

DEAD IN THE SHAFT THE CIVIC FINANCES MONEY FOR SCHOOLS THE POLICE FORCE THE BAPTIST CHURCH INCIDENTS IN GERMANY

PETER B. HOLCOMB MEETS WITH FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE WAR EAGLE.

THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE FATALITY NOT YET MADE KNOWN.

Peter B. Holcomb was accidentally killed at the War Eagle mine yesterday afternoon. The cause of the accident has not been established, but the impression is that Holcomb fell down the shaft while at work, crushing his skull on the timbers where the body lodged. An inquest will be held today to establish the facts as far as possible. The fatality was discovered at 1:30 o'clock when Foreman Tippitt descended the shaft with Electrician McVicar. Mr. Tippitt was standing near the edge of the shaft and was suddenly startled by coming in contact with Holcomb's body, which was wedged against the timbers at a point about 50 feet above the station on the 400-foot level. An investigation was immediately made, but it was discovered that life had fled, and the body was taken to the surface, whence it was removed to Lockhart & Jordan's mortuary. The deceased man had worked at the Centre Star and War Eagle for the past two months, or since the mines resumed operations. He was termed a roperman, and his duties were to attend to the cable in the shaft of both mines, together with the rollers used as guides, which require more or less constant oiling. This took him into the shaft frequently, but an arrangement existed whereby he controlled the skip and had it stopped when performing any duty above the spot where his body was discovered, and that his skull was fractured by the fall. Today's inquest will possibly shed some light on the fatality. Dr. Reddick, the coroner, was notified and decided that an official inquest was necessary. The late Peter B. Holcomb was about 35 years of age, and unmarried, so far as is known here. He was a native of Lambertville, New Jersey, and friends there have been communicated with. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, identified with the lodge at Lone Pine, Nebraska. The officers of the fraternity have taken steps to notify the Nebraska brethren and will take charge of the funeral arrangements if the remains are interred in Roseland. Holcomb came to Roseland a couple of months ago, and was regarded by the mine management as a thoroughly experienced and competent man for his special work. He was industrious and popular among his fellow workmen. An investigation of his papers showed that he possessed mining interests in Alaska.

COMMUNICATIONS

FATHER PAT'S MEMORY.

To the Editor—I have read with the deepest interest your articles on the death of our late lamented and beloved "Father Pat." During my residence in Roseland of about 18 months I had the honor of being closely in touch with the late Rev. gentleman, during which time I had frequently confidential talks with him, and I trust that it will not be a breach of confidence to state that the matter which lay nearest his heart was his church and its teachings. So, therefore, I would respectfully suggest that the members of St. George's church hasten on the good work which the late Rev. gentleman commenced, viz. to erect a suitable and substantial building for public worship for the use of the aforesaid body, and that a memorial window be put into said building during the course of erection. Also, as the late Rev. gentleman was essentially a missionary priest, I would suggest that a mission church be built to his memory somewhere in the Kootenays, where the late Rev. gentleman has labored so assiduously and the results of his labor are felt. I would also suggest that the present structure used for public worship by the members of St. George's be left in its present position and be preserved for at least 20 years, for the building is at least a true monument of the late Rev. gentleman's hard and practical work, since it caused him no little thought and labor to erect a building in Roseland's pioneer days. Perhaps it is not generally known that the late Rev. gentleman started his church in a room in the International hotel, and at all times before commencing service he himself cleaned out the room and prepared it for the worship of Almighty God. D. N. HAMMOND. Grand Forks, Jan. 30.

ONE WAS KILLED.

Two Men Had a Fatal Fight Over a Game of Cards.

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 1.—Details were received here today of a fatal shooting affray at the mining town of Keystone, W. Va., last night, in which Daniel Harmon and Dr. E. J. Daniels were engaged in a game of cards when a dispute arose and the shooting quickly followed. After the smoke had cleared away it was found that Harmon had been shot and instantly killed. Both were popular. Harmon, who leaves a wife and children, recently sold some coal lands, by which deal he is said to have cleared up \$150,000. Charles Coit, assistant superintendent for the Spokane Falls & Northern road, is in the city this morning.

