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## Runaway Elevator Carries Man to Bottom of Coves

James Steele Has Narrow Escape From Drowning—Saved by Presence of Mind.

Mr. James Steele, manager of the Crystal Lake Ice Company, had a narrow escape from drowning at the Coves yesterday. Presence of mind alone saved him from an untimely death.

Mr. Steele was engaged with a number of others erecting an elevator for hauling ice from the cove to the storage, and after the other workmen had gone to dinner at 12 o'clock, he remained to get clear of the apparatus, which carried him down through an opening in the ice to the bottom of the pond. Although the elevator worked its way into the mud for some distance it did not hold Mr. Steele prisoner. However, it was only with some difficulty that the latter extricated himself. After working his way from beneath the apparatus, he found the elevator shaft, which he followed to the opening in the ice. Mr. Steele walked to his home at 566 Talbot street, where after a change of clothing, he was little, if any, the worse for his experience.

The elevator weighed in the neighborhood of 500 pounds, and it carried Mr. Steele eight feet below the ice. Had he not retained his presence of mind and followed the shaft to the opening, he would undoubtedly have lost his life.

## SOME CHANGES ON LIBRARY BOARD

Messrs. MacLellan and Hazard Have Retired—Mr. Forristal Takes Mr. Murphy's Place.

It is understood that both Messrs. W. T. Hamilton and R. R. Bland are out for the chairmanship of the public library board this year.

The first meeting of the board does not take place until the first Thursday in February.

Mr. Henry MacLellan is the council's representative and his term has expired. It will be necessary to appoint his successor next Monday when the first meeting of the new council will be held.

Mr. J. C. Hazard, who was the school board's representative last year, has retired, and Rev. G. B. Sage has been appointed to fill his place.

Captain Murphy, who was the separate school's representative, has dropped out, and ex-Ald. Forristal takes his place.

It was erroneously stated the other evening that Mr. Forristal had been appointed to the separate school board. It should have read the library board.

## HONDURAN REBELS DEFEATED

San Salvador, Jan. 11.—The Honduran revolutionists have been defeated at El Barrigal by General Carcano, who captured their positions and compelled them to flee to Nicaraguan territory.

## COODED TO DEATH

Warsaw, Jan. 11.—Nearly 100 terrorists were arrested in this city yesterday by the police, who also seized many rifles and revolvers. Five terrorists were tried by drumhead court-martial and condemned to death.

## DOCTOR DECLARED NOT GUILTY; JURY DECIDED IN 15 MINUTES

Strathroy Physician Acquitted on a Very Serious Charge at Winter Assizes.

The trial of Dr. F. J. Bateman, of Strathroy, on a charge of attempting to commit a criminal offense on Miss Sarah Adamson, on Nov. 3 last, took place at the Middlesex winter assizes yesterday before Chief Justice Meredith. The case occupied the entire day, being given to the jury at 6 o'clock. Only fifteen minutes were required to reach a verdict. Dr. Bateman was alleged to have attempted an assault on Miss Adamson while the latter was at his office for treatment. The evidence for the defense, however, was in the nature of a direct contradiction by the accused, and expert testimony by a number of physicians was given to show that Miss Adamson was subject to hysteria and that patients of that class are liable to delusions. The case attracted unusual interest owing to the prominence of the accused and the complacency in the vicinity of Strathroy. The courtroom was crowded at both sessions.

The prosecution resumed. James R. Adamson, a brother of the plaintiff, was the first witness to tes-

## Terrorist Victims.

Prince Nakachidze, at Baku, May 25, 1905.  
General Czenolucki, at Kishineff, June 30, 1905.  
General Vonlarharski, at Warsaw, Aug. 27, 1905.  
General Gakovioff, at Warsaw, Sept. 12, 1905.  
General Golotchkoff, at Tiflis, Nov. 22, 1905.  
General Polkovnikoff, at Poltava, Dec. 1, 1905.  
Vice-Admiral Kueulich, at St. Petersburg, May 14, 1906.  
General Kozlov, at St. Petersburg, July 14, 1906.  
Count Alexis Ignatieff, at St. Petersburg, Dec. 22, 1906.  
General Von der Launitz, at St. Petersburg, Jan. 3, 1907.  
Lieut.-Gen. Pavloff, at St. Petersburg, Jan. 9, 1907.  
Colonel Andrieff, at Lodz, Jan. 10, 1907.

