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CATASTROPHE AT CHICAGO; DEATH LIST MAY BE FORTY

Five Purifying Tanks of People's Gas Company Explode, Causing Collapse of Building.

WORKMEN BURIED AND CRUSHED TO DEATH

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Many lives are believed to have been lost and a number of men were probably fatally injured in the explosion of five small purifying tanks leased by the People's Gas, Light and Coke Company, at Seventy-fourth street and South Chicago avenue. There were from 12 to 20 explosions. It is reported that a brick building containing five tanks and 20 workmen, completely collapsed, burying the men and crushed them to death.

One of the workmen after the disaster, expressed a belief that at least 40 of his companions lost their lives.

For a radius of half a mile windows were broken and walls of buildings thrown out of plumb. For fear that the explosions might continue and cause the explosion of the two big tanks which hold millions of feet of gas, no one would venture near the ruins of the plant. Calls were sent for patrol wagons and ambulances to every station on the south side, and a general alarm of fire was sent in.

As soon as possible the police completely surrounded the property occupied by the gas company, but kept at a distance which insured safety. The firemen for a time were forced to throw water on the fire from blocks distant, momentarily expecting to

be hurled to the earth by the explosion of the big tanks. The flames were shooting hundreds of feet into the air, accompanied by clouds of black smoke from the burning gas. Great masses of bricks and iron from the bursting tanks were thrown into the air by explosions. Buildings along Greenwood avenue within a block of the place were so severely shaken that many will no longer be fit for occupancy. A two-story building was wrecked.

The property occupied for gas manufacturing and storage is several blocks in length. About 100 men are employed in the district.

One of the victims was blown 100 feet away from the building in which he was at work. He was fearfully crushed, but may live. He said:

"I was working about one of the gas tanks, when the first explosion occurred. I believe one of the tanks in the row east of us blew up. The ground trembled, and seemed to heave upward. When suddenly there was a rip and roar, and I don't remember what occurred after that until I came to D street, about 100 feet away. I know there were 40 men in the place. At the first explosion many of the men employed in the plant fled into the street. These escaped with slight injuries. Persons living in the vicinity deserted their homes, and storekeepers left their stores, all fleeing with what valuables they could seize. Eight blocks have been recovered from the ruins.

THE INNSBRUCK AFFAIR

Meetings and Demonstrations in Many Italian Cities.

Rome, Nov. 18.—Meetings and demonstrations are taking place in many Italian cities to protest against the Innsbruck incident. A meeting of this character will be held on Friday evening in Rome. The police have taken extraordinary precautions to maintain order and prevent manifestations against the Austrian embassy consulate.

The police in several towns have arrested Socialist agitators who have been trying to distribute among the soldiers, leaflets, entitled, "To conscripts," inciting them to rebellion. The most energetic action has been taken by the war office to check even an attempt to create disorders. The officials are supported by public opinion.

A RAILWAY RUMOR

Is Grand Trunk Seeking to Purchase Detroit Southern?

Detroit, Nov. 18.—The rumor that the Grand Trunk and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton-Pere Marquette interests are negotiating for the purchase of the Detroit Southern, has again bobbed up on Wall street, and has been circulated with a persistence that has sent the preferred stock of the road up fifteen points since last Saturday. T. D. Rhodes, assistant to the president and treasurer of the Detroit Southern, says, however, that if any negotiations are on for the purchase of the road by either the Grand Trunk or the C. H. and D. he knows nothing of it, nor does President Hunt.

90,000 More Troops to Reinforce the Japanese

Two Fresh Armies Land at Pitsevo and New Chwang—Expected Vast Turning Movement of Russian Right Will Be Attempted—Japs Hold Ft. Arthur's Outer Forts.

Mukden, Nov. 17.—It is reported that 30,000 Japanese troops have been landed at New Chwang and 30,000 others at Pitsevo, and that a turning movement on the Russian right is expected.

After Chinese Spies.

