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PANIC DRIVES GIRLS TO DEATH

Leap From High Windows and Die in Heaps.

College for Colored Girls Burned—Four Were Killed Outright and Many Injured.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Four persons are known to have been killed and perhaps thirteen others injured, one of them fatally, in a fire here last night, which consumed the Central Tennessee College for young negro women, a department of Young University. It is possible that the ruins may contain the bodies of other victims. The property loss is estimated at \$25,000.

The known dead are:
Stella Addison, Pop. Gibson, Mattie Moore, Huntsville, Ala., Sallie Dade, Hopkinsville, Ky., Nannie Johnson, Hattiesburg, Miss. Injured: Eleanor Moore (white) protectress, Chicago; Lily B. Knox, Greenville, Miss.; Millsie Alton, Covington, Tenn.; Bertha Clifford, Chicago; Lula Terry, McMinnville, Tenn.; Lula Milen, Covington, Tenn.; Leo-ne MacLeary, Fernandina, Fla.; Leo-ne Miller, St. Louis, Mo.; Nanny Harris, Mayfield, Ky.; Minnie Boone, Clarksville, Miss.; Victoria Miller, Anchorage, Ky. One student not identified.

Fire broke out about 11 o'clock in the top of the building, from which they jumped in droves. The dead and injured lay in heaps where they fell, to be fallen upon by those following them from the flaming windows.

Every ambulance in the city was soon on the scene, and the injured were hurried to hospitals. When the flames were first discovered they spread entirely to envelop the building and it is considered almost certain that some of the terrified occupants were overcome by smoke before reaching the windows.

Great wealth for the pope.

ROME, Dec. 18.—The Vatican has had sudden wealth poured into its coffers. A bag of bank notes, amounting to \$9,000,000, which the late pope confided to the care of Cardinal Gottl to be turned over by the latter to the new pope, was discovered by him, and he is reported to have been using it to pay the expenses of the late pope's funeral.

BACKED BY GUNS.

U. S. Consul Davis Who Left a Turkish Port Because of Insult Returns With a Cruiser.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18.—Rear-Admiral Cotton, U. S. N., left Beirut last night on board the U. S. cruiser San Francisco, taking Consul Davis Alexandretta, which place Mr. Davis left as announced here Dec. 8, because he had been insulted and assaulted by the local police while accompanying on board a departing steamer a naturalized American named Attarian, who had been liberated from prison through the intervention of the consul. U. S. Minister Leshman has informally discussed the Alexandretta incident with Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, but he has not yet presented a formal demand for reparation. The officials show a desire to arrive at a settlement of the affair.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS HIGH.

The market today is extremely unsatisfactory, especially as regards the price of Christmas commodities. Turkeys are away up, purchasers are exceedingly disconcerted. The fault, however, does not by any means lie with the market poultry dealers.

For some weeks past, agents of large poultry merchants in the United States have been going through the province and offering standing prices to our farmers. By this means the provincial poultry is being diverted from our own markets, and necessarily keeping up the price of the small quantity which remains for home consumers. The market dealers are consequently placed at a disadvantage and can only obtain their goods at the price which the Americans are offering, and are compelled to retail them at a high price.

Turkeys are being sent to the United States at 11 and 12 cents, while the home consumer must pay 20 and 21 cents.

CARLETON CURLERS.

Members of the Carleton Curling Club are jealous. They think that too much attention has been paid to the city clubs and too little to them. The club started curling a day or two ago and the fact was announced in the papers, but the Carleton men have been curling for a week and no one has said anything about it. The membership has increased from thirty-two to fifty. A new rink has been built on the rink. The ice is in good condition and the players are right into the game. Last year they lost their previous reputation by winning three matches and expect to win even more this season. The president, vice-president match will be played on Christmas Day.

VALUABLE FREIGHT.

D. McNicol, vice-president of the C. P. R., has gone to Montreal to see the officers of the freight train which was derailed at Sand Point. In this way he can get to Montreal more quickly as there are so many delays in passenger connections that the train is now uncertain.

PROPERTY SOLD.

At Chubb's corner today Auctioneer Lantallum sold a piece of property situated at Fredericton and owned by Arthur C. Northrup, to Richard C. Hanson, for \$27. The sale was made by The Colonial Investment and Loan Company.

Land with a house and shop on it, situated on Clifton street, Carleton, and owned by Mrs. T. Allen, was withdrawn at \$80.

One thousand dollars four per cent. thirty-five year bonds of the town of Campbellton were purchased by Harry Roberts, an agent, at \$91.2.

STOLEN MONEY FOUND.

A day or two ago one of the immigrants who is a patient in the detention hospital at Sand Point reported to the officers that he had been relieved of thirty dollars, in ten dollar bills. He was of the opinion that some one of the other inmates had taken the money and the officials instituted a search. This probably scared the thief for the money was found in the closet where it had evidently been thrown, after the search was started, but only a short time before it was found. No further action has been taken.