## SENT TO THE MERCER.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—Gertrude and Ruth Harris, the two girls arrested on several charges of forgery, appeared before the police magistrate this morning. Gertrude pleaded guilty on four charges, and was sentenced to six months in the Mercer Reformatory. The other sister Ruth pleaded not guilty on one charge, and was remanded until Wednesday next.

## A FATAL FIRE AT MONTREAL

One Life Lost and Ten Persons Injured in an Early Morning Blaze.

Montreal, Jan. 11.—One life was lost and some ten people were more or less painfully injured in a fire which broke out early this morning in the grocery store of The L. R. Baker Company, corner of St. Catharines street west and Port Street. The dead man is Basil Greene, aged 27, son of the principal of the high school, St. Johns, Que., who was probably overcome by the dense smoke which filled all the apartments. Greene, with two brothers and two sisters, resided with the family of Rev. Mr. Dennis, rector of Chambly, who had rooms over the store. Rupert Ide, a friend of the Dennis family, was badly cut and bruised. The adjoining boarding house, kept by Mrs. D. Roy, was a scene of great excitement, and Margaret Beguin, who came here from Sweden to be married was seriously injured. She forced herself through a window, and fell head first into the snow in her night dress. She says she will be married tonight despite her exhaustion. Five members of the Ben Hur Company were more or less injured in making their escape. Their names are Selma Wheeler, Dwight Dana, Marie Graham, Adie Boyd and Elsie Swain. The building in which fire started was gutted and the loss will be about \$25,000.

## ERUPTION AND EARTHQUAKES.

New York, Jan. 11.—A cable from Honolulu says in the eruption of Mokuaweoweo or main crater of the Mauna Loa volcano on the island of Hawaii there are scores of fire fountains. Streams of lava are crossing the snow fields. The lava is flowing toward the South Kona coast. No deaths have been reported. There have been 35 slight earthquake shocks.

## DOCTOR ON THE STAND.

Dr. Bateman, the defendant, then took the stand. He answered all questions without hesitation, and told his story in a straightforward manner. He said that he was 52 years of age, and had practiced medicine for over eight years. He had attended the plaintiff for about five years, and had always considered her excitable and nervous. Two doors leading into the consultation rooms of his office had been unlocked on the day of the alleged offense. One of these doors led into a waiting-room, the other into the kitchen. As near as the witness could remember, it was about 11:30 a.m., or a little later, on Nov. 3, when Miss Adamson came to his office for treatment. The defendant denied having at any time kissed the complainant. The girl had been crying when she entered the office for treatment, being in a highly nervous state of mind. He denied ab-

## CARGO OF 922 JAPS MAY HAVE GONE DOWN

Shipload of Laborers Bound for Mexico Some Days Behind Time.

Santa Cruz, Mexico, Jan. 11.—A ship having on board 922 Japanese laborers, which was due to arrive here on Jan. 6, had not been sighted at a late hour last night.

The laborers are consigned to the Las Esperanza mines of the Mexican Coal and Coke Company. Owing to reports of stormy weather it is not known whether the ship has merely been delayed by unfavorable weather or has suffered mishap.

## PAYLOFF'S ASSASSIN DIES WITH A CHEER

Refuses Sacrament and Police Remove Head for Identification.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—The assassin of Lieut.-Gen. Pavloff, the military procurator of St. Petersburg, was executed today at Litsyns, near Cronstadt. He refused to take the sacrament and died unidentified and with a cheer for "The Revolution" on his lips. The head of the assassin was removed and preserved at the headquarters of the political police for possible identification later.

## APPALLING DISASTER IN GERMAN FACTORY

Boiling Celluloid Causes Death of Twenty Men and Women.

