such defiance as he has done unless he had thought the matter out carefully.

In the present case, whatever occurs will not be at the instigation of the seminary, but at the instigation of the Board of Health of the Province, which has ordered the enclosure of the meadows, and, owing to threats, has asked for the protection of the Provincial police.

ALL NEED TRAINING.

NATIONAL COUNCIL DISCUSSES DOMESTIC HELP PROBLEM.

Misses and Maids Capable of Improvement—Miss FitzGibbon's Plan—Protection of Women and Children.

Vancouver despatch: Gloom was cast over the proceedings of the National Council of Women by the death of Mrs. J. O. Orr, wife of the manager of the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, from heart failure. In consequence many delegates who had intended taking part in the trip to New Westminster to-day remained in Vancouver. The report of the committee on "laws for the better protection of women and children" was presented, and the following resolution was moved by Mrs. O. C. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Woolverton, of Hamilton: "That the Council view with disapproval the tendency to lower the age of freedom to marry without the consent of parents or guardian from 21 to 18 years."

The resolution was withdrawn, being laid over for a year for more information, and an amendment, moved on behalf of Mrs. Sheldon, of Winnipeg, and seconded by Mrs. Graham, of London, was defeated.

The following resolution was deferred for one year: "That in the opinion of the Council the consent of the mother as well as of the father ought to be necessary to the marriage of minors."

The subject of domestic help was brought up. Miss FitzGibbon, of Toronto, gave an account of the way she managed her hotel. She trains servants for different situations, and is very careful to manage affairs on home or institution lines. She believed that the greatest thing needed to solve the difficulty was to raise the status of maid servants. She had tried to have maid servants put on professional standing in Toronto some years ago, but the ladies of the city had written after the instructions that she was demoralizing their households; that was because she had been misrepresented. Mrs. Skinner, Kingston, thought it better for the mistresses to train their servants. Another lady urged that the training of mistresses was needed. This could be done in the schools, and it should be done.

FORGED OTHER BILLS.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTERFEITING CASE.

Two Years Ago They Are Said to Have Been Counterfeiting Dominion Bank and Bank of Montreal Bills.

A Lindsay despatch: Police investigation into the Lindsay counterfeiting case is now centering about the manufacture and circulation of Dominion Bank and Bank of Montreal notes in this section two years prior to the recent discovery of the manufacture of forged bank notes.

It is in connection with the alleged case of two years ago that George Miller, the employee of the Lindsay Warden-Watchman office, is held, and it is upon the allegation of one of the men now under arrest that he was arrested.

Some idea of the extent of the operations of the gang is had from the finding of 180 \$5 Treasurers Bank notes upon Archibald Bayou and Richard Wynn, the old man arrested at the Soo and brought down on Monday. About the same number, it is claimed, was handed over to John Eveleigh, the Englishman caught in Montreal, and upon whose statement all the others were taken into custody.

Robert Logie, the farmer who was stopped in Toronto with the ticket for the Black River, was so the police officer in Montreal with Eveleigh when the latter was taken into custody for passing the bad bills. The two lots represent \$2,000 in counterfeit bills.

Eveleigh left Montreal to-night in charge of Provincial Detective J. E. Rogers, and is expected here at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. All the prisoners will be further remanded to-morrow until Monday, when the Crown is expected to go on and reveal some of the evidence they have in their possession. Constable Cohen of the Soo, a former Lindsay man, is assisting Dominion Detective Parkerson here to-day. Although the two prisoners were well acquainted with Cohen years ago, neither of them recognized him on the way down. The officers to-day made a search of a building frequented by some of the prisoners under arrest, and this action indicated that at least some of the men are assisting the police in the investigation. No more arrests are expected.

FIFTY MILLIONS.

