

GENERAL NEWS

FREDERICTON, N. B., Nov. 9.—The Supreme Court is engaged today with the case of Collins against the City of St. John. The action was tried before Judge Landry and a jury at the St. John circuit, and was brought by the administrator of Mrs. Jane Collins, a woman who lost her life by stepping from the ferry boat on to the floats. The charge was one of negligence on the city's part and the jury returned a verdict of \$1,000 damages for the plaintiff. Recorder Skinner this morning removed for a new trial, basing most of his argument on the ground that the judge misdirected the jury.

Mr. G. V. McInerney is opposing the motion, and the case will likely occupy the entire day.

ROGOW, Russian Poland, Nov. 9.—The Cossacks have thus far been unsuccessful in their pursuit of the revolutionist train robbers numbering a hundred well armed men who surrounded this station last night, threw a bomb at the mail car of a train, derailed it, killed several soldiers and soldiers of the escort, and fled with a sum of money now said to amount to \$50,000. The robbery was well planned. It occurred at 9 o'clock while the train was changing engines. The station master declares the revolutionists hid in the neighboring forests and were excellently disciplined, their commander giving orders through bugle signals. When the robbery was completed, the revolutionists transported their booty to two wagons and marched off in military order singing socialist songs.

Rogow is now occupied by troops. Eye witnesses confirm the statement that the revolutionists were hidden in the neighboring woods.

When the train stopped men armed with rifles sprang up on the sides quickly executing the orders conveyed by the bugle, they shot and killed the gendarmes standing in front of the station. Sentinels were placed at all approaches and the telegraph wires were cut. While some of the robbers overpowered the trainmen others attacked the escorts of the mail car. Three bombs, but one, it now appears, were thrown. Two exploded with terrific force, blowing the cars into matchwood, killing five soldiers and mortally wounding eleven others. The robbers then ransacked the mail cars, transferred the bank notes, gold and silver to their own bags and, unfolding the red flag, formed up in military order, marched out of the station, entered wagons and conducted the train to a forest and drove off.

It was not until three hours later that a detachment of Cossacks hurriedly sent for, appeared on the scene and started in pursuit of them.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Esme W. Howard, British consul general at the Island of Crete, has been appointed to the recently created position of councillor of the British embassy at Washington and will be acting ambassador during the interim pending the appointment of a successor to Sir Mortimer Durand.

Esme William Howard is 43 years old and has a varied career in the diplomatic service. At the foreign office he is considered to be one of the most able of the younger diplomats. His wife, Lady Isabella Howard, is a daughter of the Earl of Newburgh, who also bears the Roman title of Prince Guastaniani Bandini. Both Lady Howard and her husband are very popular socially.

The Associated Press learns officially that although Sir Mortimer Durand is coming home at the end of the year he will not be officially proclaimed until the expiration of his leave.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Sir William Trevelyan's term of office as Lord Mayor of London was inaugurated today with the first letter of congratulatory message in German language. In view of the ten last month in which the Archbishop protested against the German orator, that children in German Poland be given their instructions in their own German language. In view of the known tenacity of the Poles, it is believed here that the situation in Poland cannot fail to be more aggravated.

The injured are: E. F. Watson, F. W. Schulte, Alexander Bay, George Parker, F. H. Imlay, H. G. Rinberger, J. J. Walsh, Nicholas, Alexander Zosny.

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birthdays, being created a companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

SANDWICH, Ont., Nov. 9.—William Sparks, governor of the county jail here, has been notified by Sheriff Hinton of his removal from office, to take effect November 30th. Governor Sparks' dismissal is the result of the suicide in the jail of Chris Spindelman, awaiting examination for murdering his wife last July. Spindelman strangled himself in the cell with his shoe laces. The act was not discovered for three or four hours after his death, though guards were supposed to be on duty. John Harmon, marble dealer and politician, of Windsor, where he has resided over twenty years, is selected to succeed Governor Sparks. He has been an active worker in the Conservative party.

ROME, Nov. 9.—The relations between Germany and the Vatican continue to be strained. Germany resents the refusal of the Vatican to disavow the letter of objection to the archbishop, the Archbishop of Cologne, written last month in which the Archbishop protested against the German orator, that children in German Poland be given their instructions in their own German language.

The weather has been adverse and only two American vessels have sailed with cargoes. A Marconi telegram was received by the Federal League on Sunday from the S. S. Empress of Britain, that Mr. Tennyson Smith, Temperance Lecturer, who is to open a campaign here on Sunday, Nov. 18th, would arrive on the 9th inst. Since the announcement has been made of the safe arrival of Mr. Smith on Canadian soil, every preparation has been made for Mr. Smith's reception at the Assembly Rooms of the York Theatre, on Saturday evening, Nov. 17th.

