PRICE TWO CENTS.

Tenement Holocaust at Kansas City; Sleepers Caught by Flames; Score Dead

A Building Containing Two Hundred Persons Razed by Midnight Fire.

Panic - Stricken Inmates Plunge From Windows to Death Below.

Kansas City, Oct. 25. - More than a score of lives are believed to have been lost in a fire that destroyed the fourstory Chamber of Commerce building, in the River View district of Kansas City, Kansas, early today. When the fire broke out 200 persons were asleep in the building, the three upper floors of which were occupied by families and lodgers. The walls of the building were of brick and stone, but the floors and partitions were of wood. No register was kept of the occupants, and it is not known exactly how many persons were in the building. Several hours must searched. Estimates of the number of dead are based largely on the number reported missing. The dead so far as positively known are:

Robert Burton, stone mason.

- Link, driver.

Infant child of John A. Sparks. Linch, with the Sparks baby in his arms, jumped from the second story. but fell in the ruins, and both perished. Among the seriously injured are:

Unknown baby, fatally, dropped from second floor.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sparks, se-Arthur Childers, policeman, run over

by hose wagon, may die.

from fourth floor, both legs fractured.

E. O. Erhart, fireman, hands burned by sliding on rope.

cut and bruised. Mrs. J. H. Rose, hands burned by

eliding on rope from fourth floor. Charles Carlin, engineer of the Nelson

Mrs. Frances Pergueck, who lived on

on the second floor. There were many children in these families.

Fireman assisted most of the inmates Bank. Miss Annie Jennings, a sister, years ago, when one province was arplosion in the mine of the Cambric in the London election inquiry, stated to safety, and the half-clad refugees is at present in Scotland. Mr. A. R. rayed against the other and there Steel Company here today seven men on Tuesday in the court that he had to safety, and the half-clad refugees is at present in Scotland. Mr. A. R. hurried away to shelter, so an attempt the C. P. R., is a brother-in-law. was made later to learn if all the famobtain authentic information.

MAY BE THIRTY DEAD.

given out today by firemen who had for interment, worked at the scene all night.

years, was removed from the ruins. Young lived on the fourth floor, with his family. Their fate is not known. The actual loss of life will not be known until a thorough search of the ruins can be made.

dead numbered four, several persons When the police walked into the to say. dozen hospitals and various private throat, his neck being almost cut in The condition of the roadbed, the homes, 25 were more or less seriously two. His hands and arms were hanging number of cars on the different lines. hurt. Two or three of these will die.

Francisco the G. T. R. brakesman who had his legs crushed here in a railway

U. S. TUG BUTTS IN.

St. Johns, Nfd., Oct. 25.-A great degree of ill-feeling was aroused yesterday by the action of the American naval tug Potomas, which accompanied three American fishing vessels on Monday to a point outside territorial waters, and then later accompanied 100 Newfoundland fishermen, who went out to join these vessels. Tuesday the Potomac returned to St. Johns towing the three American vessels, and forty small boats, which Newfoundlanders had taken out from St, Johns for fishing purposes. The local press holds that this action is an evasion of the spirit of Ambassador Reid's dispatch accepting the modus

IFINE RECEPTION SUDDEN DEATH FOR AYLESWORTH OF W. T. JENNINGS

Well-Known Consulting Engineer A Powerful Arraignment of Con-Stricken With Paralysis at Lansing.

in Lansing, Mich., yesterday. He was Aylesworth, minister of justice, and had in Lansing inspecting the lines of the the satisfaction of hearing the distin-Michigan United Railways, and was the guished jurist and parliamentarian at guest of the manager of the road, Mr. his best. Again he turned the batteries \$100,000 have been prepared by the Dr. Hutchinson does not consider the

W. J. Morely, Missouri Pacific fire1890 to become city engineer of Toronwas referring to the unwavering course ing the same water as thousands of turned from Toronto.

No one here to make the making and have been find the unwavering to show site of the same water as thousands of turned from Toronto.

