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A BLAZE AT A BREWERY.

DESTRUCTION OF MESSRS. THOMAS DAVIES' MALT HOUSE.

Loss Probably Over Forty Thousand Dollars—List of Insurance—Fighting the Flames During a Blinding Snow Storm—Why Not Provide Runners for the Reels.

A few minutes after half-past ten yesterday morning Thomas Carrol, the night watchman in the Don brewery, now about being merged from Thos. Davies & Co. into a joint stock company, discovered volumes of smoke issuing from the elevator or malt house, which is a frame building adjoining the north end of the substantial brick buildings just completed by Mr. Davies. There were about 30,000 bushels of malt and 5000 bushels of barley in the elevator, and within half an hour after the discovery of the fire a long range of the Don river was brightly illuminated by the burning grain. Just where or how the fire originated is not exactly known, but one theory of the flame is combustion, and the location where it had its origin was probably the northeast corner of the top floor of the building. When Mr. Davies rushed down from his private residence, to the west of the brewery, a few minutes after the alarm was sounded from box 123 (Queen and River streets) he seized a Babcock extinguisher and entered the burning building by the archway facing the river. By this time tongued flames were shooting up in the leg of the hoist and spreading rapidly and stealthily among the huge bins of grain in different parts of the malt house. It was utterly impossible to hold any quarter within the range of the great gusts of smoke, and when portions of the fire brigade arrived on foot and commenced operations, two of their number were nearly suffocated to death in the archway. On the top floor of the elevator a trap-door opens into one of the flats stored with malt and barley in the brewery adjoining. This door was thrown open by one of the three employees who were in the building at the time the fire was first discovered, and whole clouds of smoke came rolling in and in a few minutes filled the whole flat with volumes of smoke. All efforts at attacking the flames from this quarter, which was about on a level with the worst of it, were consequently cut off. Malt a foot deep and spread over the whole area of the flat and the four walls of the room were blackened more or less, and with this exception comparatively little damage was done in the brick portions of the buildings.

A general alarm was sounded when it was discovered that the fire was going to be serious, but owing to the blinding snow storm that prevailed, a great delay was experienced in getting properly to work. When the men left Court street fire hall in their cumbersome wagon it was found impossible to make any progress, and the firemen jumped from the ladders and made for the scene of the fire on foot. Here is a very strong argument in favor of providing all the hose-reels and wagons with runners. Had the latter been on hand at least half an hour would have been saved; also considerable property. This ought to commend itself to the serious consideration of the council. The reels from the other halls were equally retarded in the matter of speed.

The utmost difficulty was also experienced around the fire. The location is hilly; the ground was covered with over a foot of snow, which was frozen to a crust an inch deep. A chilling rain was falling, which added a good deal of cold comfort to the operations. The total destruction of the malt house was inevitable, and the safety of the brick buildings was looked upon as of primary importance. With this object in view the disadvantages, and detachments of the brigade worked like Trojans against all their efforts were on hand till dark last night ferreting out patches of half-smouldered flames.

The probable loss by the fire was matter for much speculation by some of the stockholders and a cluster of insurance men who were on hand yesterday afternoon. As said before there were 30,000 bushels of malt valued at 80 cents per bushel and 5,000 bushels of barley valued at 68 cents. The whole of this grain is more or less a loss, but just to what extent could not be determined yesterday. It is thoroughly soaked and smoked. The malt house itself was valued at $10,000 and the machinery in it at $3,000. The following is a list of the insurances: On machinery, $1500 in the Western, on the stock—Queen City, $5000; Ætna, $2500; Norwich Union, $2500; Western $2500, and $3000 in general policies among the Queen, Queen City, Royal, North British, Royal Canadian and Guardian companies. Total in stock, $15,500; on the building $4000, in the Western, Queen, Guardian and Royal Canadian. If the grain turns out to be a total loss, its value would be $27 406, the building $10,000 and the machinery $3000; total, $40,400; total insurance estimated $21,000

The fire will not in any way interfere with business, and orders will be received as usual to-day.

The firemen were well provided for by Mr. Davies during the progress of the fire, and an abundance of substantials were furnished—hot coffee, sandwiches, etc.

Other Fires.

About 1 30, when the fire in the brewery was in progress, a blaze occurred at the head of Seaton street. A shed was destroyed. Loss about $400. Two other alarms were sounded. No damage.

Complimenting the Yorkville Police.

