

THREE MEN KILLED BY OIL EXPLOSION.

Drawing Oil from a Tank to Sprinkle Track When it Took Fire.

New York, Sept. 27.—Twenty thousand gallons of crude oil stored in a tank in the Borough of the Bronx exploded with terrific force while three men were drawing oil from it early today, killing the men almost instantly. The dead are James Cooper, of Unionport, James Reilly, of Westchester, and Richard Smith, of Van Nest, all of which villages are in Westchester county. Cooper was employed by the officials of the Morris Park race track to sprinkle the track with oil in preparation for an automobile race. Reilly and Smith were his assistants. Early today they went to the tank, which belonged to the Bronx Gas and Electric Light Company, in

Proctor's avenue, and began to fill a sprinkling cart with the oil. Reilly and Smith were sent to the top of the tank, while Cooper remained by the wagon. It is supposed that a lantern carried by one of the men ignited some loose oil under the tank. The explosion which followed tore off the top of the tank and sent it flying into the yard of the Catholic Protectors near by, alarming the fifteen boys therein, and shattered many of the windows of the Protectory.

Followers who were near by found Cooper lying near the blazing tank with his clothing afire. He died in a few minutes. One body, believed to be that of Reilly, was found badly burned in a swamp a hundred feet from the tank, and another, believed to be that of Richard Smith, was found in the tank after it had been flooded with water.

DR. FALCONER INSTALLED.

A BRILLIANT FUNCTION HELD AT TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

Many Degrees Were Conferred.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Refers to Catholicity of Spirit Manifested by the University of Toronto.

A Toronto despatch: The attendance and sympathetic spirit displayed at the formal installation yesterday afternoon of Mr. R. A. Falconer as President of the University of Toronto was the best possible concrete evidence of the approval previously expressed through the press and other mediums of the choice made by the Board of Governors. The ceremony took place in Convocation Hall, which was well filled, the gathering indeed, being as brilliantly representative of the religious, educational, professional and business life of the country as one could ever hope to see assembled in any specified place. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, his Honor Sir William Mortimer Clark, Premier Whitney, as well as a number of others, recipients of degrees in connection with the afternoon's proceedings, were among the scores of prominent men on the platform. Sir William R. Meredith, Chancellor of the University, was in the chair. The address of the afternoon was that of the new President, who devoted himself chiefly to a discussion of the function of the university in the State and the duty of the State to the university. It was a well-considered and admirably sustained effort in every portion, delivered with an incisiveness and clearness which carried with them conviction, and in so distinct a tone—sided by the fine acoustical properties of the hall—that not a word was lost by the large audience. That they appreciated it was shown by their keenness in noting the salient points of the acknowledgments, rendered by frequent spontaneous and quite hearty applause, culminating at the close of the address in an ovation.

Dr. Henry S. Prichett, of Washington, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, who brought the congratulations of the United States Universities to President Falconer, provoked a good deal of laughter by some of his allusions to affairs in this country. This gave to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who made the closing address of the afternoon, an opportunity which he was not slow to seize, and his remarks were, as usual with him under such circumstances, inimitable in their charm and appropriateness.

A reception to the delegates from other universities, the presentation of addresses, and a conversation comprising the successful evening programme. This afternoon the formal opening of the new Physics building takes place.

BOOZING WOMEN

Found by a Chicago Preacher in Downtown Restaurants

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, went home last night, both convinced and "tuckered out." All afternoon he had led a party of several men on a tour through many of the leading downtown restaurants, obtaining statistics on what he terms "boozing women." The preacher placed in the balance his position on the question as against that of his critics, who declared he is wrong. Following are the net results: Women seen in restaurants, 463; number of women drinking liquor, 269; number not drinking, 194.

WHERE ARE THE CREW?

Sailboat Found on the Beach at Whitehead, Man.

Winnipeg Beach, Sept. 30.—Word was received here today that a small two-masted sailing boat was found on the beach about a mile and a half south of Whitehead, on Tuesday morning, with both sails set. Mrs. Taylor, a lady who lives at Whitehead, claims to have seen a sail boat half a mile out on Monday; and, as near as she could tell, it contained three persons. While watching the boat something appeared to go wrong with the sails, apparently causing the boat to capsize, as it was lost sight of.

