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EASTERN LEAGUE MAGNATES MAKING OUT A SCHEDULE.

Their List of Games Will Be Ready To-Day—Four Umpires Appointed—Re-Organization of Many Local Clubs—Racing on the Winter Tracks—Pugilistic Gossip.

New York, March 13.—The schedule meeting of the Eastern League began this afternoon at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The clubs were represented by the following delegates: Buffalo, James Franklin and C. H. Martin; Erie, John Depinet; Providence, William H. Draper and E. A. Johnson; Scranton, W. L. Betts, J. A. Swayze and William Barnie; Springfield, I. E. Sanborn and Thomas E. Burns; Syracuse, George M. Kuntsch and T. C. Griffin; Toronto, William Stark and Chas. Maddock; Rochester, Charles A. Leimgruber, Charles Engiert and John C. Chapman; Wilkesbarre, E. F. Bogart, C. W. Tammany, L. W. Long and Dan Shannon.

All of the business except the adoption of the championship schedule was disposed of this afternoon, and the meeting adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

President Powers says that the season will open April 29 and close Sept. 15, and will consist of 112 games. Mr. Depinet of Erie, Pa., and Lawrence E. Fassett of Albany were elected honorary members of the League, with the privilege of admission to all meetings and grounds. It was reported that the suit brought by the Troy players against Marcus D. Russell of Troy for salaries, and taken up by the League in behalf of the players, might probably be discontinued, as Mr. Russell has settled with most of the players and was rapidly clearing up the debt. A committee composed of E. F. Bogart, C. H. Morton and William Barnie, presented a report revising the constitution. Only two trifling amendments are suggested. The first is to section 3, changing the names of the clubs to those now comprising the League. The other amends section 22 of article 1, so as to require the competing clubs to place their guarantee of $250 that they will continue through the season, in the hands of the president on April 15, instead of May 1, as heretofore.

The staff of umpires appointed by President Powers is composed of T. C. Hurst, Ashland, Pa.; Herman Doescher, Binghamton, N.Y.; John H. Gaffney, Worcester, Mass.; and Charles Snyder, Washington. The League voted to increase the staff to five, and President Powers will soon appoint another umpire. In regard to the Western League signing the three Erie players, Kenny, Lally and Berger, in violation of the national agreement, a committee of three was appointed to submit the case to the National Board. It consists of President Powers, John Depinet and James Franklin.

Baseball Brevities.

Niagara District League clubs will organize at Merritton to-morrow night.

The Western League umpires have been selected, and the quarrel President Johnson has named are well known. They are: John Hoagland, John Sheridan, Tim O'Brien and Sandy McDermott.

The Varsity Baseball Club will organize for the season next week. In McConaghie and Woodworth of St. Catharines the University has a new and most promising battery.

The Alphas of Galt have organized with these officers: Hon. pres., A. Bisset Thom; pres., Dr. S. Moyer; sec.-treas., "Doc" Shupe; manager, Wm. Hutton; captain, R. Taylor; managing committee, W. D. McKenzie, J. Hutchinson and R. Percy. The following players have already signed with the Alphas for the coming season: Geo. C. Wilkinson, J. H. Bennett, G. L. Little, H. Rumking, R. F. Taylor, T. H. Hildmarsh, J. D. Scott, Jas. Spaulding, R. C. Flatt, Jas. Bell, J. Hutchinson and W. Saunders. The Alphas strongly favor the project of a junior league being formed with Berlin, Guelph, Preston and Galt.

Corbett Willing to Meet Jackson.

New York, March 13.—Champion James J. Corbett arrived in this city from Newark yesterday. Regarding his coming battle with Fitzsimmons, Corbett said he had no doubt it would take place in Jacksonville, as per agreement. "Now that Oklahoma has opened its gates to boxers," said Corbett, "I am not averse to arranging a match with Jackson to take place there. He said he would meet me any place in America north of the Mason and Dixon line. If he was sincere when he made that statement Oklahoma is the place for our battle."

Yacht and Skiff Sailers.

