

**ALLEGED SLAYER
MAY ESCAPE TRIAL****Mrs. Nellie Kniffen Likely To
Be Sent to the Insane
Asylum.**

Detroit, Dec. 20.—The examination of Mrs. Nellie Kniffen, formerly of Simcoe, Ont., held on a charge of killing her husband with an axe early Monday morning at her home, 375 Le May avenue, will probably be held in Justice Jeffries' court next Friday, and the outcome will decide whether she will be further prosecuted as the slayer of her husband, or steps taken to have her adjudged insane and sent to one of the state institutions.

When arraigned in Justice Jeffries' court yesterday on a charge of homicide, the woman stood mute, and a plea of not guilty was entered. She was remanded to the county jail without bail.

"The case will take the usual course," said Prosecutor Van Zile last night. "The woman's examination will be held probably Friday. In case it is decided to take steps to prove her sanity, her case will be taken care of in the usual way."

In the opinion of Capt. McDonnell, the woman will never be brought to trial for the killing of her husband.

"The woman is undoubtedly insane," said Capt. McDonnell yesterday. "and should not be allowed to run at large. We will submit all the evidence we have to the prosecutor, and let him decide what to do with her."

The first emotion Mrs. Kniffen has exhibited since her arrest was apparent yesterday, after she had been arraigned and was taken back to her cell in the county jail.

"My God, is prison like this?" she exclaimed as the cell door clanged shut on her. "If it is, I think I will never be able to stand it. How do they treat you in prison?"

She gazed about her with staring eyes, but soon regained her composure. She then began to question those about her concerning conditions in the various state asylums for the insane.

"How would they treat me if I was sent to Elmore or Pontiac?" she inquired. "Heavens, I hope they don't send me to Elmore," she continued. "it must be terrible up there."

The woman then told of her fear that her husband would send her to an asylum or home for the feeble-minded. She admitted that she was rather forgetful and had some difficulty in remembering the name of the street on which she lived, and that she could not remember the number without considerable mental effort.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

GLENCOE.—A village bylaw is voted on and carried to expend \$14,000 to install an electric light plant. This amount not being sufficient to complete the work, has the council power to expend, say \$5,000 more, and take it out of the general fund? or should a second bylaw be submitted to the ratepayers? If not, is the council individually liable for this extra outlay?

ANSWER.—It is the duty of the council to complete the work. The additional expense may be provided for by the annual taxation if the rate for other purposes will allow of it, but if not or if the council so decides a bylaw to issue debentures must be submitted to the ratepayers. The members of the council are not personally liable for the extra outlay caused by an erroneous estimate.

"SANTA CLAUS" CARNEGIE**U. S. Steel Corporation Divides \$2,700,000 Among Employees.**

New York, Dec. 20.—The United States Steel Corporation announced today its plan for distributing a bonus to the officers and employees of the corporation and subsidiary corporations in accordance with its annual practice. The sum to be distributed for 1916 amounts to approximately \$2,700,000. The amount is determined by the annual earnings.

The bonus will be paid 50 per cent in common stock, at \$70 a share, and 40 per cent in cash. Last year the bonus was paid 60 per cent in cash and 40 per cent in preferred stock at \$124 a share, or common stock at \$80 a share.

This year the usual opportunity will be given to subscribers for shares of the corporation on a basis of \$114 a share for preferred and \$70 a share for the common.

**PEACE NEGOTIATIONS
IN WINNIPEG STRIKE****Civic Committee Endeavoring to Settle
the Street Car Trouble.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The civic committee worked all day negotiating with the company and men in an effort to settle the street car strike.

It was stated today that a section of the men who are opposed to the strike tried to hold a mass meeting in Fairbairn's hall, but the stronger union element blocked business.

It seems certain, however, that a number of the men are keeping in touch with the company's officials and giving them an idea that they want to come back.

STILL AF TER FEDERENKO**Russian Officials May Lay New
Charges Against Refugee.**

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—No advice has been received by the department of justice here that Savva Fedorenko, the Russian refugee, was freed at Winnipeg. According to the dispatches yesterday the Russian Government had withdrawn the second charge of attempted murder.

An official here, who is representing the Russian Government in the matter, says that he never gave any instructions that the charge of attempted murder be withdrawn, and fails to see how it could be done without his orders.

Nicholas De Struve, Russian consul-general for Canada, was in the city, discussing the case with this official, and as a result of the conference it is highly probable that should the charge of attempted murder prove insufficient to extradite Fedorenko, other charges of the same and a more serious nature will be laid.

LOST HIS TEETH.