Mr. Bernard Saunders, reeve of Yorkville that was, has forwarded the following letter to Chief Constable Johnston:

The council of the village of Yorkville desires me, ere this municipality becomes the ward of St. Paul, in the city of Toronto, to convey to you their satisfaction and pleasure in observing the way in which yourself and Mr. Bryan Wright have fulfilled the duties of your office. They feel that it is to your management that so little wrongdoing has taken place during your nine years' service as chief constable, and further that no charge has been made against either of you, and we hope that under the police department of the city of Toronto you will both sustain the same reputation that has upheld you in the past.

Nominations for the Legislature.

The following nominations were made for the legislature on Saturday:—

Liberal—

Russell—Henry Robillard.

Conservatives—

Cornwall and Stormont—A. P. Ross.

Frontenac—Henry Wilmot.

South Brant—Dr. Harris.

The North York conservatives have decided to contest the seat for the legislature and will hold a meeting Saturday next for the nomination of their candidate.

THE RAILROADS BLOCKED.

Serious Delays of the Trains on Saturday and Yesterday—A Terrible Experience.

It has been many years since such a complete blockade has been in progress on the different railroads in Ontario as that which has prevailed the last three or four days. Blinding snow storms is the cause of the troubles, and the traveling public and commercial travelers have been put to any amount of inconvenience and annoyance by these delays. The storms were much more severe to the east and north of Toronto than to the west. All the side lines and feeders between this city and Cornwall are blocked almost completely, which of course delayed all the trains on the main line of the Grand Trunk.

Out on the Northern and Toronto Grey and Bruce railways the snow is almost mountain deep. The Northern train arrived in the city at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, six hours late. It took seven hours to come from Newmarket, a distance of thirty-five miles. The worst case of delay was the Toronto Grey and Bruce train, which arrived in the city at 4 20 yesterday afternoon, just twenty hours late. The cars and engine looked as if they had been stuck in the snow for a couple of months.

The Grand Trunk express from the east, due at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, did not arrive till 5 o'clock last evening. A special followed the regular train with the Boston and New England passengers, who left Montreal on Saturday night away behind time. On one train at Stratford it took five engines to move the cars, so slippery were the rails. A special was sent east on the Grand Trunk at 6 o'clock last night.

The trains on the Great Western branch were considerably more regular than on the main line. The trainmen had a terrible experience in getting through to their destinations.

A Quadruple Elopement.

Over a week ago two men named Isaac Meron and Walter Worming of this city left for Hamilton, it was thought to look for work, and were followed about three days afterward by Mrs. Ellison, whose husband keeps a small store on Centre street, her servant and Mrs. George. The deserted wives of the two men at first did not suspect that their disappearance and that of the woman was anything more than a coincidence, but on following up the case they found out that the whole party were in collusion. When last heard of they were in Detroit, where it is probable they still are. Mrs. Ellison left with about $450, which Meron is supposed to be playing for, and when he gets it it is expected he will desert her.

Police Court Notes.

At the police court on Saturday Henry Clinbine of Stouffville, was charged with having, in July last, defrauded Adam Forsyth out of valuable securities. The information, to which a plea of not guilty was put in, alleges that the prisoner secured the deeds of Forsyth's property in Stouffville by fraudulently making over an agricultural machine which he did not own. Complainant's counsel stated that the amount of money involved was about $750. David Sample, William Sproule, Benjamin Todd, Robert McGirr, Francis J. Sabine and Samuel Thornhill were charged with having taken forcible possession of Mrs. Eliza Taylor's house on Dundas street, to which they plead not guilty. No evidence was taken, and the case was adjourned till to-day.

The Entry of Yorkville.

Ald. Saunders, Hastings and Moore, of St. Paul's ward, will be presented to Mayor Boswell at the meeting of the city council this afternoon. The new aldermen will not be required to take the oath of office, as the act of the legislature admitting Yorkville provides that the reeve and deputies should be the aldermen for the new ward. The school trustees, however, cannot be admitted in the same way. Yorkville had five trustees, whereas each ward is only entitled to two members. A new election will probably be ordered by the school board at its next meeting. The police divisions will also in all probability be rearranged.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

On Saturday afternoon was issued in New York the first Chinese paper ever printed in the United States east of San Francisco

The United States senate education and labor committee will commence an investigation to-day into the relations of labor to capital.

A Frenchman has been authorized to organize a company to take to Mexico twenty French colonies, aggregating 5000 families.

A Portland, Ore., despatch says nine of the crew of the steamer Jacona were lost and another died after reaching the shore. The vessel is a total wreck.

William F. Parkins, a letter carrier for eighteen years in Troy, N.Y., has been arrested for robbing letters entrusted to his care. He confesses to having stolen money from letters

Seven Americans were killed last Wednesday in the Pinos Altos mining district. The trouble arose from a dispute about mine locations. A number of Mexicans were also killed.

