

FIRE RAGING IN C.P.R. COAL DOCKS AT FORT WILLIAM

Outbreak, Due to Spontaneous Combustion, Has Been in Progress For Weeks--Efforts to Combat Conflagration Prove Fruitless

(Special to the Times.) Fort William, Ont., Dec. 17.—The most destructive coal fire that ever visited the head of the lakes has been in progress for weeks at the Canadian Pacific coal docks...

RE-ENACTING A MURDER TRAGEDY

EVIDENCE PILING UP AGAINST T. J. HAINS

Unique Demonstration With Automatic Revolver—Important Witness Found.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Counsel for Thornton J. Hains to-day are preparing for an unique demonstration with the automatic revolver with which Wm. E. Annis was slain...

Some time to-day, under the direction of Major John Hains, the brother of the writer, the automatic gun demonstration will take place...

Fred Storms, the real estate dealer, who testified yesterday afternoon that while Thornton Hains was talking with him on the dock, the writer suddenly broke off his conversation about real estate and enquired as to the whereabouts of Annis...

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 18.—(Later.) The most dramatic story yet told of the slaying of Wm. E. Annis was recounted in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, charged with being a principal with his brother in the killing of the publisher, to-day, when Herbert F. Funke, a Bayside Yacht Club member, told how Capt. Hains, lifting the swinging boom of Annis' boat and calling "Annis," fired several shots at the publisher as he sat at the tiller...

The prosecution was jubilant over Funke's evidence, claiming it was another proof and it said it did not know him. The defendant then said to me, "If Mr. Annis is not here I think I will go home. Mr. Annis' boat was then 150 feet from the float, and I watched it come in. Annis was seated at the tiller and Mr. Harway sat at the port side. I saw Capt. Hains standing with his arms folded five feet way. I did not see the defendant. I next saw the defendant place his left hand on the boom and draw a revolver with his right hand. He called out to Annis; then there was a shot. Captain Hains was now in a crouching position."

Mr. Funke said after the shot was fired he saw blood on Mr. Annis' bathing suit above his left hip. After the shot there was a pause, and then sand tons in the mountainous piles on fire, and dozens of coal shovellers have fruitlessly endeavored to get at the seat of the blaze.

In an extreme effort to extinguish the blaze the company is preparing to put in operation a steam shovel. It will be weeks before the seat of the blaze can be reached, if at all. Spontaneous combustion is responsible for the outbreak.

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STEAMER FOUNDERS; EIGHT LOSE LIVES

Dover, Eng., Dec. 18.—The Swedish steamer Lindholm, 800 tons, went down off Goodwin Sands this morning, following a collision with the German steamer Frederick Mueller, 1,979 tons, from Grimsby for Stockholm. Eight of the crew of the Lindholm were drowned. The survivors were landed here.

CHURCH UNION ALMOST "UN FAIT ACCOMPLI"

Principal Patrick is Enthusiastic Over Congress Held in Toronto.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 18.—Principal Patrick of the Manitoba Presbyterian Church, returned to-day from the church union meeting at Toronto. The committee reached final conclusion on all matters the results being beyond his most sanguine expectations.

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HAS VENEZUELA DECLARED WAR

CASTRO AND GERMANY DOUBT STARTLING RUMOR

Dutch Squadron in Caribbean Considered Sufficient for All Nationalities.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Both the German foreign office and President Castro discredit the report that Venezuela has declared war against the Netherlands.

The feeling is also growing here that President Castro left South America not because of ill-health, but to escape the political turmoil, and that he has no intention of ever returning.

Castro is to be transferred to Prof. Israel's private sanatorium in Sunday for a week of observation to determine whether any operation is necessary.

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SCHOOL WORTH \$500,000 IN FLAMES

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 18.—Altoona's half million dollar High School is on fire, and the entire fire department of the city is making an effort to confine the flames to the auditorium of the building. All the pupils were dismissed without mishap.

SIX-INCH GUNS SINK BLAZING STEAMER

Doomed Oil Ship in Singapore Harbor Fired on From Fort.

Singapore, Dec. 18.—The burning oil ship Kalma Kaloma was "bombed" by the harbor fort and soon sank with her hull riddled with solid shot.

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JAPAN'S BUDGET IS ECONOMICAL

KATSURA POLICY CREATES SATISFACTION

Army Gets Larger Appropriations Than Navy--7,000,000 Yen for Education.

Yokohama, Dec. 18.—The Japanese budget has been received with general satisfaction throughout Japan. It is accepted as an indication of Premier Katsura's determination to maintain his position as an economist.