No one here to making and in the election was merely to show site of the unwavering course as thousands of turned from Toronto. man, fractured thigh and scalp wounds. to. This latter position he gave up in of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that he took provincial boundary. Thomas Connor, blacksmith, severely 1892 to give his attentions to consulting occasion to speak of the Quebec The discovery is sa

port on the Louise Basin at Quebec. was the late Mr. Bernard Jennings,

Mr. Jennings' death came with terilies had escaped, but it was difficult to rible suddenness. Thursday he arrived in Lansing from South Bend, Ind., and paralysis at the residence of Mr. El-In the ruins of the old Chamber of liott, who is a son of Collector of Cus-Commerce building in Kansas City, toms Elliott, of this city. His condi-Kansas, destroyed by fire early today, tion becoming very serious, his son was telegraphed for on Sunday, and was was detailed for duty with one of the cial statement given out by the man- ceived from him by a London friend,

At 8 o'clock this morning the body of D. R. Young, a laborer, aged 62 CUT HIS THROAT WITH BREAD KNIFE

under the great mass of debris that is here as he exepected, and also because piled high inside the bare walls of the he had no money to return to his home way. destroyed structure. It was the cus- in Russian Poland, where his wife and Mr. Royce is keeping away from the tom for many of the transients who two children are, Isaac Golgulos, a city hall, and also from the officials of came mostly from the nearby railroad Russian Jew refugee, committed suito make an impartial report on the yards, not to register, and thus all trace of them is lost for the time being, cide about 5 o'clock this morning by condition of the road without hearing At 8 o'clock this morning the known cutting his throat with a bread knife. what the parties on either side have Calgary...

Three people occupied the bedroom, secident last night died in the hospital a man and a boy in one bed, and the

servatives by Minister—Shows Up Scandal Scheme.

Mr. Wm. T. Jennings, of Toronto, the Wiarton, Oct. 24.-Wiarton trooped well-known consulting engineer, died forth tonight to hear Hon. A. B.

hen his death occurred.

Paralysis was the cause of death.

Paralysis was the cause of death. the best-known civil engineers on the London, when the entering of a counter will accommodate forty engines, and be American continent. He was born in petition would have served to vindicate one of the finest of its size owned by Toronto 61 years ago, and was the son Hon. Mr. Hyman, would have resulted any railway company. of a Presbyterian clergyman, the late in the punishment of the guilty parties Dr. Jennings. He was in charge of two as prescribed by law, and would have sections of the Canadian Pacific Rail- Conservatives of London had bribed way when that road was being built, and corrupted the electorate in their J. H. Branham, wagonmaker, jumped Later he was resident engineer of the endeavor to defeat the Minister of Pub-

work, his services being in demand all County election. "Only yesterday in siderable promise, and prospectors are over Canada and the United States. the county of Quebec," he said, "the flocking in from all directions.

Mr. Jennings was many times in the Frank Otterman railway mall clerk.

Mr. Jennings was many times in the lighted, on the ground that Sir Whirid Laurier was too British for his political opponents there. If he is too British for them he should be British enough time of his death was preparing a re- for the Province of Ontario. Just because he is, upon principle and upon To Mr. Jennings is given the credit conviction, a man firm and true in his of having been the first man to apply loyal allegiance to the British crown this morning that the Pope's condition Patrick Hurtri, railroad laborer, hip electricity to long-distance transmis- and to British institutions, just because had improved. The swelling of his foot sion in Canada, it having been done on he is, upon conviction, building on this had almost disappeared, the pains had the Niagara Park and River Railway. continent to the best of his ability a ceased, and his tempertane was nor-In London 1 was especially well united and harmonious race, just be- mal. He was therefore allowed to re-Morris Packing Company, was sick known. At different times he made recause he is, by every act of his life, ceive the British pilgrimage. The audwith typhoid fever on the third floor, ports for the city on the available water straining every nerve to bring into lence was held in the throne room. supply at Springbank, and on the propeaceful union the two races which The Pope was carried to the throne, posed improvements to be made by the have been too long opposed in this and the pilgrims filed before him and Grand Trunk Railway in London. This country—just for this reason he is un- kissed his hand. Although languid and ing. He alone had a list of tenants, latter report was made last spring.

In 1876, Mr. Jennings married the to keep the two races apart. And isfactory. eldest daughter of the late John Mcjust as those in Quebec who wish his
Kay, registrar, of St. Thomas. He is downfall are today having the victory the third floor, reports her husband and baby missing.

Kay, registrar, of St. Thomas, downtain are today having survived by one son, Mr. Gordon T. they say they have won on the plains of Quebec, those in Ontario who are Eight families lived on the fourth tary College. Mr. Robert C. Jennings, exulting in the victory over Sir Wilfrid Seven Men Reported Killed in Colliery floor, ten on the third floor, and eight former manager of the Bank of Toron- Laurier are, if they but knew it, digto, is a brother, and another brother ging the very grave of British institutions in Canada, and seek to put us in assistant manager of the Imperial the position in which we were 50 or 60

(Continued on Page Three.) DREYFUS PROMOTED

Command at St. Denis.