The Western Union Telegraph company on Saturday filed a bill in the United States court at Chicago, praying for an injunction to restrain a recently licensed company of the same name in Illinois doing business under that title.

The comptroller at Albany has requested the attorney-general to bring an action against the Mutual Union Telegraph company for failing to make proper returns of their stock for the purposes of taxation. The suit is for the amount of tax and penalty.

An agreement has been reached between a committee of citizens and the local creditors of the late city of Memphis, Tenn., for a settlement of the debt of the defunct municipality, aggregating five millions. The terms of the settlement are to fund the debt at 50 cents on the dollar in bonds for 30 years with 6 per cent interest; 3 per cent of the interest for the first three years, and 2 per cent for the second three years to be capitalized. The bulk of the debt is due to New York capitalists.

Wilkesbarre's Evils

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 3—Diphtheria and measles prevail in Wilkesbarre to an alarming extent. Upward of 200 cases of the latter disease are now under the care of physicians, and the number of cases of diphtheria is also very large. The wife of F. W. Nichols, a prominent member of the Luzerne bar, died last night from measles. With measles, diphtheria, and a cave-in, the mental state of the people of this city is by no means enviable.

HELL AND THE HEATHEN.

DR. WILD'S VIEWS ON THESE TWO KNOTTY POINTS.

The Death of Christ—The Extent of the Atonement—The Benefit of Religion For Animals—The Heathen to be Judged by a Law of His Own—Conclusion.

After answering a number of correspondents from different parts of the country, and explaining for their satisfaction several doctrinal points, the doctor chose his text from the 20th verse of the 1st chapter of Colossians:—

And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Common sense and the bible, he said, confirm that the sacrificial death of Christ was a remedial atonement for all the wrongs that can be committed in heaven, earth or hell, whether these wrongs shall be among seraphim, cherubim, angels, man, beast or matter. The curse of sin is not confined to man; its sequences run through nature. It is natural and easy for an intelligent mind to infer that God will seek to rectify wrong, be it among men or in nature. The remedial scheme is applied that the manifold wisdom of God may be known.

Location and action are seldom the bounds of principle, purpose or influence. In the war between England and Abyssinia a few years ago over the imprisonment of six British subjects by King Theodore, the conflict was not for the liberty of the six men, but for the whole world. A great principle was involved. You can see this principle in the atonement of Christ. The redemption of man is the last part of that atonement. The Son of God came that He might rectify sin, but also to establish his government and maintain it before the whole universe. All atonements must go further than redemption. Under our penal laws a man is not hanged on his own account merely, but for you and I to deter other men from taking our lives. Christ died in Jerusalem, but his atonement

SPREADS OVER THE WORLD;

he died among the Jews, but for all men Wherever wrong is done and can be put right, God intends doing it through Christ.

Every atonement confers unconditional as well as conditional benefits; many a slave did not know for months that he had been freed by Lincoln's proclamation, yet he was a free man, nevertheless. If Christ died for the heathen, and the heathen does know it shall he be damned! No, sir! You would be very unjust to curse them for what they do not know.

There are religious diseases. Some in past time have been so stingy with the atonement as to reserve it for a few very good people whom they called "the elect." The rest of us were reprobates, born to go to hell. The thing is not true. It is

A LIBEL ON GOD,

on human nature, and on common sense. They seem to have an eagerness for saying that millions are being hurled into hell and swallowed up in fire and brimstone. It makes God a tyrant and a Nero.

The atonement brings blessings to the animal world. Religion applies to beasts and fowls and fishes, our sin making them suffer. If all our young men had religion the livery-men would find a

SAVING IN HORSE FLESH,

and the poor beasts would not be driven like Jehu and the lash laid on unmercifully! A righteous man is merciful to his beast.

The unconditional part of the atonement brings in the heathen. Many of them are, no doubt, to be saved. There cannot be a person born, but is saved first by Christ. "As in Adam all died, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." A child is never thrown into the lap of time a damned creature. But when maturity comes responsibility commences. With us sin is the transgression of the law of God as revealed in the bible. Will the heathen come under this law? Not if he is ignorant of its existence, and the fault of that ignorance lies with you. "Without the law sin is dead." The heathen shall be judged by a law of their own by a revelation of nature and of their own hearts. We are also judged by these two and the bible in addition. They have the advantage of the atonement, though they know it not. They do not know the historical Christ and their ignorance will not damn them. Let them be judged by the law they have.

But it is different with you. I can plead for the heathen and shelter him in the love of Christ, but "how can you escape if you neglect so great a salvation?" I would make a desperate effort to free the heathen from damnation, but how can I do it for you in the light of gospel day? You cannot escape through ignorance. Let this cry ring through your memory and go quivering through your heart: "What shall I do to be saved?"