TRUSTEES, MAYOR AND ALDERMEN HOLD AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE.

THE QUESTION OF KEEPING EXPENDITURE WITHIN THE REVENUE.

A joint meeting of school trustees and members of the city council took place yesterday afternoon at the city hall. The members of the two important civic bodies concluded it was best in the interests of the community generally that they should meet and discuss such matters as were of common interest prior to taking final steps respecting their fiscal policies during the year, hence the conference. The trustees have in their hands the expenditure of a large sum of money for school purposes, and they wished to know exactly where the city stood in regard to its finances, on the ground that a thorough knowledge of existing conditions would be of value to them in the financing of their own department of the corporation's business. In attendance were Trustees McCraney, Galt, Grigor and Mrs. Chisholm, Mayor Clute, Aldermen MacKenzie, Daniel, Armstrong and Embleton. The meeting was informal, there being no chairman. As it was the trustee board that sought the information, much of the session was devoted to figures and facts relating to the city's financial standing. It was demonstrated conclusively that the strictest economy was essential for the ensuing year, and that the city council would have an extremely trying problem to finance the city smoothly. It was demonstrated that even without the schools to support the council would have found difficulty in putting the city through on the same basis of revenue as last year, and that if the proposed to curtail in every possible direction. An estimate was given as to the year's expenditure and the statement made that a saving of something over \$4,000 was to be made by lopping off the outlay in certain departments. The full text of this policy of curtailment will be made public, in all probability, at next council meeting. Such was the condition of affairs before the council reached the point where it could take up the school finances. Under the Municipal Classes Act the levy for school purposes is restricted to two mills, and such a levy would only net the city \$3,000 under the most favorable circumstances. This leaves the council in the position of being compelled to supplement the levy for school purposes out of the levy for general purposes, which is restricted to 15 mills, and all of which is already appropriated, largely in fixed expenditures. Thus it was pointed out that in bringing their expenditure for schools to the lowest possible point at the present juncture, the trustees would only assist the council in solving the knotty problem of finances. It was shown that the curtailments to be effected by the council would not give the council money to expend in other quarters, but would simply reduce the probable deficit by the amount of the sums saved to the treasury. Inevitably the question of teachers' salaries came into the discussion, and so far as the council was concerned, it was explicitly stated that the aldermen looked at this question solely from the point of expediency. One and all realized that in several instances the salaries paid teachers were not all that could be desired, and on all sides the hope was expressed that, in some way, could be done to more adequately remunerate the teachers for their services. At the same time the hope was expressed that the board might at this juncture, when the city council was lopping off all assistants and otherwise curtailing the expenditure in every department, join hands in a policy of retrenchment that would enable the city to conduct its business for the year on a substantial financial basis. The conference was of a most friendly nature. The officials present met on the common basis—the interests of their constituents, and the plain statement of all the circumstances which each board has to meet will undoubtedly be of material assistance to the trustees and aldermen in the important trusts committed to their care. The school board holds its regular meeting this afternoon.

A VISITING MASON.

Pleasant Banquet in Honor of William R. Tonkin, of Butte.

The following Nobles of the Mystic Shrine were given a banquet at the War Eagle hotel Thursday night by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tonkin, in honor of Mr. Tonkin's brother, William R. Tonkin, who is visiting him from Butte, Mont. His Worship Mayor Clute, George A. Mitchell, A. G. Larsen, Wm. Harp, Sam W. Hall, Keith Lackey, Chas. V. Jenkins, I. B. Kenty, John Dunlop, Henry Martin, and N. A. Burritt as toastmaster. Mr. Tonkin's reputation as a caterer and a host is too well known to require any comment. In fact the whole family shine strongly in that respect. It was one of the most enjoyable events of its kind ever held in the city. The speeches after the repast were particularly interesting. William R. Tonkin attended the Paris exposition and visited the passion play at Oberammergau. He is an unusually well informed Mason and has held some of the most important offices in the craft in Montana. In his remarks on the blending of his Masonic life of the life of Christ as pictured by the passion play was most interesting, and every member present vied with the other in expressions of approval and admiration. Mr. Tonkin leaves for his home today and carries the best wishes of a host of friends made during his short sojourn in the city.

