

FIFTY FACTORY GIRLS TRAPPED WITHOUT ANY CHANCE TO ESCAPE PERISHED IN SEETHING FLAMES

Cigarette Carelessly Thrown Into Waste Started Fire in Overall
Factory at Binghamton—Whole Building Was a Wreck
in Less Than Eighteen Minutes.

FIRE ESCAPES HOPELESSLY CROWDED AND GIRLS JUMPED FROM WINDOWS

Automatic Gong Clanged Warning but Girls Thought It Was
For Fire Drill and Did Not Hurry Out Until Flames
Spread Through the Building.

[Canadian Press.]

Binghamton, N. Y., July 23.—The exact number of persons who perished in the fire in the overall factory of the Binghamton Clothing Company yesterday may never be known. The list of employees is in the company's safe in the ruins, only half a dozen bodies recovered having been identified, and many of the missing are unaccounted for.

A rough estimate today places the number of those in the building at the time the fire started at 111. Of these 6 dead have been identified; 15 bodies, charred beyond recognition, are at the morgue; 7 injured are in the hospital; 11 have been reported by relatives as missing; 46, several of whom were mortally wounded, are known to have been saved, and 26 are unaccounted for.

City officials estimate the death toll to be at least 50, but may reach 60 or more.

District Attorney Meagher announced today that a thorough investigation would be made at once as to the cause of the disaster, and to determine the responsibility, if any, for the loss of life.

SEARCH THE RUINS.

[Canadian Press.]

Binghamton, N. Y., July 23.—At daybreak today a big force of city employees began to search for the dead entombed beneath the smoldering ruins of the overall factory of the Binghamton Clothing Company at Nos. 17-18 Wall street. Not until the tangled mass of bricks and stones has been removed will the full extent of yesterday's holocaust be known.

A conservative estimate places the number of dead at more than fifty.

About 125 employees, mostly women and girls, were trapped in the burning walls.

Of these 41 are known to have escaped. Sixteen charred bodies, as yet unidentified, were recovered last night.

The Known Dead.

The known dead are: Nellie Connor, seamstress; Sidney Dimmick, a machinist; Mary Cregan, Miss Fulmer, Louise Partwell, Mrs. Alvin White, Mary Pryor.

The missing include: Mrs. Thomas Doran, Mrs. Nellie Gleason, Louise

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Pilgrims From City Blessed by the Pope

Group of Canadians Led by Bishop Fallon Received
in Private Audience by His Holiness—Gift
of \$2,000 Presented to the Pontiff.

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, July 23.—A group of Canadian pilgrims were received in private audience today by the Pope. They were conducted by the Right Rev. Michael P. Fallon, Bishop of London, Ontario, who presented the group to the Pontiff. The Pope then imparted the apostolic benediction.

The pilgrims afterward visited Cardinal Merry Del Val, papal secretary of state.

The pilgrims to Rome under the

BARBERS MAY CALL STRIKE

Journeymen Ask For a Two-
Dollar a Week Increase
in Wages.

AND BOSSES MAY REFUSE

Just when the master barbers of the city are beginning to enjoy a little profit from the increase in shaves from 10 to 15 cents, cold water is dashed upon them by the journeymen, who are circulating a petition asking for a \$2-a-week increase in wage.

Five years ago this month the journeymen barbers asked for an increase of \$2 a week, and when the bosses refused a strike was called, which lasted for some time, and which was ended by arbitration, the strikers receiving \$1 increase.

The journeymen in the downtown shops now receive \$12 a week, and 50 per cent. of all they take in over \$17 during a week. Some of the shops, however, pay \$12 and 50 per cent. over \$18. The journeymen are now asking for a guarantee of \$13 a week and half over \$19.

The bosses contend that they cannot pay the wages asked by the journeymen, and say that some of the men are now making more in wages than the proprietors, while the journeymen, on the other hand, say they cannot live on the wages they receive now.

Just what action will be taken by the union in the event of a refusal on the part of the bosses to pay the wages is problematical, but it is said that another strike will be called.

SOUGHT IN DETROIT.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Detroit, July 23.—Police along the Canadian border are watching for Constable Wright, of Ingersoll, who left the force without notice on Saturday last and is wanted by the chief of police of that town.

Held Police Court During Ball Game

New Liskeard, July 23.—Climbing down out of the grandstand while a baseball game was in progress between Halleybury and New Liskeard, Magistrate Wilson held court in a booth on the baseball grounds and got back in time to miss only a part of one inning.

Chief McColl found Jim Hobbs embracing the sidewalk in town, so he took him up to Magistrate Wilson at the baseball grounds.

The magistrate was very reluctant to miss the game, but compromised by holding court in one of the booths on the grounds. It was over in a few seconds. The chief recited the charge. The magistrate said: "Do you plead guilty?"

Hobbs said: "Yes."

The magistrate: "One dollar and costs."

And the justice of peace went back to see his team win a victory.

SUSPICIOUS WIFE TRAILS HUSBAND FOUR ARRESTED

Two Sarnia Married Men With
Other Men's Wives
Arrested.