"Hell" will be the subject for next Sunday evening.

A Snow War on Yonge Street.

Last Saturday morning the merchants of Yonge and King streets awoke to find that Friday night's unusually heavy fall of snow had been piled in ridges on both sides of the railway tracks, seriously impeding the passage of sleighs and other vehicles. Knowing the cause, a whole army of clerks, office boys and sundry citizens set to work with shovel and scraper, and in a short time the ridges had a more central location in the street, which had the effect of blocking the street cars all along the line from the head of Yonge street to Sherbourne street on King. The merchants complain that before daylight the Street Railway company cleared their tracks by means of snowplows, to the hindrance of street traffic.

Candlemas Celebration.

Yesterday at St. Michael's cathedral grand pontificial high mass was sung and the feast of Candlemas day celebrated. The ceremony is a very important one and was carried as follows: The candles were placed on a large table in front of his grace, the archbishop, and before singing of mass they were blessed, and each of the altar boys, provided with lighted tapers, formed in procession and marched around the church, the Rev. Father Laurent chanting the psalm appropriate to the occasion. There was a large attendance.

Fast of Hall the Forger.

Wm. A. Hall, the Newark forger, bid farewell to Toronto on Saturday afternoon. At 3 30 o'clock Detective Reever and Deputy Sheriff Wright hustled Hall on board the Great Western train for New York, whence he was taken to Newark. Hall appeared to be much downcast when he was finally handed over to the New Jersey officers. The same train carried the forger's wife who has been in the city ever since his arrest, also to Newark.

MATTERS IN FRANCE.

The Removal of Prince Jerome—The Expulsion Bill in the Senate.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—During the removal of Prince Jerome to Auteuil a strong guard was placed to prevent his escape. No visitors were allowed to enter the asylum where he is. It is stated the prince is very dejected.

The senate decided that the committee on the expulsion bill shall be elected on Monday. The left centre have pronounced against the bill, but will accept a compromise rendering the measure impersonal, general, and not directed against particular personages.

Libbie Raibel's Crime.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 3.—Libbie Raibel, the 17 years student of the college at Erie arrested for the murder of her infant, is a prepossessing girl. She is completely prostrated. Her relatives have been refused permission to see her. Her sister Nancy, also arrested as an accomplice, stated that Libbie came to the city some days ago; that she herself came here afterwards to arrange for placing Libbie in one of the business colleges here; that she knew nothing of the affair until the officers came to arrest them. When asked how it occurred that the family knew nothing of the girl's condition and the subsequent birth of the child, she explained that Libbie had been at the normal school, and wrote that she had been out skating and had broken through the ice, and getting wet was sick in consequence. It is said that the women who was really guilty of murdering the child was a woman employed in the school who has disappeared, but she refused to give the name. The officers took the girls to Erie.

After a Bonanza.

ALLIANCE, Pa., Feb. 3—The heirs of Chas. A. Brosius of Germany, who died recently leaving a fortune of $35,000,000, are arranging for a meeting to be held here shortly, when steps will be taken towards securing the vast fortune. There are three wings of the Brosius family, one of which has already visited Germany for the purpose of looking after this fortune, but the representative of this wing was shown that they were not the legal heirs. In view of this fact the claimants, who have good evidence that they are the rightful heirs, feel confident of establishing their claim.

Disasters at Sea.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The London and South-Western railway company's steamer Hilda, plying between the Island of Jersey and Southampton, sunk an unknown French ship. A boat containing two officers and three seamen from the Hilda attempted the rescue of the French crew, but the rescuers were also drowned.

The British steamship James Gray has foundered at sea. The body of the captain and pieces of the wreck have been picked up.

PERSONAL.

Bismarck is not seriously ill. The Emperor William is better.

The report of the death at Cadiz, of Tamberlik, the tenor, is denied.

Madame Albani, whom Montrealers claim as their countrywoman, has declined an offer of $2500 to sing in their city.

Lady St. Leonards has obtained a decree of judicial separation against Lord St. Leonards on the ground of adultery.

Edwin Booth appeared on Saturday night in Berlin as Iago. The house was crowded, and Booth was secalled after every scene.

The British war ship Dido, with her royal highness the Princess Louise on board, arrived at Bermuda on Monday morning, January 29, all well.

Mr. Croft, the representative of Her Majesty's opera, under Col. Mapleson, is in town. He is a genial and clever gentleman and evidently a shrewd business man.

Bijon Heron was married in New York on Thursday last to Mr. J. H. Miller, juvenile man at the Madison Square theatre, where the lady is also acting. Mock lovemaking on the stage became a reality off.

