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Ready-to-Wear TailoredSuits

Two years ago we did not dream of the proportions to which the trade in Ready-to-Wear Suits was to advance so rapidly. To-day we are carrying a stock of Ready-to-Wear Tailored Suits of which any store in any city five times our size might well be proud. We have been careful in selecting our stock and have only bought the best values each manufacturer had to offer. That is why we now bear the reputation of having the best assortment and best values in Suits in this vicinity. Of our many styles these are good samples:—

For \$4.00—Made of good heavy Frieze, unlined, in black and oxford, flare flounce and liberally stitched with silk.

For \$5.00—Made of good all-wool Frieze, flare flounce closely tucked, also tucked yoke, in black and oxford, very special value.

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In Bear, Sable, Mink, Astrachan, Russian Sable, Electric Seal, Opposum, Fox and Coon. Your attention is called to the display in our west window. You'll see some there and will want to come inside and see others. It is a pleasure for us to show our Fur stocks whether you wish to buy or not.

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Furniture, Upholstering and Carpets.
Opposite the Garner House.

MANY MINERS WERE ENTOMBED

No Hope of Rescuing Them
Alive—Gas and Powder
Explode.

A Virginia Coal Mine the Scene
of a Terrible Disaster—Only
Two Men Escaped.

Roanoke, Va., Sept. 15.—A special from Northfork, W. Va., says:—"A disastrous gas and powder explosion occurred in the Big Four mine of the Algoma Coal and Coke Company here this morning. James Lester, an engineer; John Rookie, a Hungarian miner, and fifteen colored miners are known to be in the mine now, and there is no chance of their being recovered alive, as they are beyond the point where the explosion occurred and the gas and smoke is so thick that the rescuing parties are being driven back. H. F. Frankfield, the bank boss, and Geo. Gaspie, a Hungarian miner, succeeded in crawling over the fallen coal and slate to the lights of the rescuing party, and have been taken out alive, although they are both badly burned and were nearly suffocated by the gas and smoke inhaled.

The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas catching on fire from the lamp of a miner who was going to work. This in turn fired six kegs of blasting powder that had been stored in the mines. The explosion knocked down all of the brattices for a quarter of a mile back towards the mine entrance, thus cutting out the air from the men imprisoned in the wreckage.

There was a small gas explosion in the mine Sunday last, and Mine Superintendent Stuart had cautioned the men not to attempt to work again until the air had been tested by a safety lamp, but they disregarded his orders and went in.

A party headed by Mine Inspector Cooper attempted a rescue this morning, but was driven back by the want of air. It is now learned that the coal is burning and there is no hope of extinguishing the flames until a new air passage can be built to the point of the explosion.

A telephone message received late to-night from Algoma says eleven bodies have just been recovered from the mines and that six more bodies are to be taken out. So far those recovered were colored miners, with the exception of one white miner named Luster.

COMET OR METEOR?

Strange Celestial Visitor Seen
at Other Centres Yesterday
—Different Views.

Port Huron, Mich., Sept. 15.—A most unusual phenomenon was witnessed here at 5 o'clock this morning. A streak of fire, moving from south to north, wedge-shaped, and of a bluish color, as the sight that greeted the early riser. Whether it was a comet or a meteor has not been determined, but those who witnessed the sight declare it resembled a comet. It pursued a zigzag course like that of a sky-rocket and moved with great rapidity. When about over the city it appeared to explode, but nothing came to earth so far as known. The streak of fire left in the sky was distinguishable for 15 minutes. Undertaker Blake, of Detroit, was one of those who witnessed the phenomenon, and he described it as a wedge-shaped piece of fire going through the sky like a sky-rocket. At its largest end it was blue and changed color as it tapered. He saw the path of fire for 15 minutes.

The same ball of fire was seen at Marine City, St. Clair and Detroit.

AND AT PONTIAC AS WELL.

Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 15.—Reports come from all over the city of a splendid meteor which passed through the eastern heavens this morning at 5 o'clock. It was in sight for at least three minutes and travelled in a northerly direction. It appeared as large as a half-moon and left behind it a streak of fire, or smoke, which, as day came on, appeared like a fleecy cloud, and remained in an unbroken line for at least a half hour. The meteor was seen at a number of railway stations north of here, and it is the opinion of many that it fell into Saginaw Bay or Lake Huron.

AT LANSING, ALSO.

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 15.—Several persons here claim to have seen at about five o'clock this morning a brilliant meteor which left a long, bright trail of pink light behind it. The track of the meteor was visible for many minutes after the strange visitor had vanished. The same meteor was seen by a resident of Lansing at Flint.

SEEN AT OWASSO, TOO.

Owosso, Mich., Sept. 15.—meteor, leaving a dazzling trail of fire behind it, was observed in the eastern sky this morning, passing from south to north. It was visible for several seconds and was attended by a hissing sound. The trail of light and smoke hung in the air for half an hour or more.