Strassburg, Jan. 11.—Twenty persons were killed today by the explosion of a vat of boiling celluloid in a book-binding at Geisselsheim owned by an English firm, the Houlderland Company. The flaming liquid was thrown over the heads of many men and women who were at work, and caused instantaneous ignition of everything with which it came in contact that all the exits were cut off. Some of those who escaped from the burning rooms were terribly scalded.

## LONG OVERDUE SHIP IN TOW OFF BERMUDA

The Missing Liner Ponce, Thought to Have Been Lost, Turns Up.

New York, Jan. 11.—The missing steamer Ponce, 11 days overdue, from Porto Rico, to New York, was sighted today off Hamilton, Bermuda. In tow of another steamer, according to two cables received by the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company, of this city, which owns the Ponce. The cables were dated at Hamilton, Bermuda, and read:

"Steamer Ponce in tow off Bermuda by tramp steamer Mabbie. (Signed), John S. Durrell."

The second message read:

"Ponce is in tow of a German steamer off Bermuda. (Signed), Meyer."

## TIDAL WAVE IN FAR EAST

Great Loss of Life Reported in the Dutch East Indies.

The Hague, Jan. 11.—A tidal wave has devastated some of the Dutch East Indian Islands south of Achin. The loss is great. According to a brief official dispatch, 300 persons perished on the island of Tana, while 40 others are known to have been drowned at the island of Simulu.

## PRESTON ELECTED

Judges Declare Conservative Candidate Elected for Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 10.—After a legal contest extending over two years, involving a recount, three trials and four appeals, Mr. W. A. Preston has at last won the seat in the House of Commons for Port Arthur, which has been in progress for several days, came to a close near midnight last night, when Judges Teetzel and Anglin declared that Mr. Preston was elected by a majority of 15.

## A VICIOUS FIGHT

Participants Were Gathered In by the Police and Fined.

Pedestrians who happened to be in the vicinity of Dundas and Talbot streets between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, witnessed a vicious fight between Frank Davidson and Joseph Hayman, able bodied and plenty old enough to know better. The pair fought savagely, kicking, punching, choking and scratching each other until Policemen Bolton and Downs arrived. Then both Davidson and Hayman appeared as though they had been up against Jim Jeffries for a few rounds. How they felt they alone could tell, but as they were led off to the cells, they evidently would have sold out for 30 cents.

This morning the prisoners appeared in the police court, when their case became very touching. The touching was done at the instigation of the magistrate, who ordered Davidson to say farewell to a five-spot, while he considered that Hayman should not be called upon to part with more than a two spot.

## HON. MR. HYMAN STILL VERY ILL

Premier's Statement as to London Member's Health.

## THE ANTI-DUMPING CLAUSE

Binder Twine To Be Exempted From Its Provisions—Tariff Resolutions Before the House.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—On the first day after recess the Finance Minister resumed consideration of the tariff resolutions, and good progress was made. Having first disposed of all the explanatory and amending clauses of resolutions in committee, the tariff schedule was taken up, and as the first items dealt with agricultural imports, the discussion took a wide range, covering the general question whether the agricultural interests desired protection or not. The Opposition generally declared that the farmers were protectionists, and that the deputation which waited upon the Finance Minister and not only protested against the increase in duties, but suggested the elimination of the protective feature and strict adherence to the principle of revenue tariff, did not represent the farmers.

Government supporters took issue and challenged the Opposition to quote an instance where the farmers had asked for an increase in the tariff. In the afternoon the dumping clause and provisions extending the powers of the Governor-in-Council in regard to the application of the law against conspiracies and combinations in restraint of trade were discussed and approved of.

After an hour along the lines of which the Finance Minister had given previous intimation, Mr. Fielding announced there must be a time when the taking of evidence must close and a verdict on the tariff be rendered. He intimated that, although every consideration had been given to the views presented by deputations in the past, he could not hold out the same hope for the future.

Before the orders of the day were proceeded with Mr. Patterson presented six petitions asking that the iron and steel bounties should be discontinued.