Harbin, Nov. 17.—Orders have been given to the Japanese troops to shoot anyone resembling Chinese, observed approaching the line, for fear they may be Russians in disguise. Notices have been posted offering a reward of \$25 for every Chinese spy captured. There have been numerous skirmishes, in which a number of Chinese bandits have been killed or captured by Russians.

Mukden, Nov. 17.—Everything has continued quiet up to the present moment, but it is confidently believed that fighting will be renewed on Friday. The report of Gen. Kuroki's death persists, but Chinese deny it.

Jap Railway Facilities.

Berlin, Nov. 18.—The Lokal Anzeiger prints a dispatch from Mukden saying: "It is confirmed from various quarters that the Japanese have double-tracked the railway from Port Dalny to Liao Yang. Thirty trains are running daily. The Chinese General Ma has received reinforcements again, and has installed further Japanese military instructors. The Russians regard him with deep suspicion and are keeping a sharp watch on his actions. The news of the revolt of the reserves in European Russia makes a

deep impression. The army newspaper says that people who betray their country in the hour of need are not worthy to bear the Russian name."

At Vladivostok.

Moscow, Nov. 17.—Vice-Admiral Bezobrazoff, who has just returned from Vladivostok, was interviewed here today. He said the recently constructed fortifications at Vladivostok make the position there stronger than ever. The entrance to the harbor has been thoroughly mined. The protected cruiser Bogatyr is out of dock, and the armored cruiser Gromoch is undergoing repairs. Admiral Bezobrazoff thinks the second Pacific squadron will be attacked in the Indian Ocean. He says the Vladivostok squadron will soon make another sortie.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—Gen. Gripenberg and staff left Vilna tonight for the front.

Japs Hold Outer Forts.

Washington, Nov. 17.—United States Consul-General Fowler today called the American state department from the fact that the situation at Port Arthur is extremely critical, the outer forts having fallen into the possession of the Japanese. He also states that three Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers are lying outside of the Port harbor, and that the Russian crew of the torpedo-boat destroyer destroyed yesterday are transferring their arms and supplies to a Chinese cruiser, which is

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THE TEMISKAMING LINE

Rails Laid for Considerable Distance and Five Depots To Be Built.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 18.—Superintendent Southworth returned from the Temiskaming district this morning and reports that rails on the Government line are laid to a point eight miles above New Liskeard, while the grading is done for a considerable distance above that. Contracts have been let for fine stations at New Liskeard and Halesburg, and work will commence next week.

THE INJURED DOING WELL

Baby Hurt in Toronto Accident Is Likely to Recover.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 18.—All the persons injured in the level crossing accident on Queen street yesterday were reported this morning to be doing well. The doctors now hold out hope for the recovery of the Robertson infant, whose leg was torn off above the knee.

MURDER AND SUICIDE?

Dead Bodies of Man and Woman Found in Buggy.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 18.—The bodies of a man and woman with bullet holes through their heads, were found in a buggy on Oak street in Wyandotte early today. The man is Henry Hillbrand, of Detroit. It is thought to be a case of murder and suicide.

LADY CURZON THANKFUL

Appreciates Good Wishes and Prayers Offered During Her Illness.

London, Nov. 18.—Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy of India, assents to the newspapers to convey her thanks to those in Great Britain, India, America and elsewhere in the world who helped her so much in her terrible illness with their good wishes and prayers. Lady Curzon is now recovering. She will move to Highgate Castle, Christchurch, on Nov. 20, where she will pass the winter. Lord Curzon will start for India on Nov. 24.

JAPS, WITH SHOWER OF SHELLS, EXPLODE ARSENAL AND MAGAZINE

But Russians in Manchuria Repulse Night Attack of the Japanese.

Tokio, Nov. 18, 3 p.m.—A telegram from Moji reports the destruction of another Russian arsenal and magazine at Port Arthur.

The Japanese discovered, it is said, the location of the arsenal and centered artillery fire upon it. After dropping 300 shells in the locality they succeeded in blowing it up.

