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Frightful Result of an Explosion in a Fireworks Factory.

THIRTEEN MEN WERE KILLED.

Nine Others Were Seriously Wounded—A Number of Girls Employed in the Factory Have a Narrow Escape—Loss Estimated at $100,000.

PETERSBURG, Va., April 9.—On Saturday an alarm of fire was turned in and was soon followed by a loud explosion. Fifteen minutes later there was a second explosion. These explosions were distinctly heard for over a mile and were caused by fire breaking out in the fireworks factory of C. N. Romaine & Bros., in Blandford.

The fire originated in the building where powder for whistle bombs was made. The flames spread very rapidly and were quickly communicated to the other buildings used for the manufacture of fireworks.

There were three explosions. The first was a small affair. As soon as it occurred Messrs. Romaine, Bland and Tosh rushed into the drying room and there the second and fatal explosion occurred and they were killed.

A number of girls employed in the fireworks factory escaped just before the second explosion. The killed are: Chas. N. Romaine, Capt. James T. Tosh, John B. Bland, James Rowland, Robert Rowland, Wm. Traylor, Edward Traylor, Jas. Bryant, Quincy Livesay, James W. Perkins, and Thos. Woodfolk (colored). Nine men were badly wounded.

On the opposite side of the street from the fireworks buildings, all of which are brick structures, was the trunk factory of Messrs. Romaine Bros. & Close, by which stood the large brick tobacco factory of Bland Bros. & Wright and the old whiskey distillery now unused. All of these buildings with stock were burned to the ground, as was also a large quantity of lumber. It is estimated that the loss cannot be less than $75,000 or $100,000.

The Mayor has called for a public meeting to take action on the sad affair.

John F. Harris, another victim of the explosion, died yesterday. Another dead body has been found near the river bank, but it could not be identified. Engineer Farley's condition is critical.

At a mass meeting yesterday afternoon $1,300 was raised as a relief fund.

A SENSATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Evangelistic Services in St. John's, N.B., Come to an Abrupt End.

ST. JOHN, N.B., April 9.—Religious circles were thrown into quite an excitement late last night when it became known that a man who had been conducting evangelistic services here under the name of Garrison had suddenly skipped out, leaving his supposed wife behind. The woman was seen by the correspondent last night and stated that the man's right name was Gibbs, that he was formerly a Methodist minister, and that her name was Mrs. Frost, that she cleared out from Greenspoint, N.Y., a year ago with Gibbs, the latter leaving his wife behind him. They went to Halifax and carried on evangelistic services there until May. They arrived here in September, where they have since lived as man and wife. The woman's maiden name was Garrison and she was divorced from Frost. She has a son here aged 22 and a daughter aged 10 years. Their evangelistic services have been attracting large crowds. Gibb's disappearance is due to the fact that his wife is on his track, although not yet in the city.

The Newfoundland Crisis.

ST. JOHN, Nfld., April 9.—It is reported that the Governor has said that he will refuse to accept the resignation of any member accused of corrupt practices, but he has made no declaration of his intentions regarding dissolution yet. Government members all draw sessional pay, so that in the event of their being unseated they will run no risk of having it refused at same time. None of the employes of any of the public departments have been paid salaries due at the end of March. The excuse given is that no money is available to pay them until the supply bill is passed. They did not make a quorum, however, to pass any bills. Continual telegraphic correspondence is going on between the Governor and the Imperial Cabinet. Oppositionists fear his delay in deciding indicates that he means to consent to dissolution. It is said that the Governor requested Goodridge, the leader of the Opposition, to endeavor to form a Ministry. Goodridge declines any information. The election trials will be resumed.

Woman and Four Children Burned.

MERRITTON, Ont., April 9.—The frame dwelling of Thomas O'Neill, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire on Saturday. Mrs. O'Neill and six children were sleeping in the house and did not awaken until it was almost too late to escape. When they were rescued the mother and four children were so badly burned as to make it necessary to send them to the hospital. A 13-year-old girl's injuries are so serious that it is feared she will die. The fire was discovered too late to render the fire department's services available.

Boy Burned to Death.

STRATFORD, Ont., April 9.—The children of Mrs. Newcombe while playing in the barn on Saturday set fire to the building and before assistance could be rendered a boy of about 4 years of age was burned to death. The mother, hearing the screams of the children, made desperate efforts to reach the boy, but was unable to do so, and was badly burned about the face and arms and had to be removed to the hospital in consequence. A horse and cow, which occupied the building, were also burned.

Rolling Mill Strike Over.