CORONATION MEDALS

London, Sept. 15.—An inquiry at the War Office elicited the opinion that the men of the Canadian coronation contingent, when it was found necessary to postpone the ceremony on account of the King's illness, having been asked to remain, and refusing to do so, are not entitled to the medal struck to commemorate that event. The coronations medals are ultimately, however, at the disposal of His Majesty, who finally decides who shall receive them.

(The Canadian contingent were not invited to remain for the coronation on August 9. They were asked to remain for a week longer at the time they were preparing to leave Alexandra Palace, but the invitation was declined, as the men did not see the use of staying for one week and not for the ceremony of the coronation.)

CHARLES KING'S TERRIBLE CRIME

Resumption of the Inquest at
Rodney—The Post-
mortem.

Wound of Willie Freeman could
not have been self-inflicted
—Contradictory Stories.

St Thomas, Sept. 15.—The adjourned inquest into the tragic death of little Willie Freeman was resumed at the town hall at Rodney this afternoon before Coroner Dorland. The prisoner, Charles King, Detective Murray and Crown Attorney Donahue being present. W. L. McLaws appeared for the accused.

The only fresh evidence given was that of the medical men who made the post-mortem—Drs. Webster, of Bismarck, and Duncombe and Lawrence, of this city. The testimony went to prove the truth of the murderer's confession. They were all positive that the boy could not have killed himself, and that the wound could only be inflicted as related by King.

The inquest was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

The prisoner looked pale and showed signs of the terrible strain he has been undergoing.

PRISONER'S FIRST STORY.

At the inquest held on Wednesday King testified that he had been with Mr. Freeman for six and a half years. The first he knew of anything wrong in the drive house was at noon, when he was near the house, after having witnessed Mr. Freeman's home. Freeman came to him and had taken out of Freeman's coat. After hearing the shot he ran to the barn and went up stairs, where he found young Freeman, a carpenter's saw horse, sitting astride of it, with his head forward, one arm on each side, while the gun lay on the floor, with the bullet lying towards and within a foot of the boy. The boy was also lying on the floor. The boy was alive, but unconscious, and bleeding in the neighborhood of the right eye. The witness picked up the gun and put it away down stairs in its usual place. He then went to the house and told Mrs. Freeman, who ran out screaming just as her husband was going out of the gate. After this he informed Freeman of what had happened, and was told by the latter to go and ask Colin McPherson to go for a doctor. Up to this time, Freeman had not seen the injured boy, but Mrs. Freeman had. With Mr. Crosby, who had also been notified, the party again went up stairs and took the lad from his position, laying him on the floor. The last he saw of young Freeman was when the latter was carrying a peaches. The gun belonged to Mr. Crosby, and had been borrowed by Mr. Freeman to shoot squirrels. Witness had only shot the gun off once. He did not know what Willie had been doing with the gun. He remembered Mr. Freeman loading the weapon in the morning.

THE DEAD BOY'S HISTORY.

Mrs. Eliza Freeman's evidence was to the effect that the dead boy had been adopted by them when five months old, from the House of Industry at St. Thomas, and was at the time of his death aged fifteen years and nine months. King had been on the farm six years.

KING'S CONFESSION.

When Detective Murray said the prisoner that his story regarding the accidental shooting of the lad was most improbable, King collapsed and not only confessed to the officer that he committed the murder, but with a stick about as long as the shotgun showed how when Willie Freeman had gone up into the left in the drive house to make a peg for the gate, and was seated on the shaving horse, he crept quietly up the stairs until he could see Freeman, who could not see him, raised the gun and fired, and then placed the gun where it usually was before giving the alarm. Making his confession afterwards to Mrs. Freeman, King said he was sorry, and asked her to forgive him.

KING'S MOTIVE JEALOUSY.

The motive that compelled King to commit the terrible crime was jealousy. He said that Willie could take a horse out when he wanted, and do things which he, as a hired hand, was of course, not allowed to do. He had

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INCREASING THE COAL OUTPUT

Gains Claimed in the Panther
Creek Valley—No Sign of
End of the Strike.

Mitchell Says the Men are Con-
fident of Winning—Revol-
vers Used at a Mine.

Tamaqua, Pa., Sept. 15.—The Greenwood colliery at the western end of the Panther creek valley resumed operations to-day. It is impossible to learn exactly how many men are at work, because the place is very heavily guarded and the operators, the Beddall Bros., will give no definite information. They say, however, that they expect to wash about 300 tons of coal a day.

To-day the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company claims gains in the Panther creek valley. An official of this company said that it was expected that the daily output from the No. 4 and No. 12 collieries would now be increased from 1,400 to 1,800 tons a day. The leaders of the Mine Workers' Guild, who were in operation last week, say there are no more men at work to-day than there were last week. No troops were sent out from Manila Park this morning, but a company was kept under arms to respond to call.

HELD UP BY STRIKERS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 15.—Two Italians, John Divino and Antonio Dizzi, employed at the Old Forge mine of the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Old Forge, Pa., were held up by 50 Italian strikers as they were returning from work this morning. Both were clubbed and stoned. Several shots were fired, and a striker is reported to have been shot in the leg. Divino's injuries were so serious that he had to be removed to the Pittston, Pa., hospital. Dizzi was able to walk to his boarding house.