The officers and members of the National Yacht and Skiff Club held their annual election of officers and comittees on Tuesday evening. The following offices were filled:

Commodore, William Younger; Vice-Commodore, Walter Spanner; Rear-Commodore, Harry Kells; Captain, Thomas Chaple; Secretary, R. F. Fielding; Treasurer, W. Weiler; Assistant Secretary, Orris Whinton; Measurer, E. Reeves; Chairman Executive Committee, D. Davies; Executive Committee, H. Martin, J. T. Barker, J. Williams, William Spanner; Sailing Committee, J. H. Johnson, Charles Graham, J. Graham; Reporter, Walter Wynne.

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STILL THEY CURL.

Many Friendly Matches—Seaforth Rinks Beaten at Sarnia.

Sarnia, March 13.—Two rinks of the Seaforth Curling Club arrived here this evening and played a friendly game with two rinks of Sarnia curlers, resulting in a victory for Sarnia by 9 shots. Following is the score:

SARNIA.		SEAFORTH.	
Chester, skip	13	Weir, skip	13
Symes, skip	16	Wilson, skip	7
Total	29	Total	20

Bankers Play a Close Game.

A curling match between rinks representing the Imperial Bank and the Bank of Montreal was played at the Granite yesterday, which resulted as follows:

IMPERIAL.		MONTREAL.	
A. R. Capreol		R. Campbell	
W. Roberts		A. S. Branchaud	
W. O. Thornton		H. C. Webster	
B. Jennings, skip	13	G. S. Roberts, skip	12

Rennie Wins the Mowat Cup.

The final match for the Mowat Cup was played yesterday afternoon in the Mutual-street Rink, the Rennies proving easy winners over D. S. Keith's men. Score:

T. Rennie		A. N. Garrett	
T. Rennie		A. B. Nichols	
J. Rennie		G. E. Keith	
R. Rennie, skip	22	D. S. Keith, skip	7

The Port Elgin Bonspiel.

A grand curling bonspiel has been in progress in the Port Elgin rinks yesterday and to-day. The four clubs taking part were the Port Elgin, Southampton, Kincardine, and Owen Sound. Port Elgin defeated Owen Sound by 18, Kincardine by 23, and Southampton by 8. Southampton defeated Kincardine by 5 and Owen Sound by 24. Kincardine defeated Owen Sound by 14.

Orillia Hockeyists Great Record.

Orillia, March 13.—The last game in the Northern Ontario Hockey League series (Eastern Division) was played here Tuesday evening between Coldwater and Orillia, the home team winning by 5 shots to 4.

Orillia's record for the season is, won 6, lost nothing. Midland, Waubaushene and Coldwater are tie for second place.

A series of home and home matches between Barrie (champions of the Western Division), and Orillia will likely be arranged.

Whitby Beats the Bank Champions.

Whitby, March 13.—The Bank of Commerce, Toronto, and the Collegiate Institute hockey teams played here tonight. The play was splendid and exciting, and the rink crowded full of townspeople. Whitby won by 6 goals to 5.

For the Waterloo Cup.

London, March 13.—The first round of the coursing for the Waterloo Cup at Altcar, near Liverpool, to-day, was delayed by a heavy fog. The hour for starting was 10 o'clock, but the first run was not made until noon. In this round the favorites were the winners. Thirty-two dogs are still to compete.

In the second round the winners were Hawkecombehead, Falconer, Coca, Ivan The Great, Fair Floralie, Concordia, Fifth Fiddle, Fortuna, Favente, Kilrosa, Thoughtless Beauty, Fabulous, Fortune, Pennegant, Mellormoor, Green Onion, Gallant and Hypnum.

The third and fourth rounds will be coursed to-morrow.

Big Prizes for Carrier Pigeons.

Paris, March 13.—As the result of discussion as to the usefulness of carrier pigeons as messengers from distressed vessels at sea, the idea having been suggested by the late voyage of La Gascogne from Havre to New York, Le Petit Journal announces an international race for pigeons. It is intended that the birds shall be liberated from a ship chartered for the purpose, the distances from land to be determined later. The promoters of the scheme offer 10,000 francs in money to be competed for, and there will also be other prizes. The race is to take place in June. Entries will be received until the end of April.

Commercial Lacrosse Club.