On Sunday, 18th inst., at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and 8.30 in the evening, Mr. Smith will be heard at the York Theatre. His subject on Sunday afternoon will be "The Curtain Lifted on the Holy Crusade." The choir of the district city churches will assist with the music at these services. A male quartette will be among the musical attractions.

Mr. Smith will go direct to Campbellton where arrangements have been made for a week's campaign. He will come direct to St. John from there. Announcements of other parts of the province will be made later. Invitations have been sent to all the clergy of the city asking them to give notice of the meeting from their pulpits on Sunday. The chair on each occasion will be occupied by prominent temperance men of the city. Every effort is being made to have the meetings thoroughly advertised, and the Temperance Federation League ask that everyone interested in the cause will do their utmost to be at as many meetings as possible.

LONG BEACH, Cal., Nov. 9.—Five stories of the central wing of the new \$750,000 Bixby Hotel collapsed today, causing nine workmen to death in the tons of angry wreckage. About 150 artisans and laborers were scattered throughout the structure at the moment it fell and of these one hundred were carried down in the ruins, nine being severely hurt. Thirteen men on the contractor's rolls are unaccounted for, but are probably safe. None of the injured will die.

The dead are: R. M. Perkins, Carleton Brashear, A. Beneseo, Albert Hartle, L. M. Phillips. Four unidentified workmen.

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an American type. Many generations must elapse before the Americans can be physiologically differentiated from Europeans to the extent, for instance, as the French are from the Germans. But an assimilation of the simpler or more superficial nature has been in progress ever since the colony was organized, and it is not easy to discern any force sufficiently strong to stop this movement now. America pays a heavy price for her new citizens inasmuch as arriving as adults, the task of their education is all the harder. In conclusion Mr. Lindsay says: "It is hoped that this report may have adduced some evidence to show that in spite of the gravity of the task, America has little reason to fear failure."

Saskatoon East Side lots advance to \$150 each on Thursday next, Nov. 15th. Secure a few lots now at \$125 each. Northwestern Land and Investment Co., Canada Life Building.

PARIS, Nov. 10.—Walter Wellman and Mayor Hervey sail from Havre today for New York on the steamer La Savoie. The former will return to Paris in six weeks to continue his supervision of the changes in his airship, and Hervey will be back here in time to accompany the Chicago Record-Herald expedition in its attempt to reach the Pole next summer.

AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Steady Progress of the Sussex Manufacturing Comp'y.

SUSSEX, Nov. 9.—In a quiet way, but none the less surely, an important industrial development is in progress in Sussex. From small beginnings the Sussex Manufacturing Company has developed rapidly within the past three or four years, and the projects now on foot seem to assure to Sussex the possession of one of the busiest and best equipped industrial establishments in the Maritime Provinces.



which favor manufacture at a moderate cost and also to the favorable situation of Sussex as a distributing center. The company has just completed the erection of an addition to their woodworking factory measuring 68x18 feet. This is designed especially for the manufacture of refrigerators, and it will surprise the general public to learn that advanced orders for three thousand of these have already been secured by Mr. Doherty. All of the machinery on the upper floor of the old building will be installed on the ground floor of the new one. On the upper floor will be the fitting and finishing rooms and the tinshop, where the refrigerator linings will be manufactured. There will also be increased accommodation for the manufacture of weathered oak furniture, which the company are beginning to make on a large scale. In the new building also will be installed a new hoist and a shavings exhaust system designed to carry away dust and refuse and feed directly to the furnaces.

This, in itself, is an industrial achievement of no mean magnitude, but the activity of the new management does not stop here. Immediately in the rear of the woodworking plant two new dry kilns are being erected. To facilitate the handling of the large quantities of lumber which will be required a new tramway is being built on which to run cars of lumber from the yard into the drying rooms. The Hanchant system of kiln-drying is the one to be adopted here. This is a new system of great merit used nowhere else in the Maritime provinces. But the most significant step in advance yet made by the Sussex Mfg. Co. is the amalgamation just completed with the Taylor & McKenzie Company, manufacturers of woodworking machinery, of Quebec. According to agreement they are to bring ten thousand dollars worth of machinery, which the Sussex concern will supplement with additional machinery of the most up-to-date character to the value of fifteen thousand dollars. The company will now be known as the Sussex Manufacturing Company, Limited, with Mr. M. W. Doherty as general manager of the united interests. The new plant now used as blacksmith shop and machine shop are to be united with the new building, dividing walls and partitions to be removed and the whole structure placed on a solid cement foundation. Work on this new building is to begin next Monday, and the whole when complete will measure 138x64 feet.

