

THREE MEN KILLED BY OIL EXPLOSION.

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

One Body Found in a Swamp and Another in The Oil Tank.

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.

Proteotory 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.

Police men 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.

LUSITANIA BROKE ONE RECORD ON HER LATEST OCEAN TRIP,

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

Queenstown, Sept. 27.—The Cunard Line steamer Lusitania, from New York September 21, arrived here at 3.56 a.m. today, the passage thus occupying 5 days 4 hours and 19 minutes, or 3 hours 25 minutes more than her outward run.

The only record broken was that of the Lusitania of the same line. 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.

On Monday at noon the steamer had added 524 miles to her previous run. At noon on Tuesday she had covered 525 miles more. At noon on Wednesday she had made an additional run of 530 miles. At noon on Thursday she had 523 miles more to her credit, and at 3.56 a.m. today she had run 336 miles from noon yesterday to Daunt's Rock, making the total distance, 2,807 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 524 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 new liner behaved splendidly during the very heavy weather of the last three days of the trip and the passengers were very much in praise of the comfort which they enjoyed on board the vessel.

MANUFACTURERS HERE FROM THE CONVENTION.

Visited Leading Industries and Were Entertained at Commercial Club.

Delegates to the Canadian Manufacturers' Convention at Toronto, accompanied by their wives and daughters to the number of 250, came to the city this morning on a special train, on the 11, R. They were met at the station by members of the Hamilton branch of the Association, and Mayor Stewart. His Worship Mayor Stewart delivered a short speech of welcome, which was responded to by Hon. J. P. Rolland, of Montreal, the President. Automobiles, carriages and special street cars were provided to take the visitors to various points of interest. The ladies were placed in the autos and cabs and the men used the cars, largely.

Among the industrial establishments visited were the following: Canadian Westinghouse Co., Eagle spinning mill, Hamilton Bridge Works, Hamilton Cotton Co., Hamilton Steel & Iron Co., Imperial Cotton Co., International Barvester Co., Otis-Fensom Elevator Co., Sawyer & Massey Co., Bows, Jamieson & Co., Burrow, Stewart & Milne Co., Gurney, Tilden Co., D. Moore Co.

After luncheon the party, accompanied by a number of Hamilton members and their wives, went to Niagara Falls. The delegates will return to Toronto this evening. Many of the delegates from a distance had not seen Hamilton for some years, and many were the expressions of surprise at its growth and the importance of its industries.

The arrangements for the local entertainment were made by the following committees: General Committee—R. Hobson, Chairman; W. R. Dunn, Treasurer; C. R. McCullough. Finance—R. Hobson, Chairman; H. P. Coburn, J. A. Pablow, George Sweet. Route—R. A. Robertson, Chairman; F. H. Whitton, H. H. Champ. Transportation—Col. J. R. Moodie, S. Luncheon—W. R. Dunn, Chairman; W. C. Breckenridge, F. F. Daley, C. B. McCullough, A. L. Johnson, J. W. Lamoreaux, John Lennox, A. M. Cunningham.

MAYOR STEWART WILL DEFY BEACH COMMISSION.

Says the VanAllen Board has no Authority Over Waterworks Property.

The spat between Chairman Van Allen, of the Beach Commissioners, and the city over the middle road at the filtering basins is becoming more lively. The other day there was a hot time at a conference in the solicitor's office over the letter sent by the commissioners recommending that Mr. Fitch be bought out. The Mayor did not hesitate to say what he thought about this suggestion, which he characterized as very impudent. An equally sharp letter was sent to the commissioners. The reply was received from John G. Farmer, the board's solicitor, this morning.

The commissioners, he says, take exception to the clause in the city's letter asking that they vest in the city absolutely the space between the basins, protecting the city against being held liable for any remunerations. If any liability along this line is to be assumed, the commissioners say the city should assume it, and that otherwise it will not give its consent. They are still of the opinion that Mr. Fitch should be compensated, and say that the road is not to be interfered with until terms are definitely arranged. If this is not done, they declare the road will have to be restored to its original condition.