The Commercial Lacrosse Club held a meeting on Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing officers and securing players for the coming season. The following are the officers: Honorary-president, A. P. Murphy; president, W. R. Cook; vice-president, A. B. Patterson; Secretary, J. N. Wilkins; treasurer, Wm. Fraser; captain, W. J. Morphy; executive committee, N. C. Laird and W. Billings. They will hold another meeting on Friday evening, when they will select their players.

Harbord-street C.I. Football Club.

A largely attended meeting of students was held at Harbord-street Collegiate Institute yesterday for the purpose of forming an Association football club. The following officers were elected: President, R. H. Straith, B.A.; Vice-President, F. W. Lewis; Captain, C. W. Mott; Secretary-Treasurer, G. Cecil Mott; Committee, W. A. Stratton, A. Snell, R. D. Hume.

Alisa Will Meet Britannia To-Day.

Nice, March 13.—The repairs to the new cutter Alisa have been completed and she will go to Cannes to-day in order to meet Britannia in the race for the Ogden Goelet and James Gordon Bennett Cup No. 1, for all yachts over 20-rating. At the Prince of Wales' request, however, the race for that trophy, now held by the Britannia, which was to have taken place to-day, has again been postponed, this time until Thursday.

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IN THE MUD AT ALEXANDER.

Clansman at 10 to 1 a Winner—Three Favorites in Front—Six Races for To-Day.

Alexander Island, March 13.—The weather this afternoon was threatening, but this did not keep the crowd from making the trip to the track. Five races were run for the last time in two months. Beginning to-morrow six races will be run until the closing of the St. Asaph meeting. The rain came down in torrents just before the horses went to the post for the first race and the track was soon in a sloppy condition. Eleven books were in line.

First race, 6 1-4 furlongs—Bronston, 105, Morris, 8 to 5, 1; Pottowottamie, 110, Murphy, 3 to 1, 2; John P., 104 1-2, McDermott, 7 to 2, 3. Time 1.24.

Second race, 5-8 mile—Fredericks, 108, Duffy, 4 to 5, 1; Tamuany Hall, 110, Morris, 7 to 2, 2; Apollo, 113, Ham, 5 to 2, 3. Time 1.06 1-4.

Third race, 5-8 mile—Clansman, 115, Parson, 10 to 1, 1; Elmstone, 125, Newmyer, 12 to 1, 2; Tioga, 109, Wayburn, 7 to 5, 3. Time 1.06.

Fourth race, 1 mile—Juliet, 86, Donnelly, even, 1; Forager, 98, Barrett, 5 to 1, 2; Lum, 104, Parsons, 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.49 1-2.

Fifth race, 6 1-2 furlongs—Doc Birch, 107, Modeland, 4 to 1, 1; Dillon, J., 113, Ham, 1 to 2, 3; His Grace, 107, Dorsey, 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.26 1-2.

Entries: First race, 6 1-4 furlongs—Clansman, Cadet, John Winkle, Red Cross, Harry Hinkson, Anxiety, Tiny Tim 107 each.

Second race, 5-8 mile—Forest, Paragon 110, Mikey B 107, Duke John, Dare Devil, Home Run 103, Florence L 98, Pysche 94.

Third race, 4 1-2 furlongs—Apprentice 108, W. O'Brien 107, Fritz 105, Ouilla 103, Anna L, Miss Castles 103.

Fourth racer, 1 mile—Come Home, Paris 102, Bela, Glenall 101, Red Star, King Bird 100, The Snake 88.

Fifth race, 6 1-4 furlongs—Classic, Bolivar, Rama, Jersey Pat, Leigh, McKeever 115.

Sixth race, 6 1-4 furlongs—Sappho, Bon Voyage, Pottowottamie, Fagot, Little Bravo, Trinculo, Phil Daly 105.

The Crescent City Races.

New Orleans, March 13.—First race, 3-4 mile—Virgin, 105, McKnight, 8 to 5, 1; Princess Rose, 95, Hennessy, 60 to 1, 2; Guilty, 105, Vankuren, 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.20.

Second race, 1-2 mile—Minnie Clyde, 103, Keith, 15 to 1, 1; Leaseman, 107, Shields, 9 to 1, 2; Sister Rosalind, 105, Blake, 12 to 1, 3. Time .52 1-2.