A very heavy sea was running at the time, with a strong north wind. A light grey overcoat and a valise were found in the locker. The valise contained two or three razors and an unopened bottle of liquor.

NO ABRIGATION OF TREATY.

MANUFACTURERS URGE GOVERNMENT TO GO SLOWLY.

More Protection Demanded for Woollen Industry—Close of Manufacturers' Association Convention.

Toronto despatch: One of the last and most significant acts of the convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which closed yesterday afternoon, was to place itself on record as opposed to any precipitate action in regard to the Asiatic problem in British Columbia, which might result in the abrogation of the treaty between Great Britain and Japan. The pronouncement took the form of a resolution, which declared that the treaty had already done a great deal towards the development of trade with Japan, and that its abrogation would be disastrous not only to the existing trade, but to the hope of future extended relations, and urged upon the Government the desirability of taking no hurried action. The wisdom of the resolution was questioned by one or two members, one of whom characterized it as dangerous, but outspoken speeches in its support were delivered by Mr. W. K. George and Mr. W. Robins, and it was carried by an immense majority. Mr. Robins claimed that the interests of the mother country and her relations with Japan should stand above Provincial or petty trade interests. Another resolution was passed in favor of immediate steps being taken to urge the Government to afford higher protection to the woollen industry.

Officer-bearers were elected as follows: President, Hon. J. D. Rolland, Montreal; Vice-President, John Hendry, Vancouver; Ontario Vice-President, R. Hobson, Hamilton; Quebec Vice-President, D. L. McGibbon, Montreal; Treasurer, Geo. Booth, Toronto; Secretary, G. M. Murray.

Mr. H. Bertram, Dundas; Mr. J. A. Puhlow and Mr. F. H. Whitton, Hamilton, were elected on the Executive Council.

CONSPIRACY IN CUBA.

Three Generals Arrested for Plotting Against Public Order.

Harana, Sept. 30.—The secret police today arrested three Santo Domingo men, who are charged with plotting against public order. It is known that simultaneously with the arrival of Parra here, three Santo Domingo men well known for their previous revolutionary records, also reached this port, and it is stated that other similar individuals are working in eastern Cuba.

YOUNG WOMAN STABBED.

She is Now in Red Cross Hospital at Halesbury.

Cobalt, Sept. 30.—A serious quarrel occurred in a house near Argenteau on Wednesday evening, which resulted in the stabbing of a young woman, who was brought into Cobalt late last night by Chief Calbeck and assistants, and removed to the Red Cross Hospital, where she is resting nicely, although very weak from loss of blood. The man who stabbed her is now in prison, and in order that the woman may appear against him.

MADE SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT.

Baldwin Airship Manoeuvred at Halifax Fair Grounds.

Halifax, N. S., despatch: The feature of the Provincial Exhibition grand stand show today was the flight of Baldwin's airship. Just before sundown the breeze died away, and made it possible for Baldwin to set out on his voyage, which was accomplished most successfully. The airship rose gracefully, pointing into the wind, and manoeuvred for several minutes in different directions over the grounds. A second flight was made to show the tendency of the airship to constantly turn to the right unless guided by the rudder. This the airship did automatically, making a complete circuit over the grounds. Then the full descent was made, the airship coming back to the exact spot from which it had risen.

OPERATORS ARRIGNED.

Men, Held Responsible for Vandreuil Wreck, Plead Not Guilty.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—Sares Staeta, operator at St. Dominique, and Loyal Streets, operator at Vandreuil, two of those held criminally responsible for the train wreck at Vandreuil on the 18th inst., through which Albert Robertson lost his life, appeared before Judge Lafontaine today to answer to the charge against them. Both pleaded not guilty and were remanded until next Thursday at 10 o'clock. Bail was granted in each case, personal bail of \$1,000, with two good bondsmen in \$1,000 apiece.

DIED IN JAIL.

John McTiernan, Arrested in Connection With His Brother's Death.

Ottawa despatch: John McTiernan, who was arrested last month in connection with the death of his brother, Thomas, presumably through violence, died in prison at Bryson, Que., yesterday. The deceased, who seemed to feel his position very keenly, had been in falling health for some weeks, and death was due to natural causes. The two brothers, while coming home from Shawville on Aug. 19, are said to have quarrelled while intoxicated. Thomas McTiernan was found dead on the road next morning.