The Mayor laughed heartily after reading the letter. It will not interfere with the slightest, he says, with the city's plan about that road. The south basin has been cleaned; work has already begun on the road, and the sucker will make a wreck of it to-morrow. The Mayor says that, as a matter of fact, the commissioners have nothing whatever to do with this land, which is the city's private property, conveyed to it under an unrestricted patent. He thinks the commissioners are taking a very arrogant stand, and is prepared to take a chance on the court's defining the city's rights in the matter.

ARRESTED HERE.

Race Follower Who Was Recently Shot at Falls.

Michael Malone, who a few weeks ago was shot in a row in a hotel at Niagara Falls, and who arrived in town two days ago, with a half-healed wound in the right side of his neck, is under arrest at No. 3 Police Station on a charge of attempting to stick a knife into Richard Bluet, clerk of the Cecil Hotel. The trouble occurred about 11 o'clock. A boarder at the hotel met Malone last night and took him into his room over night. This morning Malone went back to the hotel and demanded to be shown to the room of his friend Mr. Bluet called Malone back and warned him that as he had not registered or paid anything he was not free to go to a room in the hotel. Mr. Bluet also called Malone's friend to the desk and informed him he would have to go, and the friend paid up and departed. Malone, however, stayed in the hotel and, it is alleged, kept on abusing the clerk till Mr. Bluet and the proprietor put him out. He went back in and, it is said, attempted to strike Mr. Bluet with a knife and the dodging so angered him that he went to the private door and reappeared a second later behind the counter with a clasp knife in his hand, opened Mr. Bluet's heavy case and struck Malone, driving him out from behind the desk. Malone then grabbed the heavy knock clock and was getting ready to knock the clerk's head off with it when Constable Springer, who was called, ran in and tackled Malone and quickly had him handcuffed. He was removed to the police station, where he is now in a cell. Malone is said to have come here for the races. He has a bad reputation.

Mr. Sam. Williams, the well-known Cataract Power trouble man, performed a nifty feat this morning, climbing an 85-foot flagpole about two inches in diameter at the top, in Dundurn Park, and putting a rope through the pulley at the very top of it. The new rope put through by Mr. Williams was for a half-masting of the Dundurn flag, as a token of respect for the late Frank E. Walker. Many other places are showing their respect in a like manner.

PUT FLAG UP.

But It Required Climbing of a 85 Foot Pole.

What we object to is the persistent endeavor to extort money from the company for improvements, when in view of all the circumstances, exactly opposite treatment should prevail; that is, that the city should pay the company for making these improvements. As to Herkimer street, this matter can stand until the question of the devil strip on special work is settled.

FROM MR. WALKER.

Very Pretty Souvenir Cards Received by Friends To-day.

Mr. Frank E. Walker, whose sudden death in London, England, everyone regrets, never forgot his friends. Wherever he happened to be on his extensive travels he would pick up a few little souvenirs and send or bring them back with him. This morning's mail contained the old country letters and not a few of his friends received souvenir post-cards. Some of them came to the Times office an exceptionally pretty variety from Scotland, mailed at Glasgow on the 10th. A big bunch of beauties, tied with a Leith and Hay tartan ribbon and caught with a Cairngorm brooch, and others of similar style show the good taste of the deceased. The message "Soots wa hae," and "All well" in Mr. Walker's familiar writing have a strange significance now.

There seems to be a nice tangle over that Ashley street main, which the Finance Committee has decided to ask the Fire and Water Committee to explain. Secretary James shows a communication from City Clerk Kent which he says clears his skirt. It says the report of the Fire and Water Committee was adopted. The clause regarding the Ashley street main in the report says the committee recommends it be done, providing the Council supplies the funds, as the construction account is exhausted. Mr. Kent says there is nothing in this to show that the work was to be done on, as the Council did not supply the funds that night, and it is well understood these matters have to be dealt with by the Finance Committee. This committee refused to sanction the work, which had been begun in the meantime.

SHOT BAILIFF.

Sheriff and Police Gone to Otter Lake to Arrest Indian.

Sar Francisco, Sept. 27.—It is reported that the Federal Grand Jury has found six indictments in this city against officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad and Pacific Mail Steamship Companies for violations of the rate laws.

EXPULSED NUNS.

They Are Cheered While Troops Drive Them From Home.

