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TORONTO'S HOT BLAZE

Gowans, Kent & Co.'s Premises Were Totally Destroyed Yesterday.

LOSS IS ABOUT $175,000.

The Firemen Had Hard Work Owing to the Cold Weather and the Electric Wires.

WERE MANY NARROW ESCAPES.

For a Time It Looked as if Millions of Property Would Be Destroyed. — The Fine Building of the British America Assurance Company Was Saved Only by the Efforts of Caretaker Barnard and the Company's Office Staff, Who Worked With the Company's Fire Appliances — The Brigade Did Good Work in Confining the Flames to the Premises — Losses and Insurance—Several Stirring Incidents.

The extensive building occupied by Messrs. Gowans, Kent & Co. at 10-16 East Front-street was the scene yesterday of one of the most destructive fires that have taken place in Toronto for some time. The structure was totally destroyed and the stock and plant of the company is ruined. The fire burned several hours and at times reached such great proportions that the whole block bounded by Front, Scott, Wellington and Yonge-streets was threatened with destruction. The flames were first observed on the wall at the rear of the building, where several electric light wires enter the premises.

An alarm was hurriedly sent in and the firemen were somewhat confused by the continued ringing of the bells after the first call was given.

The Flames in Possession.

When the firemen arrived they found the flames in complete possession of the building. The wooden fittings, together with a large quantity of straw and waste, used in packing crockery, furnished material to aid the flames. At first the fire, it was thought, would be an easy one to fight, but the flames crept from floor to floor until they reached the roof. The smoke coming from the fire was dense and heavy and several times the firemen were driven back.

Firemen's First Work.

The brigade attacked the building from Front-street, where the water towers and extension ladders were erected with great difficulty between the innumerable telephone and other wires that are strung at this point. Other firemen climbed on the adjoining buildings at the rear and poured several streams at one time without any appreciable effect.

Fighting the fire on all sides Chief Graham prevented any danger of its spreading, but failed for some time to subdue the persistent flames between the roof and top floor. Tons of water from three engines and a dozen hydrants were thrown on the burning building, yet it was some hours before it could be gotten under control. The second floor fell about an hour after the fire started and scattered burning timber in all directions.

Some Narrow Escapes.

Several firemen had narrow escapes in getting to places of safety. The walls of the building were not able to sustain the heavy mansard roof and it dropped shortly after 1 o'clock. In its fall it brought with it a mass of crockery from the second floor, and the crash could be heard some distance away.

Wires Were Melted.

The heat melted the telephone wires and caused them to drop and curl up on Front-street. Word was sent to the company and workmen soon removed these obstacles. The Toronto Railway Company also cut off the current in their wires on Front-street, and all danger from this source was removed. Spray from the several hose nozzles was blown eastward by a high wind and came down on the spectators standing on Scott-street, like hail.

The Firemen Frozen.

It was not long before the firemen looked like huge icicles. As soon as the water dropped on their clothing it quickly froze, in some cases about an inch thick.

The real cause of the fire will probably always remain a mystery, although it is known that it originated near the rear wall. It is stated by employes that there is nothing inflammable in that part of the premises. The building was of three storeys, with a mansard roof. It was owned partly by the Kent estate and Crombie estate.

A Valuable Stock Destroyed.

The company's stock of crockery and china was a valuable one. Mr. John G. Kent estimated its value at about $150,000, and it is said that the loss will be complete.

Losses and Insurance.

The losses and insurance are tabulated as follows:

Loss on contents owned by Gowans, Kent & Co.	$150,000
Insurance	
Liverpool and London and Globe	20,000
Lancashire	10,000
North British and Mercantile	3,333
National	2,500
Western	20,000
North America	5,000
Scottish Union	5,000
London Assurance	2,500
Phoenix of Hartford	5,000
Perth Mutual	2,500
Equity	2,500
Waterloo Mutual	2,500
Gore Mutual	3,000
Atlas	4,500
Total insurance on stock	$88,333
Loss on building owned by Crombie and Kent estates	$ 25,000
Insurance on building.	
Liverpool and London and Globe	$ 3,000
Lancashire	4,000
North British and Mercantile	6,500
Total insurance on building	$13,500

The statement of insurance was kindly furnished by the National Assurance Company.