HAMILTON, April 9.—Several conferences were held on Saturday between the Ontario mill strikers and the officials of the company and as a result the men return to work to-day. President Doolittle said the strike was practically settled and although he refused to divulge the result of the conferences, he stated that a compromise had been offered by which a slight increase of some of the lines on the new scale of wages was granted.

Mary Connolly Gets Fourteen Years.

HALIFAX, N.S., April 9.—Justice Weatherbe delivered sentence in the case of Mary Connolly, found guilty of shooting H. Weltner with intent to commit murder, sentencing her to fourteen years in the penitentiary. The prisoner expressed sorrow for what she had done. She will be taken first to Dorchester and subsequently placed in the female department of the Kingston penitentiary.

Drowned While Shooting Wild Geese.

MONCTON, N.B., April 9.—The news of a hunting fatality comes from Cocaigne, on Northumberland Straits, near here. Eustache Herbert left his home on Saturday in a boat to shoot wild geese at Cocaigne Bar, about three miles from shore. He was accompanied while shooting at geese he [illegible] the boat and fired. The recoil of the gun knocked him overboard and he was drowned. He leaves a wife and family in straitened circumstances.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, April 3.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Brodeur asked if it was the intention of the Government to submit for the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in England the question already submitted to the Supreme Court in relation to the subject of the Manitoba schools. Sir John Thompson replied that the question involved the further question as to what parties had or had not the right to appeal; also those who might or might not desire to appeal. As to these points, the Government was not possessed of full information.

Sir Adolphe Caron, replying to Mr. Grieve, said that it was not the intention of the Government to reduce letter postage from 3 to 2 cents, nor was it the intention to reduce the fee for registration, nor was it the intention to guarantee the safe delivery of all resistered letters and their contents.

Hon. Mr. Foster, replying to a question, said that it was not the intention of the Government to preclude shipments of tea coming directly from the country of growth from transhipment in another country. He gave the same answer in regard to coffee.

Mr. Davin then continued the debate on the budget.

OTTAWA, April 4.—Mr. Fairbairn in the House of Commons yesterday said he would like to hear what the Government had to say in regard to the outbreak of disease among some cattle in the county of Grey.

Hon. Mr. Foster, answering, said that some time ago Dr. Sproule, member for East Grey, sent in a report with a diagnosis of the symptoms of the disease among cattle in that county, undoubtedly the same as referred to by Dr. Landerkin. The letter was immediately referred to, adding that there was no cause for alarm and that he would make further investigation and report. He read a telegram from Prof. Smith to this effect sent to the Minister of Agriculture.

OTTAWA, April 5.—It is now generally considered that the budget debate in the Dominion House will continue well into next week. A number of members have yet to speak on it, but the interest has subsided since the principal members of House have had their say.

Hon Mr. Foster, yesterday, in reply to Sir Richard Cartwright, said that the Finance Department was preparing a case to be present to the Department of Justice for an opinion as to whether proceedings could be taken to recover the sum lost by the failure of the Exchange Bank from the party who guaranteed the original deposits.

Sir Richard Cartwright asked whether, in view of the fact that the Minister of Finance had declared that he had expected a deficit in the revenue for the current and succeeding fiscal year, the Government intended to ask Parliament during this session for a vote of $720,000 for a fast Atlantic service.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that if Sir Richard understood that he had stated that he expected a deficit as between the revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year he (Sir Richard) was mistaken. It was the intention of the Government to ask legislation in reference to the fast Atlantic service.

OTTAWA, April 6.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Hon. Mr. Paterson replying to Mr. Mulock, said that Lieut.-Col. Lazier had neither been "retired, suspended or temporarily displaced" from the command of the Fifteenth Battalion. The colonel had been granted leave of absence on March 31, as he had desired to go to the United States on private business. The command of the battalion was in the hands of the senior officer during the colonel's temporary absence.

Hon. Mr. Daly, in response to a question by Mr. Charlton, said that 44,242,219 acres of land had been granted to railway corporations in Manitoba and the Northwest territories up to January 1, 1894.

Hon. Mr. Foster, in reply to Mr. Edgar, said that under the tariff tea and coffee might be imported in bond through London, but there must be through bills of lading. Through bills of lading were required in all cases.

OTTAWA, April 6.—In the Senate Mr. Boulton, in moving for a return of the rates charged by the C.P.R., condemned the alleged discriminatory rates which the company were charging. He said the issuance of preferred stock last year placed upon the company the necessity of raising additional revenue to meet the dividends which would be necessarily payable on this stock. To raise the additional revenue they imposed additional freight rates upon those sections of the road where there was no competition, hence greater burdens fell on the farmers of the Northwest.