The company are now breaking ground for a four inch water main to be connected with the new system, with their own hydrants and valves, and an eighty-five pound gravity pressure, they will be found to fight effectively a fire occurring in any part of their works.

LINEMAN SHOCKED TO DEATH

GREENWICH, Conn., Nov. 10.—John Hardigan, about 45 years old and married, of New Haven, a lineman of the Connecticut Railway and Light Company, was shocked to death here today while at work stringing a wire. Dennis Doyle, Hardigan was standing on a barbed wire fence holding a wire which Doyle was attaching to a pole when the wire came in contact with a live wire, sending the current through Hardigan's body.



THE FAYETTE COUNTY GAS WELLS.

A Story of Peter Potter, Privateer, by Henry M. Hyde.

The elevator shot straight upward for two hundred feet. It stopped at the seventh floor. A man in a dark suit, with a red face, he stopped short, breathing heavily and looked about suspiciously. Before him a white marble runway stretched down one side of the hall. At the far end was a door marked in small letters, with "Peter Potter—Real Estate." The rows of doors on either side of the hall were all closed. The air of the place was lonely, remote and formidable. Six thousand people spent most of their working hours in the little steel cages and coops under the roof of that skyscraper. Yet the solitary hunter, living in a log shack thirty miles from the nearest settler might be no more cut off from commerce and sympathy with his fellow men than the occupant of one of these offices.

He profits it had at stake were enormous. Peter Potter felt that an independent command in such a struggle might be worth his while. At 2 o'clock the next afternoon Tomlinson came back. His first glance around the bareness of Peter Potter's office was not convincing. It did not seem possible that a man who worked with so few tools could be so formidable. But he remembered what Hooper had told him about Potter's ways, and tried not to look surprised.

"It's very shocking, indeed," said Peter Potter. "He wouldn't sell out—wouldn't listen to reason at all," went on Tomlinson. "Went right ahead and laid mains and service pipes all over town. Laid 'em with our money, Potter! Then he fixed up a deal with the Fayette County Natural Gas Company and got an ordinance passed that a maximum price of fuel gas at fifty cents a thousand feet. Now what do you think of that?"

at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and I'll give you my report. Good day, sir." That evening, at his bachelor quarters on the North side, Peter Potter tried a series of experiments in the little laboratory back of his library. He was chiefly occupied with a long rubber tube attached to a gas jet, a couple of alcohol lamps and a pressure gauge. With the aid of a test book on physics, he also made some mathematical calculations.

does hereby bind itself, its successors and assignees, to furnish to said Henry Larsen, party of the second part, his heirs, assigns and successors, natural gas at the rate of ten cents per thousand feet to any amount which he may require, said gas to be burned on the premises where now located his shoe and stove polish factory.

Shoe and Stove Polish factory to read the gas meter. He discovered that during the past few weeks millions upon millions of feet of gas had been used, and gasped with astonishment. Half an hour later Hoefeld came rushing into the Larsen factory, furious with anger. "What's the matter here?" he demanded. "You're using enough gas to fill a barrel!"

JOHN G. TOMLINSON, President, The Citizens' Gas Company, Metropolis, Kentucky.

"Where were the rest of your fellows in the council?" asked Peter Potter. "Hoefeld had bought 'em all up—the traitors. He'd corrupted every one of 'em—men we'd been paying our money to for months and months. I tell you, Mr. Potter, politics in this country is just absolutely rotten."

"You man seemed to know most of the story beforehand," he said. "He pumped the rest of it out of me and then ordered me to go and get him \$10,000 in cash before 5 o'clock."

"I don't suppose there's a bit of gas trying to sell you Fayette people any coal, is there?" he asked casually, stopping at the desk after breakfast to chat with the landlord.

"Not on this boy," answered Larsen. "You see, I sold 'em their biggest wells, and I made 'em give me a contract to sell me all the gas I wanted at ten cents a thousand."

"That's easy," came back the answer. "Take your contract into court and get an injunction against their shutting off the supply. And asked the astonished Tomlinson to look it over.

The first glance at his visitor's card had given Peter Potter a fairly clear idea of what was wanted. The Chicago papers had noticed the great fight between the Citizens' Gas Company, which had for twenty years absolutely controlled the Metropolis field, and a new company, which had secured a franchise, laid mains and pipes and promised largely to cut down the price of gas to consumers. That evening the business privateer read in one of his carefully kept scrap books the detailed story of the struggle so far as it had been printed. As a veteran in such campaigns between big corporations it was very easy for him to read between the lines and supply what was missing. It was really a very interesting and complicated fight. The Citizens' company was capitalized for \$20,000,000 and

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