Third race, 3-4 mile—Blue and White, 103, Slaughter, 5 to 1, 1; Hopeful, 105, Knight, 7 to 1, 2; Diamond Dick, 108, Penny, 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.21.

Entries: First race, 5-8 mile—Buckway, Dr. Reed, Shelby, Boston, 104; J. W. Cook, Lu Fewitt, 107; Nellie Osborne, 108; Miniver, La Gniappe, Verdi, Vanbrunt, 110.

Second race, 7-8 mile—Joco, Augustus, Bob Wilson, 101; Daphne, 102; Blue and White, 103; Servitude, Primero, Lank, Aernau, 104; Kelly, 105; Pearl N., 106; Oak Forest, 107; Theodore H., 108; Rally, 111; Rotation, 112.

Third race, 1 mile—Satellite, 100; Charter, Tippecanoe, 102; Fitcher C., Florence P., 105; Silver Prince, 106; Chimes, 109; Mote, 110; Rapidan, 111.

Fourth race, 3-4 mile—Bankrupt, Darwin, Wedgewood, Galen, Brown, Lock Leven, 106; Oxford, Ben Wilson, Yellow Rose, 108; Miss Clark, Bonnie B., Contest, 109; Fidget, Francis Pope, 111; Beverley, 120.

Fifth race, 3-4 mile—Nicaragua, 101; Gee Whiz, Lay On, Oh No, Dr. Parks, Mike Bradshaw, Blake, 103; Matt White, 105; Denver, Twenty-Three, John P., 106; Herman, 108; Fakir, Joe Woolman, 109.

The Race at Dufferin Park.

One race was brought off at Dufferin Park yesterday before the rain came down and the other two were postponed. Billy Hamilton won the local in straight heats, Western Boy second and Handy Andy third.

Turf Gossip.

Though the boom of the thoroughbred in the Argentine Republic has died away to a great extent, racing is by no means dead. Sixty-six stables will be in training there this season.

On Monday night Mr. Hendrie's Minnie Palmer, by Duke Blackburn, foaled a beautiful chestnut filly by Strathspey. This is the first foal of the year at Valley Farm.

A Fort Wayne, Ind., despatch says: The noted stallion Strathmore was the oldest and greatest living son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian.

A syndicate of Oxford farmers have purchased from the owners the noted German coach stallion, Adam. The price paid was $3000 divided into thirty shares of $100 each. The horse will be traveled through Oxford District.

The directors of the Roby Racing Association have decided to open the track on April 15, and unless interfered with by the Governor of Indiana the meeting will continue until May 1, when the regular season at Hawthorne will begin.

Athletic and General Notes.

Four rinks of Granite curlers play in Brampton to-day.

A London cable says: "Slavin has challenged Jackson to fight for $5000 a side. Pritchard offers to fight Craig for $1000 a side in one month's time."

Honest John Kelly has been asked to referee the Steve O'Donnell and Jake Kilrain glove fight, which is to take place in Boston next Tuesday.

"Tommy" Conneff, the Irish athlete, sailed for England on the Aurania yesterday. He will train at Balsbridge and compete in the English and Irish championship races.

Durman's Britannia and John Hanlah's Vigilant will contest for a $50 purse at 11 a.m. to-morrow on the bay, after which the big handicap with 16 entries will be sailed.

The R.C.B.C. smoking concert held last night in Dingman's Hall was an unqualified success. A. E. Walton was in the chair and "the boys" gathered in force. Song succeeded song, chorus followed chorus the evening through. Everything went as merry as marriage bells and "they didn't go home till morning"—not they.

The decision of the New Orleans judge who holds that glove contests are legal was good news to lovers of pugilism and of course there are many everywhere. This decision places the New Orleans clubs in the van of organizations catering to glove contests and puts a new aspect on affairs pugilistic in general. Neither Corbett nor Fitzsimmons, for instance, can back away from their long-standing agreement on the plea that they cannot fight without the interference of the law and the fear of spending a term in some state prison. The decision is not couched in very flattering terms, but a slight discoloration on the mind does not matter much, so long as the heart is good.

INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS.

The States Has Difficulties on Hand With Britain, Italy and Spain.