Hon. Mr. Bowell said the information asked for would be brought down.

OTTAWA, April 7.—In the House of Commons yesterday the following bills were read a first time:

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper—To amend the Harbor Masters Act.

Mr. McKay—To incorporate the Welland Power and Supply Canal Company, Limited.

Hon. Mr. Daly—To make further provision respecting grants of land to members of the militia force in active service in the Northwest.

Mr. Dickey moved the first reading of his bill to amend the Electoral Franchise Act. The bill, which provides for female suffrage to a limited extent, was read a first time.

Mr. McMullen asked the number of bushels of corn imported and ground into human food on which a rebate of duty was made during the present year, 1892-3.

Hon. Mr. Wallace—676,763 bushels.

Dr. Sproule, on a question of privilege, read an extract from a speech of Mr. Charlton to show that he (Mr. Charlton) was a commercial unionist.

Mr. Charlton asked several questions regarding certain crown customs seizures made in the year 1892-3, and Hon. Mr. Wallace replied.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, in reply to Mr. Lister, said in relation to the close seasons in Ontario, from 1887 to 1893, the close season for white fish was from the 1st of November down to the 30th of November in each year; for pickerel, from the 15th of April to the 15th of May; for bass, from the 15th of April to the 15th of May. In 1894 the only change was made in connection with the close season for bass, namely, from the 10th of May to the 30th of June. There is no close season for pike, herring or sturgeon. The mesh of seines for catching whitefish is four inches, extension measure; the mesh of whitefish gill nets from four to five inches, hoop nets two and a half inches. No trap nets are allowed. (Licenses for pound net fishing will be granted as usual in Lakes Huron, St. Clair and Erie; for hoop net fishing in Lakes Huron and St. Clair; for gill net fishing in Lakes Huron and Erie. No seine fishing will be allowed in Lake Huron, the river St. Clair, Lake St. Clair or the Detroit river.

Eleven Men Killed.

BRESLAU, April 6.—By the caving in of one of the shafts of the Koschlen mine, near this city, yesterday, eleven men were killed and a large number injured.

Asphyxiated by Gas.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 9.—Frank L. Ruyiter, a printer, was asphyxiated yesterday morning. He was a native of Quebec and was 27 years old.

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words for Busy Readers.

St. Thomas city council has adopted a curfew bell by-law.

Ald. Colquhoun will not be a candidate in Hamilton for the Legislature.

Five deaths from cholera were reported in Constantinople on Wednesday.

Four deaths from yellow fever on board vessels at Baltimore occurred on Wednesday.

A consistory for the purpose of creating new Cardinals will be held at Rome on June 18.

Twenty-six horses were burned to death in a livery stable fire at Troy, N. Y., on Thursday.

The United States House of Representatives passed the Senate's Behring Sea bill on Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held in Ottawa on Wednesday.

By the caving in of a mine near Breslau, on Thursday, eleven men were killed and many injured.

The execution of Prendergast, the murderer of Carter Harrison, has been further stayed until July 2.

A settler named Moggridge, at Hall Prairie, B. C., has been shot and mortally wounded by burglars.

Six hundred yards of pike net were seized at Burlington Beach by Inspector Kerr on Wednesday.

Welsh members of Parliament will ask for a committee similar to that which will be granted to Scotland.

Seeding has commenced in the Moosomin district, but will not be general in Manitoba for two weeks yet.

A society for the prevention of crime has been organized in Chicago, similar to the Parkhurst Society in New York.

At Greensboro', Ga., a negro who assaulted a white woman Thursday night was lynched on Friday morning.

The Newcastle Steel Company, of Newcastle, Pa., is said to have found a good market for steel billets in Canada.

At Cowboy, C.B., on Friday morning a miner named George Anderson deliberately blew his brains out with a shotgun.

In the breach of promise suit of Steele vs. Campbell at Cornwall defendant settled by paying Miss Steele $750 and costs.

Near Cherokee, Miss., Mrs. Wm. Raymond and her three children were drowned while crossing Buttahatchie River.

Thomas Fraser, for the last ten years Principal of Owen Sound Public Schools, died on Friday after a long illness.

Jos. Beauchamp, of Hull, Que., father of eleven children, was run over and fatally injured at Arnprior on Wednesday.

Farmers of Centre Wellington are forming a syndicate to ship their own cattle, as there is no demand for them at present.

Rev. A. Dowsley died suddenly of heart disease at Campbellford on Thursday night. He leaves a widow and four children.

A war has broken out in the Cheyenne and Arapahoe country, Indian Territory, and troops have been sent from El Reno, Oklahoma.

