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THE WEATHER
Fresh to strong west and southwest winds, partly cloudy, with light snow falls; Friday, westerly winds, mostly cloudy, and colder.

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HOTEL AND BUSINESS HOUSES BURN

Hundreds, Scantly Clad, Driven to icy Streets—One Life and Million Loss in Kalamazoo Fire

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—One life was probably lost, many firemen were overcome by smoke, 300 hotel patrons were driven, scantily clad, into the icy streets and property valued at approximately \$1,000,000 was destroyed by a fire which started here at 10 o'clock last night and was extinguished only after an all night struggle by the combined fire fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids.

Starting in the basement of the Star Bargain House, a five and ten cent store at 118 West Main street, the flames, fanned by a strong southwest wind, spread eastward along the north side of Main street, totally destroyed the Burdick House, a four story hotel and the store building covering more than half a city block, also burning out a dozen stores and offices in Main street.

While the flames were raging in the hotel a man suddenly appeared at an upper window and cried for help. Before a ladder could be put in position to rescue him he disappeared and it is believed he perished in the fire.

To the low pressure in the water main the great extent of the fire can be principally attributed. The Battle Creek firemen appeared on the scene at 2 a. m. but owing to lack of water were of little service. The Grand Rapids firemen arrived at 6 o'clock and worked in the attack. The temperature was about ten degrees above zero and the fire fighters suffered severely from exposure.

Yonagtown, Ohio, Dec. 9.—One man was killed, another is missing, and four others were seriously injured in a fire which destroyed an Italian boarding house today. The monetary loss is \$2,500.

D. F. TAPLEY LEFT ALL TO HIS WIFE

Will in Probate Court Today—Property Value \$13,700

In the probate court today, the will of Daniel F. Tapley, tugboat owner, was proved. He gave all his property, including his wife, Eleanor Ann Tapley, absolutely and nominates her sole executrix. The real estate, consisting of wharf property, is valued at \$2,600 above a mortgage; personal estate, consisting mostly of tugboats, \$11,100, total probate value \$13,700; Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, probators.

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MURDER IN DIVORCE CASE

Sheriff Killed in Effort to Serve Papers on Charles Galloway, Kansas City Business Man

Kansas City, Dec. 9.—The attempt of Charles H. Lukens, a deputy sheriff, to serve papers in a divorce suit on Charles Galloway, a business man, last night, led to the killing of Lukens in a street, the fatal wounding of Galloway and the shooting of Harry Anderson, a detective. Accompanied by William Dew, marshal of Rosedale, Kansas, Lukens attempted to serve the papers on Galloway in the street. Galloway ran and officers pursued him. Lukens shot the fleeing man and he returned the fire, killing Lukens. Dew fired at Galloway, but the latter escaped.

BURGESS TELLS COURT HE IS INNOCENT

Express Robbery Case Proceedings in Truro This Morning—Rutledge's Story, He Says, is False

Truro, N. S., Dec. 9.—At the express robbery trial today William Burgess made the following statement to the court: "I had nothing whatever to do with the robbery of the Canadian express office here on May 18 last. I was held up by a man whom I don't know and while I was being held up, the property which it is claimed I stole, was all robbed from the office by one of these two men." The story told by W. L. Rutledge as to his planning or taking part in this robbery is absolutely false. I had no knowledge, whatever, that any of the stolen property was concealed on the farm of my father, and did not know it was there until delivered to Mr. Creighton."

HALIFAX FERRY STEAMER IS CONSUMED BY FLAMES

Think Firebug Has Been at Work—Thousand Dollars Had Just Been Spent on Boat—Steamer's Value Placed at \$25,000

Halifax, Dec. 9.—(Special)—Dartmouth left the Halifax last night the fire was merely smoldering. At 4:45 Mr. Nixon, on leaving the freight house, heard the crackling of fire, and on investigation found the Halifax in flames. The fire started in the deck structures of the steamer at the start but there were like so much tinder, they burned away and left the smokestack standing without support. The fire was below deck as well as above and when it was saved the superstructure could not be saved. The Halifax was valued at \$25,000. Only \$5,000 fire insurance was held. This was equally divided between the Acadia Fire Insurance Company and the Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Company. While \$25,000 is probably an excessive valuation, the loss is great.

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LIVERPOOL AND THE BRITISH TARIFF

Liverpool, Dec. 9.—(Special)—The steamship owners' Association has passed a resolution affirming that it is imperative in the interest of Great Britain to adopt a universal customs tariff, to provide accommodation in Liverpool for handling goods free of duty, and that, as is done at the free ports of Germany, notably Hamburg.

SHOTS STEP MOTHER AND SUICIDES

Toronto Lad Evidently Went Crazy—Workman Crushed to Death in Flywheel—"Big Brother" Branch

Toronto, Dec. 9.—James McMath, aged fifteen years, adopted son of Hugh McMath, a real estate agent of Paradise, fired three shots, two of which took effect, at Mrs. McMath last night, and then leaving the woman probably fatally wounded, left the house and going down town shot himself dead in a public lavatory in Toronto street, opposite the general post office.

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