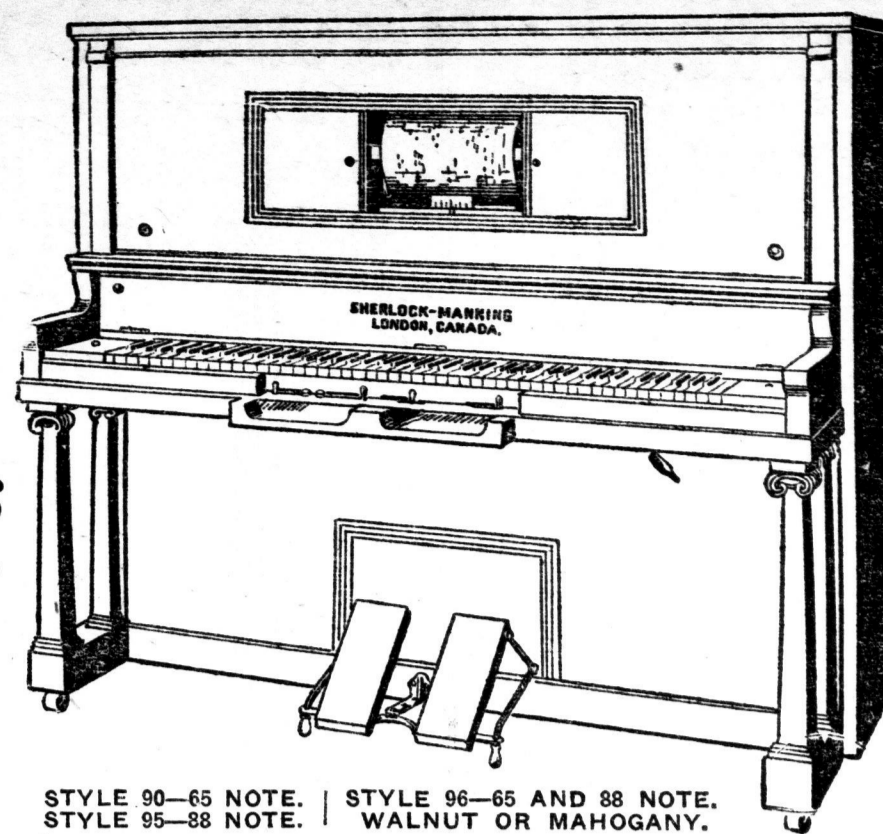
Toronto, Dec. 20.—A county court jury this morning awarded to Morris Wittenburg, a mechanic, \$150 as damages for four front upper teeth knocked out by the fist of James Kemp.

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London -- -- Canada****TWO BIG CONFLAGRATIONS
IN UPPER NEW YORK****Several Factories Destroyed in
Heart of a Tenement
District.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Two early morning fires in the upper part of New York city resulted today in the death of one man, a watchman, the serious injury of a fireman, and property damage estimated at \$350,000.

The first fire was in a six-story brick factory building at 494-498 East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, the Bronx. The building occupied by Xefas & Co., brass manufacturers, had just been rebuilt after a fire which eight months ago swept through its interior, leaving little but the heavy walls. Today's fire was literally a repetition of the structure's previous experience, and when the flames were put under control after three hours' hard work by a battalion of firemen, the naked walls stood bare again, just as they had stood one morning eight months ago.

The watchman of the building is believed to have perished in the flames. One fireman, William Kerst, of engine No. 68, was badly injured. He fell 40 feet from the roof of the burning building to the roof of an adjoining tenement. His left arm was broken, and he was taken to Lincoln Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain.

Scenes of Panic. The factory was located in the heart of a populous tenement district, and the discovery of the blaze was followed by scenes of panic in the surrounding buildings. Police reserves hurried through the narrow hallways, arousing the tenants in the belief that the entire block was doomed. The policemen had great difficulty in getting some of the families awake, but once awakened the wild scramble of men, women and children for the stairways threatened to result in serious injury to the weaker ones. Finally the frightened people were assembled silencing in the snowy street, and a careful examination showed that no one had been seriously hurt. Three alarms were necessary before the firemen prevented the flames from spreading. The burned building is a complete wreck, the loss being set at \$100,000.

The second fire, one of New York's rare "four alarm" fires, was in a five-story factory building at West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, and Morningside avenue. The chief danger in the blaze was that it might communicate with an adjacent dyeing and cleaning factory, a low building, where several hundred gallons of gasoline were stored. Eight lines of hose were kept constantly playing over the little structure until the flames were under control and the danger of an explosion avoided.

The firms occupying the factory were: Empire Laundry Company, Fowler & Hopkins Plumbing Com-

pany, Rayer Piano Company and the New York Rug Company.

The police said that the loss to the building and the four firms would probably reach \$250,000.

HURRICANE DOWN EAST**Much Damage Done to Fishing Prop-
erty on Newfoundland Coast.**

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 20.—Newfoundland is in the grip of a hurricane, declared to be the worst that has been known here for many years. The storm has been raging for 48 hours, and shows no sign of cessation.

Already much damage to fishing property along the coast has been reported, trains are running far behind their schedules, and the effect of the storm is being felt all over the island.

Fear is expressed that many shipping disasters will be recorded before the storm blows itself out.