In the Wyoming region to-day, contrary to reports circulated last night, the coal companies did not attempt to start any additional collieries. The collieries that were in operation last week are turning out the usual amount of coal to-day, but all the big mines are idle.

MITCHELL TALKS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 15.—In an interview over the long-distance telephone to-day, President Mitchell, of the Anthracite strike, said:—"I cannot predict when the anthracite strike will be settled. If anything is being done to ward a settlement by the other side, I do not know of it. Nothing towards a settlement was accomplished at the Harrisburg conference between Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, the presidents of the three anthracite districts, myself and others, who have been trying to end the strike. We simply met and discussed the causes and progress of the strike. There is no foundation for the report that the men are returning to work on a promise that the operators will make concessions and arbitrate afterward. The miners would not return to work under such an arrangement." Mr. Mitchell declared that the men are confident of winning, and that there have been no desertions among the strikers. "I am certainly very hopeful now that the strike will be ended by the anthracite strike," he added. The big defense fund that is being collected at the national headquarters in Indianapolis, Mitchell said, is proving sufficient to relieve the distress in the region. About 25,000 miners have left the region since the strike began, leaving about 130,000, he explained.

NOTHING NEW, SAYS MORGAN.

New York, Sept. 15.—Mr. Morgan was asked this afternoon whether there was anything new in the strike situation. "Nothing," he answered. "Does any significance attach to your conference with Mr. Widener?" he was asked. "None whatever," he said. Mr. Widener said:—"There has been no conference on the strike situation to-day between Mr. Morgan and myself, and I have no statement whatever to make."

GO AHEAD TOWN

J. W. Humphrey was in a very reflective mood when called upon this morning. "Do you know," said he, in the course of a short conversation, "if a person who has lived here for ten or twelve years will only look back and think of what Chatham was like then he could not help but wonder at the vast permanent improvements which have been made in our city in the last few years. I was just thinking of it this morning while I was watching the men put down the new Sixth street pavement. They are putting down a road there which will last far into the next generation. Everybody in Chatham now seems to have a progressive spirit, especially the merchants. You may talk as you like, Chatham is going rapidly ahead, and in a few years you will see that we will have one of the finest and up-to-date cities in the province."

FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 15.—Two well dressed, respectable looking young men registered at the Newman house yesterday as Joseph Kierzeki and W. L. Brunk. This morning they were found dead in their room with the gas turned on.

It is not known whether it was an accident or a case of double suicide. It is supposed from letters in the possession of the coroner that they had just from Posen, Presque Isle county. An inquest will be held.

BAD INDIAN MOBBED

San Bernardino, Cal., September 15.—Gen. Bruce, a notorious Indian outlaw, who several months ago murdered Victoria Maria, a young squaw, by choking her into insensibility, then burying her alive, and afterwards escaped from the officers, was captured by the Indians in southern Nevada a few days ago. A rope was fastened by slip nooses around his neck and with the other end tied to the horn of a saddle the murderer was dragged for over a mile across the rock-strewn desert. The body, which was horribly lacerated, was then thrown on a huge pile of wood and burned.

RALEIGH'S RAID

"Raleigh is making a raid on London Fair to-day," said Frank Soutar at the G. T. R. station this morning. And a few of them from that township were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soutar, Mr. and Mrs. S. Soutar, Thomas Soutar, John Dowling, R. Longmore, H. Prout, J. R. Longmore, John Deakon, Frank Moore, Ernest Prout, John Chinnick and wife and Gordon Lowe. Among others who went to the Fair were John and James Steen, R. J. Rankin, Mrs. Montgomery, Queen St.; Ed. Smith, Harwich; James Law, Chatham Tp.; Alex. Gordon, Dover; J. G. Rose, Dover; Jos. Smith, Harwich; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McAuley, of the Ark; "Wild" Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Queen St.; Rev. Dr. Battisby, Miss Izzie Powell, Miss Richardson, Glenn Allen and numerous others.

APPEAL DISMISSED

In re McGarvin vs. The Chatham Binder Twine Co., Limited—This case came before the Master in Chambers on motion by the plaintiff for speedy judgment, and the motion was dismissed.

The plaintiff then appealed from the Master and the appeal came before Mr. Justice Street at Osgoode Hall yesterday.

After the appeal was argued His Lordship decided that the appeal should be dismissed on the ground that the directors were not authorized by the statute to do what they had done and therefore their action was illegal and could not be upheld. DuVernet & Jones for plaintiff, J. H. Moss for defendant.

DISABLED AT SEA

London, Sept. 15.—The mate and seven of the crew of the British steamer Bowick, which was on her way to Stockholm with coal, have arrived at Boston, England, in a trawler, which picked them up Sept. 14 in an open boat on the North Sea. They report that the Bowick's cargo shifted during a gale and that the steamer went on her beam ends. In launching the boats from the Bowick three of them were smashed. The captain and ten men remained aboard the steamer. The trawler, which brought the mate and his seven companions to Boston, saw no trace of the disabled steamer.

Already speculation is rife as to who will be the prize winner in the baby show at the big Peninsular Fair.

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