

East End Sensation Cruelly Exploded

Mr. William Payne, the gentleman who holds a position with the water-works department, and who is known as "the shut-off man," was the innocent cause of a "black hand" story in the Free Press, which greatly stirred that journal last evening.

The Free Press was suddenly alarmed to find that mysterious marks had been placed on certain gate posts throughout the city. What could it mean? Well, it might mean

almost anything, and, of course, the Free Press was greatly excited.

It seems so far as to give a list of residences which bore the mysterious mark, a couple of arrows, by the way.

Today, Mr. Payne exploded the sensation, when he stated that the marks were put on the gate posts by himself, so that when the snow falls on the ground he will be able to locate the shut-off cocks on the street if anything goes wrong with the water services.

And thus ends the mystery.

Big Crowd Took in Grocers' Picnic

The retail grocers of London held an excursion to Niagara Falls today over the Michigan Central line, and a special train which left this city at 7 o'clock this morning conveyed about 500 picnickers to the Falls.

The London grocers were joined by contingents of grocers from all the towns along the road, including St. Thomas, Aylmer, Springfield and Tillsonburg.

A committee in charge of the event, consisting of J. C. Trebilcock (chairman), T. A. Rowat (treasurer), E. Sutton (secretary), and Messrs. F. Harley

and F. Robinson, made special arrangements for the entertainment of the picnickers while at the Falls.

Special cars have been secured for trips over the Niagara Falls Park and River Railway, the Great Gorge route, the Niagara belt line trip and the island carriage drive. A visit to the museum is also a special feature. Quite a number made arrangements to go to Buffalo.

The weather was threatening in the morning, but it afterwards cleared up, and if the weather man does his part there is little doubt but that the grocers will have a very enjoyable time.

BURNING OF PROOF LINE ROAD GATES

Abolition of Tolls Will Be Celebrated by Huge Bonfire Friday Night.

A meeting of the residents of the township of London will be held at the town hall, St. Johns, on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock, to celebrate the removal of the tolls from off the Proof Line road.

A number of addresses will be given, and the gates will be burned on the corners at 10 o'clock.

SEWER FOREMAN PLAYS THE HERO

Cool-Headed Boss Saves Gang of Laborers From Terrible Death.

New York, July 23.—Forty laborers ran, swam and fought for their lives when the new sewer in West Forty-sixth street was flooded last night, and but for the coolness and determination of Foreman Ben Connors, all must have perished.

The men were working in the tube, which is eight feet in diameter, a block in length, and 50 feet below the surface. Suddenly a break occurred in the old sewer above them, and the escaping water poured in the open end of the tube. The only exit was at the opposite end, where an air shaft led to the surface.

A moment after a stream first trickled into the tube the flood came, and when the men turned to run the water was at their knees and rapidly rising. Half way to the shaft the water was at their waists, and, fighting, the men wedged themselves into a helix, until none could make progress, and all were in imminent peril of drowning. Then Connors, who led the way to the shaft, took a hand, and, swimming an ugly club, threatened to brain every man of them if they did not obey him. Then he ordered them to form four abreast and march. Some marched, but more swam, as by that time the water had reached the necks of the taller, while those of lesser height had been swept from their feet. One by one they gained the shaft, and climbed the ladder to the street. Connors was the last to leave the sewer, and when he did he rose from six feet of water.

The flooding was followed by a cave-in ten feet deep, which extended half way across the street and a distance of 25 feet. Street traffic was closed for the night.

DEATH OF MRS. PETER TAFF

Passes Away at Victoria Hospital After Prolonged Illness

Bridgett Taff, wife of Mr. Peter Taff, passed away yesterday afternoon in Victoria Hospital. She had been ill for some time, and death was not unexpected.

The funeral will take place on Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Boxall, 8 Bathurst street, to St. Peter's Cathedral.

Four sons and three daughters survive. They are: Patrick and John, of this city; Joseph, of Dayton, Ohio; James, of Philadelphia; Mrs. H. Harlow, Detroit; Mrs. T. Selky, city, and Mrs. John Boxall.

