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Fireworks Explosion Claims Six Victims

Five Women Clerks and a Boy Die in Fire in Cleveland Ten Cent Store—Brockport and Bridgeport Have Disastrous Explosions.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 3.—Five girls and a five-year-old boy are dead, while possibly a score of others were more or less seriously injured as the result of an explosion of fireworks in the S. Kresge five and ten cent store on Ontario-street to-day.

A panic among the hundreds of clerks and customers followed the explosion. It was not known until nearly two hours after the fire was out, when the firemen began searching the building, that any lives were lost.

The fire was started when one of the clerks was demonstrating one of the pieces of fireworks, a spark from which ignited the others. Henry Miller, an employe of the store, as soon as he discovered the fire, ran hastily to the top floor and then went down the fire escape in the rear. At each floor Miller stopped and opened the windows, calling on the girl clerks to come out. He pulled many of them through the windows to the fire escapes.

At least seventy-five, he says, got out. This afternoon the young boy who lost his life in the fire was identified as James Parker. He was in the store with his mother when the explosion occurred. The mother escaped unharmed. None of the bodies of the dead girls have thus far been identified. They were evidently smothered, as the bodies were not badly burned.

Brockport Has Explosion. ROCHESTER, N.Y., July 3.—A special from Brockport, N.Y., says: With an explosion that accounted for fireworks which Frank G. Curvin had on hand in his news store on Main-street went up in smoke shortly before 10 o'clock this afternoon. In a minute the interior of the store was in flames, and before the fire was extinguished damage estimated at \$400 had been done.

214 BODIES RECOVERED FROM PIKOVSKY MINE

Three Bereaved Wives Die and Many Go Mad From Shock of Seeing Bodies.

YUSOVO, Russia, July 3.—The bodies of 214 persons recovered from the Rikovsky mine, which yesterday was the scene of an explosion of gas, were buried to-day.

To-day the horror of the situation was added to by fire, which, penetrating the inner galleries where there are 150 men imprisoned, made the efforts of the rescue parties almost useless. Behind heaps of fallen debris, fifty bodies were taken out, all terribly mutilated, some of the men having been burned to death, while the heads and limbs of others had been crushed by the force of the explosion. Seventy-five wounded also were taken out and removed to hospitals. Of these ten succumbed during the day, and many others are in a precarious condition.

Three women who stood at the mouth of the pit and recognized the bodies of their husbands are reported dead from shock. A number of others have gone mad.

TO IMPORT RUSSIANS.

Cleveland Co-Italians Will Plant Them Near Winsor.

SANDWICH, July 3.—Acting for a number of Cleveland, Ohio, capitalists, James Oliver, Winsor, real estate dealer, and E. C. Cary of the Shore Acres Hotel are completing negotiations whereby they will have procured options on about 100 acres of land in Sandwich Township on the river front. It is stated by Oliver that the land is to be utilized by the Cleveland parties as a colony for 500 Russian Jews, who are to be brought from Russia and put to work on the land raising sugar beets.

RUMOR WAS A RUSE.

Steel Trust Wanted to Beat Down Soo Plant's Price.

DETROIT, July 3.—(Special).—The report circulated regarding the steel plant scheme was only a rumor started by the steel trust people themselves in order that they might thus be enabled to purchase the steel mills at Sault Ste. Marie.

The steel trust was at one time ready to purchase the mills because their offer was too low.

Strategy was resorted to in order that the exorbitant figures of the Soo plant owners might be reduced.

BOBS WILL BE INVITED.

W. K. George, W. K. McNaught and J. O. Orr will go to the Quebec representing the National Exhibition, to invite Lord Roberts to come to Toronto.

Macedonian Arrested.

George Parr, a Macedonian, 30-years of age, who lives over his place of business at 24 Yonge-street, was arrested by Detective McKinney yesterday upon a warrant charging him with gross indecency.

8 STAMPS FOR TERCE-CENTENARY N.Y. EXCHANGE HAS AN OFF DAY

Lemieux Gives Order for Series Commemorating the Founding of Quebec—Four Contain Historical Pictures.

OTTAWA, July 3.—(Special).—Postmaster-General Lemieux has given instructions to issue a series of postage stamps commemorating the tercentenary.

They are eight in number. Four of them bear portraits of persons dear to Canada or whose names recall great events. The first represents the Prince and Princess of Wales; the second, the King and Queen. Next come Cartier and Champlain, and then, in connection with the battlefields park scheme, Wolfe and Montcalm.

The second part of the issue represents Cartier's arrival before Quebec. On the calm waters of the mighty St. Lawrence stands in bold relief three of the discoverer of Canada, flying the fleur-de-lys.

As a sequel to the above is a very picturesque tableau. In Champlain's narrative of his third voyage to Canada is found the following passage:

"With our canoes laden with provisions, our arms and some merchandise, I started on Monday, May 27, from the Isle of Sainte Helaine, accompanied by four Frenchmen and one Indian. A salute was given first by honor from some small pieces of artillery."

The artist, under the inspiration of these few lines, has depicted Champlain's departure for the west. There stand two canoes. In one Champlain's companions have already taken their places, paddle in hand, whilst the great explorer is still on shore, bidding good-bye to a few friends. This picture is full of life. The legend of Champlain pour L'ouest. The word "partement" now obsolete, is the one used by Champlain for the modern one "departement."

The same note of old France is used in connection with a view of the first houses in Quebec, indeed, in Canada, Champlain's habitation, which is called in his narrative "Habitation de Quebec, a cut from Champlain's work. Quebec, as it was in 1707, is the next view; copied from Baqueville de la Potherie's Histoire de la Nouvelle-France. It is a quaint picture of an old city, showing steeples here and there, the fort on the river front and in faint lines the Laurentine Mountains in the background.

