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### TWENTY-FIVE DIE HALF A BELTON GATE PLAGUE PART OF STREET BLOWN UP

Explosion in Excavation Rips Up Pavement From Door to Door for Distance of Nearly a Block.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas, which tore up a great section of Gold-street, Brooklyn, to-day.

The exact number of dead cannot be determined until to-morrow, for those working to recover the entombed bodies must dig through the air dirt, rock and a tangle of pipes and timbers.

The explosion occurred in a fifty foot deep excavation that had been made in the street between York and Front streets, where a water main was being laid.

When the smoke and dirt had been cleared away it was seen that the street had been opened from doorstep to doorstep over an area of nearly a block.

The loosened earth and debris had fallen into the excavation, burying the workers of water laid in an endeavor to save them, but he too was drawn into the death hole. His body was first to be recovered. Trout was roasted to a cinder.

Only four of the men working in the excavation escaped. They were: Arthur Strand, Frank Sohlwin, John Crain and John J. Kelly.

Water from the main began to pour into the sewer and the four men were in danger of being drowned. They began to run toward the river, where the children were almost formed, and a crowd of recovering the dead began within half an hour of the accident.

Our only chance was in reaching the outlet to the sewer and we ran toward the river. It was all dark, and we stumbled and fell over things that had been left behind by the workmen.

### Under Cross Examination, Rockefeller Shows Enormous Profits of Standard Oil Octopus.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—For over five hours to-day John D. Rockefeller, witness for the defence in the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, faced an unceasing fire of questions from the federal counsel, Frank B. Kellogg, and when adjournment was taken until Monday the head of the oil combine was still being cross-examined on the charges that the company in its early days accepted rebates to the disadvantage of its rivals.

Mr. Rockefeller's cross-examination was probably not concluded until late Tuesday, as Mr. Kellogg made it known that he would enquire into every detail of the company's business from Mr. Rockefeller.

The enormous earning power of the oil combination was sharply brought out in to-day's hearing, when Mr. Rockefeller, after stating that the Standard had paid dividends amounting to \$40,000,000 in 1907, said it had earned as much more, and that this was added to the company's surplus, which was stated by the government's counsel to be \$200,000,000.

It was further stated by Mr. Kellogg that the company within the last eight years had earned nearly half a billion dollars.

Not Pleased. The course of Mr. Rockefeller's testimony in the hands of government counsel ran not so smooth as yesterday, when he told his story under the direction of friendly counsel, but the rapid fire interrogations of the prosecution were always met with unshaken imperturbability, and readiness to answer, except when, as he explained: "It is quite impossible for me to remember after thirty-five years, I do not recall."

Mr. Rockefeller was questioned closely regarding rebates, which the Standard was charged with receiving, but with the exception of the agreement with the Erie Railroad, which Mr. Rockefeller explained gave the Standard a rebate because it effected an equalization of oil shipments, Mr. Rockefeller could not recall any other rebates, though he thought it was likely that he might have heard of it at the time.

Rebates. Mr. Kellogg then asked Mr. Rockefeller about the Standard Oil agreement with the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1877, in which the Pennsylvania agreed to pay back 10 per cent. of the freight rates which the Standard paid. The witness said this agreement followed the rate war between the Northern and the Southern lines, and that there was an agreement whereby he was to equalize the amount of shipments.

Killed in Quarry. KINGSTON, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Robert Moxley, aged 28, unmarried, was killed in T. J. Stone quarry to-day. He was working near a derrick when one of the legs fell, striking him on the head and jamming him against the boiler. He lived two hours.

MR. EGAN IN WARD 3. T. Yates Egan is to be an aldermanic candidate in the Third Ward, not the Sixth, as has been announced.

### HE'S NOT "IT" PARTY WALL



Alexandra Mackay: "I'll tag him yet."

### ANDREW FOX IS MURDERED IN MONTREAL

Toronto Man Found in Street With Wounds on Head and Arm—Was He Victim of Assault By Cabby?

MONTREAL, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—The body of Andrew Fox, a Toronto commercial traveler who boarded at 32 West Gerrard-street, in that city, was found on St. James-street early this morning, and there is every reason to believe that he was murdered.

Fox had a deep gash in his right arm, probably inflicted by a knife, and a gash on the side of his head. The latter wound was the cause of his death.