NEEDED TO ERECT IRON SMELTER AND SHOPS AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., July 22.—(Special.)—Fifty million dollars is believed to be the capital required by Messrs. MacKenzie & Mann, for their big scheme for the erection of iron smelter and car shops at Ashbridges Bay in this city. The railway magnates will, it is understood, make an offer to the city very shortly, for a part of Ashbridges Bay and the surrounding lands, which would have to be reclaimed, MacKenzie & Mann, own immense deposits of iron at Iron Mountain and a spur from their Toronto, Parry Sound road is now tapping this mountain, so that they are in a position to bring down the ore.

SUFFOCATED BY GAS.

HARRY BURKART, OF DELHI, FOUND DEAD AT GALT.

Was Working Alone on the Dominion Natural Gas Company's Storage Reservoir, and Probably Struck a Leak.

Galt despatch: Mr. Henry Burkart, of Delhi, was suffocated with natural gas at the Kerr street reservoir in Galt at noon to-day. The Dominion Natural Gas Co. is erecting a storage reservoir on Kerr street, opposite the works of the Malleable Iron Company. The deceased was engaged in finishing the reservoir, and was working alone. Just how the accident occurred is unknown. A boy passing along Kerr street about 1 o'clock saw the man lying in the reservoir and gave the alarm.

He was at once pulled out and Dr. Wardlaw summoned. The employees of the Malleable works did all in their power to resuscitate him, but he had evidently been dead for some time. It is supposed that there was a leakage of gas, and that the man was overcome before he was aware of his danger, there being no noticeable odor from natural gas. It is thought that he had lain unnoticed in the reservoir for over an hour. The deceased was unmarried, and came to Galt from Paris, his home being in Delhi, and he had only been here a short time. Coroner Vardon is in communication with Crown Attorney Bowby at Berlin, but it has not been decided whether an inquest will be held.

IS A GOOSE A BIRD?

New York Board of Appraisers Decide That It is Not.

New York, July 22.—In a decision by Judge Waite, the Board of General Appraisers decided to-day that Canadian geese are not wild, and hence are not to be deemed "birds" within the meaning of the Dingley tariff act. The issue directly affects the importation of the geese in this market. The collector assessed the geese for duty as "live poultry" with duty at the rate of three cents per pound, whereas the importers insisted that the geese should be admitted as "birds" free of duty. Their contention was that the geese are wild, or semi-wild. In denying the claim Judge Waite says: "The evidence shows that the geese are kept by the farmers on their farms very much as fowls are generally kept, allowed to run in the fields, and

MATTIE PERKINS' SUITS.

Claims Damages From Twenty-five Ontario Newspapers.

Toronto despatch: Twenty-eight suits against Ontario newspapers for damages for articles written about them in the recent murder trial were filed on behalf of Mattie Perkins, Ralph Currie and Thos. McDonald at Osgoode Hall yesterday. The following papers have been lately served: The German Printing and Publishing Co., Berlin; Record Printing Company, Windsor; Standard Printing Company, Windsor; Sentinel Review, Woodstock; J. J. McIntosh, Mercury, Guelph; H. Gummer, Herald, Guelph; Henry Gorman, Sarnia; George Reeves, Cayuga; W. A. Fry, Dunnville; Woodstock Express Printing Company; Niagara Falls Printing & Advertising Co., Niagara Falls, Ont.; Jaffray & Bro., Galt; S. Stephenson, Planet, Chatham.

KAID MACLEAN ESCAPES.

Raisuli Said to Have Connived at the Escape.

Tangier, July 22.—Aided by section of the Eskimes, the Beniarrous and the Beniassour tribes, said Sir Harry Maclean has succeeded in escaping from the hands of the bandit Raisuli. He has taken refuge in the inviolable sanctuary of the territory of the Marabout of Zouzia Yonisti. It is suggested that Raisuli connived at the escape of the kaid as the best way out of a difficult situation.

Lecturing in London the other day,

General Baden-Powell said the Zulus and Pasuts were not the men their fathers were. The Zulus of to-day were the best fighters among the black tribes, but they were not the Zulus of 1870. All the blacks, with the increase of comfort, were becoming less warlike.