FINE LINE OF GARBAGE**Filled With Silver and Chinaware of
a Toronto Hotel.**

Toronto, Dec. 20.—After three hours' deliberation a jury in the sessions this evening found Anthony Mitchell, of Todmorden, guilty of stealing 2,600 pieces of silverware and 500 pieces of china from the King Edward Hotel.

The verdict was brought in with a recommendation for mercy, and His Honor Judge Morgan then told Mitchell that he would remain in jail until tomorrow, and would consider his case in the meantime.

This was the case in which it was discovered some weeks ago that a large amount of the hotel silverware, including knives, forks and spoons, teapots, jugs, platters and other kind of dishes had been during the last three months in some manner thrown into the garbage barrels, and taken out of the hotel with the garbage.

A contract of taking away the garbage from the hotel had been let to one Charles Taylor, of Todmorden, and Mitchell was the driver of the wagon which carried it away. Over \$1,500 worth of the hotel's property was recovered by Detectives McKinney and Wallace in Mitchell's house and in the houses of neighbors to whom he had sold the garbage, and some of it was found in the house of Mitchell's daughter in Port Perry.

HAD A CLOSE CALL.**(G. N. W. Dispatch.)**

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Messrs. Kenneth L. Aitken and E. M. Ashworth, heads of the city electrical department, were engaged this morning in examining a 100-watt Tungsten light, and testing the vibration of the connecting apparatus when this suddenly lurched to one side and fell on the table. A blinding explosion followed, for which the glass bulb was blown into thousands of fine pieces. Messrs. Aitken and Ashworth, however, escaped injury, though their eyes were for a foot or so away from the light at the time. The explosion marked the polished surface of the hardwood table.

**MEXICAN TROOPS
CAUGHT IN A TRAP****Wounded Government Soldiers
Brought into Chihuahua
By Scores.**

Chihuahua, Dec. 20.—Forty-two wounded Government soldiers were brought in today, confirming reports that the troop train, which left here Saturday, was shot to pieces in the mountain trap known as Mal Paso, a few miles east of Pederiales. The official reports state that the train lost 21 killed and 10 missing and 42 wounded. The latter includes Colonel Guzman, who was in command of the expedition. The insurgents' loss is not known here.

The train left here Saturday, traveling in two sections and carrying three field pieces and five hundred soldiers. Panco Villa, the bandit, who while operating independently still regards the Government as his enemy, fired on the second section as it was passing through Andania Canyon but did no damage.

The mountains of Mal Paso, however, swarmed with revolutionists. They halted the first and second sections. Colonel Guzman detained his troops, and for five hours defended himself from the desperate charges. He was in a trap, however. His enemy was on the heights, sheltered by boulders and poured in a deadly fire. He was unable to use his big guns effectively owing to the nature of the ground. Notwithstanding his precarious condition and the number of the insurgents, he held his ground for five hours. He was shot through the leg, and the third officer was raked across the abdomen.

Although General Navarro was at Pederiales or near there, he was unable to lend assistance. Unconfirmed reports state that he had his hands full with the rebels he has been fighting off and on since Thursday.

Colonel Guzman finally loaded his dead and wounded with the rest of his force on to the troop train and ran back to Bustillos.

Reports from Mexico City that General Navarro had captured Mal Paso are untrue.

**LIGHTS WENT OUT
IN THE ARMORIES!**

Something Went Wrong at the Local Power Station.

The armories were plunged in darkness last night shortly after 10 o'clock for fifteen minutes a thousand people groped in the darkness. A switch of the London Electric was connected with one of the exhibitors' booths, and there was a little light at least for the visitors.

There was a sprinkling of medical students in the crowd, and they start-

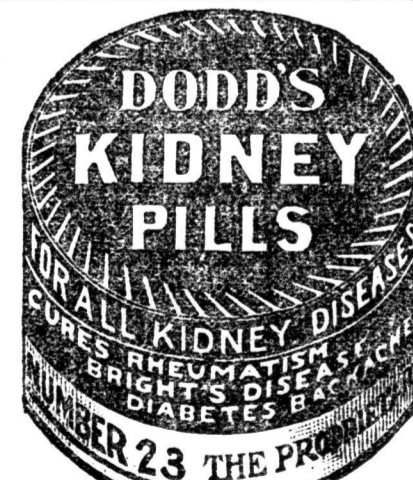
ed singing "Has Anybody Here Seen My Dr.?" The audience joined in the chorus.

The trouble was at the local distribution station on Horton street. An effort was made to start the electric pumps, and in some manner the power was cut off the light circuits.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
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Arrive from the east—3:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 11:22 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
Arrive from the west—12:09 a.m., 12:38 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:23 p.m.
Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., 6:23 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 6:53 p.m.
Depart for the west—9:55 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 6:10 p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—10:25 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 6:10 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH.
Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 7:33 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.
Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:25 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.
Arrive—4:00 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:40 p.m.

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Arrive from the west—1:20 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 8:30 p.m.
Depart for the east—4:25 a.m., 12:45 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 11:30 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 11:00 p.m.
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PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
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