

FIRED ON STEAMER

And British Captain Arrested Chinese Commanding Officer.

Hong Kong, Jan. 19.—The Chinese harbor guard boat Samstai yesterday, fired two shots at the British steamer Cherpo for fouling a wood raft. This angered Capt. Lewington, of the Cherpo, who, aiming himself with a revolver, boarded the Samstai in a small boat, arrested the commanding officer, and turned him over to the captain of the British gunboat Robin. The occurrence is now being investigated by the captain of the Robin and the British Consul.

GOT \$2,209.

Verdict in Favor of Miss Marshall at Assizes.

At the Assizes, yesterday afternoon, the action of Miss Eugenia Marshall against the Hamilton Mountain Park Company was taken up. The plaintiff sued for \$5,000 damages for injuries she had sustained to her knee as a result of the incline car slipping a short distance, while she was a passenger, and throwing her to the floor of the car. Mr. W. L. Ross appeared for the company, and admitted liability, but asked that the jury return a reasonable verdict. During the examination of Miss Marshall by Mr. Ross, the latter asked her if she knew that negotiations had been pending between her solicitors and the company for some time past. The witness replied that she did not know of any such negotiations, and it was dropped. The jury returned a verdict of \$2,209 for the plaintiff.

The next case taken up was that of Southern vs. the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company, for \$10,000 damages, for personal injuries, the result of the alleged negligence of the company. The plaintiff was employed as a furnace man, and while at work at that occupation was severely burned by the explosion of a flask, which contains from five to ten tons of molten metal. The case was on again this morning. Geo. S. Kerr, K. C., for the plaintiff, and J. W. Nesbitt, K. C., for the defendants.

NOT GUILTY.

Nothing to Connect Johnston With Theft of Shoes.

Richard Johnston was acquitted on the charge of stealing a pair of shoes from the store of George Findlay, MacNab street north, this morning, before Judge Snider. The evidence was to the effect that Johnston and two other men had been in the store for the ostensible purpose of buying a pair of shoes. While the clerk was at the back of the store two of the men went out, and the last man decided he would not take the shoes. The prosecutor could not identify the young man, and the Judge could not see where he could convict on the evidence. Mr. A. M. Lewis appeared for Johnston, and Crown Attorney Washington prosecuted.

TRUST CO.

Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Held Yesterday.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Mercantile Trust Co. in the Bank of Hamilton building yesterday afternoon, the following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year.

President—Hon. William Gibson, Senator.

Vice-Presidents—Cyrus A. Birge, Henry L. Roberts (Grimby).

Directors—James Turnbull, Hon. John S. Hendrie, C. V. O., J. J. Greene, A. E. Dorman, M. P. (Toronto), Stanley Mills, W. H. Merritt, M. D. (St. Catharines), George Rutherford, John I. McLaren, W. A. Wood, J. F. Kavanagh, C. C. Dalton (Toronto).

The financial report was considered very satisfactory, and praise was given to the manager, Mr. S. C. McDonald, who was unable to attend on account of illness.

VESSEL OWNERS.

Meeting in Detroit to Consider Insurance Matters.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 19.—Lake vessel owners are gathering here in large numbers for consideration of the proposed new plan for carrying insurance on their vessels. Several prominent insurance men are also here. The owners have objected for some time to the high rates charged by the underwriters, and the present conference will attempt to regulate the premium. The idea advanced is to form an association among the vessel owners to take over a part of the insurance. In this way the owners contend that they will be able to ascertain whether or not the underwriters are charging more than necessary when the amount of loss to vessel property is considered.

Aching Feet.

When your feet ache with chilblains you are in misery. When you apply Parke's chilblain cure your ache is relieved and cured. This preparation is guaranteed to cure or we refund the money. If you suffer with chilblains try this at our risk. 25c per bottle. Parke & Parke, Druggists.

THISTLE RINK ATTRACTION

One of the most artistic skaters who has ever appeared in Hamilton is Edward Bassett, who is practising at the Thistle Rink every night this week, prior to his early appearance at Bonnett's.

The study of vain things is laborious idleness.—Bacon.



J. T. GILLARD, First Vice-President of St. George's Society.

ICY PLUNGES BY WOMEN

Army, Commerce and Fire Department Rescue One.

Watchmen Fish the Other Out of the River With Boat-hooks.

