

OLD FIREMAN MEETS DEATH.

New York's Deputy Chief Killed in Cellar. Fell Through a Trap Door to His Death.

New York, Feb. 17.—Deputy Chief Charles W. Kruger, known for many years as "The Grand Old Man of the Fire Department," lost his life to-day while leading his men in a desperate fight against flames in Canal street.

Working his way cautiously through a cellar filled with smoke and gases, Kruger plunged through a trap door into a sub-basement filled with water. He was dead when taken out, but in the few minutes which elapsed between the time the old man fell and his body was drawn out, more than a score of men had risked their own lives in an effort to save that of their leader.

"I knew it would happen this way," said one of Kruger's men when the chief's body was being carried away. "I have been to many fires with him. He was always in the lead. He never said, 'Boys, go into that place, or that place.' He always led us himself. He said, 'Boys, follow me,' and that's just what he did this time, when he led us into that basement."

Kruger was 57 years old, and had been a member of the department for 38 years. Several years ago Kruger was acting chief of the department for a time while Chief Croker was temporarily under suspension.

The Baker-Jones Printing Co. suffered a loss of \$50,000, and the R. H. Thompsons Paper Co. \$10,000.

The fire in which the old deputy chief lost his life started at 217 Canal street, and before it had been subdued swept through the building from basement to roof, spreading to two adjoining buildings, routing the tenants from several surrounding tenement houses, and threatened the Church of the Most Precious Blood, in Baxter street. It was after this time that Kruger stepped on a trap and fell into the cellar.

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HUNGRY CHILDREN

Down New York Police in Rush for Food.

New York, Feb. 17.—Fifteen hundred children from the slum schools had things all their own way this noon in an attempt to take advantage of the free lunch offer made by Adolf Lorber, who keeps a big restaurant in Grand street.

Brushing aside the policemen stationed to maintain order, the children came up to the doorway when the door was open to admit them, and before they were seated they smashed a plate glass window and caused a panic in the part of the dining rooms reserved for regular customers.

Lorber's sympathies were aroused when reports were made that many of the east side children went unfed to school, and on Monday he threw open the third and fourth floors of his restaurant and provided a substantial lunch for Jewish and Gentile children alike.

Several hundred boys and girls were on hand on Monday. Since then the news that free lunches could be obtained at Lorber's spread throughout the east side, and when the noon recess was closed during the many school days, 1,500 pupils went to the restaurant.

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SHOT BROTHER OF HIS FIANCEE.

YOUNG MAN HAD OBJECTED TO HIS MARRIAGE WITH HIS SISTER.

Lover Was Insulted and Driven From the House—They Came to Blows—Then the Girl's Brother Was Shot and Killed by Her Fellow.

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Because of his interference with plans for the marriage of his sister, Henry Bean, a prosperous young farmer living at Prichard, was shot through the head and instantly killed yesterday by V. Hatten, the young woman's fiancee. Hatten and Miss Daisy Bean were to have been married yesterday. When Hatten, accompanied by a minister and party of friends, arrived at the Bean home, he was met by the girl's brother, Henry, who forbade him the premises, and, as alleged, subjected him to insults. The men soon came to blows. Finally Hatten drew a revolver and shot and killed Bean. The men are members of one of the oldest and most respectable families of southern West Virginia. Hatten surrendered himself.

BEAT THE KING. GOT THREE YEARS.

One of Carlo's Assassins Defeated Him in Shooting Match. Convicted of Wholesale Marriage Swindles in Germany

Lisbon, Feb. 17.—It has been learned that a bomb was found under the landing stage where King Carlos landed on the day of the assassination. It had failed to explode because of a defect in the fuse.

A number of persons have called at the late home of Buica, one of the dead assassins, to give money to his mother-in-law for the support of his children. The proprietor of a department store has also opened a subscription for them with \$1,000, also giving them free use of their house.

A curious fact has come to light. Shortly before the crime, Buica had competed with the King in a shooting match, beating his majesty by several points.

SALOONS CLOSED

But All is Quiet at Fairbanks, Alaska—Troops Present.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—A special cable to the Post Intelligencer from Fairbanks, Alaska, says: Marshal Perry yesterday received the following from the Department of Justice: "Military force ordered to Fairbanks. Meantime your duty is to protect law-abiding citizens without tenderness to law-breakers. The department expects you to use all necessary energy to preserve order, and arrest the leaders in any attempt at intimidation. Those molesting Russians must be arrested, using such force as may be necessary to accomplish this purpose. (Signed) Bonaparte."