The police are after a carter who is stated to have treated the man brutally, if he did not cause his death.

Some time after 1 o'clock in the morning a St. Denis car was boarded west of Inspector-street by a couple of young fellows who remained on the rear platform and engaged in conversation with an alderman who had boarded the car before them.

But before the left the car he said that the young fellows told him they had seen a man thrown out of a sleigh at the corner of Inspector-street and St. James-street.

### Pastor Ruined By Newport Life

Spiritual Adviser of the Four Hundred Sent to an Insane Asylum After His Downfall.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Nov. 20.—Alleged by relatives to have contracted the liquor habit at society functions in Newport, where he was pastor of members of the Vanderbilt family, the Rev. S. W. Moran, Episcopal clergyman, was committed to the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane at Mendota, to-day.

Assignment to a fashionable parish in Newport, where he became an habitual user of liquor and where he acquired other expensive habits, is said to have caused his downfall.

### THIEF SNATCHES GOLD BAG ON STREET

Chased By Bank Cashier, He Drops Loot, But Gets Into Hay Loft and is Lost to the Crowd of Pursuers.

MONTREAL, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—One of the most barefaced hold-ups of recent years was attempted this afternoon in a thickly populated section of the business part of St. Henri ward.

Blanche Lilliane Dying. Marie La Blanche, the young woman who fell at the exhibition on Labor Day while doing a tightwire act and has been lingering on at the General Hospital with her back broken, is now said to be dying.

### MACKENZIE KING GOES TO OTTAWA

Thinks Duty Lies in Parliament, But Premier Impresses Importance of Canada Being Represented.

OTTAWA, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—An interesting interchange of correspondence has taken place between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and W. L. Mackenzie King, M.P. elect for North Waterloo, in respect to King's appointment as one of the British commissioners on the anti-opium commission, which is to meet at Shanghai on Jan. 1.

The net result of correspondence is that King, who raised some objections to being sent, has given way, and will sail for Vancouver on Dec. 2.

The appointment was made by the British Government, and received the approval of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, King's colleague, in a letter addressed to Sir Wilfrid under date of Nov. 19.

Considerations of such vast importance cannot be too carefully weighed, and I would gladly accept the appointment were it not that circumstances of a somewhat unusual nature seem to make it imperative that I should decline. I have been, as you are aware, the other hand, the representative of North Waterloo in the house of commons.

How the Start Was Made. There is no solvent industry in Ontario, it is declared, when the Western started. To-day the bank has 90 per cent. of the banking business, and had then reached a position where it could handle deposits, save John Cowan and discussed with him in an offhand way the establishment of a bank, Oshawa then had the Ontario and the Dominion Bank branches.

### WESTERN BANK WAS BUILDER OF OSHAWA

Story of Beginning and Growth of Financial Institution Which Has Been Absorbed By the Standard.

OSHAWA, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Oshawa is chiefly concerned to-day about one topic, and it is the amalgamation of the Western Bank with the Standard Bank.

To fully appreciate what that means to Oshawa you should have lived in the brisk little manufacturing town for a generation at least.

Everybody has heard the essential facts of the merger. The Standard Bank purchased the assets of the Western Bank at par, and bought the stock of the shareholders at a premium, and will continue its 28 branches and the head office at Oshawa as branches of the Standard, retaining all the officials and employees who care to remain.

The family side of it will be appreciated when it is remembered that F. W. Cowan, president of the Western Bank, is a brother of John Cowan, president of the Western, and also a director of the Western; T. H. McMillan, cashier of the Western, is father-in-law of Fred Cowan, who is the only son of W. F. Cowan, and a director of both institutions.

Owing to the relationship between the two banks and the desire to have affairs conducted in the Western in the future as formerly it was, a good deal more has leaked out somehow.

The Cowans at all events, for the opportunity of a million fortune to possess, and Mr. McMillan was offered \$50,000 on condition that they should controlling interest in the bank, which would shift to themselves.

Such a policy did not appeal to the square-dealing, straightforward bankers.

Mr. McMillan's medical advice at present, but both to abandon his lifelong task.

It was in 1882 that Mr. McMillan then connected with the Ontario Loan Co., which had been established in 1878, and had then reached a position where it could handle deposits, save John Cowan and discussed with him in an offhand way the establishment of a bank, Oshawa then had the Ontario and the Dominion Bank branches.

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