Charge of White Slavery May
Be Laid by Immigration
Department.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, July 23.—What promises to be one of the most sensational police court trials heard in this district for some time will take place in Port Huron shortly as a result of charges laid by the immigration officers, acting on information given by a Sarnia woman.

Two Sarnia men, both married, and the wives of two other Sarnians, were arrested in Port Huron last evening. Three of the quartette are at present in jail there. One woman was allowed to go home as she has two small children to look after.

It is alleged that the whole affair came to light when the wife of one man became suspicious and trailed him to a house in Port Huron.

All the parties are well known in Sarnia.

A charge of white slavery may be laid against the men by the immigration department.

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HEAD OF GARBAGE DEPT. DEFENDS INCINERATOR

Declares There Are No Bad
Odors as Charged by the
Residents Near Plant.

Supt. W. C. Dodd, of the garbage collection department, denies that the incinerator has a little odor all its own that is far from being a bad odor.

"There's absolutely no smell at all," declared the superintendent this morning. "You can get three feet from the incinerator and then get an odor. As for saying there are objectionable odors when the incinerator is being fired, there is nothing to it at all. Of course, if you want to get right into the garbage you will find some odor there, but there is nothing to it so far as the other part is concerned."

Supt. Dodd further declared that Supt. T. H. Heard, of the Victoria Hospital, had stated there was no odor from the incinerator. He also declared that many residents of the neighborhood had claimed to experience no farring to their olfactory nerves from the garbage of the mayor's pet project. Apparently the residents he had seen were not those who told their grievances to The Advertiser.

Sir Wilfrid Is Visiting Toronto

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, July 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived here from Ottawa today and is at the King Edward Hotel. Following his invariable custom the Liberal leader declined to talk for publication, and nothing is known of the object of his visit, except his own statement that he is here for a holiday. Hon. George P. Graham is also in the city. Sir Wilfrid is expected to remain for a couple of days.

"There is no political significance whatever to be attached to my visit," said Sir Wilfrid to a reporter.

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MET FEARFUL DEATH

Inmate of Sanatorium Found De-
capitated on G. T. R. Tracks.

[Canadian Press.]
Guelph, July 23.—George E. Stuart, of Galt, an inmate of the Homewood Sanatorium, met a fearful death last night. There was no witness to the tragedy. His decapitated body was found on the Grand Trunk tracks near the station by a train crew. It is thought he must have deliberately placed himself on the tracks in front of the freight train. The engine driver saw him on the track, but as the train was moving slowly thought he could get out of the way when the whistle blew. An inquest will be held tonight.

TURKEY PLANS NEW WAR WITH BEATEN BULGARS

Takes Advantage of Present
Situation, But May Have
To Fight All.

The Turkish Army Accused of
Horrible Atrocities at Adrian-
ople Recently.

London, July 23.—The Morning Post publishes a Constantinople telegram via Vienna, asserting that after a long ministerial council it has been decided to declare war officially against Bulgaria.

The Turkish army, according to this account, has been ordered not only to occupy Adrianople, but to cross the frontier as quickly as possible, and march into Bulgarian territory.

According to apparently reliable telegrams from Belgrade, the Serbian Government regards this as an attack on the whole Balkan league, and the cabinets at Belgrade, Athens and Cetinje are preparing to act accordingly.

HORRIBLE ATROCITIES.

[Canadian Press.]
Sofia, July 23.—It is reported here that the Turks committed indescribable horrors at Adrianople, giving the population no quarter.

It is also alleged that the Turks massacred the inhabitants of Kirk Kiliseh.

RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE.

[Canadian Press.]
London, July 23.—A Times dispatch from St. Petersburg says:

"The Russian Government is credited with the intention of insisting that the Turks evacuate Adrianople at all costs." A Bucharest dispatch to the Times says it is feared that the Greek demands will be so extravagant as to delay the signing of an armistice, and indefinitely postpone a meeting of the proposed peace conference.

The Athens correspondent of the Times says that as a result of a fresh understanding between the belligerents and Rumania it has been decided to hold the peace conference at Bucharest.

SOFA IS ISOLATED.

[Canadian Press.]
Sofia, July 23.—Sofia is still isolated from the outside world, except by telegraph, by way of Bucharest and Sebastopol, which is reserved exclusively for official dispatches and telegrams. No private telegrams are accepted.

No mails from Europe have been received in the past fortnight, nor has any agency news been published for the last four days. Consequently the public is in sublime ignorance of the happenings in Europe.

Nevertheless the country maintains admirable patience and a dignified tranquility in the presence of adversity. All interest in the Balkan situation is virtually dead. Lieut. General Nelson A. Miles, United States army (retired), and several Europeans are forced prisoners here.

POWERS STAND.

[Canadian Press.]
Zurich, Switzerland, July 23.—Balkans—M. Pichen, the French foreign minister, is quoted by the Nouvelle Gazette today as saying:

"I do not think that Austria is profiting by the circumstances and intends to intervene in the Balkan trouble. The understanding among the powers has not been weakened and will be maintained. It is not likely that any of them will take up arms in the Balkans, and they will under no circumstances permit Bulgaria to be dismembered."