Washington, March 13.—The United States Government finds itself to-day with the promise of three international complications on its hands, all of which have developed within the past 24 hours. No action of a positive character has yet been taken with reference to the reported firing on the American steamship Alliance by a Spanish warship. The Spanish Minister, Senor Muruaga, called upon Acting Secretary Uhl this morning and informally gave assurance of prompt explanation and reparation if wrong had been done. The merits of the case are involved in the question whether the Spanish warship had the right to stop the Alliance in the belief that she was conveying aid to the insurgents, and the further question whether, granting the right of the Spaniards to order her to heave-to, Capt. Crossman was justified in imperilling his ship by not obeying him.

The killing of Italians at Walsenberg, Col., is regarded as a most unfortunate sequel to the Mafia riots in 1892. The Marquis Imperiali, First Secretary of the Italian Embassy, called on Acting Secretary Uhl this morning and presented a formal complaint.

To these causes of international trouble, the serious wounding of the British purser Bain at New Orleans, and the still pending interruption of British commerce at that port, add a third difficulty of no slight dimensions.

JAPAN AIMS AT PEKIN.

Peace Negotiations Purposely Delayed—Manchuria to Be Ceded.

New York, March 13.—A special to The Herald from Shanghai says: Although Li Hung Chang will doubtless, on reaching Japan, make an almost absolute surrender on behalf of China, opinion in high Japanese circles is sceptical as to the prospects of peace.

The Japanese army has set its heart upon reaching Pekin, and the adroitness with which Japan is concealing the diplomatic game that she is going to play is equal to the strategy she has displayed hitherto in hiding her military movements.

The Emperor of Japan is likely to see the Viceroy at Shimonoseki. In Japan the war party is in the ascendant, in China the peace party, and more than a temporary lull in the struggle is not expected until Russia's object in sending her warships into Eastern waters has become plainer.

Japan Wants Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, March 13.—A despatch from Tien-Tsin to The Novoe Vremya says the conditions imposed upon China by Japan for the conclusion of peace include the cession of Manchuria as far north of Moukden and the Great Wall.

A Railroader's Serious Crime.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., March 13.—The police have under arrest here Wilson Simes, a young railroad engineer, who is charged with cutting off the air brakes between the engine tender and baggage car of a West Shore passenger train after it had started south from the Suspension Bridge yards early this morning. The train was stopped just in time to prevent a serious collision. Railroad engineers say that a gang of men, evidently bent on train wrecking, have been practising this trick for the past three months between this city and Tonawanda.

Want to Fight With Pistols.

Boston, March 13.—The billiard room at the Parker House was the scene of unusual excitement this morning over the issuance and acceptance of a challenge to fight a duel with pistols. The parties concerned were Thomas F. Gilroy, jr., son of ex-Mayor Gilroy of New York, and Walter Scott Hale of Haverhill, Mass.

$2000 Blaze at Gravenhurst.

Gravenhurst, March 13.—A frame dwelling owned and occupied by Mrs. Anderson was destroyed by fire last night. Loss $2000; insured in the Sun Company for $1000.

A Would-Be Train Wrecker Insane

Windsor, March 13.—William Lozon, son of a farmer, was arrested this morning on the charge of attempting to wreck a Grand Trunk eastbound train. He showed signs of insanity and Magistrate Bartlett let him go on suspended sentence, his father going bonds for his future good behavior.

French Foreign Trade Falling Off.

Paris, March 13.—The official returns of imports into France for the months of January and February show the value of 602,325,000 francs, as against 809,535,000 francs for the corresponding period of 1894. The exports for the periods mentioned were respectively 520,087,000 and 460,621,000 francs.

French Campaign in Madagascar.

Paris, March 13.—The Soleil says Gen. Metzingery is arranging to open a campaign in Madagascar with 3000 men. The object of the movement is to explore and clear a road to the marshy region of Madagascar for Gen. Duchesne's main force.

$100,000 Fire in New York.

New York, March 13.—The six-story brick building, 33 and 35 South Fifth avenue, occupied by Gillis & Geoghean, manufacturers of steam-heating apparatus, and Nicola Tesla, electrical supplies, was burned early this morning. Loss $100,000; covered by insurance.

Five Times He Broke the Medical Act.