Two deaths were caused by the trolley cars in Toronto on Thursday, a boy named Hatton and a man named Kinghorn being the victims.

Four men were drowned in the Chattahoochie River, opposite Columbus, Ga., on Thursday, while fishing, by the capsizing of the boat.

Hugh McCaffery was killed near Port Lambton on Wednesday in a collision between the schooner Theo Voges and the steamer Majestic.

Mr. Cummings, a well-known citizen of Oakville, is building a $10,000 music hall for the town, the corner stone of which was laid on Thursday.

A two-year-old child of Aaron Herd, Pickering, accidentally fell into a pail of hot water and received injuries from which he died the following day.

The dwelling house of John Newman, near Osceola, Pa., was burned on Thursday, and Mrs. Newman's mother, 80 years of age, was burned to death.

Constable George Pendleton of the Northwest Mounted Police, who formerly lived near Toronto, was crushed to death near Fort Saskatchewan the other day.

Miss Hannah Beswetherick, aged 50, who lived with Rev. Martin Lowry in London, attempted to kill herself by cutting her throat with a razor. She will recover.

The Executive Committees of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations held a joint meeting in London, Tuesday, and transacted considerable business of importance.

The will of the late Mrs. Cornelia Coster of New York directs that her entire fortune of $1,000,000 be devoted to building a mausoleum in Woodgreen Cemetery.

The patrons of Hemlock City Association have condemned the resolution passed by the Grand Association regarding the stand to be taken by Patrons in the coming elections.

The Advisory Board of the Manitoba Department of Education has appointed a committee to consider the question of introducing the teaching of agriculture in the public schools.

The two-year-old little daughter of Wm. Ray, living at Red Bank, near Newcastle, N.B., was badly burned while trying to save her doll, which in some way had caught on fire.

J. W. Trollinger, a leading citizen of Shelbyville, Tenn., shot and killed his son-in-law, Wm. Posey. Posey had deserted his wife, and Trollinger had forbidden him the house.

Milil Sabeni, the Syrian dealer in Turkish coins at the World's Fair, committed suicide in New York on Thursday by shooting himself. The loss of his money is assigned as the cause.

George Griffiths is now on a globe-trotting tour, and expects to reach Winnipeg on May 5, en route to London from Yokohama. He expects to lower Nellie Bly's record, and make the trip in 66 days.

A bright comet was discovered by Mr. Gale, of Sydney, N.S.W., on the night of April 2. The discovery position of the object was right ascension, 2 h., 30 m., 48 sec.; declination south, 55 deg. 36 min.

Cut to Pieces by a Trolley.

MONTREAL, Que., April 7.—J. Brousseau, one of the employes of the St. Benoit asylum, while driving up Park avenue last night collided with an electric car and was cut to pieces. His rig was smashed to atoms and the horse was killed outright.

Killed by a Trolley.

MONTREAL, Que., April 7.—A fatal accident occurred here last evening by which the 3-year-old son of William Charters lost his life. No blame is attached to the motorman.

Died in Her Kitchen.

BRIGHT, Ont., April 7.—Mrs. Peter W. Bristow was found dead in her kitchen last evening. She had evidently fallen against the stove, as there was a small wound on her forehead.

Dr. McCully's Case.

TORONTO, April 6.—The charge brought against Dr. S. E. McCully by Mrs. Margaret Willfong was investigated before the police magistrate yesterday. The doctor was committed for trial, bail being received for $10,000.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

TORONTO, April 3.—Replying to Mr. Rorke in the Legislature yesterday, Hon. Mr. Dryden said he had received word of an outbreak among cattle in Grey county. Upon receiving the information the department had communicated with Dr. Andrew Smith, one of the Dominion inspectors for contagious diseases. Under his authority the district had been visited and the affected animals examined; the conclusion came to being that the disease was not contagious, but arises from local causes, and was mainly due to the special character of the food, which was said to contain more or less ergot. Dr. Smith had reported that as soon as the food was changed the animals would speedily recover.

Mr. Field moved the second reading of his bill respecting the registration of births, deaths and marriages, which provides for the keeping of duplicate returns of registrations.

The second reading was carried on division.

Mr. Waters moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Municipal Act.

The bill was read a second time.

Mr. Monk's bill, to amend the Assessment Act, seeking to combine the office of county collector and treasurer and to empower the taking of assessments later in the year than at present, was read a second time.

TORONTO, April 4.—In the Legislature yesterday Mr. Glendenning, rising to a question of privilege, said that during his absence from the House the lock of his desk had been broken and papers had been taken out. Some of them had been addressed back to him again, but others had entirely disappeared. Although the lock had been since fixed, there is no guarantee that it would not happen again.