Employes Thrown Out.

Between 85 and 90 employes are thrown out of work by the fire. Some of the female employes had a narrow escape from being suffocated until assisted from the

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Important Disc... by a Tribe In the Wilds of Northern Siberia.

A CABIN OF CLOTH AND CORDAGE

Bodies of Three Men, the Head of One Badly Crushed—Instruments Also Found.

Krasnovarsk, Siberia, Feb. 10.—A gold mine owner here named Monastyrschian has received a letter saying that a tribe of Tungusos, inhabiting the Timur Peninsula, North Siberia, recently informed the Russian police chief of the district that on Jan. 7 last, between Komo and Piet, in the Province of Yeniseisk, they found a cabin constructed of cloth and cordage, apparently belonging to a balloon. Close by were the bodies of three men, the head of one badly crushed. Around them were a number of instruments, the uses of which were not understood by the Tungusos. The police chief has started for the spot to investigate, as it is believed that the bodies are those of Andree and his companions.

The Start From Norway.

Prof. Andree's ascent was made from Tromsoe Island, at the northern extremity of Norway, on July 11, 1897, at 2.30 p.m., in the midst of a strong wind. He shook hands heartily with those who were assembled in the balloon house, nodded to the astonished trappers, who stood watching him, and addressed warm and heartfelt words to all whose hands he could not reach. Then the trio, Andree, Strindberg and Fraenkel, standing in the car, severed the ropes holding the balloon, while Andree counted, "One, two, three." The balloon rose majestically, while Andree gazed in happy confidence upon those who remained behind. Then all three waved their caps and shouted, "Greetings to all at home in Sweden!"

After the narrow escape from being driven against the rock in Sweerinburg Sound, the balloon was seen moving northward easily, as Andree wished, over the flat peninsula of Hollaendernaes.

FRENCH-CANADIANS DO WELL.

Rev. Abbe Morin's Colony in the Saskatchewan Country Are Gaining in Every Way.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Rev. Abbé Morin, the head of the French-Canadian movement to the Saskatchewan Country, gives some very interesting figures regarding the settlers in the Edmonton district. In 1896 there were 406 families, numbering 1987 souls, which had been increased in 1898 to 620 families, numbering 2479 souls, all of whom would have been dispersed throughout the different States of the Union had they not been directed to the Canadian Northwest. These people had 1269 horses in 1896, and 2148 in 1898. Their cattle had increased in these two years from 2501 head to 5252, and the grain raised from 180,388 to 516,007 bushels.

NO VACUUM NEEDED.

Prof. Nernst of Goettingen University Makes a Wonderful Discovery in Electric Lighting.

London, Feb. 10.—A young German, Walter Nernst, a professor in the Goettingen University, has invented an electric lamp which does not require enclosure in vacuum, which is the case with the present glow lamp.

The Nernst light is emitted by a rod composed of rare earths similar to those used in the manufacture of certain gas light mantles. These rods do not conduct electricity when cold, but only when heated. They give out a mild, yellowish light, and work equally well at any pressure, with consequent economy in copper.

The invention was discussed by the Society of Arts last evening. Messrs. Swinburne and Ayrton, the celebrated chemists, declared it to be the greatest discovery in many years.

IS CARNAHAN CRAZY?

Talking to Himself, He Said He Was Going to Kill His Neighbors.

Shelborne, Feb. 10.—Charles Carnahan, who hails from Lanark and who has been living for a couple of weeks with Mr. Joseph Hannah of Melancthon Township, has been arrested by Constable Gallagher on a charge of insanity and threatening to kill. Carnahan talks to himself, and Mr. Hannah heard him talking loudly saying that he was going up to his neighbor's house to kill them all. The neighbor, James Dack, was called in to hear the crazy man talk and Carnahan was arrested and taken to Orangeville jail.