Albertina De Cour Says She Didn't Mean to Go In.

New York, Jan. 19.—A park lounge saw a slender and good looking young woman topple from the sea wall of Battery Park into the bay several hundred feet from the Liberty Island landing at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The Liberty Island boat (Caswell) was about to leave her pier when the lounge ran up and shouted that a woman had jumped overboard. Capt. Carter, Pte. F. H. Crane and other soldiers of the Signal Corps stationed at Fort Wood hurried off the boat, and Pte. Crane poled off his overcoat and coat as he ran. He jumped in and waded and swam to the woman. Hugh Brosnan, employed at a Battery Park stand, followed the soldier, who had reached the young woman and was having a battle to save her, as she resisted vigorously. Brosnan got out to her in the nick of time, as the soldier was becoming exhausted. They dragged the young woman to shore water.

Meanwhile somebody had notified the fireboat New Yorker and Battalion Chief John Kenon and three men with hooks and ladders, who rescued and hauled them up. The woman was unconscious. She was treated at first aid by the firemen and wrapped in blankets and taken to the fire station.

Dr. Roberts came with an ambulance from Hudson street hospital, and he and the policeman on post asked the young woman the usual questions. She said it was not true that she had jumped into the bay. She had gone down to look at the water, and while leaning on the chain near one of the granite supports she had slipped on the sheet and fallen overboard. She gave her name as Albertina De Cour, of West Twenty-second street. She said she had forgotten the number. The police then recalled that there had been a general alarm sent out for Miss De Cour, who was described as a spinster of 32, living with her mother and stepfather, Paul Tete, a machinist, on the top flat of 244 West Twenty-second street. Miss De Cour had a manicule set and \$9.50 in a handbag, on which she kept a tight grip while she resisted her saviors. There were also in the bag the maudlin of several French doctors. Her stepfather was sent for and went to the hospital and identified her. They spoke in French. The stepfather went later to say anything about the case.

A young woman walked down the Lehigh Valley Railroad pier at the foot of West Twenty-sixth street at 8.30 o'clock yesterday morning. Two watchmen, Henry Leary, of 53 Sussex street, Jersey City, and Albert Gittens, of 436 Ninth avenue, who were smoking their pipes in a watch house, noticed her as she passed, and started after her.

She saw the men following her, ran to the end of the pier and jumped overboard. When she came to the surface the watchmen reached boat-hooks to her, but she wouldn't take hold of them, and kept warding them off. Finally they caught the hooks in her clothes and dragged her up on the pier.

Ambulance Surgeon Monroe took her to the New York Hospital, where she said she was Jeannette Dalton, 24 years old, a seamstress of 278 West Twenty-sixth street. The police of the West Twenty-sixth street station learned there is no such number.

"I am tired of life and want to die," she said. "That is all you can get from me."

The hospital physicians say she will recover.

TROLLEY MERGER.

Rochester, N.Y., Jan. 19.—Practically unanimously the stockholders of the Rochester & Sodus Bay Railroad, Rochester, and Eastern & Rochester Ry. Co., all trolley lines, have voted here in favor of the proposed merger of three companies into the New York State Railways, which designed to take over as a holding corporation, all of the electric railways in this State controlled by the Vanderbilts-Andrews syndicate.

All Gone.

We have sold entirely out of Quebec cream cheese. More expected in a few days. Full stock of Roquefort, Gorgonzola, Swiss, Oka, Limburger, Neufchatel, square cream, Edam, English Stilton, also prime old Canadian cheese. Haddie, smelts, ciscoes, kippers, shredded and steak codfish, sausage, pressed bacon and ham, strictly fresh eggs, choice dairy and creamery butter.—Bain & Adams, 80, 91 King street east.



Mr. J. H. COLLINSON, Newly elected President of St. George's Society.

LONDON FIRE.

Globe Casket Works Burned Down This Morning.

Fierce Fight For Firemen—\$200,000 Damage Done.

London, Ont., Jan. 19.—Fire which broke out this morning at 12.40 in the varnishing rooms of the Globe Casket Works, at the corner of Adelaide and Dundas streets, practically gutted the building before it was stopped, causing a loss of \$200,000, of which \$110,000 is on the building and the remainder on contents, including costly machinery, varnishes, silks, and pastries used in the manufacture of caskets. The insurance carried is \$89,000 on the building and \$4,000 on yards.