Everything was quiet yesterday. Special deputies were organized into bands and sent out to guard saloons. Saloons are still closed, but may be allowed to reopen to-day if good order continues. Men arriving yesterday report no molesting on the trail. The Chamber of Commerce and the Arctic Brotherhood have officially expressed approval of the President in ordering troops to Tanana.

GERMAN EMPEROR

Turns Deaf Ear to Macedonia Cry "Come Over and Help Us."

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The Novoe Vremya's announcement of Germany's action at Constantinople as embodied in the declaration of the German Ambassador, Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, that Germany intended to abandon the allies and proposed instead of adoption of the Sultan's counter proposals, which are tantamount to no reform at all, has created a sensation in diplomatic circles, and resulted in a lively interchange of views and inquiries in order to substantiate the extent of the truth of the report. It is realized that this portends the failure of all effort to alleviate Macedonia.

HE HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Big Icicle Almost Fell on Mr. Brown, of Toronto.

Toronto despatch: A huge icicle shaken from its holding on the roof of the Methodist Book Room on Temperance street crashed through a thick plate glass skylight and broke into a hundred crystals on a press over which Geo. Brown had bent a second before.

CUT HIS THROAT WITH RAZOR.

Toronto Man Made Deliberate Attempt on His Life.

A Toronto despatch says: Despondent through lack of work, and grieving over the loss of his aged mother, William Salmon, a man of fifty years of age, recently employed in the G. T. R. sheds as a freight handler, attempted to commit suicide at his boarding house, 192 Richmond street west, yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor. Fortunately his landlady was attracted to his room by the noise of his movements, and at once called in P. C. Robson, who had him removed to St. Michael's Hospital in the police ambulance. Salmon is a widower, and has no children or relatives in the city. He has a number of relatives living in Montreal. He will recover.

Florence Nightingale Honored.

London, Feb. 17.—The Corporation of the City of London will confer the freedom of the city on Florence Nightingale, the organizer of the nursing in the Crimean War, and who has otherwise made herself beloved by her charities to soldiers. She is now in her 89th year.

DIPLOMATIC LOOSE ENDS.

Are What Mr. Bryce Comes to Tie Up.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The British Ambassador will start for Ottawa on Saturday 16 take up with the Canadian Administration the details of negotiations affecting Canada and the United States, which it is hoped to conclude and to embody in a treaty.

- (1) Transit free of duty of merchandise across portions of American and Canadian territory.
(2) Transit of merchandise without payment of duty until arrival at points in interior.
(3) Application of alien labor laws to citizens of the United States and of Canada.
(4) Reciprocal mine owning rights.
(5) Conveyance of American prisoners through Canadian territory, and vice versa.
(6) Reciprocal salvage and wrecking rights.
(7) Use of logging booms in St. John River.
(8) Disposition of certain pecuniary claims.
(9) Exemption of Canadians coming temporarily to United States from payment of head tax.
(10) Distribution of power from Niagara Falls.

LAND GRANTS TO VETERANS.

Those From Prairie Provinces Entitled to 320 Acres.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The Dominion Government has decided to grant 320 acres of land to Manitobans and residents of Alberta and Saskatchewan who served in South Africa in 1899-1902 inclusive. The resolution to be moved in the House provides that every such grant shall be subject to the condition that the grantee shall select his land on or before Dec. 31, 1910, and perfect his entry by settling upon the land six months afterwards.

In lieu of the land the volunteer may receive scrip for \$100, acceptable in payment of Dominion lands. Grants of land or scrip are to be made by the Minister of the Interior upon warrant issued by the Minister of Militia. Entries and patents are to be issued free of homestead fees.

A DELIBERATE SUICIDE.

Buffalo Manufacturer Takes Life in New York Hotel.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Lying across his bed in a position that died conclusively, the body of a Buffalo manufacturer, J. W. Bosche, of Buffalo, committed suicide in the Astor Hotel early to-day by slashing the radial artery of the left arm with a razor. In the room were found letters addressed to the manager of the hotel, the owner, and his wife. In the former Bosche apologized for the trouble he was causing the hotel.

No motive for the deed is known here. Bosche had been at the hotel since Feb. 5. He is said to have been a member of the firm of Bosche Bros., manufacturing jewelers, of 918-920 Main street, Buffalo, with a residence at 61 Kitchell street, that city.

UNDER JAPANESE GUNS

Vancouver Would Have Discussed Japanese Question.

Toronto despatch: That the time will come when Canadians will freely give their share towards the cost of protecting the empire, not because of Britain's announcement, but because the people will be ashamed to enjoy British protection without paying their share of it, was stated by Dr. R. G. Parkin, G. C. M. G., at a largely attended meeting of the Empire Club in the St. Charles yesterday afternoon.