THE ADAMS POISONING CASE.

At New York yesterday the enquiry into the cause of death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams was continued. Harry S. Cornish, who gave the poison, and Roland B. Molineux, who had been named by Cornish as the man he believed sent the poisoned bromo-seltzer through the mails, were examined. Cornish was reticent and equivocal, and Molineux was a willing witness, who said: "I am absolutely innocent." The case was then adjourned till Tuesday.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

Rear-Admiral Charles Beresford, of the British navy, arrived at San Francisco yesterday from Japan. In an interview, he stated over again what he said in China and Japan, that Britain, Germany, Japan and the United States should combine to preserve the integrity of China and resist Russian and French schemes. The open door must be maintained; if not, there would be a scramble. Russia would dominate the north, and France the south; Britain would get what she could, and the United States would get nothing.

Metropolitan Railway.

Every Saturday and Wednesday afternoon cars leave C.P.R. crossing, Yonge-street, at 1.30, 2.40, 3.30, 5.40 and 7.45, returning leave Richmond Hill at 2.30, 4, 4.30, 7 and 10 p.m. Return fare, adults 25c; children 15c. Through excursion every evening at 7.45 o'clock. Return fare 25c. 356

An Ad. for London, Ont.

London Free Press: Living in the Klondike is not much worse than a residence in London.

To-Day's Program.

"Mary Stuart" at 2 p.m., "Macbeth" at 8 p.m., at the Grand.
"Hogan's Alley," at the Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Carmen," at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Cherry Sisters," at the Bijou, 2 and 8 p.m.
Prof. Hutton, at Chemical Building, Varsity, at 3 p.m.
West District L.O.L. meeting, 8 p.m.
Canadian Institute, at 8 p.m.

U. S. OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

Canadian Authorities Found Them On Our Territory and Took Them In.

HELD THEM TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

Capt. Cartwright Told Them They Must Not Carry Liquor in Canadian Territory.

Skaguay, Feb. 4.—(Via Victoria, B.C., Feb. 10.)—United States Custom House Officers P. M. Hoyt and Hector McLean, while convoying liquors from here to Log Cabin, were arrested last Monday charged with crossing into British Columbia while serving in an official capacity.

The two men were held 24 hours and taken before Acting Magistrate Captain Cartwright, who told them that it was a violation of the British Columbian law for American officers to convey goods through to Log Cabin, and that a boundary line was at the summit, and not at Log Cabin. He released them after threatening to arrest every American officer coming beyond the summit line while conveying liquors, and if necessary said he would place officers at the summit to stop them.

It is reported that Canadian officials have decided to order the American officials now stationed at Log Cabin to move across the summit line. This will greatly cripple the collection of American customs duties.

Deputy Collector of Customs C. L. Andrews of Skaguay has written to Deputy Collector Peele of Canada that he would hereafter hold all liquors and forbid any further convoys until the official boundary was settled. He has also sent to Washington and Sitka for instructions in the matter.

REBELLION IN NICARAGUA.

General Reyes Has Proclaimed Himself Chief and Zelaya Proposes to Put Him Down.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 10.—President Zelaya is sending General Ireno Estrada from San Euvaido, in the direction of Rama, 90 miles distant, with about 1000 soldiers, several cannon and good equipment. General Reyes, who has rebelled against the Government of President Zelaya, and who is now at Bluefields, proclaimed himself General-in-Chief of Nicaragua on Feb. 3, and, backed by the signatures of prominent natives, has declared war against President Zelaya. General Reyes promises that, in the event of his success, the people of Nicaragua shall have free and fair elections for national officials.

SS. PAVONIA IN TROUBLE.

Cunarder En Route From Liverpool to Boston Disabled 300 Miles From the Azores.