ACCIDENT HASTENED DEATH

Mrs. Ann Allen Edwards Passes Away in Her 71st Year.

The death occurred at an early hour this morning, of Ann Allen Edwards, wife of Philip Edwards, at her late residence, 577 Oxford street. She was in her 71st year.

Some time ago Mrs. Edwards received injuries in a street car accident, and it is believed that these hastened her end.

The funeral takes place at 3 p.m. Friday, from the family residence to Woodlawn cemetery. Rev. Mr. Shields will conduct the services.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY Scottish Picnic and Caledonian Games

THURSDAY, PORT STANLEY.

Trains leave London: 5:40, 9:45, 10:15 a.m.; 1:20, 2:30, 5:45, 7:15 p.m.

GIRLS WANTED. APPLY FOREST CITY Laundry.

Punch's Latest

London, July 24.—A cartoon in Punch is attracting much attention from those persons who are of the belief that the United States is responsible, morally, for the action of Venezuela in refusing to pay debts that have been passed on as just by the Hague conference. It portrays the South American republic in the shape of a monkey perched in a tree, holding in its hand a satchel. The tree is labeled Monroe Doctrine. Standing beneath the tree are Uncle Sam and a Belgian boy, the latter pointing up at the monkey, and saying:

"Please, sir, your monkey has taken my bag."

"That's so," replies the general and smiling Uncle Sam. "Ain't he cute?"

WAR DEPARTMENT ON SOO TRAGEDY

U. S. Refuses to Surrender Soldier Who Killed the Canadian Lady.

Washington, July 23.—All that is known at the war department officially of the killing of Miss Elizabeth Cadenhead at Fort Brady, was contained in a dispatch from Capt. Benjamin J. Tillman, Company I, Seventh Infantry, at present the senior officer at Fort Brady, simply telling of the accidental shooting of the woman by Private Gillette while trying to stop an escaping deserter. It is understood that an undetailed report of the case was made by Capt. Tillman to Gen. Carter, commanding the department of the lakes at Chicago.

The officers of the post are acting in strict accordance with orders from the secretary of war in refusing to surrender the soldier to the civil authorities. The recent decision of the supreme court of the United States in the Grafton case, declaring in favor of military rather than civil jurisdiction in such cases, caused the issuance of this order, which directed that any commandant at a post to immediately place under arrest the soldier who kills a civilian within the limits of a post in order to assert military jurisdiction over the offense.

Consequently Gillette will be tried by court-martial instead of by civil court, and as he has been twice placed in jeopardy of his life, if he is acquitted by the court-martial that will end the responsibility. The fact that the unfortunate victim of the accident was a Canadian does not in any way affect the case, because the accident happened on the American side of the line.

MURDERED BY GYPSIES

A Fresh Outbreak of Crime Through-out Hungary.

Budapest, July 24.—A long list of murders and other outrages committed recently by nomad gypsy bands at Puzeta and elsewhere in Hungary, again has brought to the front the question of controlling the gypsies, a problem that confronted the Hungarian Government for a century or more.

The alarm arising from this outbreak of crime is widespread, and there is a powerful movement to compel the Government finally to solve the problem of the disposition of these 50,000 wanderers in Hungary, whose depredations terrorize the country districts.

SEES FAR EAST MENACE

The Novoe Vremya Fears Combination of China and Japan.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—The Novoe Vremya today publishes details of an alleged anti-dynastic movement in Southern China, ascribing it to Japanese instigators, who, the paper says, are busily preparing for the Manchurian dynasty in China, the same fate which has just overtaken the Emperor of Korea.

Continuing, the papers says, that in contravention to the supplementary provisions of the China-Japanese treaty of 1905, defining the regions where foreigners, including Japanese, shall be permitted to reside, Japanese agents have worked their way into the most remote corners of the empire.

The keynote of the Japanese intrigue consists in assuring the Chinese that Japanese are their protectors against the nations of the world, and at the same time reassuring the westerners that Japan is their vanguard against the Chinese peril.

The apprehension of the Novoe Vremya regarding the reopening of the far eastern question are fully shared in Russian military circles, where the steady armament of China and Japan is viewed with alarm. This movement is regarded as primarily menacing to the remnant of Russian possessions on the Pacific.