Gravelines, France, Sept. 27.—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 cheered their departure at the proceedings. They cheered the nuns repeatedly, and the gendarmes were powerless to disperse them.

AREY'S PIANO SALE.

Big Ten Day Piano Sale is Now On.

The gun was fired this morning at 9 o'clock sharp and the big sale of pianos at Geo. W. Carey's, the King street west, piano merchant, is now on. The stock represents the best output of some of the best factories in America including Mason & Risch, New Scale Williams, Dominick, Stanley, Ennis and Unbridge pianos and this stock will all be cleared by Wednesday, Oct. 9th. The prices quoted are bonafide offers on brand new instruments of unquestionable quality. If you have been looking forward to owning an instrument you have now the opportunity long waited for. When you can save \$150 in cold cash it is high time to act. Without doubt, this is the greatest money-saving sale in the history of the trade and you must see the goods to be convinced. Terms as well as prices are made to fit all purses. You owe it to yourself to investigate this proposition right now and secure first choice from a full stock. For particulars regarding prices and terms see Thursday's papers and the place is Carey's, 90 King street west, near Park street.

THE COMPANY STANDS FIRM.

Will Not Countenance Blackmail on Part of City.

Takes the Same Stand on the King Street East Work, Too.

Where Does the Blame Rest Over That Ashly Street Main?

The Hamilton Street Railway Company is sticking unflinchingly by its guns in the Herkimer street dispute. The city received the company's reply to the Board of Works' latest suggestion, and it is a most emphatic refusal to comply with the demands. The company's solicitors, Gibson, Osborne, O'Reilly & Levy, again lay stress on the fact that the company refuses to be blackmailed when making improvements. The letter is as follows: "We are in receipt of yours of yesterday's date in regard to the devil strip of the Hamilton Street Railway, and in answer thereto we would say that our letter to you of the 24th inst. plainly states the position of the Street Railway Company as to the special work required by allowing the company to put in a five-foot wide devil strip on the special work, provided that the company place vitrified brick on concrete bed at all the curves and for two feet outside. In your letter of yesterday's date, you state the Board is willing to amend this by allowing the company to put in a five-foot wide strip, providing it does the brick work at one of the curves. This the company absolutely refuses to do.

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It looks as if there was going to be another row over the city's action in deciding to go ahead fixing the grade of the asphalt on King street east and charging the work up to the company, claiming to be doing it in the name of the city. The work necessary by moving the curb back under the Terminal Station agreement. To-day City Engineer Barrow received a letter from Traction Manager Green, saying that if it could be shown by the Terminal Station agreement that the company should pay for the work, it would do so. If it was not in the agreement, he said, the company would certainly not pay for it. There is nothing in the agreement to say that the company shall pay for the work.

Chief Engineer Sothman, of the Hydro-Electric Commission, went over the ground this morning with a guide from the Engineer's office, gathering information for the proposed municipal lighting plant.

SILK FACINGS.

Splendid Overcoat Exhibition Open at the Semi-Ready.

"Never before have we had such a fine selection of fall overcoats, some of them good enough for mid-winter weather," said Joseph McClung, of the Semi-Ready Wardrobe.

"Besides the covert coat, we have the fine, popular, and stylish gray cheviots, with silk facing, and we are just opening up some of our best silk-lined cheviot overcoats at \$25. The coats we are showing this season at \$15 will be \$18 next spring.

BROKE RATE LAWS.

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—(Special)—Sheriff Wright, of Hull, left to-day with a squad of police to arrest an Indian at Squet Lake, some 39 miles back from Hull, among the Laurentian Mountains. The Indian shot Bailiff Seguin, of Hull, who was sent to arrest him for violating the game laws. Seguin is dangerously ill, but may recover.

Don't Waste Your Tomatoes.

This year by making catsup that will not keep. Purchase a 25 cent bottle of Parke's Catsup Flavor and Preserver. This is an extract of spices, which will flavor and keep from souring catsup made from a bushel of tomatoes. It is sold by grocers and wholesale by Parke & Parke, druggists, 19 Market square.

SISTER IMMACULATA DEAD.