The Japanese are widening their gaps and are using them to move their guns forward. The Russians continue their spirited sorties, using hand grenades in their attacks upon the Japs.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—A dispatch from Lieut.-Gen. Sakharoff, dated today, says that during the night the Japanese attacked the Russian position in front of Poutileff Hill, but were repulsed.

A TORONTO CAR HIT BY FREIGHT

Four Dead in an Accident on Queen Street East.

THE MOTORMAN LOST CONTROL

Front of Car Was Carried Away and Roof Collapsed Upon the Passengers.

Toronto, Nov. 17.—Three dead and one fatally injured is the result of a terrible accident that happened on Queen street east tonight at 6:35.

At that time a fast freight for Montreal is due at the level crossing. The gates had been lowered by the watchman, and the automatic "scotch dogs" stood up eight inches on the street car tracks.

A street car, with trailer, was approaching from the west, and at an ordinary rate of speed. Apparently the motorman seems to have lost control of the car and dashed into the "dogs," which are intended to effectually prevent any car from getting on to the track. Instead of doing so in this case, the car continued, and had got partially onto the railway track, when the locomotive of the freight struck it. The front half of the street car, including the motorman's caboose, was torn from the body of the car and carried up the railway track a distance of about 300 feet on the snow.

The rest of the street car remained stationary where it was struck. The roof collapsed and fell on the heads of the fifteen or twenty passengers.

The conductors were taken out in a dying condition, and succumbed on the way to the hospital.

Two others—a man and a woman—were so severely injured that they died an hour or so after reaching the hospital.

An infant 1 year old, belonging to a Scotchman and his wife, fell from the old car just a month, had its leg torn off, and will probably die. There were no passengers on the trailer.

The street railway officials admit that the Grand Trunk was in no way to blame, but they have so far not stated what was the cause of the accident.

The dead are: W. J. MacKay, conductor, 55 Sackville street.

Russell T. Stevens, a Royal Gren-

CHINATOWN MUST GO

Famous Oriental Section of Frisco' to be Removed.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—With a capital of \$25,000,000, a local company has been incorporated for the purpose of building a model Oriental city on the bay shore at South San Francisco, and moving the Chinese quarters to that place, and, further, to transform the present district known as Chinatown into a residence neighborhood.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE

Royal Artillery Gunner Leaps Into the Water at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 17.—A sensational suicide occurred at midnight, when a young gunner of the Royal Artillery, arrested for fighting on the street, broke from his captors, plunged into the icy water of the harbor, and was drowned. He was a resident of the military police and was taken to the main guard room at the Queen's wharf. When the sergeant on duty was notified, he immediately sent a boat away, dashed down the wharf, and with a wild shriek jumped into the water. Every effort was made to rescue the man, but he disappeared immediately. His name is unknown. He was about 23 years old. The authorities will hold an investigation.

JUDGE MACKENZIE DEAD

The Junior Judge of Lambton County Passes Away.

Port Huron, Nov. 17.—After suffering five paralytic strokes within two weeks, Judge John A. Mackenzie, aged 65 years, for over 20 years judge of the Lambton County Court in Ontario, died at his home in Port Huron, Mich., about a week ago. Judge Mackenzie was unable to walk or talk, and he came to this city to receive treatment. He gradually improved under his care, but two nights ago suffered another stroke, which again rendered him helpless. He died at 10 o'clock.

BACK TO THE ORIENT

Uncle Sam Departs Chinese by the Trainload.

St. Louis, Nov. 18.—Two hundred and thirty-two Chinese, who have been connected with a World's Fair concession, have departed in special cars for San Francisco, whence they will sail for their native country.

The party is in charge of United States immigration inspectors, and the Chinamen will be closely guarded on the trip, as many of them do not want to return to their native country.