BATTLE WITH HONORS EVEN

Moorish Pretender and the Sultan Clash Near Melilla.

Melilla, Morocco, July 24.—Neither side was victorious in the battle on Sunday between the troops of the Sultan and Pretender. Both sides are now reinforcing, with an evident intention of renewing hostilities, as soon as possible. Many Moorish families took refuge in the Spanish camps.

RUSSIA AND THIBET.

St. Petersburg, July 23.—The Imperial Geographical Society has decided to send an expedition to Thibet, under the leadership of the famous explorer, Kozloff.

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We have been fortunate in securing a small consignment of diminutive teapots of the celebrated Blanco ware, direct in their original Japanese wrappings, just as they left the hands of the potters by whom they were made.

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VESSEL PASSAGES

Port Huron, July 23.—Down: Oceanica, 1:30 Tuesday morning; Kensington, 3; Clyde, 4:10; Paine, 5:10; Mather and whaleback, 5:40; Britannia, 6:40; Sinaloa, 7:20; B. L. Smith, 7:40; Princeton, 8:10; Neapawach, 11:30; Stanton, 10:40; Harwell, 11:50; Fulton, Rensselaer, 1:50 p.m.; Gordon, Oliver Mitchell, 3; Panther, 3:10; Australia, 3:20; Tacoma, Centurion, 4:50; England, 5; Victory, Constitution, 6:20; Carter, small, and consort, 6:40; Steimbrenner, 7.

Star, St. Marie, July 23.—Up: James Wallace, Tionesta, R. R. Rhodes, 10 Monday night; Monohansett, 11; Shaughnessy, 11:20; Northern King, 11:40; Townsend, 12:40 Tuesday a.m.; Stafford, McWilliams, 1; Heffelfinger, 1:30; H. W. Smith, 2:30; Turret Crown, 4:30; Zenith, City, 6:40; Wade, Coubly, 8; Northern Light, 1:40 p.m.; Robbins, 3; Saronic, 4:30; Onoko, Hal-laday, 5:40.

Down: Steimbrenner, 10:30 Monday night; Falcon, 5:30 Tuesday morning; Bradley, Wolsol, Delaware, Brightie, 6:20; Fryer, 8:30; Neapawach, 11:30; Stanton, 10:40; Harwell, 11:50; Fulton, Rensselaer, 1:50 p.m.; Gordon, Oliver Mitchell, 3; Panther, 3:10; Australia, 3:20; Tacoma, Centurion, 4:50; England, 5; Victory, Constitution, 6:20; Carter, small, and consort, 6:40; Steimbrenner, 7.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Dr. W. M. Shoebottom has returned after spending a pleasant vacation at Wees Beach.

Miss Edna Williams and Miss Evelyn Pulling of Delaware, are visiting this week in the city.

Mrs. John Robinson and daughter, Viola, 243 Talbot street, are spending a few days with Mrs. Robinson's mother, 127 Langarth street.

Mrs. W. H. Dingle and daughter, Miss Maud, of Spruce Villa, South London, are spending two weeks' vacation with friends in St. Marys, Ont.

Mrs. (Rev.) F. E. Malott is leaving this week for a vacation, which will be spent at Goderich, Detroit and Muskoka. She will return about the middle of September.

Misses Drina and Violet Macdonald, Mr. A. Macdonald, and Master Willard, left on Saturday morning via C. P. R., for Brandon, where they intend to make their future home. Their many friends join in wishing them every success.

The following Londoners are taking advantage of the Old Boys' excursion to Kincardine, and enjoying the lake breeze at Tiverton, the guests of Mrs. Dr. McDonald: Mrs. James Wilson and family, 131 Inkerman street; Mrs. E. A. Culbert and Miss Jessie and Margaret Wilson, 124 Hamilton road.

ADMITS HIS GUILT

Caradoc Township Man Pleads Guilty to Two Forgeries.