## MR. HYMAN'S CONDITION.

Mr. R. L. Borden inquired whether the Prime Minister had any further information as to the position of Mr. Hyman, whose informal resignation was announced by the Speaker three months ago. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that since the House separated for recess he had received no communication whatever from Mr. Hyman himself. He had, however, received a communication from someone very near to him, and was sorry to have to inform the House that Mr. Hyman's condition was very unsatisfactory.

Mr. Borden asked whether the Government thought the House would allow some further delay to take place before calling upon him to make an explanation.

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## PURIFIER EXPLODES

Seventeen Employees of Gas Works Injured, Some of Them Fatally.

New York, Jan. 11.—A dispatch from Dublin says:

A disastrous explosion occurred in the works of the Alliance Gas Company yesterday. Seventeen of the employees were injured, some of them so severely, that they are not expected to live. The cause of the disaster was the fusing of an electric wire while the gas was being transferred from the retort house to the purifier. The purifier was blown up.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND GOLD.

Toronto, Jan. 10.—3 p.m. Much colder weather has prevailed today in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere in Canada temperatures have been comparatively moderate. Snow is falling in many parts of Ontario and Quebec tonight, and local falls are also reported from Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Winnipeg, 24-34; Victoria, 28-38; Vancouver, 17-32; Kamloops, 4 below-16; Calgary, 20-26; Edmonton, 12-20; Qu'Appelle, 2-12; Winnipeg, zero-8; Port Arthur, zero-12; Southampton, 16-32; Toronto, 14-34; Ottawa, 19 below-24; Quebec, 16 below-zero; St. John, 6 below-6; Halifax, 4-22.

## FORECASTS.

Friday, Jan. 11—8 a.m.

Fair and moderately cold today and on Saturday.

Detroit, Jan. 10.—Lower Michigan: Friday day clear, light snow near the lake shores. Saturday—Generally colder; brisk winds, becoming variable.

## TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Winnipeg ..... -14 -16 Clear

Perry Sound ..... 12 12 Snow

Toronto ..... 26 26 Cloudy

Ottawa ..... 12 12 Fair

Montreal ..... 16 10 Fair

Quebec ..... 20 20 Cloudy

Father Point ..... 10 -8 Cloudy

The sign — indicates below zero.

## WEATHER NOTES.

Since yesterday morning moderate snow-falls have occurred in many portions of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, also in Alberta. The weather is decidedly cold in Manitoba and generally moderately cold elsewhere.

## LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 32°; lowest, 12° above.

## WILL HAVE TO PUT UP A FIGHT FOR SEAT AT THE CITY COUNCIL

Lawyers Differ as to Validity of Mr. Armstrong's Claim—The Chairmanship Aspirants.

There appears to be no room to doubt that if Mr. George W. Armstrong is to take a seat at the city council this year, he will have to put up a legal battle for it.

It is understood that City Solicitor Meredith has informed City Clerk Baker that he had a right to accept the qualification of Mr. Garratt, and that it was quite legal to place Mr. Garratt's name on the ballot.

The counsel Mr. Armstrong has retained disputes this, and it looks as though the matter will be carried to the county judge to decide.

Mayor Judd said today that this course will have to be pursued if Mr. Armstrong desires to take possession of the seat.

Mr. Armstrong's action in claiming the seat is upheld by citizens in general. Mr. Garratt went away and leased his home in London to a tenant for the term of one year. In the presence of witnesses, he said he would not return for six months anyway, and it was also said that before coming back to London he intended to visit his brother in Australia. The council took it for granted that he was going away for a long period, and presented him with an umbrella. Now his friends say he is to return at once, but so far as known, he has not said so himself. Why should his seat on the council board remain vacant, even though his qualification was perfectly legal? This is the question many citizens are asking.

Ald. Matthews and Ald. Cooper appear to be into each other's wool like the Kilkenny cats. The chairmanship of the board of works is at the bottom of the whole row. Ald. Matthews wants it. Ald. Cooper sees a way to get it, and is standing for no monkeying. Thus the matter stands.