Mr, H. J. Ibbotson, clerk of the recorders court on Montreal for a quarter of a century, died suddenly on Sunday of heart disease. He was an advocate by profession, and much esteemed by all who knew him. He was about 55 years of age.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Diphtheria prevails to a considerable extent in Montreal.

A milkman named Jean B. Turcott, 29 years of age, was run over and killed by the Canada Pacific train near Hochelaga on Tuesday.

The police in Montreal state that a trade is carried on across the line by Canadian body stealers, who sell corpses to a medical college in Vermont.

It is stated that Vincent, the defaulting ex-treasurer of Alabama, has come to Canada. He lost large sums of money at poker in gambling dens at Montgomery, Ala.

The counsel of the bar of the province of Quebec has advised the local premier to appoint official stenographers for the courts at annual salaries to be paid by fees on reports.

Jas. Walker, jr., of Montreal, has entered a suit against his father, Jas. Walker, sr., for an accounting regarding property willed by the plaintiff's mother, and in which he claims an interest amounting to $4000.

James Moore, who is described as a stout, short, full-faced man, about 25, with the appearance of a hard drinker, has absconded from Georgetown, taking with him a horse and cutter and money belonging to a Mr. Thompson, who employed him.

FOREIGN CABLE NEWS.

The authorities at Neuchatel have prohibited the meeting of the salvation army.

It is reported that the trials of sixty nihilists and socialists will occur at St. Petersburg within the next two months.

At Terli, Italy, on Saturday, crowds attacked the prefecture and demanded the death of Masens, editor of the Provincia, which denounced the Overdank agitation.

It is stated a thorough Guy Fawkes sort of search has been made in the cellars and drains of the Hoftbury palace at Vienna. The authorities have refused to transmit to Berlin a paper despatch describing the search.

A letter to Berlin of a political prisoner in Siberia, details the sufferings of the prisoners in the province beyond Lake Baikal, who are robbed, beaten, and badly fed. The director of the prison being reasoned with, exclaimed that it did not matter if the prisoners died of starvation.

Lewis G. Folger, Esq., 25 Elizabeth street Cincinnati, says he was cured by St. Jacobs Oil of a very severe attack of neuralgia in twenty minutes.

BY FLOOD AND FIRE.

SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND BARRELS OF OIL BURNT NEAR CLEVELAND.

Swollen Streams Spread the Flames—Remarkably Heavy Rainfall—Railroad and Other Property Destroyed.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 3—Flood and fire caused wide-spread damage to-day. Rain began in the evening and has been falling continuously more than twenty-four hours. The Cuyahoga river and tributaries have overflowed their banks and are still rising. There are small prospects of the rain ceasing Houses, barns and factories in the valleys are inundated. The damage will be large. No loss of life is yet reported. Early this morning the waters of the Kingsbury run rose beyond their usual height, and spread over hundreds of acres of low land, surrounding a leaky petroleum still of standard oil, located a considerable distance above the company's works. The escaping oil refuse swept down the stream and was carried under the boilers of the Great Western oil works which were nearly submerged. The oil ignited and floated to a tank containing fifty thousand barrels of crude petroleum, which was fired and exploded, spreading the blazing oil in all directions. Some was carried to Merall & Morgan's paraffin works, which were also fired. The flaming flood next attacked the Standard Oil company's works, located in the valley, one after another, which took fire, until to-night five twelve thousand barrel tanks, two five thousand barrel tanks, four stills, the Agitator engine house, five hundred feet off, the railway trestle and various small works are destroyed. Not less than fifty thousand barrels of oil were consumed. The loss is estimated at from a hundred and fifty to three hundred thousand dollars. The machinery in the still was worth $270,000. The fire engines were working all day. A large force will be required all night.

Late to-night the eighth large storage tank standard of the oil works exploded and fired the loose oil. Thus far 65,000 barrels, worth $100,000, have been burnt.

MIDNIGHT—The conflagration is thought to be under control. The wind changed, turning the flames back over the burned district. No prediction can be made what the fire may do. The water may at any time break in a tank and scatter the burning oil. The Standard company's loss may reach a quarter of a million. The insurance is small. At midnight the river was booming. Rain is falling steadily. This evening a schooner was torn from her moorings and hurled against the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio railroads bridge, the draw of which was so wrenched that cars cannot pass, destroying all southern connections.