A lesson was recently given this country by the riots in Vancouver. When British subjects were the victims of riots in China the subject was discussed by the Chinese and British under the guns of a British warship, and if Canada was left to herself the Vancouver riots would have been discussed under the guns of a Japanese man-of-war.

RECORD RAILWAY BUILDING.

G. T. P. Will Strive to Reach Edmonton During Summer.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—It was announced to-day that the Grand Trunk Pacific line would almost certainly be completed to Edmonton during the coming summer. The company is making every preparation to rush construction, and an effort will be made to surpass the world's record of railway-building established by the company last season.

Assaulting Young Girls.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Fred Davis, thirty-three, was arrested to-night on a charge of having assaulted a girl of three years. The offence was alleged to have been committed in Clement's block, where the accused had rooms. This is the second offence of this nature in the city within two days, as a five-year-old girl was assaulted in a vacant house yesterday.

BUFFALO FIRE.

Lithographing Co. and Newspaper Premises Suffer.

Buffalo, Feb. 17.—Fire which broke out on the fourth floor of the plant of the Courier Lithographing Co., 197 Main street, and extending to 204 Washington street, early to-day, caused a loss of about \$250,000. The plant is one of the largest of its kind in the country.

Just after the fire was discovered there were a series of explosions, supposed to have resulted from the fire communicating with certain explosives used in the art department.

The press department of the Buffalo Evening Times, adjoining, was damaged to the extent of \$30,000.

The Evening News has offered the Times the use of its presses and the Times will be run off to-day from the News presses.

Besides large quantities of valuable machinery in the Courier building, the company has just finished the plates for a \$180,000 contract for circus posters, and these were in an annex, which was wrecked.

CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Trial of Detective Christian Hansen at Whitby.

Whitby despatch: Christian Hansen, a detective for the License Department of the Ontario Government, is on trial here before Judge McCrimmon, charged with perjury. Hansen had Donald Christie, of the Grand Central Hotel, Sandwich, for selling wine without a license. Magistrate Hamilton and Crosby, who tried the case, found Christie guilty, but owing to a flaw in the information were unable to register a conviction.

Christie is hitting back at the detective by this charge of perjury. Hansen and Morten, two detectives, swore at the trial of Christie that on October 29 last they bought native wine from Christie and his wife at their hotel, about mid-day. Christie is calling witnesses to prove an alibi for him. He says he was in the village of Sunderland, six miles away, when the sale is said to have taken place. On this charge of perjury against the detective is based.

LIVED TOO HIGH.

Italian Prince Expelled From France by Clemenceau.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The Italian Prince de Forlona, a well known member of the Travellers' Club, has been expelled from France by a decree signed by Premier Clemenceau. The prince asserts that he is the victim of the intrigues of his personal enemies. On the other hand the police state the decree of expulsion was issued because their attention had been called to his mode of living, which was far beyond his means.

The prince has instructed the Maitre Clemenceau, brother of the Premier, to begin suit to rescind the decree.

MANY WRITS ISSUED.

Winding Up of the Stratford Fuel & Ice Company.

A Stratford despatch: Following the winding-up proceedings of the Stratford Fuel, Ice, Cartage & Construction Company, R. T. Harding, acting for John Brown, liquidator, has issued writs against the Traders Bank to set aside two mortgages and two transfers of book debts; against W. J. Mooney, President of the late company, and F. B. Deacon, late manager, to recover \$30,000 alleged to have been improperly apportioned.

Writs are also issued against the directors for paying dividends out of capital. Application has also been entered to make the following contributions for unpaid stock: M. L. Leitch, London, \$2,000; W. J. Mooney, \$2,000; F. B. Deacon, \$3,000; S. J. Cook, \$1,000. It is also alleged the Merchants Bank has taken action to recover some \$6,922.

JUMPED FROM BRIDGE.

Unemployed Printer's Attempt to Commit Suicide.

New York, Feb. 17.—John Grant, an unemployed printer, jumped from Brooklyn bridge to-day, and although he landed among floating ice cakes in the river 200 feet below, escaped with only a few minor hurts. He is now at a hospital under arrest on a charge of attempted suicide. Grant was pulled out of the water by the crew of a tug boat. It is believed Grant was despondent because of inability to get work.

ANOTHER CROSSING VICTIM.

Death of Mrs. Parish, Who Was Injured Near Glencoe.

A Glencoe despatch: Mrs. Solomon Parish, who, in company with her husband, was so seriously injured while crossing the Kingscourt branch of the G. T. R., a mile west of here, died last night, having been conscious for only a short time since the accident. Her husband was killed at the time of the accident.

The coroner's jury, chosen to inquire into the accident and to place the responsibility, have held two sessions at Alvinston, but have been unable to arrive at any decision.