Paris, Oct. 25.-Major Dreyfus, who there are anywhere from half a dozen telegraphed for on Sunday, and was was detailed for duty with one of the cambric Steel Company. to thirty bodies, according to estimates. The body has been taken to Toronto been given an independent artillery command at St. Denis.

IS GIVING BOTH A WIDE BERTH

Russian Refugee at Toronto Expert Royce Keeping Clear of

over the side of the bed, and they found the accommodation afforded working HIS LEGS CRUSHED.

over the side of the bed, and they found a bread knife with a corrugated blade to and from work, and many other covered with blood lying beside him.

expert. Upon what Mr. Royce says depends the compulsory improvements which will be made by the company.

Photo by Frank Cooper. THE LATE THOMAS E. HANLON.

NO WORD FROM LAUNCH

Windsor People Anxious for News of Government Boat I'll See.

Windsor, Oct. 25.-About ten days ago the Government launch "I'll See" started on a trip to Georgian Bay. Since that time no word has been received from the members of the crew, and their friends in Windsor are conse-

Fine \$75,000 Building To Be Erected in Detroit Yards.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 25.-Plans for building improvements here to cost in London.

NEW GOLD FIND

to New Liskeard.

POPE RECEIVES PILGRIMS

His Holiness Sufficiently Recovered to Hold an Audience.

Rome, Oct. 25.-Dr. Lapponi found

FATAL MINE EXPLOSION

at Johnstown, Pa.

fully but not fatally burned.

heading three miles from the mouth of half of the Liberal party. the mine shaft. Eighteen men are re- The statement came under the eyos shortly after. ported imprisoned in the heading, but of Mr. McVean, who is traveling for a

CALLED TO DETROIT.

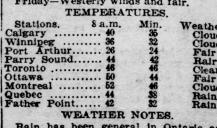
been called as pastor of Clinton Ave. refused to discuss election matters." Baptist church. He is expected about December 1st.

THE WEATHER TOMORROW-FAIR.

The building, used as a tenement-house, and containing 100 rooms, held as near as can be learned between 200 and 300 persons at the time the fire broke out at 12:30.

Most of these composed families, many others were transients, whose names are unknown. The only person who knows the actual number of occupants of the building is the janitor, who is missing, and is believed to be under the great mass of debris that its piled high inside the bare walls of the

FORECASTS. Thursday, Oct. 25-8 a.m. Today-Strong westerly winds; mostly TEMPERATURES



Rain has been general in Ontario and Quebec, with strong east and south winds The weather continues fair and mild in the Western Provinces, with no indications of any immediate change.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

TRIUMPH FOR HON. MR. FIELDING; **DOWNS WELDON IN JOINT DEBATE**

A Magnificent Reception for the speech Mr. Fielding wrung cheer after Minister of Finance at Halifax.

Halifax, Oct. 25.—Before an audience pool yesterday to the doors, Hon. W.
S. Fielding and Dr. Weldon, the ConQueen's send Mr. Weldon to Ottawa to

Queen's send Mr. Weldon to Ottawa to

in the Box at Yesterday's bate, and the Minister of Finance won beneficiary of the whole business?

reply after Dr. Weldon's belonged to."

cher from the audience, and aroused them to a high point of enthusiasm, especially when he pointed out that after signing the round robin asking the Government to increase the indemwhich filled the opera house at Liver- nity the same Tory members went on CASE ADJOURNED FOR A WEEK

great triumph. He captured the The temper of the meeting was meeting at the outset, and at the close to Dr. Weldon, although he exceeded was given a magnificent ovation. Nom- his allotted and agreed time by fully ination day proceedings indicated that fifteen minutes. The dramatic feature the large majority of those present were of Dr. Weldon's speech was his denunprepared to again handsomely return ciation of the indemnity increase, for which he wanted to throw the whole election. Mr. Fielding at the head of the poll for blame on the Liberal party. He was Queen's and Shelburne. Mr. Fielding challenged by the audience to express presented the issues of the contest in his opinion of Mr. oBrden's part in "the stated that he had attempted to once salary grab." He refused at first, but on being pressed declared: "They were all bandits, no matter what party they he could not be found.

WATER SUPPLY

NEW G. T. R. ROUNDHOUSE Says It Is Not Responsible for Nevertheless, He Takes No Steps the Typhoid Fever in London.