CLEVELAND, Feb 4—The freshet is the most destructive ever known. The water is higher than since the great flood in 1859. The damage is scarcely less than a million dollars and perhaps much greater. The weather turned rapidly cold to-day. Two freight trains went through a bridge near Mansfield. The brakeman was killed. Another lost his leg. Much stock has been lost in the country.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The Pennsylvania and Ohio and Valley railroad tracks are flooded, disabling the latter badly. The bridge of the Pittsburg, Cleveland and Toledo railroad is threatened. The water has swept away John Kennedy's house. Mrs. Kennedy scarcely saved her children. Mary Strapp was drowned. Harrison Greer and children were washed out of their house, but rescued. It is raining steadily and threatening further destruction.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 3.—It has been raining and sleeting for the past thirty hours. It is still raining hard. The streams are swollen, trains delayed and telegraph communication cut off between Lafayette and Kankakee. The lines are down for miles.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 4—Several streets flooded here last night. Considerable damage was done to manufacturing establishments, dwellings and railroads.

AKRON, Ohio, Feb. 3—Raining steadily since Friday night. The entire region is flooded, the Little Cuyahoga rising three feet in four minutes. In Middleburg most of the factories are submerged. The hydraulic company's new dam is washed away.

AKRON, Ohio, Feb. 4—The damage by flood here will amount to $50,000. Locks 19 and 20 of the Ohio canal were washed away. Others were badly injured. In the sixth ward this morning an ice gorge near Whitmore & Robinson's works broke. Three families were rescued with difficulty. All the families in the Cuyahoga valley and the northern party of the city fled from their homes last night. Rain fell in torrents. The Valley railroad was washed away in many places and trains were abandoned.

CANTON, Ohio, Feb. 3—A hundred families were driven out of their homes by a flood last night.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3—A sleet storm last night interrupted all telegraphic communication south and east. Only one wire is working between Chicago and New York, and that with frequent interruptions. Trains eastward are blockaded with snow.

BRADFORD, Pa., Feb. 4—Five hundred houses were inundated here on Saturday night: In some parts of the city the water is ten feet deep. Five bridges have been swept away. Several houses were injured or destroyed. Eighty-five families on flats between here and Tarport had to flee for their lives when the ice gorge broke, leaving all their effects. Many of their houses were swept away. The waters are now subsiding.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Feb. 4—The greatest floods ever known here. Travel in the country suspended.

MOUNT VERNON, Feb. 4—The Kakomo river is booming. One house is surrounded by water. The family is cut off from help. A bridge on the Baltimore Ohio railway is carried away. While a freight train was crossing part of the train sank down out of sight. The train hands escaped except a brakeman, who was drowned.

WARREN, Ohio, Feb. 4—The rolling mill is flooded. Factories on the flats so inundated that work must be suspended several days.

DELAWARE, Ohio, Feb. 4.—The freshet is the worst ever known here. The suspension bridge is swept away and two other bridges are expected to go. Families living near the river were rescued in boats.

CORRY, Pa., Feb. 4.—A portion of the business part of the city is flooded. Extensive damage has been done.

PIQUA, O., Feb. 4.—The first ward is under water to the second floors. All available boats are being used for rescuing people. No passenger trains are running on the Panhandle or Dayton and Michigan railroads.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 4—The Alleghany river and tributaries have overflowed, washing away bridges, houses, barns, damaging property between Pittsburg and Oil City to the extent of several hundred thousand. Many houses have been swept away. The families had to be rescued from the second story.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Feb. 4—Last night the ice gorge broke. The whole central part of the town is flooded. Over 300 families have been rescued in boats. Much suffering from cold and exposure. Gas works under water. The city is in darkness. No trains can enter or leave the city.

A SON'S SORROW.

Tom Meagher Bewails His Father's Fate—Apathy of the Canadian Officials in Seeking the Murderers.

DETROIT, Feb. 3—There is nothing new in relation to the sad death of Thomas Meagher, who was decoyed across the river a few days since, drugged and robbed and left to die of exposure near Sandwich. The Post and Tribune of this morning intimates that the Canadian authorities have not thus far showed much anxiety to capture the men connected with the affair, but have permitted the burden and expense of their capture to be borne by Wayne county. A few days since Supt. Conely held a conference with the Canadian authorities upon the subject of expense, and was informed that they did not care to expend any money in the matter.

It is alleged that when Keogh, Meagher's brother-in-law, was arrested he had on his person $40. When released and his money returned to him it was short just $27. Making enquiry, he was informed that the last-named amount was deducted for the expense of caring for Meagher's body. The taking of this money was an exceedingly arbitrary and unwarranted act. Keogh protested, but his protestations were unheeded. The detectives visited Tom Meagher, a son of deceased, now serving a term of fifteen years at Jackson. Young Meagher feels keenly the sad taking off of his father. When the intelligence of his father's death first reached him he became very pale, and staggered against the wall. He said to the warden, "It is all my fault. If I had behaved myself, my poor old father would now be alive. If I live to get out of this, I will be a better man." Young Meagher has thirteen years yet to serve. In consideration of the fact that his mother is left without means of support, since the death of her husband, it is thought an effort will be made soon to procure a pardon for her son.