Fayal, Azores Islands, Feb. 10.—The British steamer Colorado, Capt. Whitton, of the Wilson Line, from New York, on Jan. 28, for Hull, has arrived here, and reports having passed the British steamer Pavonia, Capt. Atkins, of the Cunard Line, from Liverpool, on Jan. 24, via Queenstown, on Jan. 25, for Boston, in a disabled condition about 300 miles from here.

ROSSLAND NEWS.

Electric Compressor Plant on Iron Mask Started Off Successfully —Stocks Improving.

Rossland, B.C., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The new electric compressor plant on the Iron Mask was tested to-day, and proved highly satisfactory in every way. The power is generated at Bonnington Falls.

The showing on Silver Bell continues to improve.

The Iron Mask-Centre Star case will be decided on April 10. Stocks continue to improve; Evening Star is now 11½; Victory Triumph advancing, 6½ freely bid, but none offered; Virginia still firm. A.R.M.

UNCLE SAM'S PACIFIC CABLE.

President McKinley yesterday presented to Congress his Pacific cable scheme. He urged the importance of having it laid at the earliest possible moment, in view of the acquisition of the Philippines. Especially is it important to have connection with Manila, by way of Hawaii and the Visayas Islands. The cable must be all in American territory, and the Government must own it, or, in the event of its construction by a private company, Congress must have full control.

Cold Cash Counts at Dineens'.

In the purchase of a fur-lined overcoat, a fur cap or fur storm collar, or a pair of fur gauntlets, a man may not find the February prices at Dineens' any lower than elsewhere, but he gets dollars' worth of better quality at Dineens', and he is sure to get good style with the good value, in everything. The advantages which Dineens have always secured by invariably planking down the cold cash for every big purchase of material—whether in furs or hats, enables this firm to satisfy patrons with the cold cash, with values such as no other house in Toronto is prepared to offer to its trade. Cold cash counts at Dineens' because it makes it possible to buy and sell at the very closest prices, and all fur wear this month is offered at just about its cash cost.

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ENEMY DRIVEN FROM CALOOCAN.

General Otis Was Fully Prepared to Put Down Any Uprising in Manila.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The following despatch from Gen. Otis has been received at the War Department: "Adjutant-General: Insurgents collected in considerable force between Manila and Caloocan, where Aguinaldo was reported to be, and threatened attack and uprising in the city. This afternoon swung the left of MacArthur's division which is north of the Pasig River, into Caloocan, driving the enemy easily. Our left is now at Caloocan. Our loss was slight, that of the insurgents considerable. Particulars in morning. Attack preceded by an hour's firing from two of Admiral Dewey's vessels.

Up to the close of office hours to-day General Otis sent no news to the War Department indicating any further conflicts with the natives.

HAD BEEN BURIED ALIVE

Awful Discovery When the Body Was Exhumed to Learn the Exact Cause of Death.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Feb. 10.—When the body of James Rigley was exhumed to discover the cause of death yesterday, the glass covering of the casket was found broken, and the distorted features and the position of the hands and feet showed that the deceased had been buried alive.

After a short siege of la grippe Rigley was declared dead by Dr. Mowtery. On Saturday the funeral was held.

The body was exhumed at the solicitation of the companies in which Rigley was insured to discover the exact cause of death.

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What is Wrong With the Clyde?

From yesterday's dailies.

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A Household Remedy—Gibbons' Toothache Gum. Sold by druggists. Price 50c.

The Northport Smelter.

Northport, Wash., Feb. 10.—It is reported here that the capacity of the smelter is to be doubled.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

GRAND TRUNK IS BOOMING

Dividend of Four Per Cent. Declared by the Directors on Guaranteed Stock.

3 PER CENT. ON 1ST PREFERENCE

Four Thousand Pounds Carried Forward—Substantial Increase in Traffic Reported.

London, Feb. 10.—To-day the Grand Trunk Railway directors announce a dividend of four per cent. on guaranteed stock and of three per cent. on first preference shares. In addition the gratifying announcement is made that the company is able to carry forward £4000, and an increase of £10,000 in traffic returns is reported. All this gave Grand Trunk securities a buoyancy in the stock markets, and the stock rose from ⅝ to 1½. The reported desire of Canadian and American railroad managers to maintain rates was another factor that tended to strength.