A FALSE REPORT.

There was a rumor around town yesterday to the effect that the Donaldson line people were thinking of withdrawing some of their boats from St. John on account of poor outward cargoes. This is not correct. None of the Donaldson boats will be withdrawn, nor are the cargoes poor. Each of the double steamers of this line which has already sailed from this port has been full of the hatches and nothing better could be desired. The Kestrels now at Sand Point have all the stuff she can carry.

FOR SWEET CHARITY.

The case of Mrs. Elizabeth Josselyn, of Brussels street, who was reported destitute, has received considerable charitable attention. Cushing's mills have sent Mrs. Josselyn a double load of firewood and the Turnbull estate sent a load of coal yesterday; several persons were good enough to carry provisions to the woman's house, and now it seems as though Christmas will not be so gloomy after all.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

One hundred and seven carloads of cattle from Montreal were received in the city today for shipment by the Montreal, Kestrels and Orleans. Of this different cars came by the L. C. R. and ninety-two by the C. P. R. The most of the cattle will probably be loaded this afternoon. This is the largest day's receipts of live stock this season.

CITY IS HEALTHY.

Measles is quite prevalent in the city at present and during the past couple of weeks slight cases have been reported to the board of health. In all except one case the patients are children. There are scarcely any cases of other contagious diseases, two of scarlet fever being the only ones reported.

CHINA SIDES WITH JAPAN.

Japanese Councils Prevailing at Peking—French Minister Hopes for Peaceful Issue.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The correspondent of the Times at Shanghai says that a native paper asserts that China is determined to follow Japanese advice and open Manchuria to foreign trade and insist that Russia fulfill its obligations under the agreement. The statement is not confirmed, the correspondent adds, but it is significant of the attitude of many Chinese officials.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Times' correspondent at Peking cables that the Russians are still employing every means, direct and indirect, to induce China to come to an agreement with regard to Russian occupation of Manchuria. The Chinese ministers at St. Petersburg and Tokio have both telegraphed the government urging it to agree with its adversary quickly on the ground that now or never is the opportunity. The Chinese government think, however, the correspondent adds, that the messages were prompted by the Russian foreign office and by Baron Von Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, and is not received, though, undoubtedly, the correspondent continues, a prolongation of the Russo-Japanese negotiations favors Russia.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN HALIFAX.

(Special to the Star.)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 18.—Thomas Wisluga, gunner in one of the batteries here, died suddenly in a Brunswick street resort last night under suspicious circumstances.

LIPTON WILL TRY AGAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Sir Thomas Lipton announced his readiness to again challenge for the America's cup when the silver service subscribed for by the people of the United States was presented to him at a dinner held at the Hyde Park Hotel tonight. In his speech, responding to the presentation, he said that he had sent a letter to the New York Yacht Club dealing with another possible challenge for the cup. He added that he was quite willing to have one last try, "providing I have a reasonable chance of success, especially as the next attempt will be a lucky four-leaved one."

PERSONALS.

Dr. William Christie is sufficiently recovered as to be able to go out. Capt. Eskin returned home this morning on the Boston express. John Thomson was a passenger on the Boston express this morning. Fred Stone returned to the city this morning.

THE TAYLOR ASSAULT CASE.

The hearing of the assault case against Albert J. Taylor was continued today. Mrs. Robert Taylor gave evidence to the effect that while the prisoner and Miss Bright were at her house she saw the two of them fooling. She could see from the kitchen to the bedroom and did not see anything wrong done. The prisoner did not leave the house until ten or fifteen minutes after Miss Bright went.

Officer Greer also gave evidence of the arrest and the case was again adjourned until Monday.

DOUGLAS AVENUE TRAFFIC.

The second track on Douglas avenue was opened yesterday. Since the first snowstorm the street cars have been using only one line but now that the ground is almost bare the ice has been chopped off the rails and the double tracks will be used as long as is convenient. The railway company will keep both tracks clear until the heavy snow makes this difficult. One track is sufficient for the running of cars on the winter service.

CUNARD LINER WINS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Cunard line steamer Campana, which sailed from New York Dec. 12 at 1:13 p. m. and arrived at Queenstown yesterday at 11:30 a. m. easily won this week's mail race. Her letters were distributed by the first delivery of the American line steamer St. Louis, which left New York Dec. 12 at 11:0 a. m., or two hours and three minutes before the Campana, were only delivered at 1:30 this afternoon.

VETERAN ACTOR DEAD.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—John Kernell, the veteran Irish comedian who has been lying at death's door for a week, is dead.

MAYOR WHITE RETURNS.

Mayor White returned home from New York this morning. His worship says that for a week previous to leaving for home he has been around and feels decidedly improved in health.

DEATHS.