Petrolea, Ont., March 13.—Prof. A. H Wesley, charged with infringement of the Medical Act, was arrested yesterday, and now lies in jail, awaiting trial. This is the fifth time he has been under lock and key for the same offence.

The Queen Starts for Nice.

London, March 13.—The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, started from Windsor to-day for Nice. Ex-Empress Frederick will occupy Buckingham Palace during the Queen's absence.

Victor Hugo's Sarcophagus.

Paris, March 13.—The body of Victor Hugo was deposited in a sarcophagus especially constructed for the purpose in the Pantheon this morning. The only members of the family present were two of Hugo's grandchildren, Leopold Hugo and Paul Merice.

Local Jottings.

R. H. Lear & Co. yesterday sent a cheque for $25, to be applied to the firemen's benefit fund as a recognition of the services of the firemen at the fire which occurred at their premises on Feb. 10.

On account of lack of time for preparation, the Knights of St. John will not take part in the St. Patrick's day procession next Sunday.

Joshua Miller and Fred Tompkins, who were sentenced to two and a half and two years respectively for assault and robbery near Owen Sound, spent last night in the cells at police headquarters. They will be taken to Kingston this morning by Deputy Sheriff Moore.

Personal.

Mr. A. W. Hepburn, manager of the Niagara Falls line of steamers, is in town completing arrangements for the coming season.

Caroline Miskel, as the wife of Playwright Charles H. Hoyt is known on the stage, has been seriously ill with rheumatic fever for the last ten days, and it was only yesterday that she was pronounced out of danger.

THE OIL CAN IN EVIDENCE.

THE DICKS INQUEST RESUMED LAST EVENING.

The Prisoner Through His Counsel Declines to Give Further Testimony—Story of the Fire Told by Neighbors and Firemen—Dicks' Eldest on Arthur in the Witness Box.

Dr. Johnson is still absent in St. Thomas attending the Hendershott murder trial, and Coroner Orr officiated in his stead at the resumed inquest into the death of Mrs. Mary Dicks last evening. When the inquest was adjourned on March 4, the examination of Arthur A. Dicks, husband of the deceased, and who is now charged with her murder, had not been completed, and his was the first name to be called. His counsel, Mr. Allan Cassels, declined to allow his client to give evidence, citing in support of this the decision recently given by Chief Justice Meredith in the Hendershott trial.

"This would be disclosing our defence," said Mr. Cassels, "and this I don't propose to do at this date."

Coroner Orr expressed a wish to hear the evidence of the accused, and while it would not be compulsory upon him to answer all questions, anything he might say would be used in evidence against him.

"My client would have been very glad to tell all that he knows about the matter had he not been arrested," said Mr. Cassels, "but since he must go before another tribunal I decline to allow him to say anything at this juncture. It is against the first principles of justice to procure evidence from a man by a side trick like this, and then use it for his conviction in another court."

The prisoner appeared in charge of Detective Verney, neatly attired in a black broadcloth coat and vest and brown tweed trousers. His confinement apparently does not agree with him, and he has a pale and troubled look on his countenance, though confident of acquittal. He sat during the whole evening with his elbows resting upon his knees and his head bowed in his hands. His aged father was present, and was a most eager listener to every word of evidence given. Taking his stand within a foot of the witness box, he anxiously listened to every word.

The evidence dealt entirely with the immediate circumstances of the fire. Detective Verney has been working diligently and marshalled his witnesses in excellent order. No attempt was made last night by the Crown to establish any theories as to how Mrs. Dicks met her death.

No Effort to Rescue the Woman.

The evidence of John Tracy showed that Dicks made little or no effort to rescue his wife from the burning building, but that he sat in the rear window from which he had dropped the children, until the arrival of the firemen. To strengthen their contention on this point, the Crown also showed that the firemen were first informed of the presence of a woman in the building by a neighbor, and not by Dicks, as might be expected.

Dicks' Son on the Stand.

A remarkably good witness, for a boy of his years, was Arthur Dicks, jr., the 13-year-old son of the prisoner. He said they had supper the night of the fire about 7.30. It consisted of bread, butter, meat and cabbage. He first knew of the fire when his father woke him. The next instant, he says, he heard his mother fall and the lamp crash. The sound came from the stairway. Mr. Dewart failed to shake his testimony as to its being a lamp he heard. His one answer was that he "would not be sure that it was a lamp, but it sounded terribly like one."