The ordinary appropriations include: War, 15,446,223 yen; navy, 94,705,063 yen; education, 1,112,471 yen.

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THREE DIE ON SAME SCAFFOLD

PERTELLA LAUGHS AT HIS VICTIM'S HUSBAND

Has to Be Called Twice From Slumbers to Go to the Gallows.

(Special to the Times.) New Westminster, Dec. 18.—James Jenkins, J. Pertella, both colored, and Neo Chung, Chinese, were hanged together on one scaffold at 8.30 o'clock this morning in the provincial jail here.

The official ceremony of execution was carried out without a hitch. Hangman Radcliffe was in charge. The three men dropped together and death was practically instantaneous.

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JAPS MAROONED IN MID-PACIFIC

ATE SEA BIRDS FOR THREE MONTHS; ONE Plumage Hunters, Rescue Cable Ship, Tell Pathetic Tale.

Midway Island, Pacific Ocean 18.—Stress of weather which on the Commercial Pacific Cable company's schooner Florence Ward deviated from her course here a mile to the cable station here a mile for the lee of Hermes Island for the rescue of three marooned Japanese hunters from further and probably from death, from or starvation. Originally there were four men in the party, but one died. The schooner which landed men on the island and was returned for them is supposed to have been lost.

The Florence Ward, commanded by Capt. Piltz, was bringing a here from Honolulu when a heavy brook and she was compelled to shelter near the lee of Hermes, 80 miles southeast of Midway. Signals were observed from the schooner. Three Japanese sailors were found. Two of them were suffering. The other man also had bad luck.

The Japanese were immune taken aboard the Florence where they were given food and clothing. Through an interpreter the Japanese told a pathetic tale of their trials on the island. For that three months they had without any food except fish and a few sea birds. They were compelled to drink crudely distilled sea water. When a fire was needed they were compelled to light it by concentrating the rays of the sun upon small bits of timber through the crystal of a watch.

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POACHER IN HECATE STRAITS FINED \$1,600

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The Tacoma halibut fishing steamer Seapora has paid a fine of \$1,600 for the infraction of the Canadian fishing regulations in Hecate straits. She was overhauled by the Dominion fishery cruiser Kestrel.

TWO-YEAR SENTENCES IN CAPITOL CONSPIRACY CASE

Pennsylvania Court Allows Appeal—Convicted Men to Be Given Bail.

U. S. MAY GRANT PARDON TO ROBBER AND MURDERER

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—The state superior court this afternoon granted a supersedeas to each of the four defendants in the state capitol conspiracy case, who were to-day sentenced by the Dauphin county court to two years imprisonment, pending an appeal to the superior court.

BRITISH CONSUL WANTS HIS RE-ARREST FOR CRIME COMMITTED IN CANADA.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 18.—The British consul at Boston has made a demand that should Horace E. Berwick, alias Dan Williams, be granted a pardon by the governor and council at Concord to-morrow, he will be taken into custody for robbing a bank at Danville, Que., of \$10,000.

MURDER RESULT OF QUARREL OVER DOG

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 18.—Ira Hatch, a prominent resident of Dudley, was shot and killed yesterday by Badger J. Bowden, mayor of Dudley, as the result of a quarrel over a dog. Bowden was seriously wounded immediately after the killing by his victim's son.

HICCUGHING FOR THREE DAYS.

London, Ont., Dec. 18.—Mrs. William McKenzie, of Putnam, and Donald Sutherland, of Doncaster, have been unconscious for three days from hiccoughs. All attempts of the doctors to check the attacks have been so far unsuccessful. Recovery, however, is hoped for.

REpentance, INDEED.

Thief Cuts Off His Fingers, Saying "I'll Never Steal Again."

SETTLER FOUND DEAD.

Skidgate, Dec. 8.—A settler named Blake was found dead in his cabin near Lawn Hill last week by his neighbors. He had evidently been dead several days, having died from heart disease. No papers or letters giving any clue to the dead man's former home or any of his relatives could be found among his effects. The body was interred near his cabin.

DECLINE TO ACCEPT EVEN OFFER OF POLICE WORK IN BRITISH HONDURAS.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Brigadier-General Swaine, governor of British Honduras, left to-day for Ottawa. He was unable even to hire a dozen Sikhs for police work at fairly high wages, and is convinced that all East Indians now in British Columbia will refuse to go anywhere else.

CANADA'S TRADE IS AGAIN BOOMING

Exports for November Show Big Increase Over Same Month Last Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The trade returns of Canada for November show total exports of \$21,672,224, an increase of \$2,408,323, compared with November last year.

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