BUSINESS CALAMITIES.

The Great Iron Failure in Chicago—Fifteen Hundred Hands Thrown Out of Work at Boston, Mass.—Others.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 3—The heavy failure of the Chicago Iron and Steel company catches a number of wealthy Clevelanders, as two-thirds of its stock owners are Amasa Stone, E. P. Ellis and Fayette Brown, and he is of the Witt estate. These persons knew that business has been embarrassed, but none supposed it was on the edge of bankruptcy. One of the gentlemen said the company stood so well that the coke makers and iron ore companies forced business upon it. Of nearly $2,000,000 due for ore the greater portion is due to companies here. A $500,000 mortgage was put on last fall, which was negotiated in Connecticut, for which Amasa Stone assumed the personal responsibility. The general opinion of the stockholders is that the chief cause of the failure is mismanagement. Mr. Stone could not live in New York and manage business in Chicago successfully.

BOSTON, Feb. 3—The shoe shops of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber company, and Goodyear India Rubber Glove company, Nauzauntuck, close on Feb. 10, throwing 1500 hands out.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 4—Trustees took possession of the Kansas Rolling Mills. Liabilities $600,000; assets fully ample. The mills are among the largest west of the Mississippi river.

Guiteau's Spiritual Adviser.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—Rev. Wm. Hicks, Guiteau's spiritual adviser sues the Star, Washington, and Graphic, New York, each for $35,000 damages, for alleged libel. The papers published a statement that Hicks demanded two thousand dollars of the surgeon-general before he would permit Guiteau's bones to be articulated. Counsel for Hicks threatens to sue every paper in which the statement appeared.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

I never thought Steinway was such a bad man as to impose on me that way—Mr. Nordheimer.

I dunno, but I'll run well in East Toronto—Pat Boyle.

Yes, if I was chasing you—Green Sentinel Clarke.

We're going to cause the politicians a heap of trouble.—The Workingman.

Who said I gave my men that reading room because the elections were coming on?—Ald. H. F. Clarke.

Oh, I'm not going to run; for if I had so intended I'd've begun giving blankets away two months ago—E. G. Bickford.

Wait till you see the boards I'm going to give them Fran Jimces.

I've taken a house, and Nairn's put my coal in.—John Cameron.

Even Grip takes no notice of me now, but puts in Griffin's picture all the time.—Chris. Bunting.

It's about time the Mail knew how to spell my name.—Senator O'Donohoe.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Who will pay the expenses of the governor-general's trip to British Columbia.

And the $400 that his five hours at the Fifth Avenue cost.

Why his excellency carried four bathtubs with him.

If Robert Bell is going to allow himself to set aside in West Toronto.

If the workingmen will stick by their candidates.

If their candidates will stick by them.

Who the dark horse in the liberal interest is.

ROOM FOR THREE.

A well-known city father got up to go out of a crowded street car the other day. "Now there is room for three," said a sarcastic boy who had been looking in vain for a seat.

THE WEATHER BULLETIN.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, February 5, 1 a.m.

Probabilities—Lakes: Moderate to fresh northeasterly to southwesterly winds, fair to clear cold weather with light snow in some localities.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at	From
Feb. 3	Wisconsin	Queenstown	New York
Feb. 3	State of Alabama	Gravesend	New York
Feb. 3	Castalia	New York	Amsterdam
Feb. 3	Rotterdam	New York	Rotterdam
Feb. 4	Republic	Crookhaven	New York
Feb. 4	Switzerland	New York	Liverpool
Feb. 4	Canada	New York	Liverpool
Feb. 4	Catalonia	New York	Liverpool
Feb. 4	Scandam	New York	Antwerp
Feb. 4	Parthia	Queenstown	New York
Feb. 4	City of Chester	Queenstown	New York

THE IRISH CONSPIRATORS

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE PHŒNIX PARK MURDERERS.

Suspects Flying to America—Fears for the Lives of Members of the Government—A Prisoner Offers to Become an Informer.