Frank W. Fisher, of the township of Caradoc, who was arrested some two weeks ago, charged with two forgeries committed in 1904, appeared before Judge Elliott at the county building this morning. Fisher pleaded guilty to both offenses, and elected to be tried before the judge.

Mr. John MacPherson, who appeared for Fisher, pointed out some extenuating circumstances that the case presented, showing that it was a first offense, and as restitution was to be made no individual would suffer.

He asked that the prisoner be allowed out on suspended sentence. The judge suspended his decision until next Saturday morning.

LURE OF THE NEW WORLD

Hungarian Village Becomes Admless Eden Through Emigration.

Budapest, July 24.—The lure of the United States and Canada as lands of opportunity and wealth to the people of Hungary has brought about a curious state of affairs in the little village of Kersova, near Lugos, that at the last census had a population of 3,500 souls. One by one the male residents of Kersova felt the call across the water, and they emigrated in batches until such time as the mayor was the only adult male to remain by the village. Finally he also succumbed to the reports of good wages, and golden chances in America, and he, too, left his wife, children, and packing his trunk, he made his way to the emigrant ship at Flume.

As a result of this exodus of males, the women of Kersova have just elected a young woman to the position of mayor, and other female residents have been elected to fill the remainder of the municipal offices.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

July 23. Reported at. From.
Finland. New York. Antwerp
Oscar II. New York. Copenhagen
Barbarossa. Bremen. New York
Froeland. New York. New York
Kron Prinz Wil-helm. Cherbourg. New York
Koenig Albert. Antwerp. New York
Storion. Liverpool. New York
Ontario. Father Point. London
Teutonic. Boston. New York
Perugia. New York. New York
Ottawa. New York. New York
Hinnah. London. New York
Anlian. London. New York
Montrose. London. Montreal

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THE LARGEST STRIPPING

Seam of Coal 1,300 Feet Wide, 30 Deep and Six Miles Long.

Hazleton, Pa., July 24.—The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has opened what is believed to be the largest stripping in the world. It is located at Lamimer, and the coal is in a solid bed, 1,300 feet wide, 30 feet in thickness, and extending from Lamimer to Drift-on, at least six miles. It is estimated that were the company to take out 500 tons daily it would require 250 years to exhaust the supply.

WHAT FRANCE SELLS U. S.

Increase of Twenty-Two Millions Last Year, Largely in Automobiles.

Paris, July 23.—If America is sharing the abundance of her wonderful prosperity with other nations as she is with France, no wonder that most of mankind is glad to express friendship for the United States for the fiscal year that ended June 30 reached the value of \$123,908,400.

This sum, when it is expressed in francs, which is the way the French look at it, is more eloquent still. The total includes France and Algeria, and represents an increase of \$22,043,796. The exports from Paris alone were \$64,143,479, an increase of \$12,105,796.

All these figures are unprecedented. Practically all the items throughout the list show an increase, but particularly automobiles. This item is particularly interesting in view of the increase in the home sales of automobiles.

FEARS TARS WOULD CLASH

U. S. and Jap War Fleet Crews Not Allowed Shore Leave.

Brest, July 24.—The Japanese cruisers Tsukubka and Chitose, under the command of Vice-Admiral Iujin, arrived here today.

Immediately after the exchange of salutes, the Japanese naval attaché from Paris, Captain Meranara, boarded the Tsukubka, and conferred with the vice-admiral.

About half an hour later the Japanese vice-admiral and his staff left the Tsukubka, and came ashore for a round of official visits.

They were received by Vice-Admiral Fethau, of the French navy, surrounded by his aides, in the red saloon of the maritime prefecture. The exchanges were very cordial.

Later the visitors called upon the mayor and civil authorities of Brest.

The crews of the Japanese cruisers are to be kept on board until further orders, and the American blue jackets also have been denied shore leave.

Rear Admiral Stockton explains that this restriction is customary on the day before warships leave port.

SUPPRESSING THE PRESS.

Moscow, July 24.—The Vedomosti and the Slovo, two of the most moderate of the Liberal newspapers in the country, again have been heavily fined. Fines have been imposed upon several newspapers published in Kiev, Kazan and Penza, and the Weekly Gazette of the Constitutional Democrats in St. Petersburg, have been fined \$500.