Mr. Cassels objected to the boy answering any questions regarding the Little York and Mimico fires. His objection was over-ruled, but the boy's mind was a complete blank on these occurrences. The Crown scored a point, however, when Arthur admitted that when his father left the room in which they were sleeping and returned to seek Mrs. Dicks, that he could neither see nor smell smoke. According to Dicks' evidence, given at the first sitting of the inquest, the hall at that time was so full of smoke he was compelled to advance towards the stairs on his hands and knees.

First Man at the Fire.

John Tracy was the first of the neighbors to arrive at the scene of the fire. On his arrival Dicks was sitting in the upper story window. He forced the kitchen door and made his way through the dining-room to the hall, but was not quite clear as to whether the door leading from the hall into the dining-room stood open. The stove was then completely enveloped in flames, and the hall was burning quite fiercely. In conversation with Dicks next day, Dicks told him the furnace was a dangerous one. The witness admitted that the furnace looked dangerous, as the pipes appeared to be too close to the joists. As far as he knew, the prisoner and his deceased wife lived on the very best of terms.

Tracey told Mr. Cassels that the day following the fire he had found two plates, a knife and a coffeepot in the room occupied by Mrs. Dicks. This the defence will set up as a refutation of the theory advanced that Mrs. Dicks was killed soon after her evening meal, but the Crown, on the other hand, have the sworn statement of Dicks that his wife had nothing to eat after partaking of her supper Friday evening.

Mrs. Dicks' missing garments were burned by Tracy, strewn around the kitchen stove. Some of Dicks' clothing was found with them.

Firemen Scholes, Taylor and Brennan, told of finding the body. Dicks told Scholes that his wife had fallen down stairs. A diligent search for the lamp was unrewarded, but some broken portions of it were picked up on the stairway next day by John Tracy and John Collins.

Arthur Dicks jr. was recalled and the Crown gave their strongest evidence in the last ten minutes of the sitting. Arthur said they always kept a five gallon coal oil can, and thought the one produced by Detective Verney looked very much like it. This is the can which was found on the furnace by Detective Verney, upon which the Crown will base their charge of arson. The defence hope to show that it dropped from the store and lodged on the pipe during the progress of the fire, and after the floor had been burned away. The boy's examination showed that this can was always kept in another part of the store, and that he had seen it on the day preceding the fire at least ten feet from the spot above where it was found. The fact was also brought out that it had been filled with oil only two days before the fire.

The inquest will be resumed again on Tuesday evening.

Infanticide at Woodstock.

Woodstock, Ont., March 13.—The adjourned coroner's inquest to inquire into the death of an unknown child found in the eastern part of the town on March 1 met last night. The jury returned an open verdict, stating that the child had been born alive and strangled.

Suicide of a Man Who "Had Wheels."

Buffalo, N.Y., March 13.—Nicholas Stetter, 40 years old, tinsmith by trade, prosperous and steady, with every indication that his home life had been peaceful and happy, suicided by hanging this morning. The only cause to which can be attributed his act is given by his brother-in-law, who says "Stetter had wheels."

DISSOLUTION AT EASTER.

Rosebery Determined to Hand in His Resignation.

London, March 13.—Lord Rosebery, owing nominally to the present state of his health, has determined to place his resignation in the Queen's hands. It is expected that dissolution of Parliament will take place immediately after the Easter recess.

WHAT NEWFOUNDLAND WANTED.

Requests for Assistance From Britain Impossible to Accede to.

London, March 13.—A Parliamentary paper has been issued giving the correspondence between the authorities of Newfoundland and the British Government. The paper contains a request from Governor O'Brien for aid in procuring a loan of $1,000,000, together with a warship, and the appointment of a Royal Commission for the province. Lord Ripon's reply to these requests says the Home Government will do nothing in the matter until the committee has made further inquiries.

Further requests are made by the Newfoundland Government, as follows: "That the Home Government sanction the issue of treasury notes; that they pass a bill guaranteeing a certain value to all bank notes; that they give assurance that the London Government will not meddle with the constitution of the colony, and that they guarantee £20,000 yearly for a quarter of a century, as interest on the colony's bonds. The Home Government, in reply, refuse to give the assurance asked, and decline to assume the guarantee on the ground that self-governing colonies should not look to the Imperial Government for aid in financial affairs.