ANGLO-RUSS PACT.

TEXT OF AGREEMENT REGARDING EASTERN FRONTIERS.

Persia Divided into Spheres of Influence—Russia to Deal With Afghanistan Only Through British—Integrity of Tibet Guaranteed.

London, Sept. 30.—The text of the Anglo-Russian convention was made public by the Foreign Office to-night in conformity with an agreement for simultaneous publications in St. Petersburg and London. The time originally fixed for this publication was September 30, but it was found advisable to postpone it by one day.

The agreement is divided into three heads—namely, Persia, Afghanistan and Tibet. Concerning Persia, Great Britain undertakes not to seek for herself or support in the interests of her own subjects those areas of land, political or commercial concessions in the northern part of the country, while Russia gives a corresponding undertaking concerning the south.

Concerning Tibet, it is agreed that the territorial integrity of this country shall be respected, and that both Great Britain and Russia shall abstain from intervention in the internal administration of Tibet, treating with her only through the Chinese Government.

The text of the convention is accompanied by a letter from Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, in which it is pointed out that the arrangement respecting Persia is limited to the regions of that country contiguous to the frontiers of Great Britain and Russia in Asia. Continuing, the Foreign Secretary says his Majesty's Government will continue its direct efforts for the preservation of the status quo and the maintenance of British trade in the Far East, but it does not desire to exclude the legitimate trade of any other power.

VICTORIA BRIDGE BLOCKED.

Runaway Mare Gets Her Legs Through the Ties.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—An extraordinary occurrence early this morning held up traffic over Victoria bridge for nearly an hour. Shortly after 7 o'clock the runaway mare broke away from the polo grounds at St. Lambert and galloped towards the river. When she reached the bridge she turned on the railway track, and in a few seconds her legs went through the openings between the ties, thus very effectively stopping further progress. So firmly were the animal's wedged in the morning notwithstanding all the help which was soon at hand she was not released until the construction crew from Point St. Charles arrived and saved the ties injured.

SCHOONER MARY E. SMITH SUNK.

Struck Rock Off Whitehead, N. S.—Crew Are Saved.

Halifax despatch: The Newfoundland schooner Mary E. Smith, Capt. Hardy, from Boston, bound to Sydney, C. B., in ballast, struck a sunken rock off Whitehead at 10 o'clock last night in dense fog and heavy wind. The vessel came off the rock and sank half an hour afterwards in deep water. The captain and crew escaped in their boats, and made the automatic buoy through the night and were rescued in the morning. She was partly insured. A Newfoundland dog went down with the ship.

TREASURES FOR THE SURGEON.

Ward Family of Gladstone, Man., Revel in Broken Limbs.

Gladstone, Man., Sept. 30.—Geo. Ward was struck to-day by a bolt on a gas-line sawing machine. He was thrown to the ground and his right arm and leg broken. This is the fifth time he has had his legs broken. His father, James S. Ward, has three times had his leg broken, his son John both legs and an arm broken, and another son, Jim, has had an arm broken. The family came from the States seven years ago.

TOWNS SWEEP AWAY.

Great Destruction of Life and Property in Spain.

Madrid, Sept. 30.—Unprecedented rains in Andalusia caused immense destruction of life and property. The Guadalquivir River has been converted into a raging torrent three miles wide, and bridges, houses and even entire villages have been swept away.

The streets in the lower part of Malaga have been inundated and many families rendered homeless.

Thirty persons were drowned at Malaga, 23 at Velez de Benamarzoza, 13 at Colemar, and about 100 in other places in the valley.

POACHERS' NETS SEIZED.

Outfit Worth \$300 Confiscated by Essex Inspector.

Windsor, Ont., despatch: Seven hundred feet of what is known as "trible net" was seized by Inspector Chauvin yesterday at the lower end of Grassy Island. The nets were the property of a Wandotte, Mich., poacher named Clarke, and are valued at over \$300. The nets will be destroyed, their use being illegal on both sides of the river. This is the second seizure made by Inspector Chauvin within the past two weeks.

NOT AS KNOT LINES.

North German Lloyd Company Will Not Try to Build Them.