Sir Oliver Mowat moved the House into committee on the bill to make further provision for the solemnization of marriages. It provides that persons not being widows or widowers shall not marry under the age of 21 years without the written consent of parents or guardian, and no license shall issue to a person under the age of 16 years without the production of such written consent. To parties under the age of 14 no license shall issue at all.

Mr. Meredith suggested that the limit of age for obtaining a license to marry should be fixed at 18 instead of 16.

The House then went into Committee of Supply and passed several items of expenditure on public works.

On the item of $240,000 for Public and Separate schools, Hon. Mr. Ross spoke to some length, showing the work accomplished by the Educational Department.

Mr. Stratton introduced a bill in the House yesterday to amend the Municipal Act.

Supplementary estimates to the amount of $250, were laid before the House.

TORONTO, April 5.—In the Legislature yesterday the following bills were read a third time:—Respecting the site of the new Legislative and Departmental buildings—Mr. Fraser. Respecting St. George's church, Kingston—Mr. Harty. To enable James Henry Carpenter to practise dentistry—Mr. Carpenter. To enable the trustees, executors and executrix under the will of Richard Stubbs to lease certain lands—Mr. Tait. To confirm an agreement between the London Street Railway Company and the village of London West—Mr. Tooley. Respecting allowances to the Supreme Court judges—The Attorney-General.

Dr. Gilmour moved the second reading of his bill to abolish the personal covenant in mortgages

Hon. Mr. Hardy asked the mover to content himself with having the bill discussed, and not to press it further.

Dr. Gilmour declined to withdraw the bill, and it was declared lost on division.

Mr. McColl's bill to raise the amount of personal earnings exempted from taxation from $700 to $1,000 received a second reading.

Mr. Clarke's (Lanark) bill dealing with exemptions from local taxation of farm lands in towns and cities was given a second reading.

TORONTO, April 6.—In the Legislature yesterday, on motion of Sir Oliver Mowat, the House went into committee on the bill respecting Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration for settling industrial disputes.

Sir Oliver Mowat proposed to fix the fee of arbitrators at $4 for the first sitting, and an allowance of $6 a day and $3 for half a day.

The clause passed and the bill was reported with amendments.

The bill introduced by Hon. G. W. Ross yesterday, entitled, "The City Manhood Suffrage Act of 1894," is to apply only to the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and London. Its operation is to be extended to Toronto immediately, and to the other cities named after the next general election. The bill abolishes the system under which the assessors place manhood franchise votes on the list. The qualification remains the same as at present, but in addition to the voter having resided for twelve months in the province and having been for three calendar months a resident and been domiciled in the city, he must have been for thirty days prior to registration, as well as the election, a resident of the electoral division on the list of which he is to be entered.

TORONTO, April 7.—On the orders of the day being called in the Legislature yesterday, Hon. Mr. Harcourt rose to make a statement with respect to the alleged tampering with desks. He said that it appeared that during the recent debate on the outbreak of tuberculosis at the Guelph farm, Mr. Glendenning and other members quoted from a letter written by Professor Robertson. A reporter of the Empire staff sent to Mr. Glendenning asking to be allowed to look at the document. The letter was sent to the reporter, who inadvertently retained it in his pocket for some days, when he had it placed on Mr. Glendenning's desk, enclosed in a letter, and marked, "returned with thanks."

Mr. Glendenning said he remembered the circumstances as described by Mr. Harcourt, but said there were other papers, including a letter marked private, which were taken and not returned.

Mr. Waters moved the second reading of Mr. O'Connor's bill to amend the Assessment Act by exempting the plant and appliances of gas and electric companies and providing that a telephone company, whose head office is not within the province of Ontario, should be assessed upon the net profits earned in such municipality, available towards dividends for shareholders.

Dr. Gilmour's bill to amend the Act imposing a tax on dogs, and for the protection of sheep, was read a second time.

Sir Oliver Mowat's bill to provide for the appointment of deputy police magistrates in cities was read a second time.

Hon. Mr. Ross' bill to provide for the final settlement of the common school fund was read a second time.

The Executive Committee opposed the repeal of the salary reduction by-law on Friday. The heads of departments will be asked to report on the question of readjusting the salaries of their subordinate officers.

The number of students in attendance during the past session at the dairy school in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College was 104.

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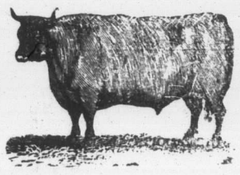

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