

LEFT HOLES IN THE GROUND

Terrific Explosion at Power Mills at Pleasant Prairie... One Man Killed, 200 Hurt and Million and a Half Lost... Was Rushing Orders for U. S. Army on Texas Frontier.

Chicago, March 13.—The big plant of the Dupont Powder Co., located near the little town of Pleasant Prairie, just across the line from Wisconsin, near Kenosha, and sixty miles from Chicago, blew up to-night with terrific force.

Pleasant Prairie was entirely wiped out, and not a building remains of a once prosperous little town. One life is known to be lost, but up to the present time it is impossible to say just how many more.

While the officers of the company assert that all the employees except E. S. Thompson, a foreman, were accounted for, three of the men could not be found after the explosion.

The force of the explosion completely demolished the houses on the Geneva, which were the nearest the mill, and every house in the village was wrecked.

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The fire made it impossible to search the ruins. Several attempts were made by Sheriff Andrew Stahl, but on each occasion he and his deputies were driven back by explosions as the fire reached packages of powder.

The last attempt, just before day-break, was stopped by the heaviest of the following explosions, and the sheriff said then that the fire must die out before the ruins could be approached.

There are eight carloads of loose black powder in a building still standing, said Sheriff Stahl. "It may let go at any moment."

There is a hole one hundred feet deep in the ground where the dynamite hoisted.

This morning a few of the residents of Pleasant Prairie were attempting to rescue their household goods from their shattered homes. A number of the men had stood guard in their door yards over night.

The escape of Superintendent Clarence Brady was remarkable. He was in the soda house with Engineer Flynn at the time of the explosion.

The officers of the injured are: Night Foreman Frank Howe, left hand out, badly injured; Jack Summerton, packer, blown 200 feet, burnt and bruised; Joseph Stenbach, blown into a field and bruised.

Mattie Jensen, maid of the workmen's boarding house, bruised by falling debris. Three foreign workmen were not accounted for at a late hour.

That the powder in the plant was being rushed through on a hurry from the government for use in the Texas frontier was denied last night by Dept. Brady.

In all 33,000 bags of giant powder and 280 tons of dynamite exploded. When daylight gave a clear view of the ruins to day three holes were seen marking the site of three of the magazines.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

HYDRO LIGHT.

Seven Hundred Lamps in Operation for First Time in Toronto.

Toronto despatch: Niagara power was turned on in Toronto last evening and for the first time was given a thorough test.

At 8 o'clock the machinery at the transformer station was set in motion and from that time until midnight poured out electrical energy into the network of wires through the city in the section bounded by Bloor, Yonge and Queen streets and the River Don.

All the streets in this district were filled with light, and as one gazed up or down some of the thoroughfares it seemed as though the skies were brilliantly lighted, too.

The turning on of the Hydro-Electric power excited something highly delightful in the minds of the people who were privileged to be out on or live on the streets where Toronto's lighting system was first put to a practical test and proved more than satisfactory.

PRISON TRADES.

Masons and Stonecutters of Guelph Object to Provincial Farm System.

Guelph, March 13.—The masons and stonecutters of the city are up in arms against the action of the Provincial Government with respect to labor conditions at the prison farm.

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SEVEN YEARS.

John Cowie Made His Will Before Pleading Guilty to Serious Charge.

Oakville despatch: Seven years in the Kingston Penitentiary was the sentence imposed this afternoon by Magistrate Shields upon John Cowie, a Trafalgar Township farmer, for a serious offence against his fifteen-year-old daughter.

The father pleaded guilty this afternoon, and his counsel, E. H. Cleaver, made an appeal for as light a sentence as possible.

The work will be commenced on June 1st, and will continue more time than the last one, owing to the large increase in population, and to the additional ground to be covered.

Mr. Blue said he felt that the Maritime Provinces would show a slight increase in population for those provinces, however, many immigrants were originally intended to settle in them had been barred further west.

TO COUNT US.

Census Commissioner Blue Tells of Arrangements for Coming Census.

Ottawa, March 13.—We hope and feel that the census of Canada to be taken this summer will show an increase in the population of the country over that of the last official census in 1901 of at least fifty per cent.

Montreal, March 13. Eddie Sullivan, charged with being the proprietor of a betting house at 47 St. John street, was found guilty this morning in the Court of King's Bench of having received money wages in violation of the Miller act.

Sullivan's conviction is the first in the Province under the terms of the Miller act, and serves as a test of the validity of the act, which was questioned by the defence.

5 DREADNOUGHTS.

Naval Estimates Show Increase of \$63,000,000 Over Previous Year.

London, March 13.—The naval estimates issued to-night provide for an expenditure of \$221,962,500, an increase of \$63,000,000 over the previous year.

The Right Hon. Reginald McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, favored the five, but the radical section of the Cabinet and Liberal party insisted that four would suffice.

McKenna's statement shows that a compromise has been reached between the insistent radical demands for naval economy and the Admiralty authorities.

The Conservatives criticize the armaments devoted to new equipment as being insufficient to new vessels laid down a present year on new vessels laid down.

DID KILL AND SLAY

Toronto Jury Returns Verdict and Makes Recommendation.

Toronto despatch: The inquest into the death of Edward Jacobs, who died from injuries received by being struck by an automobile at Bloor and Clinton streets on Friday last, was concluded last night before Chief Coroner A. J. Johnson.

The Ontario Motor League has offered a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the motorists who ran Jacobs down.

FOR CORONATION.

Names of Members of Parliament Selected to Represent Canada.

Ottawa, March 13.—The members of the Commons, who will go with the Parliamentary delegation to the Coronation as the guests of the British Parliament, have been agreed upon.