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR AS REVISED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SCALE OF TEACHERS' SALARIES REDUCED FROM THAT PROPOSED.

The question of school teachers' salaries was finally settled at the meeting of the board yesterday afternoon. Some increases are granted, and several of the increases are of a more substantial nature than was deemed wise by at least one of the board, but the aggregate is substantially reduced from the original estimate and yesterday's proceedings will relieve the ratepayers of several hundreds of dollars in taxes during the present year. The scale arrived at for the teachers as finally adopted was as below:

Former Scale	New Scale
Principal McTaggart	\$100
Principal Tait	90
Principal McTavish	75
Mr. Bruce	65
Miss Agnew	50
Miss Blair	50
Mr. Elley	50
Miss Renwick	50
Miss Grant	50
Miss Harding	50
Miss Walker	50
Miss Taylor	50
Miss Shrapnel	50
Marshall, janitor	50
White, janitor	35

The aggregate estimated expenditure for teachers' and janitors' salaries as originally contemplated was \$12,615. Under the amended estimate this is reduced to \$11,960.

In addition the estimates for the ensuing year call for an appropriation of \$2000 for fuel and miscellaneous expenses and \$415 for insurance, although it should be borne in mind that the outlay for these items covers a period of three years from date.

The sum asked by the trustees from the city is therefore \$14,375, less the amount of the government grant, which is placed at \$8500, leaving the sum to be raised by taxation \$5875.

The trustees will also ask the council to consider the matter of making further grants under the head of extraordinary expenditures. The school act does not allow the trustees to make a peremptory demand under the heading of extraordinary expenditure, as is the case with ordinary school outlay. However, the board would like to have placed at their disposal \$2000 for fitting up four additional rooms at the Cook avenue school, which may be required before the end of the year. This outlay would have its compensations, as the school attendance would necessarily have increased sufficient to augment the government grant substantially. The sum of \$200 is also asked for grading the grounds about the Cook avenue school. As thus complied, the estimates will go to the city council on Tuesday night next. At one stage of the proceedings there was some crossing between the trustees and the council. Trustee Grigor in discussing the increases in salaries stated that in his opinion the board would be justified in demanding the resignations of half the teachers on the staff on the ground of inefficiency. Chairman McCraney was strongly of the opinion that Trustee Grigor had no right to say anything of the kind when he did not do anything about the matter. Trustee Grigor had gone into the schools with the other trustees and seen a dozen teachers at work on one occasion, which did not give him anything like the information to justify the statement made. Before adjournment Trustee Galt stated that all the insurance on the school building aggregating \$17,000 had been placed. Of this amount \$12,000 was in non-Tariff companies at \$2.50 per hundred, on which a further reduction might be secured, while the balance was in Tariff companies at \$2.13%. By resolution of the trustees Grigor and Mrs. Chisholm the action taken by Trustee Galt was approved by the board.

YERKES DISAPPOINTED.

Metropolitan Company's Property Not to be Handed Over.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—"No portion of the Metropolitan company's property shall be handed over to Mr. Yerkes and his associates as the price of union with the District railway," was the burden of the directors' statement at the meeting of the Metropolitan Railway company. The anticipated split in favor of handing over the control of the road to Mr. Yerkes did not occur. The chairman said shareholders representing £1,500,000 of stock wanted the company to hand over £13,000,000 of capital to the Yerkes traction company, with a capital of only £1,000,000. "The railways must work friendly," said the chairman, "but the District asked overmuch and gave over little." The Metropolitan calculated that it cost supply its own electricity, thus saving £100,000 a year on the Yerkes proposition.

SUGAR BOUNTIES.

Belgian Government Asks for Their Termination.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Wiring from Brussels, the correspondent of the Standard says that the international sugar conference has been charged by the Belgian government to frame a new treaty abolishing all kinds of sugar bounties and installing a permanent international commission empowered to inflict fines not exceeding 500,000 francs on the governments offending against this treaty.