The alarm of fire was rung in at the Central Station, and almost immediately the entire brigade reached the scene, but despite their utmost efforts the building is at the present almost a complete loss. Shortly after the falls fell in, for the fierceness of the flames resisted all efforts of the firemen, whose efforts were somewhat disheartened through necessity of guarding against the spreading of the flames to the surrounding buildings and lack of water pressure.

A strong wind blew from the south, and as the flames mounted higher and higher this blew the sparks well away from the roof. It was only the vigilance of the fire department which prevented some of the neighboring buildings igniting. The fire apparently started in the finishing room, on the Dundas street wing of the building on the second floor. From this department it spread with the greatest rapidity. Nothing apparently could stop the fire and although the alarm must have been given almost immediately after it broke out, the building was a mass of flames by the time the brigade reached the scene. At 2.30 the flames abated in their fury. Of the whole building of the casket company, practically nothing remained at 2.40 o'clock. Many of the walls are down and the fire still rages. The stock also is almost an entire loss. About 250 hands are thrown out of work.

FIDELITY PRESIDENT

Gave Bail at Pittsburgh But Not Yet Arrived at New York.

New York, Jan. 19.—P. J. Kieran, president of the Fidelity Funding Co. of this city, who surprised the Pittsburgh authorities yesterday by surrendering himself to them and giving bail to the amount of \$4,000 to appear in that city to answer to charges of converting to his own use notes given by a Bradock, Pa. Church, was expected to arrive in New York this morning. The Fidelity Funding Co. went into the hands of the receivers on October 29 last, and Mr. Gilroy has stated that the liabilities were upward of \$3,500,000, with assets of about \$800,000. At a late hour this morning Kieran had not reached this city, so far as could be learned.

PITTSBURG SURPRISED.

Pittsburg, Jan. 19.—Considerable surprise was occasioned here to-day when it was learned that P. J. Kieran, president of the Fidelity Funding Co., had not arrived in New York this morning. When Kieran unexpectedly surrendered himself here yesterday and furnished \$4,000 bail to answer to two charges pending against him, his counsel announced Kieran had left for New York to take up his affairs in that city.

WRIT ISSUED.

Alfred McKnight, of Cobalt, has issued a writ against Peter L. Robertson, of this city, to recover \$904.05, covering amounts paid by plaintiff for medical attendance to himself, medicine, board, etc. McKnight says that Robertson, in consideration of McKnight's giving him two-thirds of one-half of the capital stock of the Columbus Cobalt Silver Company, agreed to prosecute a suit for McKnight to recover one-half of the shares of the capital stock. Further, that Robertson was to notify and care for McKnight, and supply medical attendance, during McKnight's paralytic illness.

The Best Pipe to Smoke.

The Peterson patent pipe has a graduated bore and upturned vent hole, which smokes cool, dry and clean. They are sold in all sizes and shapes at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

COLD IN NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 19.—Greater New York is experiencing the coldest weather it has had so far this winter. At 4.30 a. m. the thermometer at the weather bureau registered seven degrees above zero.

Smyrna Shaken

Smyrna, Turkey, Jan. 19.—A sharp earthquake was experienced here this morning but there was no local damage. Reports received here from Phocaea, 25 miles to the northwest, say that a number of houses fell and that three persons were killed. Buildings were damaged in other towns. The U. S. battleships Louisiana and Virginia are at present in this harbor.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Spell "honor" with a "u" in Ontario. In Quebec and Manitoba without it. What nonsense.

Chief Smith wants more police. But if we have fewer saloons we won't need so many.

The Holy Name Society in Toronto is doing a good work in behalf of clean speech. Profanity is the most senseless of sins.

Yes. The weather is cold, but you remember how you kicked about it when it was damp and raw, slushy and mild, and how you croaked about a good Christmas. The weather is in good hands. Don't worry.

Going to evening school this winter? No? Just loafing. Too bad. I didn't expect that of you.

There are very few Brits in the city objecting to license reduction.

Another school fire in Montreal. How are our scholars getting along with the fire drill?

The poor horse, willing animal, suffers many indignities and cruelties at the hands and feet of the human monster.

If your sidewalk is slippery a little sprinkling of ashes would be of use.

