

GAS COMPANY FAILS TO COME TO TERMS WITH CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

Mr. Lynch Staunton Unsuccessful In Convincing Aldermen--It Was Shown That Brantford Is Sidetracked In Favor Of City of Hamilton--Situation Serious.

The Brantford gas situation may prove serious. The company is forced to turn off its supply of Tilbury gas, and has only a limited supply of pure gas to offer.

The bunch of Yankees, the local representative of whom is Mr. Edward Sweet, K. C., of Brantford, appeared before the Brantford City Council last night and endeavored to put it all over the council.

They failed! Brantford calls the bluff of the Doherty gas company and the Dominion Gas Company as far as the supply to Brantford is concerned.

A special meeting of the council was held last night. The conclusion of the meeting was to this effect, in the words of Acting Mayor Spence, who addressed Geo. Lynch Staunton, the legal pride of Hamilton, representing the Doherty gas interests.

The upshot of the council meeting was that the civic representatives of Brantford propose to stop poisonous gas coming into this city.

The Brantford Gas Company having been commended by the Dominion Government to stop its present

SERG'T WALLACE



Who Effected the Arrest of Murray this morning in a clever way.

Colored Man On Rampage In East Ward

William Murray Had a Shot Gun in Brock Lane Last Night--Emma Jones Had Hand Over Muzzle When Murray Pulled Trigger--Murray Arrested.

With James Turner (colored) believed to be dead, Police Constable Cobden with a discharge from a shotgun in his head, and Emma Jones (colored), with one hand shot off, all the work of William Murray (colored), in the early hours of the morning, a man hunt was commenced in the district surrounding Brock lane by an armed posse of 20 men.

Police Constable Cobden and Emma Jones are now at the hospital. The constable, it is believed, will recover. The woman also will get better.

The posse, which lined the Grand Trunk tracks and surrounded the house in Brock lane, decided to await until daylight before making entrance to the place where Jim Turner was believed to have been dead.

Murray, it is said, got home crazed with drink. He went to Jim Turner's house, where a row started. He had a double-barreled gun in his possession, and the Jones girl, now in the hospital, says that Murray shot Turner dead.

HOW COBDEN WAS SHOT

About 2.30 P. C. Blanchard, at the police depot, received a call from Brock lane to come at once, as a man and a woman had been shot.

"My God! I'm shot!" said Cobden, and he fell to the ground. The other constables hastily removed him, P. C. Stewart firing his revolver several times at Murray.

SHOT EMMA JONES

Previous to that, in Jim Turner's house, about four houses east, Murray is said to have shot Emma Jones and Turner. The Jones woman walked all the way from Brock lane to the Keeton Motor Company's office with her hand dismembered.

ASSISTANCE SUMMONED

Sergeant Donnelly, following Cobden's fall, immediately sent for assistance. Inside of an hour Chief Slemm, Sergeant Wallace, Detective Chapman, Constables Boylan, Pickell, Stewart and others were on the scene, reinforced by Fire Chief Lewis and High Constable Kerr, also Mr. C. J. Mitchell, the latter all armed with shotguns.

SHOT AT WES. TURNER

Wesley Turner, who lives in the shotgun zone, was a near victim. Wes. put his head out of his cabin window and was told to pull it in again quick.

A SLEEPLESS DISTRICT

Nobody in the range of fire slept during the night. When a Courier reporter visited the scene of the shooting all was quiet, but the occupants of over 30 houses, all small ones, kept vigil at the windows.

WHO MURRAY IS

Murray is said to be married. He played baseball for several years on East Ward teams. He is well known throughout the city, and is said by the police to have a record as a dangerous man.

WAITING UNTIL DAYLIGHT

At 7 o'clock this morning the police were still waiting for daylight and Murray. They were also anxious to find out if Jim Turner was dead in his house.

Turner Alright

When an examination was made early this morning of Jim Turner's domicile it was found that Turner was alright and not shot as reported.

Just Drunken Row

The affair proved just a drunken row, in which Murray was the green man. He was crazed with drink and is known among the colored people as a bad one to handle.

Courier Was There

A Courier reporter was on the ground at 3.30, driving County Constable Kerr to the scene with loaded shot gun. There was a strange display of panic in the neighborhood.

Murray Was Dazed

When Murray was arrested he was partly dazed but he offered no resistance. He was hustled to the police station in an automobile.

Wes. Turner's Flight

When a Courier reporter visited Wes. Turner at 4.30 this morning, Wesley was a scared man. "Just a peep," he said, "I'm not going to stick my head out of this break-wind for anybody. Wait till the mawning and if I don't get him with my gun, I'll show you, I'll pick him off as far as the track and I can shoot, too."