London, Sept. 30.—The Daily Mail's Bremen correspondent telegraphs that Herr Wiegand, director of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, says the report from New York that his company will build 28-knot steamships is rubbish.

He adds that the company would gladly do it, but such speed in a merchant vessel cannot be attained. The North German Lloyd has enough fast ships for the immediate future. It does not intend to build any more.

LUSITANIA BROKE ONE RECORD

ON HER LATEST OCEAN TRIP,

But Slower Than on First Trip—Rough Weather, Poor Coal and Poor Stokers.

Queenstown, Sept. 30.—The Cunard Line steamer Lusitania, from New York September 21, arrived here at 3.56 a.m. to-day, the passage thus occupying 5 days 4 hours and 10 minutes, or 3 hours 23 minutes more than her outward run. The only record broken was that of the Lusitania of the same line.

Sandy Hook lightship was passed at 6.37 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, and the Lusitania had covered 300 miles up to noon on Sunday, September 22. On Monday at noon the steamer had added 524 miles to her previous run. At noon on Tuesday she had covered 625 miles more. A noon on Wednesday she had made an additional run of 320 miles. At noon on Thursday she had 523 miles more to her credit, and at 3.56 a.m. to-day she had run 336 miles from noon yesterday to Daunt's Rock, making the total distance, 2,907 nautical miles, at an average speed of 22.38 per hour.

The comparative slowness of the voyage cannot be attributed to fog. On only one day, Monday, was fog entered on the log, and the ship ran 894 miles that day, only six miles below her best day's work. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday a strong northeasterly wind, with a rough sea, was encountered.

The American coal was said by the engineers not to have been so satisfactory as the coal used during the westward trip, and the stoke hole work was not altogether up to the proper mark. But the confidence of the engineer in the Lusitania's ability to beat all competitors when "things are running smoothly" is not diminished.

The new liner behaved splendidly during the very heavy weather of the last three days of the trip and the passengers were lavish in their praise of the comfort which they enjoyed on board the vessel.

OUR JUVENILES.

PUNISHMENT FOR ADULTS WHO ENCOURAGE JUVENILE CRIME.

What J. J. Kelso Says About It—Men Responsible for Many Boys Committing Crime—Bill Dealing With the Matter Before the Government.

Speaking of juvenile delinquencies, Mr. J. J. Kelso, superintendent of neglected and dependent children of Ontario, says:

In nearly every case where boys commit crime it will be found on close investigation that there is some adult who is responsible. The child is punished, but the really responsible person goes free. Not long ago two boys were arrested for breaking into a store and stealing tobacco and cigars. They were placed in jail, and, their guilt being clearly established, were committed to the reformatory. After the trial, however, the boys told how they had been bribed to commit the crime by a man who had received and disposed of the goods. The authorities were informed of this, and the man was arrested and sent to the Central Prison for a year. The sentence of the boys was reversed, and they were allowed to return home under supervision, with the result that they have been doing well since that time.

About a year ago a similar case was brought to my attention, in which a boy of fifteen was arrested for stealing a large quantity of goods from his employer. He was put up to do this by an elderly man of apparent respectability, who received and disposed of the stolen property. Pending trial, the boy was kept in jail, while the man was granted bail, and when the trial came on the man, through legal and other influence, was able to escape, while the boy was given a sentence of imprisonment. Only a few days ago the magistrate at Toronto Junction committed a boy of ten to the reformatory for stealing, and is credited with the making the remark: "If I could only send some of the parents to jail they might look after their children better."

There is a general feeling throughout the country that there should be a more careful inquiry into the offences of children, so that the punishment could be placed on the right shoulders.

In a bill now before the Dominion Government relating to juvenile delinquency, there is the following clause:

"Any person who knowingly or willfully encourages, aids, causes, abets or commits at the commission by a child of a delinquency, or who knowingly or willfully does any act producing, promoting or contributing to a child's being or becoming a juvenile delinquent, whether or not such person is the parent or guardian of the child, or who, being the parent or guardian of the child and being able to do so, wilfully neglects to do that which would directly tend to prevent a child being or becoming a juvenile delinquent, shall be liable on summary conviction before a juvenile court of a justice, to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or to both fine and imprisonment."

In my opinion the passage of such an amendment and its vigorous enforcement is badly needed.

ONTARIO VEGETABLE CROPS.