There is always some consolation. We are not bothered with the mosquitoes these nights.

Any word of the foundries starting up again? Am anxious to see them make a beginning.

I wonder if ex-Mayor Stewart had anything to do with the calling of that meeting on the quiet in the Mayor's office?

Some of those New Year resolutions are growing rather frayed at the edges.

But why were not all the new riders invited to that celebrated "Friday night meeting"? Didn't they deserve enlightenment, or was it proposed to keep them in the dark?

Whatever change may be made in the Engineer's department will mean the expenditure of more money. Don't forget that.

At any rate the License Commissioners now know how the church people feel about it.

The evil that men do live after them—the overdraft, for instance.

That certainly is a dangerous crossing at the Ferris street bridge over the Coal Oil Inlet. And there are others.

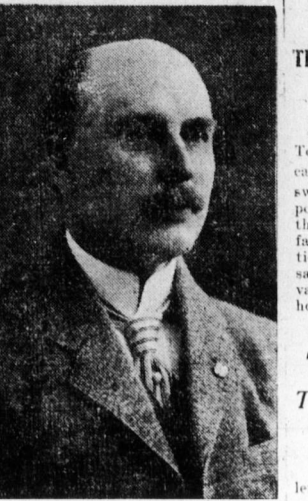
I notice that a city snow plow can clean the snow nicely off the sidewalks in the vicinity of the city parks. Why not extend the system?

ONE ANSWER. Life is not merely existence, but the full enjoyment of health. Subscriber.

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CHARLES A. MURTON, Re-elected Secretary of St. George's Society.

RELIEF OFFICER.

Foreman of Brantford Sewer Gang Badly Hurt.

Two Arrests Made—Wednesday's Basketball Game.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Brantford, Jan. 19.—The session of the City Council last evening was of a tame order. E. R. Eddy, out of a dozen applicants, was appointed relief officer to succeed Benjamin Hunn, at a salary of \$300. Mr. Eddy is a man of leisure, and has time to devote to the duties of the office. Some eight by-laws for local improvement work were passed by the council. The Board of Works recommended large sewer extensions, and the report was adopted. The power situation was not touched on by the council, who will appoint first another special committee to reopen negotiations with the Western Counties Power Company.

ARRESTED AT DELHI.

William, alias Miles, Parker, for whom the Brant County police have been looking for several months, was arrested yesterday at Delhi on a petty charge of theft. The Brantford police were notified, and Parker will be brought back to Brantford Thursday to face the charge of jail breaking. Parker, while serving a term for horse-stealing, made a sensational escape by scaling the wall at the jail last summer. He fled to Hamilton, was chased, and later went to the Delhi district, where, it is said, he committed petty depredations, which again brought him to notice.

DIED AT LANGFORD. The death occurred at Langford on Sunday of George Dunham, aged 54 years. Deceased had been a resident of the community for 22 years, and married Miss Annie Weaver, of Lynden. A widow and six children survive—Mrs. R. George, E. and Maitland, of Fairfield; George and Wilson, Brantford; Mrs. B. Misner, Cairnsville. The funeral takes place to-morrow to Jerseyville.

PAINEFUL INJURY. Walter Reid, a foreman of the sewer gang at work on a new storm sewer on Colborne street, last evening met with a very severe accident. One of the employees, while swinging a heavy sledge hammer, struck Reid on the leg above the knee. He was laid out, and was (Continued on Page 8.)

FIRE AT MESSINA.

Victims May Be Burning Alive—Rescue by Duke of Geneva.

Messina, Jan. 19.—A serious fire broke out to-day among the ruins. The remains of the Pennesi Palace fell in and added to the outburst. The flames are spreading in spite of heroic work of Giuseppe Frasso, who controls them and the situation is serious. An odor of burning flesh is mingled with the smoke, and it is feared that persons still alive are being consumed. A large number of corpses undoubtedly will be discovered.

The Duke of Genoa is at present here working in the interest of the survivors. He made a heroic rescue to-day of a demented woman who insisted upon forcing her way into a burning pile of ruins to save her husband whom she declared was being burned alive. He dragged her back from the flames and eye-witnesses declared he almost lost his own life in doing so.

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SMALLPOX.

Three Mild Cases in Port Hope—Families Isolated.