DUBLIN, Feb. 3—P. Carey, member of the corporation, Brady, O'Brien, McCaffrey, Peter Carey, Hanlon, Doyle and Kelley were charged to-day with the murder of Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke. A witness named Fitzsimmons identified Councillor Carey as one connected with the conspiracy. Fitzsimmons deposed that he rented a room from James Carey and discovered in a loft in the house two knifes and a rifle. There was great excitement among a large crowd in the court when the above prisoners were placed in the dock, and a painful pause when Fitzsimmons was called. The prisoners shook hands with each other and joked, nodding to their friends, and the reading of the charge was greeted by the prisoners with a burst of laughter which created a sensation in court. Fitzsimmons said that the rifle and knives were among the rubbish, and amid intense excitement the inspector produced two sharp long-bladed dissecting knives and a rifle. As the magistrates eagerly examined the knives there was some uneasiness among the prisoners. Dr. Porter deposed that the cut in the clothes, and the wounds of Cavendish and Burke, were inflicted by instruments similar to those produced. Fitzsimmons deposed that James Carey sometimes visited the loft where the knives were found. Dr. Myles deposed that some of the wounds in Cavendish and Burke corresponded exactly to the knives produced. A witness named Hands identified O'Brien as one of the four men lying near the scene of the murder, and Brady as being close by shortly before it was perpetrated. A female witness confirmed the above, Porter added that some of the wounds might have been caused by weapons different from the knives. The magistrate ruled that the identification of Peter Carey by Fitzsimmons was complete. Hands identified Brady as the driver of the car on which the assassins rode. Upon his identifying O'Brien the latter attempted to smile, but broke out into a profuse perspiration. The evidence of Porter was following with extraordinary interest. The prisoners leaned over the dock apparently drinking in every word Porter said. The wound that transfixed Burke's heart, enabled him to judge the length of the weapon, which must have been nine or ten inches. After another witness had identified Brady and McCaffrey as being at the scene immediately before the murder, the case was remanded until Monday.

DUBLIN, Feb. 4—Over a hundred persons, suspected of being connected with secret organizations, have left the city. The police have ten more warrants to execute, and search is being made in Birmingham and Manchester for those implicated

Some months ago the head of the criminal investigation department organized a system of espionage similar to the method adopted in Pennsylvania in bringing the Molly Maguires to justice. In connection therewith Jenkinson, director of the department, visited London a fortnight ago and conferred with Sir Vernon Harcourt, secretary of the home department. As a result the men in public stations have been more vigilantly guarded, especially the marquis of Hartington and Sir Vernon Harcourt. The French police undertook to protect Mr Gladstone while in France.

One of the prisoners examined yesterday offers to become an informer. Over fifty persons connected with conspiracy to murder government officers have gone to America.

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

Uprising of the Bheels—Troops Ordered to the Scene of the Difficulty.

BOMBAY, Jan. 3—The report of an uprising of the Bheels is confirmed. An armed band plundered Nanpur. Difficulties have occurred at Chaktala and Babra. A town in Ali Rajpoor is threatened. A political agent from Bhopaur has arrived at the latter place, to which detachments of the Maliva and Bheel corps and central Indian horse have been ordered. Troops have left Mhow for Sirdarpur, and a detachment has been ordered to be in readiness.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATIONS.

A Foundry Destroyed in Montreal and a Match Factory in St. Cunegonde—Big Blaze in New York.

MONTREAL, Feb. 3—A fire at an early hour this morning at Rodgers & King's foundry destroyed property to the extent of about $30,000. Messrs. Keiffert Bros., occupied the second flat of the building as a boot and shoe store. The insurance is as follows: In British America, machinery and belting, $2000; London and Lancashire, on the three story building occupied by Best, MacMartin & Goodrich, $1600, on general plant and stock $800, on the main building $5000; Royal, on plant $1500, on building $3000; Imperial, on stock and machinery $3200, on building $1100. Total, $16,200.

A fire occurred in the suburbs to-day in a match factory lately erected at St. Cunegonde. Notwithstanding the prompt arrival of the brigade the premises were reduced to ashes. The loss is estimated at $18,000, but is fully covered by insurance in British companies.

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 3—A girl dropped a lighted taper in the show window of Zabinski's millinery store, Newark avenue, this evening, setting the drapery on fire, which spread to the adjoining buildings occupied by Clerihew's clothing house, Cowan & Moxley's dry goods, the wholesale grocery of Hugh Cassidy, Strapt & Son's clothing store, Alfred Burton's fancy goods, Spotts & Co.'s fancy goods, Pepper's confectionery, also large tenement buildings, seven in number, all wooden shells. The loss is $130,000. A fireman fell from the ladder, seriously hurt. Zabinski's girl was badly burned in endeavoring to extinguish the fire.

TROY, N.Y., Feb. 3—Burdett, Smith & Co's building on River street, was burned on Saturday forenoon. The total loss is $94,000.

ALBION, N.Y., Feb 3—By the fire last night the machine shop, offices and wood pattern shops of the Curtis Manufacturing company were destroyed. The loss is $125,000; insurance, $80,000. Two hundred and fifty men are out of employment. The works were the largest in the place. The company makes agricultural implements.