However, Lord Ripon writes, the Government would despatch a commissioner to Newfoundland to relieve actual public distress, from the treasury funds, but they would not extend assistance to commercial houses.

A Cooking-School Without a Fire.

Of course it is simple enough. There are half a dozen electric lights in each room in the house, and this ingenious teacher has attached wires to the electric main which furnishes the electric lights. Each set of wires thus attached is fastened to one of the cooking utensils or to the little stand upon which it rests, and the pan or griller or stand is thus heated, just as the tiny platinum wire loop inside the electric burner is. Only, as the griller is much larger than the platinum wire, and iron or copper is harder to heat than platinum, the griller does not get white-hot, or even red-hot, but just hot enough to raise a blister on your finger.

Up out of the floor comes the wires from the electric main, and then each little cooking apparatus has its own particular set of wires, and there are six little knobs for connecting and breaking the circuit for each set, placed just under the top of the table. The cleanliness, the simplicity and the convenience of the whole thing are remarkable, and if you really should happen to belong to some cooking-school here in America, and go to London and see this school, you would be thunder-struck, and made quite unfit to come back to the hot range and the draughts and the coal and wood and the lighting of fires.

The two burglar-proof safes that were the only things seen in the—it would hardly do to call it "kitchen"—cooking-room when you entered, turned out to be nothing more than electric ovens. They are so constructed that the half-dozen shelves inside them which are attached to wires, just as the utensils on the table are, can be heated to any degree of heat without altering the temperature of the safe or oven itself. Here you can set plates of bread or roasts, or anything that can be cooked or warmed in an oven. Then closing the door, you turn on a certain amount of electric current through the wires that are attached to shelf No. 1, and the plates are warmed. To shelf No. 2 the wires carry more heat, and something is roasted in no time, and so on down through the half-dozen shelves—all done by the turning of little knobs, instead of carrying coal, and putting paper and wood underneath it, and lighting matches, burning your fingers and blowing half your lungs away.—Harper's Young People.

To Dress Well for Little Money.

When there is very little money to be spent on clothes it must be spent judiciously and carefully, and it is quite a vexed question as to whether it pays to make over old gowns. The necessary trimming to make them look fresh and smart is a serious item, and more time is often required to make over a gown than to have a new one made.

Two entirely new gowns in the winter and four in the summer, well fitted and well hung, and, above all, well sewed, will, with old ones remodelled in the house, give a woman a wardrobe sufficient for ordinary use. There are plenty of cheap dressmakers in New York who can fit very well, and who have quite a knack at hanging skirts. From $10 to $15 is their charge for making a gown, and some can even make one for $8. These dressmakers do not live in convenient localities, as may readily be imagined, for if they did they could never afford to make gowns at such reasonable rates. Five dollars for lining goes a long way toward getting all that is necessary, but this part must not be entrusted to the dressmaker, who certainly cannot afford to have her apprentices take the time and car fare necessary to buy these things without adding some small commission to the original price of the goods.

A smart jacket and hat, both for summer and winter, are absolutely necessary in every woman's outfit. Coats and jackets are beyond the skill of dressmakers; they had better be bought in any of the shops where twice a year there are sales, a very much reduced prices, of extremely well-cut garments. For $8 and $10 jackets of very stylish cut can be found, but these must be altered to fit. If a woman has any taste at millinery she can trim her own hats for far less money than she can buy them ready-made, but it is a good investment to pay $8 or $10, spring and fall, for one stunning hat, which must be becoming; and in this connection it is well to remember that a hat which is becoming to the full face is often terribly trying to the profile, and just as much care must be taken for the side as the front view. Picturesque effects are much to be avoided by the woman who has only a small allowance for dress. It is the woman who spends thousands a year who can best afford to go in for big hats, outre garments, indeed, anything conspicuous. The fashions of picturesque hats and clothes generally are very fleeting, and nothing is more depressing than to put all one's money into some article of raiment so conspicuous that one is known by it for the months one is doomed to wear it.—Harper's Bazar.

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