ARRANGING PEACE.

[Canadian Press.]
Sofia, Bulgaria, July 23.—Serbia and Greece today agreed to the proposal that peace negotiations with Bulgaria should take place in Bucharest. An armistice is being arranged in Nish and it is hoped that it will be concluded within a couple of days.

Greece insists that the armistice and the agreement for peace negotiations be signed simultaneously.

Roumania has refused Turkey's request that she be allowed to participate in the peace conference. The European powers have consented to these arrangements.

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Charg's Girl With Attempt to Poison

Aunt of Child Who Walked to Port Stanley Declares
Girl Is Incurable and Deserved Punishment
Which She Admits Administering.

Another version of the story of the little London girl, who was picked up in Port Stanley on Sunday night, and who claimed to have run away from this city because of being chastised by her aunt, is told by the latter. In a statement to The Advertiser this afternoon she admitted whipping the child, but claimed the theft of \$32 and other disreputable acts of the part of the girl justified the act.

"She never walked to Port Stanley," said the lady, referring to the statement made by the girl that she had walked to the ladside and had lived on crusts left by picknickers till picked up by the police. "There was \$2 that disappeared at the same time she did, and she was too particular about herself to go that distance. \$32 was too particular about what she ate to ever have lived on crusts."

Sensational Charge.
She embellished her story with sensational when she declared that the girl had attempted to poison her by putting poison on a chocolate and giving it to her. The girl teased to be allowed to go to work, and the poisoning episode followed. That the girl was constantly in trouble, and that she had been put to considerable expense because of this, was an important statement made by the aunt.

She declared that she had to change schools because of the girl taking things from there, that \$30 had disappeared, and that the child had run and eaten at various stores, charging candy and eatables to neighbors' accounts.

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RESIDENTS FOR BLOCKS AROUND INCINERATOR SICKENED BY THE ODOR

Disgusting Fumes Smoke People Off Their Lawns and Verandahs and Pour
In Through Windows of Hospital Upon Patients—While Exhaust
From the Boiler Disturbs Slumbers For Many Hours.

Toronto To Have Odorless Plant

Toronto, July 23.—Plans for a \$1,000,000 garbage and refuse disposal plant for the city of Toronto are being prepared by Street Commissioner George Wilson.

The board of control, at a special meeting yesterday afternoon, authorized Mr. Wilson to go ahead with the scheme, and voted him \$12,500 in order that he may obtain expert advice in connection with the preparation of the plans.

It is expected that the plant will be completed in two years, and Toronto will then have the most modern garbage disposal works in Canada.

The Queen City is the first in Canada to undertake the reduction of garbage. The scheme Mr. Wilson outlined to the controllers provides for a combined system of incineration and reduction, by which grease and kindred substances will be extracted from the refuse and the remainder sold for fertilizer, which is a great revenue producer.

Will Be Odorless.

"All odors will be absolutely eliminated," Mr. Wilson stated. "That is the first consideration. The commercial end of the undertaking is a secondary matter."

STRUCK BY A LOCOMOTIVE THROWN AGAINST TRAIN

Mr. William Hutton Narrowly
Escapes Death at Grand
Trunk Crossing.

William Hutton, an employee of Jennings' poolroom, Richmond street, is a lucky man. Not in mining ventures or on the stock exchange, but in common every-day luck. And William admits today that sometimes it is a good deal better to be born lucky than rich.

After finishing his work Tuesday night Mr. Hutton walked south on Richmond street as far as the Grand Trunk station, where he was stalled in the centre of the tracks by an east-bound freight. Instead of stepping back Mr. Hutton stood in the middle of one track waiting for the cars to pass, not noticing a train approaching from the east.

The street was practically deserted at the time, P. C. Singleton being the only man in the vicinity. The latter noticed the second train approaching and called a warning to Hutton, but was not heard. The big engine travelling at about 25 miles an hour threw him up against the other train.

When Singleton saw the man hit he thought he was killed, but could not reach him until the second train had passed the crossing. When he got to Hutton the latter was just getting off the ground having been rendered unconscious.

He revived sufficiently to walk to his home. The only injuries he received were a cut on the leg, a cut over the right eye, and a badly bruised hip.

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If one wants to learn what some of the residents of London think of the \$40,000 incinerator, which, against the advice of almost every physician in the city of London and the board of health, was built practically under the windows of Victoria Hospital, he should take a walk along Ottawa avenue from Wellington to Clarence streets, or, in fact, along any of the streets in the immediate neighborhood and ask the residents if they are bothered at all by smoke or dust from the building.

In very short order one will hear so many complaints and protests, and none of them couched in gentle terms, that he will see immediately that the council of 1912, better known as "my council, gentlemen," is not in high favor with some of the people.

Complaints Are Numerous.

Complaints of every description are being registered by the residents of that section. One woman, Mrs. Ford, of 310 Ottawa avenue, has been made ill because of the fumes which escape from the tall chimney,