RECENT RAINS HAVE IMPROVED THE SITUATION AND PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHTER.

The vegetable outlook in Ontario, as reported by the crop correspondents of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, is much better than it was last month. Most of the crops look fairly well, as the situation has been greatly improved by rains. The crops with most gardeners will yield more than was anticipated, as good growth is being made. Since the rains started the growth has been steady and sure. Prices in general have been good.

The reports indicate that the cabbage crop will be good. The same may be said of cauliflowers, except in the districts around Toronto and Kingston. Celery promises to yield a good crop of excellent quality. Tomatoes turned out a little better than was expected, but the crop on the whole has been very light; prices have been high. The onion crop will not be up to much; in some sections it will be fair; but in others the reports are discouraging. In the district around Scotland, where large quantities usually are grown, there will be only about two-thirds of a crop, and it is of fair quality. There has been an excellent crop of melons. Squash and cucumbers are scarce. Sweet corn is less

than half a crop. Late beans are fair to plentiful. Table roots, such as carrots, beets, parsnips and turnips, are good in all localities, except that the parsnip crop around Ottawa will be short, and the turnips are a failure in the Kingston district. There has been some improvement in the potato outlook, but on the whole the crop will be only fair.

EXPELLED NUNS.

They Are Cheered While Troops Drive Them From Home.

Gravelines, France, Sept. 30.—The Ursuline nuns were expelled from their residence yesterday by a detachment of troops, assisted by gendarmes. The sisters, who keep a large girls' school, are very popular in the neighborhood, and a large crowd gathered and expressed their displeasure at the proceedings. They cheered the nuns repeatedly, and the gendarmes were powerless to disperse them.

TORONTO MAN SHOT IN CHICAGO.

Fatal Result of a Fracas With a Bartender.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 30.—Michael Skarritt, 30 years of age, whose home is said to be in Toronto, Can., was shot and mortally wounded shortly before 2 o'clock this morning in a fight with Charles Thayer, 26 years of age, a friend of the saloon of Joseph Cohen, where Thayer was employed as a bartender.

When taken to the Emergency Hospital and revived the wounded man gave the name of Frank Kelly, and said he was employed as a section-hand by the Northwestern Railway. Later he admitted his identity, but refused to talk about the shooting.

The police suspect that an attempt at robbery by Skarritt and a companion may have caused the shooting.

MINERS' PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

Row at Meeting in Halesbury—Interfered With Police.

Cobalt, Ont., Sept. 30.—President Mc. Guire, of the Cobalt Miners' Union, was last night locked up at Halesbury as a result of trying to conduct a union meeting there. When Organizer Roadhouse, who was with Mc. Guire, started to speak in a vacant lot, a number of Halesbury's juveniles formed into a band and began vigorously blowing tin horns, whistles and flutes.

Mc. Guire, who became annoyed at the interruption, cuffed one of the boys, and when a police officer interceded a row began. The president of the union and some of his sympathizers were arrested for interfering with an officer of the law. Roadhouse tried to speak again at the station, but was prevented by a crowd of Halesbury's citizens.

GOULD HAS CONFESSED.

The Former Montreal Milliner a Cruel Murderer.

Monte Carlo, Sept. 30.—Vere St. Leger Gould, who lived for some time in Montreal, and carried on a millinery business there, has written to a local judge confessing that he and his wife, Violet, murdered Emma Levin, whose dismembered body was found in their baggage, August 6th, at Marseilles. They robbed the woman after knocking her unconscious, and when she screamed they killed her.

In my opinion the passage of such an amendment and its vigorous enforcement is badly needed.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

New York Local Wants Leased Wire Operators Called Out.

New York, Sept. 30.—The New York Local of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union voted to-night to call out all leased wire operators employed by the press and brokers' offices in this city if such action shall be sanctioned by the national officers. Action by the national officers will be awaited before anything further will be done.

MULLOY FOR OXFORD.

Blind Trooper to Take Post-Graduate Course in English University.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—Blind Trooper Mulloy left to-day for Oxford, where he will pursue a post-graduate course. It has been suggested in influential quarters here that a portion of the balance still remaining of the Canadian patriotic fund could very properly be appropriated towards paying the cost of the three years' post-graduate course which Mr. Mulloy intends taking at Oxford.

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