Sister Immaculata McHale passed away at Loreto Convent last evening, after a short illness. Deceased was 26 years of age. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

FARMER KILLED.

Welland, Ont., Sept. 27.—Charles Dean, aged forty years, a well known farmer of Crowland Township, was killed last night by being run over by a threshing machine.

The Man In Overalls

The township fair prize lists may not be classed as light literature, but they make interesting reading for a lot of people.

The manufacturers and their lady friends seemed to entice themselves in our midst to-day. Come again.

Mayor Stewart has an idea that he is just as good as elected for a second term. But many things may happen by January. Ald. Farrar or Ald. Baird may not be easily sidetracked.

Hamilton's leading merchants advertise in the Times. To-day they tell the readers of the many bargains and novelties to be had at their stores. See what they say.

The woman who gets off a trolley car the wrong way will be interested to learn that a genius has struck upon a plan to force her to get off the right way. He merely places a shield upon the upright she usually seizes with the right hand, thus compelling her to take hold with the left hand and face forward.

At Vancouver Mr. Borden showed himself to be more of a politician than a statesman.

Now I hope the clerk will write a nice letter to Tom Taylor. He is an honest, decent fellow, and has raised a large family, all of whom have turned out to be a credit to the old man.

Sometimes the intelligent type-setting machine makes me laugh and sometimes it makes me mad. Did you notice the funny "break" it made last night about the "groom" being given away? It was certainly no give away for that tucky young man.

If I were a merchant with a store in a dark street, I think I wouldn't rest until I got more light on the subject. Nobody wants to shop in the dark.

Anything doing about the proposed firemen's pension fund?

It's a glorified Dingley tariff Mr. Gurney wants.

Had the Fire and Water Committee passed a vote of censure on the Spectator, it would have gone around bragging about it.

Lipton is getting all the advertising possible out of his yacht race challenges.

Our new press prints the papers while you wait.

The tomato crop has no need to be ashamed of itself this year.

Protection to the manufacturer and free trade in labor, is Mr. Gurney's latest ultimatum.

This picking holes in the face of the mountain does not improve the scenery any.

The dry goods ads. make profitable reading for the housewife. Save money, save trouble and save time.

At the rate we are going at, street railway extensions will be secured by 1909.

Sir Thomas Lipton better be careful, or he will be put down alongside of Lord Dunraven.

You would hardly know the over-draft man if you saw it. It's suffering from elephantiasis.

BOOZING WOMEN

Found by a Chicago Preacher in Downtown Restaurants

Chicago, Sept. 27.—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, 209; number not drinking, 194.

TREMENDOUS SELLING.

Right House Increasing Its Business by Leaps and Bounds.

The Thomas C. Watkins' store is increasing its already big business by leaps and bounds. Every day sees new selling records piled up over corresponding days of the best previous year. There is a reason. Right House stocks are larger, broader in variety, Right House values stand in a class alone—unmatchable. To-night's big page announcement in this paper carries news of many golden opportunities to save on the things you need for fall and winter. Read every item carefully and then get to The Right House first thing in the morning. The money saving will be better than you expected even.

If Cheapness is the Only Consideration

Then there are better places to trade at than here, but if you want quality, we feel sure of our ability to please you. Quality considered, our prices are most reasonable. If you are not already a customer, we would appreciate your Saturday order, then you will appreciate "quality," prompt and careful attention to every detail. Our stock for tomorrow will prove more tempting than ever. Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables, at the TRADERS BANK OF CANADA

SEPARATE SCHOOLS WIN THEIR CASE.

Large Amount of Taxes Wrongfully Paid into The Public School Fund.

Assessment Department and Clerk Seem to Have Stuck Too Closely to Technicalities.

Judge Snider, the special referee to whom was referred the matter of the separate school taxes, handed out his award this morning. His honor sustains the contention of the Separate School Board that that board was not receiving all the school taxes its supporters were paying, and that numbers of citizens who should have been on the Separate School list were wrongfully put down as Public School supporters. Mr. M. J. O'Reilly conducted the Separate School Board's case before the referee, and Mr. F. R. Waddell, the city's case. Following is Judge Snider's award: To the Council of the corporation of the city of Hamilton.