WHISTLER'S LETTERS.

London, July 24.—The question of the publication of certain letters of the late James McNeill Whistler, by Joseph Pennell, the London painter, in a biography of Whistler, now being written by the Pennells, was settled today when the court to which the matter had been presented handed down a judgment that the Pennells were entitled to make use of the information in question.

ESCAPES THE GUILLOTINE

France Has No Executioner to Carry Out Death Sentence.

Paris, July 24.—In spite of the fact that the use of the guillotine in France was suppressed two years ago by the refusal of parliament to continue the appropriation for a public executioner, a jury in this city yesterday convicted, for the murder of a little girl, a man named Solleil under atrocious circumstances. After subjecting the child to ill treatment, he plunged a knife into her heart, and then completed his horrible work by wrapping the body in an old sail, and carrying it to a nearby railway station, where he checked it in the cloak-room.

The gruesome details of this case have been filling the papers for months past and have caused such a degree of indignation that parliament postponed final action to abolish death penalty in France. But in spite of the circumstances of the case, President Fallieres, in view of the fact there is no public executioner, will probably have to commute the sentence to hard labor for life.

MIKADO WRITES TO POPE

Japanese Ambassador Received at the Vatican in Great State.

Rome, July 23.—The Japanese ambassador was received by the Pope at noon yesterday with great ceremony. He delivered to the Pope an autograph letter from the Mikado, thanking the Pope for sending Bishop O'Connell on his recent mission to Japan.

The Pope spoke as usual on such occasions. Subsequently Cardinal Merry de Val, Papal secretary of state, returned the visit in the name of the Pope at the hotel where the Ambassador is stopping.

The Pope conferred decorations on the Ambassador and his secretary.

TO BOOM "ALL-RED" ROUTE

Lord Strathcona Said To Be Coming Over to Placate Canadian Pacific.

Ottawa, July 23.—Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner, will sail from Liverpool for New York on Saturday, and it is believed that he is going there and also coming to Montreal concerning the all-red steamship route around the world.

In London and Ottawa political circles it is alleged that the three members of the British ministry who are throwing cold water on Laurier's and Strathcona's proposition are John Burns, Walter Runciman and Lewis Harcourt. They contend that the proposed route is subject to fogs, icebergs and other dangers, making a 25-knot service an impossibility.

It is surmised that one special object of Lord Strathcona's visit is to deal with the attitude of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which seems to fear that the proposed independent syndicate for the new Atlantic service with Lord Strathcona and Mr. Sifton at its head might rob the new Empress liners and the Allan turbines of the cream of the Canadian traffic.

BERI-BERI AT NORFOLK.

Norfolk, Va., July 24.—Seven cases of beri-beri have developed in the last week on the ships of the Brazilian squadron in this harbor. They have been removed to the Portsmouth hospital.

Two are said to be in a critical condition. The disease is attracting much attention among local physicians.

RUSS-JAP ENTENTE.

Tokio, July 24.—It is understood that the terms of the Russian Japanese entente were finally agreed upon at the meeting of the elder statesmen held yesterday. The entente probably will be published shortly, and simultaneously, in both countries. This step will precede the publication of the

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commercial treaty between Russia and Japan.

FATALLY CRUSHED.

Tweed, July 23.—A fatal accident occurred at the sulphite mines near here last evening. The victim was Joseph Chambers, engineer. The unfortunate man had just finished his day's work and had shut off steam. Chambers put his head and shoulders between the spokes of the flywheel in order to reach a bolt which needed tightening. The weight of his body on the spoke of the flywheel was sufficient to turn the wheel slightly, and there being some steam still in the cylinder, the flywheel made a quick revolution, and caught him between the flywheel and the crank shaft. He was so badly injured that he died in a few minutes. He leaves a widow and eight children.

A strange little creature is the Northern shrike, or butcher bird, which goes South nearly every winter. About as big as a robin, the butcher bird generally travels alone. He preys on mice and smaller birds which he hangs on locust thorns, sharp twigs, or the points of a wire fence while he makes his meal.

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