REID—At his residence, 21 Pitt street, St. John, Dec. 18th, Thomas Reid, aged 69 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

IS THIS CONSCRIPTION?

Report That British War Office is Preparing Plan for Compulsory Military Training.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily Mail this morning publishes an unconfirmed statement that the war office is preparing a scheme for the compulsory military training of all males between the ages of 18 and 22 years.

RECENT DEATHS.

FARRSBORO, N. S., Dec. 18.—Mrs. E. Spencer, of Fanslow, died on the morning of December 14, aged fifty-six years. Deceased was a sister of Mrs. Lulu Maxwell of St. Stephen, N. B.

ATHOL, Mass., Dec. 18.—George Sweeney, formerly of Chatham, N. B., died here yesterday, aged seventy-eight years. The widow and fourteen children survive.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—J. Herbert Wade, of Pennac, died in the Victoria hospital here this afternoon. A widow and three children survive him.

MIDDLE SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 18.—Burton E. Black died here yesterday in his fifty-first year. Deceased had been ailing for some time.

MARVELL, N. B., Dec. 18.—Mrs. George Gallone, wife of the night watchman at the cotton mill here, died suddenly yesterday, aged sixty-eight years. She is survived by her husband, four daughters and one son.

MAUCERVILLE, N. B., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Phoebe Raymond, wife of Squire James S. Raymond, died here yesterday, aged sixty-six years. Besides a husband she leaves two sons and three daughters.

TRAPPED IN BURNING MINE.

Miners Facing Horrible Death—May Be Two Weeks Before They Can Be Reached.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Dec. 18.—The Isle Royale is burning fiercely and trapped north of the burning shaft are two miners and a drill boy. About 140 miners, who are working in the two shafts, escaped. Air is being sent down into the north drifts where the fire is burning, in the hope that the imprisoned men may reach a point in the workings to which the gas from the flames cannot reach.

They cannot be rescued, however, until the fire burns itself out, and there is little hope for them.

Both shafts of the Isle Royale are 3,400 feet below the surface and 1,000 ft. apart. They are connected on the tenth and eleventh and twelfth and thirteenth levels and as the natural draft of the shaft is downwards the majority of the men had no trouble in escaping. It may be a week or two before the mine can be re-entered so as to reach the entombed men.

JUST WHAT WE NEEDED.

Scenic Artist Fleming was found at the Opera House today a very busy man, at work upon the initial performance of the Dailly Stock Company, which is to take place at the Opera House on Christmas Day. "I have two settings to finish for the opening," said Mr. Fleming, "both of which should be effective, particularly the latter. The one for the third act is the sensational one and requires considerable mechanical accessories which will make it a thriller. About the same amount of work is required for the second play, and I am left to judge that Mr. Dailly intends to give the public a little more than it has been accustomed to receiving here from former stock organizations."

Manager Dockrill promises to make a formal announcement of the opening bill within the next few days, when Mr. Munde will arrive from New York.

THE WEATHER.

Highest temperature, 16; lowest temperature, 8; barometer at noon, 30.34 inches; wind northwest, velocity 24 miles per hour. Clear.

Forecast—Fresh to strong northwest winds; fair and cold. Sunday westerly winds and not quite so cold.

Synopsis—Comparatively mild weather continues in the Northwest and it is now turning milder in Ontario and Quebec. Winds are strong northwesterly in Maritime Provinces, but moderate near the American coast. To Banks northwesterly gales. To American ports decreasing northwest winds.

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Black Marten Scarfs \$25.00
Black Marten Storm Collars \$35.00
Black Marten Boas \$12 to \$15.00
No. 2 Marten Muffs \$3.00
No. 2 Marten Muffs 7.50
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$25.00
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$27.50
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$29.00
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$35.00
Mink Scarfs, 4 skins \$37.50
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GREAT BANKRUPT SALE.

Having closed the sale corner of Mill and Main street for two evenings, so as to secure our large stock for Grand Sale on Saturday evening, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, we would invite all those wishing to buy Xmas presents to attend. Watches and Jewelry of all kinds, Clocks, Vestures, Boys' and Men's Suits and Underclothes, Rain Coats, Rubbers and a large assortment of other goods.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Xmas Presents!

By auction at 8 o'clock, 21 Germain street, on Monday morning, the 21st inst., commencing at 10 o'clock, a nice lot of New Goods, suitable for Xmas presents, consisting of New Silverplated Ware in Sugar Bowls, Tea Dishes, Salvers, Bakers, Gravy Trays, Spoon Trays, Shaving Mugs, Full Boxes, etc., Tea Table and Dessert Spoons and Forks, Berry Spoons and Butter Knives, Sterling Silver Ladies' Forks, etc. Brush and Comb Cases Ladies' Toilet Cases, Carvers, Mantel Clocks of all different designs, Parlor Lamps, etc.

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