This is the first dividend declared on the first preference shares for about ten years. The dividend has not come as a great surprise to the financial world, as, of course, something of the sort was expected by reason of the vastly improved business of the year.

Mr. Charles M. Hays, the General Manager of the road, was present at the meeting.

TAMPA CONVENTION OVER

And the Report Says Not a Word About the Toronto Cadets.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 10.—The adoption of the resolutions embracing the views of the delegates on the necessary Congressional action for the betterment of the militia, army and naval reserves, last night, practically closed the work of the National Military Congress. At this morning's session, after extending a vote of thanks to Governor Bloxham and others whose efforts have done so much towards bringing about the successful termination of the Congress, the body adjourned, subject to call of General Butterfield, who will call another meeting, to be held in New York, should the necessity arise.

Help Coming From Quebec.

Quebec, Feb. 10.—Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General, will leave town on Monday for Ontario to take a hand in the bye-elections in the West Riding of Huron. He will speak at Goderich on the nomination day, Tuesday, and in different parts of the riding on Wednesday and Thursday.

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WILL HIT RAILWAY COMPANIES

If the Bill Introduced Goes Through —Mr. McPhillips' Amendment Ruled Out.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 10.—In the Legislature to-day Mr. McPhillips' bill to amend the Placer Mines Act so as to preserve to aliens the rights they had acquired for the current year under free miners' certificates issued before the passage of the Exclusion Act was ruled out of order, as affecting Crown rights, and, therefore, beyond the authority of a private member, and as proposing the repeal of an Act passed this session.

Hon. Mr. Cotton has introduced a bill providing that every free miner shall be entitled to exercise all the rights of the Crown to prospect for minerals over all lands in the province, whether owned by railway companies or otherwise, and making it lawful for the Attorney-General to protect free miners at the expense of the Crown in any suit or action by a railway company with regard to such rights.

A Government bill to amend the Provincial Election Act proposes to disfranchise the civil service.

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BIRTHS.

SNEATH—At 105 Augusta-avenue, on Feb. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Sneath a daughter.

DEATHS.

ALLEN—At Elmhurst, Newcastle, Ont., on Friday morning, Feb. 10, in the 53rd year of her age, Fanny H. Walbridge, wife of James K. Allen.
Funeral 2.30 p.m. Monday.

DUGGAN—At her residence, 115 Wellesley-crescent, on the 10th February, Susan Duggan, wife of Joseph Duggan and dearly-beloved mother of Mrs. John J. Dixon.
Funeral Monday, Feb. 13, at 3.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

HICKS—On 10th inst., Victoria (Laurine), youngest and beloved child of George J. and Alice Hicks, aged 1 year and 8 months.
Funeral from residence of her parents, 229 Howland-avenue, on Monday, 13th, at 2.30 p.m.

ROWLEY—On Friday, the 10th inst., at No. 3 Oxford-street, Louisa, dearly beloved wife of Joseph Rowley, in her 50th year.
Funeral to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

WARNE—On Feb. 10, Mary Warne, widow of the late Henry Warne, late of Oxford, England, aged 93 years.
Funeral private on Monday, the 13th inst.

WILL HAVE NO TREATY

Hon. Mr. Tarte Lifts a Corner of the Veil Covering the Negotiations.

SILENCE AT LAST BROKEN

Minister of Public Works Preparing the Way For Announcement of the Failure.

THE WORK "EXTREMELY ARDUOUS."