Mayor Judd appears to be having a lovely time of it trying to reconcile the conflicting ambitions of his none too numerous political family in the council.

## DAIRYMEN MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

Annual Gathering of Western Ontario Assn. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario is to be held in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday next. In the neighborhood of 350 dairymen are expected from all parts of the west.

The chair will be taken at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday by the president, Mr. Thomas Ballantyne, jun., of Stratford. The list of speakers includes Hon. Nelson Monteth, minister of agriculture for Ontario; C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario; J. A. Rudick, Ottawa, dairy commissioner for Canada; E. H. Webster, Washington, chief of the dairy division for the United States; Thomas Ballantyne, jun., president of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario; H. H. Dean, professor dairy husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; R. M. Ballantyne, Montreal; R. Harcourt, professor of chemistry, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; George A. Putnam, Toronto, superintendent of Farmers' Institutes and director of dairy instruction in Ontario; A. F. MacLaren, M. P. Stratford, G. G. Bond, Kingston, chief instructor Eastern Ontario; S. F. Edwards, professor of bacteriology, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; Charles F. Whitley, Ottawa, department of agriculture; T. J. Dillon, Toronto, sanitary dairy inspector; H. B. Coe, Canadian editor of the Canadian Dairymen; J. N. Paget, Canboro; George Neely, M. P. P. Dorchester; Peter Elson, M. P. P. Hyde Park.

In connection with the convention, a winter dairy exhibition is to be held in the city hall. Prizes totaling \$25 will be presented.

The convention is one of the largest gatherings of dairymen held in Canada. The association has been in existence for 38 years, under the name of the Canadian Dairymen's for nine years, then as the Dairymen's Association for twenty years, as the Elevator and Buttermilk Association of Western Ontario for four years, and during the past six years as the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario. In the 38 years the presidency has come to London but twice, Mr. John Geary having been chosen in 1892 and 1893.

## TROUBLE FOR MATTHEWS

Colleagues Demand Retraction of Statements Made by Him.

Trouble is brewing as the result of a certain statement made by Ald. Matthews in the city hall at a meeting last Friday night.

In speaking of the Grand Trunk negotiations, Ald. Matthews said that at first eight of the aldermen had taken the same stand as himself in regard to the agreement for the elevation of the company's lines to Ridout street, but subsequently they had been called into a certain private office in London, and then they suddenly switched.

"What had been the inducement?" Ald. Matthews was in the hall at the time, and he asked Ald. Matthews if he had changed his opinion on the matter until it was shown that the company was willing to accept all liability which might be incurred through the works contemplated by the Grand Trunk.

Ald. Matthews did not reply directly, but the crowd would not give Ald. Cooper a hearing.

It was thought the matter had blown over until Ald. Gillean made the statement today in the mayor's office to Mayor Bidd, that until such time as Ald. Matthews took back the statement which he characterizes as slanderous, he, for one, will have nothing to do with him.

"And if he doesn't take it back," said Ald. Gillean, "I will see that he will take it back in a court of law. His statement was unjust to his fellow aldermen and totally unwarranted."

Thus the matter will be threshed out in the council Monday, and there is a likelihood that more will be heard of it unless Ald. Matthews retreats.

Ald. Matthews, when seen by The Advertiser this afternoon, said he had nothing to say on the subject.

## NEW FAST LINE IS CONFIRMED

Three and a Half Days' Service Across Atlantic.

## FLIERS ARE TO MAKE 25 KNOTS

Rapid Trains Over Ireland and Ferry Line to England—Big Men in the Project.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 10.—That a syndicate has been formed in London, with Lord Strathcona interested, to establish a three and a half days' service between Halifax and Blackhead Bay, Ireland, is confirmed.

The Great Britain, Ireland and Canada Express Route is the official title of a project which proposes:

No. 1—The establishment of a service between Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Blackhead Bay, on the west coast of Ireland, of a line of first-class steamships capable of crossing the Atlantic in three and a half days, at an average speed of 25 knots per hour.

