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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

Jewellery and Engraving
Department on the Main
Floor



VAIN STRUGGLES TO ESCAPE FIRE

Holocaust in Large Factory Building in Newark, N. J.— Twenty-Four Girls Burned or Killed on Pavement.

ROLL OF DEAD MAY BE INCREASED

Swift Spread of Flames Pre- vents Flight of Many Work- ers—Fire Escapes Practi- cally a Death Trap.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 28.—In ten minutes 24 girls were burned alive this morning or crushed to death on the pavement on leaping from the windows and fire escapes of the four-story factory building at Orange and High streets, occupied on the top floor by an underwear manufacturing concern.

Here the death list was heaviest. The lower floors were occupied by two paper box concerns and two electrical fixture factories.

The latest count tonight shows that 16 of the 24 bodies recovered have been identified, and that six girls are missing. They may be among the identified dead or yet in the ruins. The collapse of a wall tonight interrupted further search.

Fifty were taken to the hospital, of whom two may die.

Among the injured is Joseph E. Sloan, deputy fire chief, who was overtaken by the falling wall and buried in bricks and rubbish.

The rush of the flames was so swift, and threw such terror into the minds of the girls, that the body of one was found still seated on a charred stool beside the door through which she escaped.

Of the perished girls with fright, horrible as might have been what went on in the factory, the girls in the upper room, what befell outside in the bright sunlight was more horrible.

The building was exceedingly inflammable, and the fire, which had cut off all escape by the stairways. The elevators made one trip, but took down no passengers and never came back. The only exit was by the fire escapes, the lower platforms of which were 25 feet from the street.

Onto these overcrowded and steep lanes, scorched dancing hot fire jets from the lower windows, pressed forward a mob of women, blind with panic, driven by the fire and the others behind them.

A net had been spread beneath the windows and the girls began to jump. "Like rats out of a burning bin," was the way a fireman described the descent. They came out of the windows like a thick treacle, rolled up the heads of those below and cascaded off the fire escape to the pavement, sixty feet below.

Some of them stood in the windows outlined in the flames and jumped clear; others jumped from the landings, still others from the steps where they stood. The air was full of them, and they fell everywhere into the net, on the necks of firemen, and fifteen of them on the hard stone steps.

When the awful rain ceased their eight dead in the street and the gutters ran red. Seven more were so badly crushed that they died in hospitals.

Fifty are still under surgical care. Clouds of smoke and showers of burning embers rained down on neighboring roofs. As the news spread to other factories, where many of the girls in peril had friends and relatives, and several firms had to shut down for the day. Thousands flocked to the fire and made the work of the firemen and police more difficult.

Italian silk workers knelt in the streets and prayed. Priests and clergymen tried their way through the press to give the last consolations to those of their different faiths.

The property loss is estimated at \$150,000, but no statement from the owners and tenants is yet available.

The building was occupied on the two lower floors by the Newark Paper Box company, and the A. A. Drake Paper Box company, on the third floor where the fire started, by the Anchor Lamp company and the Aetna Electric company, and on the top floor, where the death list ran heavy, by the Wolf Manufacturing company, makers of underwear.

Sadie Benson, an employe of the Beta Electric company, was cleaning an electric light fixture in a gas-line bath. The gasolene took fire—she does not know how—and trickled in the little rivulet of flame on to the floor, where stood a tin can of gasolene.

The can exploded and the burning liquid flew far and wide. Lewis Cox, an employe of the box factory on the second floor, was standing in the hallway at the time of the explosion. The shock was strong enough, he said, to hurl him against the wall, but the girls upstairs, hearing their whirring sewing machines cease, were not.

PUBLICIST'S ADVICE

Mr. McClure Speaks of National Problems in Address to Ottawa Canadian Club.

OTTAWA, Nov. 28.—S. B. McClure of McClure's Magazine, New York, addressed the Canadian club tonight on some problems of government. He said the first problem of government in the United States was better enforcement of the law and better protection of life and property. In this connection he quoted Andrew D. White, to the effect that "the men, women and children who will be murdered in the United States within the next few months."

Control of the industrial corporations the absolute need of a pure race and the negro question were other problems.

Speaking of the fifth problem, Mr. McClure said: "I was able to give you advice, I would give you advice on the following lines:

"First—I would make it a matter so clear and plain that every man, woman and child should know it in his heart that the most important institution in the world today for human peace and justice and maintaining of the great highways of trade is the British navy. That is one point.

"Second—I should regard the breed of men as important as the breed of horses and cattle. That is another point. Now, my next point will not get applause, I am afraid. I should reduce the status of provinces to about that of city charters, and make this a real nation, not an assemblage of more or less semi-sovereign states."

Florida Negro Lynched

MAYO, Florida, Nov. 28.—Richard Towle, a negro, was lynched several miles outside the city today for entering the bedroom of the daughter of R. M. Cobb, in the town of Mayo, last night. The crime and the subsequent lynching were a secret until this evening.

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CONSERVATIVE BY ACCLAMATION

Mr. Lucas Returned in Yale District Yesterday—Pros- pective Opposition Can- didates Withdraw.

ASISICROFT, Nov. 28.—The expected has occurred in Yale district—Alexander Lucas being returned as the sole representative in the provincial legislature without opposition.

The troubles of the Liberal party at the convention called for the purpose of placing a candidate in nomination have been already told. Stuart Henderson was willing to try again, but only on condition that the nomination be a unanimous one. A certain section of the district's Liberals called for John Oliver. Yet others of the faith could see no necessity for offering opposition. The latter carried the day.

T. E. Julian and J. P. McConnell, both of Vancouver, who had announced themselves as "independent oppositionists" withdrew from the field.