Canadian Commissioners Have "Neglected Nothing That Would Secure a Treaty Without Making a Sacrifice of Our Public Dignity and Our National Interests" — Conciliation Has Been Worked for All It is Worth—Mr. Tarte, However, Sees Good That Will Result, Even Though the Commissioners Come Home Empty-Handed.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—All eyes have been intently turned towards La Patrie since Hon. Mr. Tarte's return from New York, expecting to see some indication as to how the cat was jumping at Washington. Those who interpreted the silence of the Minister of Public Works to mean no treaty were right, but all felt that Mr. Tarte would lift a small corner of the veil sooner or later and the problem is, why did it not come sooner? Patience, however, has at length been rewarded, for a leader in the Minister's personal organ reads as follows:

> The work of our representatives at Washington has been extremely arduous. The Canadian Commissioners have, indeed, neglected nothing that would secure a treaty between Canada and the United States without making a sacrifice of our public dignity and our national interests. They have, in fact, done everything in their power in order to conciliate the American mind, and if it happens that the interests at stake and the exigencies of politics render abortive the work of the commissioners, the conference even then will not have taken place in vain.
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> The international commission will, as a matter of fact, have been of great utility and of inestimable value from a national standpoint, and why? Because it will have brought about a signal rapprochement between our two countries, and will have permitted our public men on both sides of the line to know and appreciate each other. It will, in a word, have given our Dominion of Canada and our leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a new prestige and an enhanced reputation abroad.

After reading the above from the pen of a man who had just attended a full meeting of the Canadian Cabinet at the Waldorf-Astoria, ninety-nine out of a hundred would declare, without a moment's hesitation, that the game was up and that Sir Wilfrid would return to Ottawa quite empty-handed. Hon. Mr. Tarte evidently thought so, for, in order to keep up the comedy a little longer, he concludes his article thus:

> But we are still amongst those who believe that the international commission will bear fruit, and will have results within the limits of the protocol.

The Standard Oil Trust in Canada.

The World would like to receive some information throwing light on the advent of the Standard Oil monopoly into Canada. There is a great big colored gentleman in the fence somewhere, and we imagine some of the politicians had something to do with it. An effort is now being made by some of the newspapers to regulate the monopoly, but just how it got a foothold in the country and how the Canadian wells were manipulated, and how Parliament dealt with duty on coal oil without benefiting anybody—these are things which if known might help to bring about an improvement of the situation. The World is open to receive information.

Still Jack Frost is King.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 10.—(8 p.m.)—The great Northwest anti-cyclone remains stationary, but its energy has become much greater and the barometric reading in its centre is now 31.24 inches (reduced to sea level). A depression is seemingly situated in the Gulf of Mexico, which is likely to move up the Atlantic coast.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40—46; Kamloops, 18—32; Edmonton, 32 below—10 below; Calgary, 22 below—12 below; Qu'Appelle, 42 below—32 below; Winnipeg, 42 below—20 below; Port Arthur, 36 below—8 below; Parry Sound, 30 below—8 below; Toronto, 8 below—2; Ottawa, 18 below—6 below; Montreal, 12 below—4 below; Quebec, 14 below—8 below; Halifax, 4—12.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—Fair and very cold.

Gulf and Maritime Provinces—Northwesterly to westerly winds, strong during the day; fair and very cold to-day and on Sunday.

Lake Superior—Fair and very cold today and on Sunday.

Manitoba—Fair and very cold.

There's rightness, fitness and fashion in an Oak Hall Ulster this cold weather. A genuine Irish frieze costs $15 instead of $18, and prices range down from $15 to $5 for good serviceable coats that will keep out the cold winds.

King's Extradition.

Argument in the King extradition proceedings will take place before Judge Street on Monday. Detective Stifel of the Pinkerton Force, Chicago, is in town. Crown Attorney Curry will argue for King's extradition.

Steamship Movements.

Feb. 10.	At	From
Scotsman	Moville	Halifax
Georgic	New York	Liverpool
Austrian	Glasgow	Philadelphia
Sedgmore	London	Boston
Siberian	Philadelphia	Halifax
Augusta Victoria	Genoa	New York
Saale	Bremen	New York
New England	Liverpool	Boston
Aragonia	Antwerp	New York
Britannic	Queenstown	New York
Kensington	New York	Antwerp
Island	Copenhagen	New York