There are 23 cases of typhoid fever

James R. Elliott, formerly of London, of his eloquence upon his opponents Grand Trunk Railway, and a round-number as abnormal, and he points to and scored unmercifully the politicians house and machine shop to cost \$75,000 the fact that in many other cities of the opinion that John O'Meara, who

> convinced that the ordinary house fly person wanted after all. has much to do with carrying the disease from place to place. The flies are information was to the effect that Mr. continually moving about and they O'Meara could not be found in Lonare very liable to carry the typhoid don. Prospectors Locate Rich Deposits Close germ from affected residences to other Where Mr. DuVernet got this infor- E. Downing. It was Sifton who did

> "The typhoid fever patients of Lon-such a fairy tale to explode in Toron- Downing nor had he heard Sifton Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Ottawa district men today, "have been living in the Mr. O'Meara is in London today, and in the election was merely to show Sifothers here who are not affected by the disease. Consequently, I do not be- to molest him. lieve there is anything in the water which produces typhoid. My opinion

than any other agency." WILL RUN FOR ALDERMAN

Maurice Baldwin Declares He Is in the Field for 1907.

Maurice Baldwin says he is going to run for alderman. City Engineer Graydon offered to bet him \$100 to a cent that he wouldn't be

elected, but Maurice is looking for wants to see me." longer odds. "What will be your platform?" a reporter asked Maurice. "To see where the money wint." M

Baldwin replied. He didn't say what money he refer-

DUVERNET MUST EXPLAIN

His Statement Is Contradicted by Frank McVean, of Detroit.

Mr. DuVernet, prosecuting attorney Harry Clark, of Hamilton, Succumbed are reported to be dead and two pain- on Tuesday in the court that he had received a letter from Mr. Frank Mc-The explosion is thought to have been Vean, alleging that sub-division three caused by the ignition of gas in setting of ward three was "the worst in the T. R. brakeman, who resided at Hamoff a blast. Most of the victims are city," meaning that wholesale corrup- ilton, was run over by a train at Copeshortly afterward was stricken with is Given an independent Artillery foreigners. The explosion occurred in a tion had been practiced there on be-

> no mention is made of this in an offi- Detroit firm. Today a letter was rein which he says that Mr. DuVernet's never wrote him anything in my life," Detroit, Mich., Oct. 25.-Rev. Henry says Mr. McVean in the letter. "They Proctor of Woodstock, Ontario, has have had detectives seeing me, and It is understood that explanations will be asked of Mr. DuVernet when charge of immoderate driving and damthe case is resumed.

DEATH FROM TYPHOID

G. T. R. Baggageman. Mr. Thomas E. Hanlon, baggageman

Joseph's Hospital this morning, after ed for one week. a three weeks' illness from typhoid fever.

district. He had been in the employ age at Carter's Castle. of the Grand Trunk for nearly fourteen years, seven of which were spent at the London depot. He was a general favorite with the traveling public, and the news of his death came as a shock to very many. Mr. Hanlon was born in Woodstock

38 years ago. Besides his father and mother, who now reside at Princeton, —Fire broke out early this morning in he is survived by a widow and two the Auditorium Hotel at River Du DEATH OF MRS. H. B. SPENCER city.

Peter's Cemetery.

DUVERNET REPEATS O'MEARA IS MAN

to Have Londoner Arrested a Second Time.

At Toronto yesterday, Mr. DuVernet, counsel for the prosecution in the London election case, made the state- who was arrested and liberated recentment that the London authorities are ly, was the right man. thought to the spread of typhoid, is was not the right man, is really the hope to get him." Mr. DuVernet also stated that his

mation or who could possibly give him this. Witness had not held money for

Inquiry at the police station reveals arrangements re his vote. which produces typhoid. My opinion the fact that no instructions have been is that house flies are more to blame received from Toronto to arrest him. said the witness. He could be found in five minutes at

than tell a Toronto court Mr. O'Meara anything in it, and I told him I didn't "If I do go away," Mr. O'Meara sail today, "I will be easily located. When I was in Toronto I told Mr. DuVernet that I intended going back to Winnipeg at the conclusion of my visit home. I will keep my word, and I will be

found in Canada any time anybody

LATER Toronto, Oct. 25.-E. E. A. DuVernet, crown counsel, stated today that a wanted to see him at the committee warrant had been issued for John rooms."

O'Meara, of London, on a charge of perjury. Mr. DuVernet says he has information that O'Meara is the man wanted, evidence of a week ago to show he

here on a perjury charge. BRAKEMAN KILLED

to Injuries Received at Copetown.