Mr. Lucas, the Conservative standard bearer, who enjoys the high honor of being elected by unanimous vote, is a familiar champion of the party, well known in all parts of the province. He acted for a time as assessor in the United States, and was in Parliament yesterday by Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

It was an unexpected thing to see the president of a great republic coming more than half way from Washington to meet the Canadian finance minister, he said. "There are more points in this matter than mere pounds, shillings and pence. I have always been an advocate of Canada making herself valuable to the Empire by promoting friendly relations between ourselves and the people of the United States."

"Others may have a different view, but my opinion is that not one thing can be done by Canada which will be of greater service to the British Empire as promoting in every way equitable and friendly relations between the two Anglo-Saxon nations. If there is one thing more than anything else calculated to bring about something like a condition of general disarmament it will be an alliance between these two nations."

Accused Banker's Suicide

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 28.—Captain Simon P. Gillette, former president of the Citizens' National Bank of this city, who is under federal indictment for alleged mismanagement of the bank, shot and killed himself today.

Shooting Sensation

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Nov. 28.—A great stir has been caused by the charge against Piggott, the winner of the King's Australian Prize for shooting. Despite doubts as to the genuineness of Piggott's score at the final 1,000 yards range in the King's Prize, his card showing 48 of 50 was accepted, as it bore the check-corer's initials and the registrar's signature. Investigations led to the cancellation of the selection of Piggott to represent New South Wales against Victoria, and a letter to disqualifying for life. Piggott, who has confessed, is now under arrest, charged with obtaining \$500 by false pretences from the National Rifle Association. The case is extraordinary in view of the elaborate checking precautions, which are modeled on those of Bliley, England.

ROUTE PLANS OF RAILWAY FILED

Contractors Examine Maps and Profiles of First Section of Vancouver Island Rail- road.

PROPERTIES TRAVERSED IN THIS PORTION

Owners Have Thirty Days in Which to Lodge Any Pro- tests—Minor Alterations in Route.

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LETTERS LEFT BY DR. CRIPPEN

Protests His Innocence in Farewell Messages to Miss Leneve—Asks Her to Have His Body Cremated.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The last statement of Dr. Crippen is published in a Sunday paper in the form of a letter to Miss Leneve. The letters are not reproduced in their entirety, it being explained that they contained personal confidences, but nothing in the nature of a confession. Crippen throughout declares his innocence to Miss Leneve. The letters began with protestations of passionate love for the girl and repeated the phrase: "God help us to be brave in the face of the end, now so near."

Crippen continues: "How can I endure to take a last look at your dear face? What agony must I go through at last when you disappear forever from my eyes? I am comforted in thinking that I have given myself heart and soul, wholly, entirely, forever."

Crippen asks Miss Leneve to have his body cremated, and it possible obtain the ashes and deposit of them as she deems best. He complains that his statement published on November 28th, omitted his criticisms of the present evidence with reference to the dropping of the charges against the doctor, which he considered most important, and proceeds exhaustively to analyze the evidence on these points. He asks that Miss Leneve go to no further expense in trying to secure further evidence, adding:

"I can safely leave further evidence to a just God."

He expresses the hope that Miss Leneve will go to "Mrs. H." where she will be free from the lying tales of the newspaper men and officers.

"Tomorrow I will be in God's hands. I have perfect faith that he will let me spirit be with you always."

Crippen's last face-stimulus of Crippen's will, bequeathing everything to Miss Leneve.

PAYABLE TO ALIENS?

Question Raised Whether Compensation Must Be Paid to Non-Residents

Where a workman has been killed in British Columbia and his legal representatives sue under the Workmen's Compensation Act the company is responsible for the death, are relatives living in a foreign country entitled to the compensation which the act provides? This question has just been raised for the first time in the history of the British Columbia courts, and is now being argued before Mr. Justice Clement in a case specially set for the County Judge Wilson, of Nelson.

The Crown's Next Pass Coast Co. has raised the question in the case of Albert Kraus, one of its employees recently in an accident at Mitchell.

HOME SECRETARY SPECIAL MARK

Both Male and Female Suffragists Try to Chastise Mr. Churchill—He is Protected by Detectives.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING

Both Parties Confident of Gaining Ground—Duke of Marlborough Makes Strong Remarks of Lloyd George.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Winston Spencer Churchill, home secretary, returning to London tonight after a speech at Bradford, was attacked in the train by a male suffragist with a dog whip, who cried out, "What do you cur?" Two detectives who accompanied Mr. Churchill parried the blow and overpowered the suffragist's assailant, who is believed to be a man who interrupted Mr. Churchill in the course of his address and was expelled from the meeting after a struggle.

When the train arrived at London three women tried to assault the home secretary, but the detectives drove them off.

The election campaign is in full swing, and the country is flooded with oratory and literature. Billboards are covered with cartoons. The public opinion is not showing the interest evinced in the two previous contests. The lack of enthusiasm is noted in the number of uncontented seats.

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DROWNED IN KELOWNA

KELOWNA, B. C., Nov. 28.—An accident happened here yesterday by which two men lost their lives by drowning. Wardlaw, Mark England and Robert Lloyd were returning from across the lake, where they were working as carpenter work, when a squall came up and upset the boat they were in.

Lloyd and Wardlaw clung to the boat and Mr. Dimmock, seeing them upset, out in another boat to rescue them. As he drew near Wardlaw was chilled through, relaxed his hold and was lost. England also gave up an unconscious condition and it took over an hour to restore him to consciousness.

Wardlaw was a single man about 35 years of age, who had been engaged to be married shortly before he left a wife and three children.

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