Gentlemen.—As special referee to whom by resolution of the Council, passed on the 12th day of August, 1907, it was referred to investigate and report on the claims made by M. J. O'Reilly, on the 9th day of May, 1907, as solicitor for the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools, I find and report as follows, namely: 1. The taxes collected by the city from Separate School supporters, who have been placed on the collector's rolls as such, have all been paid over to the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools up to the end of the year 1903.

The aggregate of these 71 persons is \$120,445. None of these persons had given notice withdrawing from the Separate School notice. If these persons had been properly assessed the result would not have been to give a larger sum to the Separate School Board, but would have reduced the rate of taxation of those who are supporting the Separate Schools. These incorrect assessments I find are caused partly by some of the assessors not searching the index books of these notices with sufficient care; partly to (Continued on page 5.)

BRANTFORD AND HAMILTON OPENED IN THE SPRING.

The New Electric Road will not be in Operation This Fall.

Although it was announced some weeks ago that the Brantford & Hamilton Railway would be in operation before the end of October, there is little possibility of the road being opened before next spring. The big slides near the rifle ranges, which covered the tracks with immense quantities of earth, is largely responsible for the delay. The contractors have been at work clearing this away for several weeks, but it will be October before the job is finished. In the meantime the company is unable to get any of its rails, which are stored at Aberdeen avenue and Queen street, past the slide. The grading to the terminal has been completed. Another delay is the entrance into Brantford. The Railway Board has not approved of this yet. Other lines are said to be trying to get an entrance into the Telephone City, and this may mean a further delay in getting the matter of the Brantford road's entrance straightened out.

Until the Railway Board approves of the location of the terminal it is impossible for the company to have its road constructed through the city to its station. I do not know whether the railway will operate before it reaches its terminal in Brantford. Appended is a list of work required to be done by the company, and you will observe that it is mostly confined to that part of the railway between Garth and Markland streets.

The Railway Board has not yet sanctioned the Brantford terminal of the railway. The terminal asked for requires the railway to run through a portion of the canal basin.

MR. TRUDELL TELLS WHY FIRM CAME TO HAMILTON.

Believes Population will be 200,000 in Ten Years—A Beautiful City.

A. C. Trudell, the senior partner in the firm of Trudell & Tobey, has been giving a personal supervision to the making of the handsome store on James street north, the doors of which will be thrown open to the public to-morrow. Mr. Trudell was seen at the Hotel Royal last evening, just after he had left the store, and he was in a happy frame of mind, for the carloads of goods are nearly all sorted and displayed, and only the finishing touches were required for the opening to-morrow. "How did you come to select Hamilton for your third store?" Mr. Trudell was asked. "That is a story which begins two years ago," he responded. "We had been established for some years in other towns and our business had grown so fast that we decided to open our next store in one of the largest cities."

Mr. Trudell was impressed with the great future ahead of this city. I believe that in ten years we will have a population here of 200,000 people. As a great manufacturing centre its facilities are unsurpassed, and as a beautiful residential place I do not know of any city in Canada which is more attractive. "My partner, Mr. L. R. Tobey, will be here in the morning to attend the opening. He has always been a great admirer of Hamilton, and from the first it was his choice. He and I were school-boys together, and we worked and worked together in the same town. For five years we were separated, both of us gathering more experience and enlarging our knowledge of Canadian commercial life. At the end of that time, when we both thought of launching out for ourselves our first thoughts were of a partnership. And our voyaging together has been pleasant. Yes, I admit—and prosperous."

Messrs. Trudell and Tobey will be personally welcome in the commercial field of Hamilton—for they come with the reputation of being "good fellows"—both.

CHILDREN AT ALEXANDRIA.

For the purpose of giving the boys and girls every chance to enjoy the skating, the Alexandria will be open to-morrow morning especially for them.

Saturday Tobacco Bargains.

Boys' chewing and Empire Smoking 8c; British Navy, 7c; cut T and B and Old Gum, 8c; King's Navy, 7c; Starlight, 8c; Myrtle Navy, 25c; at peaco's cigar store, 107 King street east.

August 13th, was the 80th anniversary of the death of Wm. Blake—a prominent now with many apostles