Sears' Story

Edward Sears, residing at 220 Grey street, with whom Murray had been working came dangerously near being shot by the man. He came to his house at about 1 o'clock and knocked at the front window and told Sears

WAS KILLED BY FALL FROM POLE

Jerry Springstead, Hydro Lineman, Met Death Yesterday.

Fell a Distance of 25 Feet and Fractured His Skull.

A fatal accident occurred about 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon on Terrace Hill street, when Jerry Springstead, who resided at 2 Walter street, a lineman employed by the Hydro Electric Commission, sustained a fractured skull, which caused his death.

The deceased was making connections from the overhead wires on the lower cross arm to the street lighting fixtures on a Hydro Electric pole. This pole was 35 feet in height, and the deceased was working about 25 feet from the ground.

Let it be here pointed out that gas in Indiana and Ohio is from the Trenton formation. Around Tilbury and practically the entire West formation, which is entirely different because it is poisonous and nauseating and sometimes kills.

Herein, Mr. Staunton showed that he thought he was addressing a meeting of rubes. He got over it finally. But at that, he showed nerve in reading a lot of letters from Indiana and Ohio--Very clever indeed.

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Colonial Banquet

One Year Ago Popular Theatre Was Opened Up.

One year ago yesterday the Colonial Theatre was opened. The anniversary of the event was duly celebrated last evening when the company delightfully entertained the staff and performers to a supper at the Tea Pot Inn and afterwards to a dance at the theatre.

Prof. Norman Andrews presided as toast master, proposing the toast, "Among those present apart from the performers and employees were Mr. E. C. Symons, president and manager, Mr. B. Forsythe, Mr. Fred Gitt, Mr. Morton Hunt and Mr. James Liddell."

The toast to the king was responded to by the toast master, while the toast of the theatre was responded to by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Gitt.

The merry makers then adjourned to the theatre.

Because of the resignation of Mr. George H. Iverson, who was appointed Brantford the Ontario School for the Blind, it will be necessary to elect two public school trustees in Ward Four. At the last municipal election, Mr. Ryerson was appointed to serve two years, therefore it will be necessary to appoint a trustee to finish out the term not completed by Mr. Ryerson.

Green Christmas In the West

[Canadian Press Despatch] WINNIPEG, Dec. 24--Unless snow comes to-day--and of it there is no prospect--Winnipeg and practically the entire West will experience a green Christmas, though the weather is not unduly mild.

A Presentation

Last evening a delightful affair took place at the residence of Capt. J. S. Dunlop, 150 Park avenue, when the members of the Signal Corps of the Dufferin Rifles, of which Mr. Dunlop is captain, gathered and presented him with an electric reading lamp and Mrs. Dunlop with an umbrella.

The evening was spent in music, games and speeches. Sig. Monkman gave several mouthorgan selections, Sig. Lamb rendered piano solos, and Corp. Dudden sang.

BONUS TO C. N. R.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Dec. 24.--In connection with the \$50,000 bonus to the Canadian Northern, it developed at a conference last night that the company intends completing the line from St. Catharines to Hamilton within three years, and the section from Hamilton to Toronto within five years. An assurance to this effect was given by Solicitor Temple on behalf of the company.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TREE

Very Enjoyable Time Spent at Victoria Hall.

The Salvation Army entertainment and Christmas Tree held in Victoria Hall last night drew a splendid crowd who were fully repaid by the excellent program rendered. Mr. A. J. Osborne, Superintendent of the School led in the opening exercises.

Christmas Great In the Old Land

[Canadian Press Despatch] NEW YORK, Dec. 24.--A London cable says: The greatest Christmas shopping carnival on record comes to an end. Already it has proved a Christmas of many records. The tremendous business done in the West End of London: "There have been 240,000 sales in one of the department stores during the last fortnight; 1,200,000 visited one big store in the same period; \$50,000 was taken in the Christmas present department of one store, and 360,000 parcels passed through the packing rooms of one of the stores."

Death of Ex-M.P.

The death is announced of Mr. Charles Nicholas Paul Phipps, aged 68, who was Conservative M. P. for Westbury (Wilt) from 1880 to 1885.

Say Girls! the very SWELLEST... BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR... THE CANDY MAN

ats \$2.45... Market Street... Pickels' Book Store

ATHER... Johnson... Open Evenings Till 9.30

r Bowl... TIONERY STORE

of Toronto

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