In one of the cars accommodations were reserved for thirteen Goshu girls, who had also been filling an engagement at the World's Fair. The Japanese were deported on orders received from Washington.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—The newspapers today devote articles to praise of Lieut.-Gen. Stossel and the heroic action of Port Arthur, and to a general endorsement of the movement started at Kieff for a national subscription in behalf of the families of the killed and surviving defenders.

Fakkeberg, Denmark, Nov. 18.—The second division of the Russian Baltic squadron has arrived here, and is anchored near the lighthouse.

Japs in Korea.

Posselt Bay, Siberia, Nov. 18.—According to estimates made here, exclusive of the garrison, the Yalu River positions the Japanese have 25,000 men in Korea, including 600 at Gensan, 2,300 at Hamhung, and detachments at Hamkyung, when scouting parties go so far as Pookchen. The discontent of the Koreans is increasing. Cases of armed resistance to the Japanese are reported.

Returning from the steamship, 128 Moser street.

Mrs. Sakharoff, 25 Wardell street. The infant was the son of Andrew Robertson, who, with his wife, was slightly injured. A dozen others were more or less seriously hurt.

Following is the list of injured: At the general hospital: Thomas Johnston, single, badly bruised about the head, and face, Willis Armstrong, motorman, bruised left leg, hip and back.

Emily Moss, single, bruises about chest, cuts on forehead.

Wella Campbell, single, abrasion on nose, forehead, lacerations on the back of head; bruised chest.

Agnes McDonald, sprained ankle.

Andrew Robertson, severe cuts and bruises on face, head and body.

Mrs. Robertson, wife of Andrew, severe bruises on head, face and body.

W. T. Crombie, severe wounds on head and face, and bruised on various parts of body.

Thomas Hoskins, cut about the head and face.

Mr Gibson at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 18.—Hon. J. M. Gibson is here today on departmental business, and in company with Mr. Alex Smith he paid a visit to the railway department.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and Cold.

Sun rises, 7:16 a.m. Moon sets, 2:23 p.m. Sun sets, 4:50 p.m. Moon rises, 11:32 a.m.

The weather has been generally fine in the Maritime Provinces, and continued very mild in the Northwest.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48-50; Calgary, 22-32; Qu'Appelle, 28-34; Winnipeg, 26-34; Fairmont, 24-31; Toronto, 32-35; Ottawa, 34-37; Montreal, 30-33; Quebec, 6-20.

Friday, Nov. 18-8 a.m. Today—Fresh, east to southwest winds; fine and mild.

Saturday—Fine and cold. TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 20-30. Fair. Edmonton, 20-30. Fair. Parry Sound, 20-30. Rain. Toronto, 32-35. Cloudy. Ottawa, 34-37. Fair. Montreal, 30-33. Clear. Quebec, 6-20. Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES. Cold weather prevails from the Ottawa Valley eastward, and fine and mild conditions elsewhere.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 37; lowest, 24.

GIBBONS TO INQUIRE

American Cardinal Will Look Into Truth of Des Monstiers' Statement.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The board of trustees of the Catholic University of America, now in session in this city, has authorized an official inquiry into the circumstances under which the Marquis des Monstiers issued her statement renouncing the Catholic faith. No formal communication concerning the action of the marquis, who, as Miss Mary Gwendolyn Caldwell, the American heiress, founded the Catholic University, has been received by the board of trustees. At the sessions of the board the sensational announcement of the marquis has been destroyed informally, and the decision reached that the board would not take recognition of the Monstiers' statement, as business before the board, until it had been presented through official channels. At the morning session today it was suggested that Cardinal Gibbons, as the presiding officer of the board, might with propriety make inquiry from Rome, and this will be done.

YOUNGSTERS ELOPE

A Toronto Boy and Girl Headed Off at Buffalo.

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Sylvester Mullin, aged 15 years, and Nora Reardon, aged 14 years, eloped yesterday and succeeded in getting as far as Buffalo before they were intercepted. The parents of the ambitious youngsters knew they had been planning something for some time, but they were unprepared for anything of this sort. In some manner they procured tickets on one of the early morning trains for that point.