The Liberal members are Messrs Ralph Smith, member of Nanaimo, representing British Columbia; George E. McCraney, Saskatoon, representing Saskatchewan; Dr. Clark, Red Deer, representing Alberta; Hugh Guthrie, South Wellington, representing Ontario; Dr. Heland, Beauport, representing Quebec.

The members selected to represent the Opposition side of the House are: Hon. John Haggart, Hon. G. E. Foster, Mr. H. B. Ames, Dr. Daniel and Mr. C. A. Magrath.

LAND MORTGAGE.

Toronto despatch: The Land Mortgage Companies' Association of Ontario, which is composed of twenty-six of the leading loan companies of the Province, with assets aggregating \$111,392,804, held its annual meeting yesterday.

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North Toronto Scarlet Fever Epidemic Traced to Milk.

First Train of Settlers Arrives in the West.

Toronto Carpenters Want an Increase of Wages.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has made arrangements to open a branch at Vernon, B. C.

The Toronto Board of Trade has decided to give \$2,000 towards the establishment of a publicity bureau.

The Thomson Line has just received word that a new boat, the Walden, has been launched for it at Galeshead-on-Tyne.

The condition of Dr. A. N. Worthington, M. P., who was stricken with apoplexy, at Sherbrooke, remains about the same.

Jack Ostern was caught in the belting of Henningson's mill, Minnedosa, Man., and suffered injuries from which he died in a few hours.

The famous old Evergreen House in Prince Edward county was sold by auction for \$189. The encroaching saw-banks are rapidly destroying the property.

The joint conference of operators and mine workers which has been held at Calgary, came to an abrupt close, on the miners' request for an adjournment, until March 20.

Rev. E. N. Baker, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, Toronto, has received a call to St. Louis, Mo., to take effect at the close of the present conference year.

Proceedings have been instituted at Windsor to declare invalid the recent election for Water Commissioners, on the ground that the voters list used was not the last revised list.

In the Toronto Jury County Court, Mrs. Ida Cook secured a verdict for \$125 damages against Joseph Zoytki for injuries suffered through his attack on her with a hot poker. The suit was for \$500.

The first special train of settlers and settlers' effects arrived in Winnipeg. The train carried sixteen cars of effects and a large party of eastern people, who expect to make their homes on the plains.

The statement is made by Police Chief Collins of North Toronto, that he had traced all but two of the cases of the recent scarlet fever epidemic to the supply of milk. The two other cases were from infection.

William Logan, of Corinth, was sentenced by Police Magistrate Hunt, at St. Thomas, to two years in the Central Prison for theft of horses from Chas. S. Bridgeman, district agent of the Imperial Life, of Axminster, at Springfield.

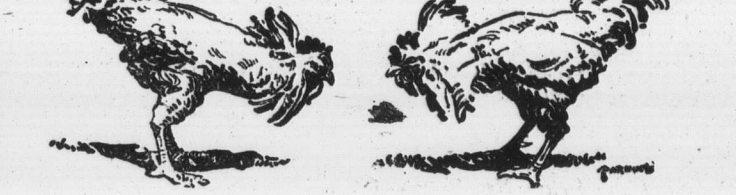
The Amalgamated Carpenters of Toronto, representing about sixty-five per cent of the local carpenter labor, in a dispute at the Labor Temple, pleaded themselves a nuisance on record for 40 cents an hour, an increase of five cents on their present wage.

The Management Committee of the Toronto Board of Education yesterday discussed the question of appointing a superintendent of education, but finally hung up the matter by referring it to the selector "to take the necessary steps to obtain special legislation."

The enactment of by-laws abolishing the public drinking cup in parks, public schools and on the streets, prohibiting the exposure of food-tuffs to dust and flies in the warm weather by merchants, and compelling ventilation of public buildings and small shops, will be considered by a committee of the Toronto Board of Health.

HOW TO RAISE AND CARE FOR THE PROFITABLE HEN.

LESSON I—A START IN HEN BUSINESS.



It pays to raise chickens in the city. There's no doubt about it. For long it was the generally accepted theory that a hen needed about 100 acres in which to roam and scratch, and that a big barn-like house was needed for just a medium sized flock to roost.

Wrong. One well tested system gets excellent results both in eggs and meat by confining chickens in very close quarters. In little backyards of city lots a flock of hens will grow and lay and fatten as if they were on the farm.

If the largest plot you can give to chickens is only eight feet by four, that will do for a half dozen hens and a rooster, and with right care you ought to get 50 dozen eggs a year.

Multiply that by more space and more hens and see how it will cut down your cost of living. Also it will make you what is almost as good to the city man, the larger the production of eggs and poultry the less the demand for pork, beef and mutton, and correspondingly lower prices for all meats.

Any one who has tried it will tell you there's no better place to go out to the hens in their own backyard and get some fine fresh eggs, eggs that are eggier than the ones you buy at the store.

Maybe the kiddies won't like those fresh eggs? Maybe they won't take to those chickens? And maybe the wife won't enjoy the baby chicks and the fluffy grown up broods?

In succeeding articles a study of chicken raising business will be made from the standpoint of the individual who wants to raise them in the limited space of a city people have.

Now, before you decide upon any plan or anything in connection with chicken raising, let this sink deep into your cranium: Don't have scrub chickens around the place. Get good chickens, good breeds. Of course, that will cost a little more to begin with, but they will pay and pay well, while with scrubs you will make a failure nine times out of ten.

There are many good breeds of chickens. Many poultry fanciers like the Leghorn best, and both white and brown Leghorns have their advocates. They say that the Leghorn is the best layer and that being small they require less room, less food, and produce more eggs in a year than any other breed. But there isn't much flesh on the Leghorn and as many people like a chicken dinner...

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