Hamilton, Oct. 25.—Harry Clark, a G. Ed Sifton. most severed from his body. He died

\$15 WAS THE PRICE

statement · is absolutely untrue. "I Lyons Didn't Have It, So He Went Down for a Month

Fred Lyons appeared at the police court this morning to answer a double one?" age to property. He was convicted of both and on the first was fined \$5 or 20 days, while on the second he was fined \$10 or one month at hard labor. Moses did not have sufficient cash, Three Weeks' Illness Proves Fatal to so he took the next best thing-the

Elijah Bavin appeared to answer to a charge of using abusive language to at the Grand Trunk depot, died in St. Jennie Brown. The case was adjourn-

James McGinnie was fined \$3 or ten days for being drunk. James. like The late Mr. Hanlon was one of the Moses, did not possess the necessary best-known railwaymen of the London cash, so he also was taken into bond-

FIRE AT RIVIERE DU LOUP

Hotel With Stables and Outhouses Reduced to Ashes. River Du Loop Wharf, Que., Oct. 25.

The deceased was a member of the in their night clothes. The total loss

CLAIMS O'MEARA HAS DISAPPEARED

Crown Says It Has a Witness to Identify Him.

Toronto, Oct. 24.—There was no evtdence of a sensational nature in this afternoon's inquiry into the London

Investigation.

Mr. DuVernet, crown more discover John O'Meara, but that

Moose Westbrook, of Brantford, was he first witness this afternoon, and his evidence dealt with the Heyd-Henry

election of 1896. The witness remembered John O'Gorman. He told of how a man who gave his name as John O'Meara had been arrested there for impersonation. The man was a short, stout man with a dark moustache and hair turning gray Witness had assisted in the arrest of the alleged O'Meara, and on that occasion when O'Meara was being sought for in the Liberal rooms, asked witness if he (O'Gorman) was the man wanted. O'Meara was then found hiding behind

a piano and was arrested. Mr. DuVernet was endeavoring to show that John O'Meara, of London,

a Brantford charge, and was after- brook. "I understand that O'Mean The doctor, who has given much wards allowed his liberty because ne cannot be found in London, but we

> "He has disappeared again?" asked the magistrate. "Yes," said Mr. DuVernet. Oscar Woonton was next examined. He swore he did not canvass Charles

on denied that he had tipped Dewan to the committee room to make

"I knew Dewan was a good Liberal." his father's residence on Kent street, money at the committee room?" "He says you told him there was but Mr. DuVernet will do no more "I did not. He asked me if there was

> know anything about it." "Who else did you send down?" "Nobody else" "Who else did you see with Sifton?"

Frank Hutchinson, the teamster "Did he get anything?" "I don't know !

"They were all Liberals?" "One of them was." "There was Daniel Holmes, too?" "I went to see him and told him they

"And Frank Prior?" "I didn't see him. Sifton did" Mr. DuVernet read from witness'

When he is arrested he will be brought had sworn that he had not taken Sifton to any voters' homes in the bye-Mixed by Questions.

> impression that he had sworn to having taken Sifton to the houses of three voters. He said he had been a little

The witness said he was under the

mixed by Mr. DuVernet's questions and had confounded Tom Lewis with Mr. Harry Ranahan was next called. "You were president of the Young

Liberal Club? "Yes." "Do you remember what Mr. Gatecliffe said?"

"I read it in the paper." "Did you have any dealings with "No." "He says you sent him to Tom

"I did not." "You were in division two of ward

"There was a turnover of 91 there?" "I don't remember." "You were chairman of the division?"

"Yes" "Who was deputy?" "Dr. Fraser." "And you didn't send Gatecliffe to Lewis?"

"I didn't send anybody." "You know he was sent?" "No. I did not." "Did you send him to anybody?"

"Did you send anybody to the committee room?" "I can't remember."

"What was your position?" "I didn't do much in the election. I

was busy." "Did you handle any money?" "No."

"Directly or indirectly?" Continued on page nine.

brothers-Rev. Father Hanlon, of Clin- Loup Wharf, owned by Mr. J. B. E. Ottawa, Oct. 25.-Mrs. Spencer, wife ton, and Mr. Wm. Hanlon, of this Grenette, and quickly spread to the of H. B. Spencer, C. P. R. divisional Hotel Venice, owned and occupied by superintendent here, died early this The funeral will be held from his Mrs. Puize. The Hotel Venice and the morning. Mr. C. W. Spencer, of the late residence, 129 Maple street, on G. N. W. telegraph office, which was Saturday morning, to St. Peter's therein, were completely destroyed. Canadian Northern, her son, was pres-Cathedral, where requiem high mass The stables and outhouses were also ent when the end came. Mrs. Spencer will be celebrated, and thence to St reduced to ashes. The inmates of the was a Miss Barr. of Prescott, Ont., and Hotel Venice had barely time to escape the body will be taken there for in-C. M. B. A. and the Grand Trunk is about \$10,000, with only \$3,000 insur-terment. She has sisters living at North Bay and Sudbury.