JOHN S. INGRAM APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF CONSTABLE.

GEORGE T. BRADSHAW MADE SERGEANT AND K. PRINGLE PATROLMAN.

Roseland's police force has been completely reorganized. As constituted today the force is as follows: John S. Ingram, chief constable. George T. Bradshaw, sergeant. Kenneth Pringle, patrolman (temporary). Yesterday afternoon the resignation of Frank Vaughan from the post of chief constable was accepted, and the services of Nell McPhee, sergeant, and Donald McDonald, jailer, were dispensed with. Patrolman Bradshaw was advanced to the post of sergeant, and Kenneth Pringle was taken on as patrolman. The latter appointment is not made permanently as yet. John S. Ingram took charge of the police force at midnight. The citizens are too familiar with the new chief's ability as a police officer to doubt for an instant that the city will be thoroughly and impartially policed during his regime. Chief Ingram knows his duty thoroughly and will administer the office fairly and impartially. The same treatment of every class of the community will be the platform of the police authorities.

Sergeant Bradshaw is the only member of the old force to be retained under the new organization. He is known to citizens generally as an officer who has passed through a trying period with his reputation unimpaired and his promotion to the post of sergeant is a tribute to the unswerving performance of duty irrespective of all interests and elements. The new sergeant possesses in an eminent degree the qualifications of a peace officer, and his appointment is creditable to the commissioners.

K. Pringle, patrolman on probation, has had considerable experience of constabulary work and should make an excellent officer. He possesses the intelligence and physique to prove a valuable addition to the force.

The changes in the police force will doubtless come as a surprise to many citizens who have not followed the trend of events closely during the past six months. The Miner does not propose to discuss the changes further, beyond stating that the commissioners had ample justification for their desire to improve the local police system by sweeping changes.

THE JURY'S VERDICT

PETER B. HOLCOMB'S DEATH DUE TO SOME UNEXPLAINED ACCIDENT.

NO BLAME TO BE ATTACHED TO MINE MANAGEMENT OR EMPLOYEES.

Peter B. Holcomb came to his death in the shaft of the War Eagle mine by accident, and no blame can be attached to the mine management or any of its employees for the fatality. This is the verdict of the coroner's jury which went into the case and heard all the evidence that could be produced to throw light upon the manner in which the fatal accident occurred.

Yesterday the following citizens were empaneled as a jury by Dr. Reddick, the coroner: Frederick Bauer, foreman, Iver E. Almstrong, Frank D. Fortin, Fred Rutherford, Herman L. Nicholson and Joseph E. Lancaster. Sergeant Bradshaw, of the police department, acted as clerk of the court. The inquest convened at the city hall during the afternoon and proceeded to the mortuary at Lockhart & Jordan's establishment, where the body was in the custody of the coroner. The court then went to the War Eagle mine and were taken to the points in the shaft where the body was discovered, and where some of the deceased man's belongings were found, demonstrating the location in which he was working shortly before the fatality.

Evidence was taken in the office of the War Eagle company, where Dr. Reddick held court for the convenience of the employees of the mine, who would have lost considerable time in coming down town. Superintendent Davis, Foreman Tippitt, Electrician McVicar and others were called before the jury to give information. The evidence all went to show that while the exact cause of the fatality could not be established, there was no reason to doubt that the deceased had taken the usual precautions and that his death was not therefore caused by the negligence of anyone. The opinion was expressed that he had fallen down the shaft through a mis-step or other means of which no one will ever learn.

After the proceedings on the hill an adjournment was taken till last night, when the jury brought in its verdict at the city hall.

SUBMARINE BOAT.