No. 2—The establishment of ferries between the east coast of Ireland and the west coast of Scotland and England by means of steamships so constructed as to be capable of conveying passengers and goods trains entire from port to port without disturbing passengers or unloading trucks.

No. 3—The construction of such railways in Ireland as may be necessary in conjunction with existing lines to provide for an express passenger service between Blackhead Bay and the east coast at a speed of not less than 50 miles per hour.

The distance between Blackhead and Halifax is 2,100 miles, and with 25-knot steamers the trip would be made in three and a half days. The distance between Blackhead and London, 664 miles, would be covered in about fourteen hours, and between Halifax and Montreal in eighteen to twenty hours, so that mails could be conveyed from the postoffice in Montreal in less than five days, from London to Chicago in less than six days, and London to the Pacific coast in nine days.

With proper steamers on the Pacific Ocean it would be possible to deliver the mails in Japan in seventeen days, and to Hong Kong in about twenty-two days.

The promoters claim, in fact, that passengers and mails can be landed in Halifax and sent on to Chicago by the time the best New York steamers reach that port. The distance by rail from Blackhead Bay to London is about 228 miles. Allowing 22 miles for the ferry and 414 miles to London, the whole distance from Blackhead to London is 664 miles. Trains traveling at 50 miles per hour will, therefore, take about fourteen hours to reach London. The distance from Blackhead to Dublin is 222 miles, and ferry steamers can take loaded trucks thence to Holyhead.

It is said the enterprise had the support of Messrs. Chaplin, Milne & Grenfell, the Linton-Clark Company, Messrs. Vickers, Son & Maxim, Messrs. Swan & Hinton, who are building one of the two new 25-knot Cunard steamers, and others. It is said that the company will seek a yearly subsidy of one million dollars from the Canadian aid half a million from the Imperial Parliament.

## ASK MERCY FOR RIOTER

Greek Disturber During Hamilton Riots May Be Liberated.

Hamilton Jan. 11.—The grand jury at the winter assizes brought in its presentment this morning. It recommended the release of John Seamenes, the Greek who was convicted at the sessions of the peace and sent to jail for two months for taking part in the street railway strike riots. Seamenes did not leave his store on the night of the riot, but assaulted a soldier who entered the store after disturbers.

The jury also referred to the fact that there were people in the city jail whose only crime was that they were poor, and strongly recommended that a county poor house be built at once, where such people would be properly cared for. The matter will be taken up by the new county council at its first session.

## LEGISLATURE WILL BE ASKED TO REPEAL THREE-FIFTHS CLAUSE

Monster Temperance Delegation Likely to Appear Before the Whitney Government.

Toronto, Jan. 10.—"Whisky heat us in 14 places, we were legislated out of victory in 35, and we won in spite of the 60 per cent vote handicap in 42 places," was the sentence in which Mr. B. H. Spence today summarized the results of the local option voting throughout Ontario on Monday. According to the figures of the temperance people the standing is now as follows:

Places voting on local option and repeal bylaws, 108; heard from, 101; local option carried, 42; local option defeated, 62; repeal bylaws voted on, 8; repeal bylaws defeated, 7; to hear from, 1.

Places where there was a majority against local option, 14; places where a majority for was below 60 per cent, 35.

The places heard from since yesterday where the measure carried are:

For Against Majority

Harley ..... 29 13 16

Dymond ..... 46 20 26

Jocelyn ..... 61 15 46

Mono ..... 479 240 239

St. Joseph ..... 147 55 92

St. Edmund ..... 161 17 144

Steeleton, the suburb of Port Arthur, where local option was carried three years ago by 100 majority, is reported to have defeated the repeal bylaw by a substantial majority, but no official statement can be obtained.

The temperance forces are considering the advisability of marshaling their forces and marching on the ministry in Queen's Park with a request for the abolition of the handicapping clause.

Rev. Dr. Chown, the general secretary of the temperance forces, is now gathering material on the matter.