The lad's parents, who live at 37 Hackney street, got wind of the escape, and a telegram to the police headquarters in Buffalo served to head the children off, and they were taken into custody. The anxious parents left last night, and will bring the children back today.

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BLAIR TO HEAD

NEW CORPORATION

Toronto, Nov. 18.—The many surmises with regard to the intentions of Hon. Andrew G. Blair when he resigned his position as chairman of the railway commission of Canada are all likely to prove false. It is learned from excellent authority that he is about to accept the post of president and manager of the Toronto Roller Bearing Company, Limited, and will receive a salary considerably larger than the \$10,000 stipend he enjoyed as chairman of the railway commission. The selection of Mr. Blair for the pre-eminent position in this corporation is the preliminary step in the world-wide adoption of a unique and successful Canadian invention. Mr. R. I. Henderson some years ago invented a device known as the Henderson roller bearing, which it is claimed can be applied to any type of wheel or vehicle and produce economy in the matter of power.

Mr. W. B. McMurich, K. C., was out of the city yesterday, and Hon. A. G. Blair is in St. Louis. A prominent officer and shareholder of both companies was interviewed last night, and declined to make any announcement for the present. He stated, however, that negotiations were in progress with Mr. Blair, and thought that gentleman had several other offers before him.

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HON. MR. STRATTON RETIRES; RESIGNATION SENT TO PREMIER

The Ontario Provincial Secretary To Be Relieved of Duties Within a Few Days.

EXPLAINS POSITION IN LETTER TO HON. MR. ROSS

Toronto, Nov. 18.—A representative of the Globe had an interesting interview yesterday with Hon. Mr. Stratton.

"I understand, Mr. Stratton, that you contemplate resigning the portfolio of Provincial Secretary?"

"Yes, I placed my resignation in the hands of the Premier some time ago. He has consented to relieve me of my

portfolio at your disposal, so that you may at a time convenient to yourself accept my resignation as Provincial Secretary of Ontario. I shall remain in charge of the department during your pleasure, but shall be pleased to be relieved of official responsibilities at the earliest possible date.

"I beg to assure you that as a member of the Liberal party, I shall continue to have the same great confidence in your ability, integrity and honest purpose, and success in administering the affairs of this Province as I have always had as one of your colleagues."

"I take this step with great regret at having to part from you, but my present and future business interests are such that I cannot, in justice to myself and the Government, continue the double responsibility of attending to increasing public and business matters."

"Wishing you and your Government every success, I have the honor to be, sir, yours faithfully."

"J. R. STRATTON."

"Hon. George W. Ross, Premier of Ontario."

"Have you anything to say in connection with the matter?"

"Very little, only to say that for personal and business reasons I have long desired to be left free to give my attention to other matters, and to the work with which my official duties very largely interfered, for, irrespective of their claims, I have applied myself diligently to the performance of the work of my department."

"I wished to do my duty so faithfully that the interest of the Province would be safeguarded, and to business men no cause of complaint, and I think I may safely say, not in the way of a boast, but as a simple statement of fact, justified by the conditions, that the work has been satisfactorily done, and that, so far as the public interest of the Province are concerned, as well as other interests entrusted to me, there has been no neglect, but that everything has been, as was aimed at, carefully and honestly administered."



HON. J. R. STRATTON.

Duties, and I expect to be relieved in a few days. My reason for this action you will find in my letter of resignation. Here is a copy:

"Toronto, Oct. 12, 1904. "My Dear Premier—As I have already intimated to you that it is not my present intention to seek re-election at the close of the present parliamentary term, I feel that it would be only justice to you now to place my

resignation in your hands, so that you may at a time convenient to yourself accept my resignation as Provincial Secretary of Ontario. I shall remain in charge of the department during your pleasure, but shall be pleased to be relieved of official responsibilities at the earliest possible date."

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