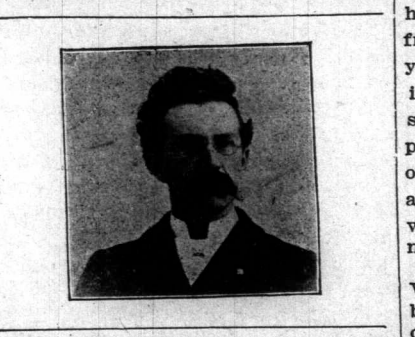
An Addition to the Fleet Launched Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The submarine torpedo boat Plunger was launched at Elliptical Point, N. J., today. The vessel is a sister ship of the Moccasin, added to the fleet of the Navy. She is 63 feet 4 inches long and of 11 feet 9 inches beam. She has a displacement of 104 tons and 115 tons under water. She will be propelled by gasoline engines.

REV. J. BURTT MORGAN TO COMMENCE HIS PASORATE THIS MORNING.

THE REV. GENTLEMAN'S CAREER AS A TEACHER AND A CLERGYMAN.

(From Sunday morning's paper.) Rev. J. Burtt Morgan, B. A., will assume the pastorate of the Roseland Baptist church this morning, bringing to the work a strong personality and pulpit ability in a marked degree. He is 35 years of age and Canadian by birth, having been born in Fredericton, N. B. His education was obtained in the collegiate school of Fredericton, under the tuition of Dr. George R. Parkin, the well known educationist who is now at the head of the Upper Canada college. On matriculation Mr. Morgan entered Acadia university, graduating in the class of '87 with first-class honors in mathematics and metaphysics. His oration on behalf of the graduating class was considered to be the first among the many delivered on the occasion. He then took a position on the staff of the Baptist college at Woodstock, Ontario, as professor of junior mathematics and superintendent of the preparatory class; at this time the subject of this sketch was 20 years of age. On November 23, 1894, Mr. Morgan was ordained into the ministry of the Baptist church, and has labored steadily in the ministerial field since. His first charge was at Jacksonville, N. B. Prior to coming west Mr. Morgan was pastor at Aylesford, N. S., for a number of years, the town being the thriving centre of the famous Annapolis Valley. On assuming the pastorate of Aylesford Mr. Morgan found the church heavily involved financially, and otherwise in an undesirable condition. Before the close of his pastorate the deficit had been wiped out, and a new church erected that stands as one of the best equipped edifices, outside of the cities, in the maritime provinces.



Mr. Morgan has taken an active part in the various denominational undertakings of the Baptist church, particularly along educational lines in the church institution at Wolfville, N. S. He has been for several years and now is a member of the senate of Acadia university. In addition, the new pastor of Roseland's Baptist church has been closely identified with the Baptist Young People's Union in the churches with which he has been identified, and in the work at large. For several years he was chairman of the transportation committee of the International Convention, and in this capacity organized and took large delegations to the Buffalo convention in 1893 and to the Richmond, Va., gathering in 1899. At the Richmond convention Mr. Morgan was the spokesman and representative on the platform of the Maritime Provinces delegation.

Rev. Mr. Morgan was a member of the committee which organized the first National Baptist Convention of Canada, at Winnipeg in 1900. He was transportation leader from the east, brought a strong delegation to the convention, and afterwards brought the same party to the west, this being his first introduction to the Pacific slope. In December, 1900, Mr. Morgan assumed charge of the Nelson Baptist church. The church was young and small in membership, and the recent exodus of population due to the unusually quiet period in Nelson reduced the strength of the church to a point where it became impossible for the congregation to maintain a pastor with a family. Under these circumstances Mr. Morgan tendered his resignation as pastor on December 1, but it was not accepted. Later, on January 1, he pressed the matter of resigning, and the congregation reluctantly acquiesced. On learning of this the Roseland church extended an invitation to Mr. Morgan, which he accepted last week.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the Baptists of Roseland have been extremely fortunate in the choice of a successor to the former pastor. Mr. Morgan is a young man of exceptional ability and possessing the energy and vim that appeals to the western mind in every walk of life. The Miner predicts a successful pastorate for Rev. J. Burtt Morgan, B. A.

MAY FIGHT JEFFRIES.