WINNIPEG'S BIG OVERDRAFT.

Secret Meeting of Council Held to Consider Financial Arrangements.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 17.—A secret meeting of the Council was held yesterday for the purpose of discussing the civic finances, and hearing the answers to the banks' proposal to the banks that the banks should collectively advance \$2,250,000 to pay off the city's overdraft with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and allow sufficient money for current expenditure for the year 1908, until such time as the city's taxes were collected. His Worship announced that he believed the Bank of Commerce would be willing to carry over the city for the present, or at least, until the city had made other financial arrangements.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Presbyterian Convention Asks For Two Million Dollars.

Philadelphia despatch: The Presbyterian men's foreign missionary convention concluded its work here last night. The records of the meetings show that 1,601 delegates were in attendance.

The most important business of the convention was the adoption of a resolution at the afternoon session appealing to Presbyterian churches throughout the country to raise \$2,000,000 for foreign missions next year. The amount is almost double that asked for last year and the resolution was adopted after considerable protest.

The resolution also calls upon the men to pray at noon each day for the evangelization of the world.

J. A. Macdonald, of Toronto, Canada, addressed the convention last night on "The Interests of the Nation in the Foreign Missions of the Church." Mr. Macdonald conveyed the thought that while we are building tariff walls and passing restrictive immigration laws it is our duty to teach the heathen in the east something more than commercialism, trade and politics, if we do not wish the unenlightened to over run the world.

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

Police Fired on Mob in a Riot at Bombay.

Bombay, Feb. 17.—Serious rioting occurred here this evening during the course of the celebrations of the Muharram, the first month of the Mohammedan year, arising from disputes between the Sunnites or orthodox section and the Shiites, the second great division of Mohammedans. The police arrested several Sunnites and the mob demanded their release, which demand was refused. The mob thereupon stoned the police, injuring two of them. The police commander and other European officers fired upon the rioters, killing at least five of them and injuring forty, twenty of whom were seriously wounded.

It is believed that others were killed and their bodies moved by relatives, for during the course of the afternoon, evening several similar clashes occurred. Eventually the troops were called out and are camping to-night in the streets. The native quarter, however, is abnormally quiet.

ENGINES WENT TO THE BAD.

Chapter of Accidents Marred Progress of C. P. R. Montreal Express.

Toronto despatch: Owing to a chapter of accidents, it required six engines to bring in train No. 6 over the C. P. R. from Montreal yesterday morning. In the division between Montreal and Smith's Falls the eccentric of the first engine, which pulled out of Montreal on schedule time, broke, and the train was stalled on the track until another engine was rushed up from the east.

The cushion of the cylinder flew out of the second engine near Smith's Falls, and another engine was sent out, and another engine Smith's Falls about three hours late. When some distance up Smith's Falls the third engine went "leaky" and the assistance of a fourth locomotive was sought.

Near Leaside Junction the big Pacific locomotive 1,102 went wrong, and a yard engine was then brought into service to pull the train into Toronto.

THE JAPANESE BUDGET.

Over Half Country's Revenue Expended in Armaments.

Tokyo, Feb. 17.—After an exciting debate, lasting six hours, which developed into a riot on the floor of the House of Representatives, the financial budget was passed by a majority of 102. Speakers on both sides occupied a long time, and towards the last they howled at the chair and charged favoritism, the Opposition members demanding an apology.

The chair suspended the session for half an hour, and upon resuming the chair apologized handsomely to the Opposition.

Impressive speeches were made during the debate, all making a point of the feature that more than one-half of the budget was expended in armaments.

FRUIT FRAUDULENTLY MARKED.

Shippers and Packers Fined at Belleville and Brighton.

Belleville despatch: Mr. R. J. Graham, of Belleville, fruit shipper, to-day pleaded guilty, through his counsel, before Magistrate Masson, to three charges of violating the fruit marks act in selling, offering, exposing or having in his possession for sale fruit marked higher than its quality would warrant. He was fined 25 cents a barrel for all such fruit.

Three packers in Mr. Graham's employ—T. J. Thompson, of Springbrook; Jas. Marchen, of Tweed, and L. Emerson, of Tweed—pleaded guilty, through their counsel, to packing the fraudulently marked fruit, and were fined \$5 each.

FOR MONTCALM MONUMENT.

Fund Being Raised at His Native Place, Vauver.

Vauver, France, Feb. 17.—The citizens of this town have started a subscription for the purpose of erecting at Quebec a statue to General Montcalm, the French commander, who was mortally wounded at the battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759. Montcalm was born in Vauver.

It has been decided to have two statues of Montcalm made. One is to be kept in France and the other will probably be presented to Quebec. About 8,000 francs have already been subscribed.

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