All stamps bear with the words "Canada postage the line, '11 centennaire de Quebec."

The postmaster-general has given special attention to the selection of portraits and historical scenes to be represented. His choice has been an excellent one.

The carrying out of the engraving of the plan has been entrusted to Mr. Machado of the American Bank Note Co., who, with keen artistic sense, has performed his part of the work with great success.

A YOUNG RUNAWAY.

Roy Levalin Takes a Hurdled Departure From Mimico School.

At two o'clock yesterday morning P. C. Hunt discovered 11-year-old Roy Levalin wandering around the Union Station.

The boy, said he had come from Owen Sound to see an aunt and gave other particulars which showed a gifted imagination to say the least. Note that the boy had been a member of the Children's Aid Society turned him over to an officer from the Industrial School at Mimico.

ADMINISTRATOR OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA, July 3.—(Special).—Chief Justice Moss is gazetted administrator of Ontario in the absence of Lieutenant-Gov. Clark.

SENATOR WANTS TO KNOW IF THE BANKS MADE MONEY

Enquiries Made Concerning the Destination and Employment of the Crop Loan.

OTTAWA, July 3.—(Special).—Senator Ferguson has submitted a series of questions to the government for information concerning the government's crop loan to the banks.

He intimates that the banks presented the extra supply of Dominion notes issued to the treasury, secured the gold called for, and then rushed it to New York. As there was a scarcity of gold in the market, it is hinted that the Canadian banks were enabled to net a substantial profit.

The senator asks: If specie amounting to \$5,115,000, was withdrawn from the treasury without the security required by law?

Did the government, when they made the said order-in-council, contemplate the issue and circulation in Canada of Dominion notes of the withdrawal from the treasury and exportation of specie?

If such withdrawal and exportation of specie was not contemplated by the government, was it not their duty to guard against the depletion of the gold reserves of the treasury by providing

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Joel Chandler Harris, of 'Brer Rabbit' Fame, Dies at Atlanta, Aged 60.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 3.—Joel Chandler Harris, editor of Uncle Remus' Magazine, died at his home here to-night, after a short illness. Mr. Harris was 60 years of age.

Joel Chandler Harris or "Uncle Remus" as he is best known, has been loved in thousands of English-speaking homes for more than a quarter of a century for his stories of Brer Rabbit and Brer Fox.

He was born in Atlanta in 1848 and died without a moment's illness of that city, and was married in 1870. He has published innumerable stories woven into the famous Uncle Remus series. He was editor of The Atlanta Constitution for many years. A year ago he founded the "Uncle Remus" Magazine.

He was always a great friend of flowers and children. In a brief autobiography written some time ago he described his recreations as "thinking of things and tending his roses." He lives in the suburb of the west end, where he has built a comfortable house built to a veranda on a five-acre lot full of birds, flowers and children.

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THE HIDDEN HAND THAT GRASPS SUBURBS

How Desires of Residents for Annexation to the City Have Been Secretly Combated.

The World herewith issues a warning to the citizens of West Toronto, North Toronto, York Township and East Toronto that a railway game is being played in their midst which will affect the future of these suburbs of the city for years to come.

Several days ago The World asked for an exposure of THE HIDDEN HAND, which has persistently and under cover fought annexation to the city or the "Greater Toronto."

Within two years the terms of provincial legislation affecting annexation have been made so difficult to comply with that union of the suburbs with the city has become almost impossible. Where was THE HIDDEN HAND, which under cover of the names of private citizens and of apparently disinterested persons, impressed the government with the desirability of such legislation, when citizens were unconscious of the purpose of the game that was being played? Is THE HIDDEN HAND the hand of the Toronto Street Railway, which interests are predominant in the electric traction enterprises operating in the suburbs?

The group of interests which cluster about the Toronto Railway Company have agents at work in York County whose business it is to conduct a quiet but aggressive campaign towards the materialization of the object desired.

These gentlemen, it is said, claim to have a perpetual franchise in Davenport. They would have had a 25-year franchise in West Toronto last year had not York Township Council withheld its support. And for one year these suburban electric forces have been quietly endeavoring to perfect the silent work which just failed a year ago.

They desire to change the Evelyn-crescent route in West Toronto to a new route along Annette-street to Elizabeth via Bloor, Windermere and Queen.

The object of all this is to strengthen the hands of the same interests in the Toronto Railway Co. when the franchise expires 16 years hence.

The object of the company is to be in a position to force thousands of urban and suburban citizens to pay two fares to get down town or to bring the best possible terms from the city when the day of expropriation arrives.

The silent work has been going on day by day, year in and year out. It is a game at which the Toronto Railway Co., with its accessory companies, is a master hand. The signatures of poorly served Windermere residents are not secured with a blare of trumpets, but in the guilt of the silence of public apathy.

Corporate Activity. This activity of certain corporate interests against the suburban annexation movement, typified by the opposition of Manager R. J. Fleming of the Toronto Street Railway and Sir Henry Pellatt, promises some interesting disclosures soon.

This is becoming apparent in connection with the work of the public-spirited residents of Deer Park and vicinity in reference to the question of a majority petition for annexation to Toronto.

This majority petition clause in the law, if penned with the fine Italian hand of a Machiavelli, could not have played the game more cunningly for franchise grabbers. This "little joker" in the act which cropped up so suddenly to block the Deer Park proposal for annexation before the Ontario Railway Board recently proves to be a most formidable obstacle. It completely changes the conditions under which annexation proceedings can be conducted. Instead of the simple proposition of convincing the provincial authorities that annexation was desirable on its merits, a costly and odious process has to be undertaken. It is one beset by technicalities and

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Moderate E. to S. winds; mostly sunny; a few scattered thunderstorms.

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