A Proposition Yesterday Submitted to Bob Fitzsimmons.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—James J. Kennedy met Bob Fitzsimmons here today and offered him terms for a fight with J. J. Jeffries for the championship of the world. These terms suit the Cornishman, and it is assumed that Jeffries will also agree to them, inasmuch as William Delaney, Jeffries' manager, had been sounded by Kennedy as to what the conditions would be should the matter be definitely broached. Kennedy's object is to have the men fight before a club in San Francisco in which he is interested. Jeffries will arrive in this city tomorrow from New England.

Col. Egan arrived in the city last evening from Nelson.

A Very Grave Question Concerning Prince Henry's Visit.

American Control of German Steamships Not Relished.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—Prince Henry of Prussia will not officially arrive in America until he has walked across the Thirty-fourth street pier at New York, ascended the Hohenzollern's gangway and the Imperial standard is hoisted.

Various suggestions have been cabled from Washington as to where and how the prince shall be transferred from the Kron Prinz Wilhelm to the yacht. Prince Henry has decided that it will be most inconvenient for the steamship to dock on one side of the pier and the Hohenzollern on the other. He will leave the German liner and step on board the yacht, where he will receive Mayor Low and other members of the welcoming party.

The U. S. ambassador, Andrew D. White, the secretary of the U. S. embassy, John B. Jackson, and all the other members of the embassy will assemble at the railroad station tomorrow to bid an official farewell to Prince Henry, who will leave Berlin at 9 a. m. for Kiel. The prince will return from Kiel on February 9th to receive the Emperor's farewell instructions, but it is expected that he will go to Potsdam and will not visit Berlin.

The U. S. naval attaché, Commander W. H. Beecher, will see the prince off at Bremerhaven. Every berth on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm has been taken, a thing previously unknown at this time of the year. A German version of Jerome K. Jerome's "Miss Hobbs" was produced at the royal theatre yesterday evening. The audience enjoyed the play, but the critics predict that it will not draw long. The American colony here will celebrate St. Valentine's day by giving a minstrel show, the first to be witnessed in Germany. It is for the benefit of the American Girls' club, of which Mrs. White, wife of the U. S. ambassador, is president. Twenty states will be represented in the cast.

Prof. Ernest F. von Halle, who with T. J. Schwartz, visited the United States to study shipbuilding in behalf of the German marine ministry writes to today's Woche advocating some sort of governmental measure to prevent Americans from acquiring German steamship lines. Among the suggestions is that lines be offered by government officials, the ownership remaining in private hands, as in the case of the Reichbank, or making the ownership of such stock unlawful for non-Germans.

He points out the difficulty of the government's buying the companies outright, as it would involve the acquisition of property at ports all over the world, which might lead to complications. He says however that as a result of his inquiries he does not believe Americans have bought much German steamship stock. Prof. von Halle believes it is theoretically possible for Americans to buy a majority of the stock of German companies, but he says German financiers do not believe the Morgan group of capitalists possess such irresistible capital as outsiders imagine, and asserts that the seemingly gigantic capital of the United States is so strongly watered that it might disappear in times of a crisis.

Christian Science promoted by Mrs. Seals and other American women has been a lively press topic this week, the city authorities have prohibited meetings of the newly organized German society, on the general ground that physiological treatment of disease does not deserve the municipality's endorsement. Christian Science has obtained considerable following in high social circles.

The Reichstag tariff committees votes this week are regarded as making the bill's fate more uncertain than ever. The non-agrarian supporters of the measure say the agrarian majority has gravely endangered its passage through excessive demands. The vote in favor of certificates of origin and the application of foreign customs regulations and the duties against states treating Germany unfairly place the government in an extremely unpleasant dilemma, after the solemn warnings of the Imperial secretary of state for the interior, Count von Pasadowski-Wehner. The opinion is generally expressed that the government will finally accept the objectionable amendments, relying on the Bundesrath not to enforce them.

Frank Sears, one of Grand Forks' oldest real estate and mining brokers, is at the Allan.

CATARRH SUFFERERS READ!

C. G. Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have had catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, and since using the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. It relieves in 10 minutes. 10. Sold by Gooden Bros."