Port Hope, Ont., Jan. 19.—At the Town Council meeting last night Medical Health Officer Dr. Dickinson, in answer to a query from Mayor Giddy, reported the presence in Port Hope of three very mild cases of smallpox. The families are isolated, and due precautions are being taken for the public safety. The school children have been vaccinated, and watches placed on the homes in question.

SMALL COURT.

The Men Who Abused Carson's Horse Have Settled.

Prisoners before Magistrate Jeltz were leniently dealt with this morning. Frank Carlberg and Harman Anderson, charged with cruelly ill-treating a horse belonging to Carson, the liverman, on Sunday evening on Barton street east, were up. His Worship discharged Anderson and allowed Carlberg to go on deferred sentence, as the two young men had settled for the horse with the liverman.

Mrs. Rosenhead, found guilty of obtaining a cutter by false pretence, was allowed to go on deferred sentence, as she settled with the McLaughlin Carriage Co. by paying \$25 extra for a new cutter.

John Williams, 86 Nightingale street, was an unfortunate man. He "sassed" Constable Robson, who told him to go home last night, as he was drunk, and Robson arrested him and charged him with being drunk and disorderly. Williams was mulcted \$5.

John McBride, 205 Catharine street north, had a peculiar experience. John is worth, at his own rating, 500 codd, hard cases. He was fined \$2 for being drunk, but could not get out to make out a cheque and had to send a messenger while he stayed inside. When he pleaded guilty His Worship observed that he seemed proud of it.

"No, I'm not, I'm sorry for it," said McBride.

FALSE ARREST.

Toronto Man Suing St. Mary's & Western Railway.

This morning Greer & Bell, acting for David Watson, Toronto, issued a writ for \$3,000 damages for false arrest and malicious prosecution against the St. Mary's & Western Railway Co., with head offices in Perth. An interesting story is told in connection with the case. The plaintiff was foreman for Webb & Co., the contractors, who were building the railway, and who were forced out of the work. Officials of the railway company demanded the time book. Watson mailed the book to his employer, and was arrested on a charge of stealing it. The Magistrate, it is alleged, refused bail unless Watson got the book from the Postmaster. The book was surrendered and Watson was liberated on bail. He was subsequently tried and acquitted, but as his arrest was published throughout the country he now seeks damages.

A PITCH IN.

The 610 Radial car from Burlington struck a street car at Frontdale last evening, and put the little car completely out of business. The big car was coming towards the city, and the motorman saw the street car ahead, but expected it would get over to the other track before his car reached it. The trolley of the street car came off, however, and the car stopped. The big car almost telescoped it. Ladies in the street car were thrown from their seats but the Radial car, one of the big, heavy new ones, withstood the shock. The windows in the front of the street car all that suffered on it. None of the passengers was injured at all.

A MONUMENT TO STEWART'S REGIME

Overdraft is Greater Than in the Four Years Which Preceded His Term.

This year's City Council will have to use the pruning knife ruthlessly if it is to keep within the funds at its disposal. Already several problems of financial nature are looming up, among them the legacy left by last year's Council, an overdraft of at least \$100,000. Where the money is to come from to pay this off is more than the civic financiers have been able to figure out. In reality the overdraft amounts to about \$127,000, of which \$27,000 is due to the excess sewage disposal account being overdrawn to that extent. The ratepayers, however, voted money to finish this work, and all the aldermen will have to take care of is the \$100,000 overdraft. A comparison of overdrafts for the last six years shows that the overdraft for the last two years is more than the four previous years combined. The combined overdraft for 1907-8 was \$169,000, and for the four previous years about \$163,000.

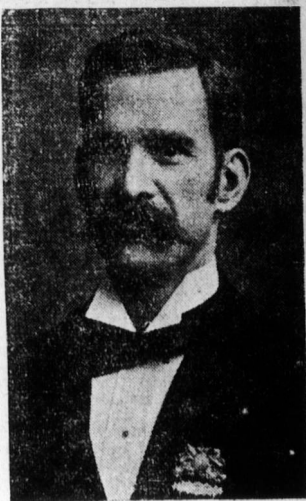
Here is the record of overdrafts for six years back:

1903	.....	\$15,054
1904	.....	32,332
1905	.....	59,735
1906	.....	56,164
1907	.....	42,000
1908	.....	\$127,000
Total	.....	\$332,342

The increased assessment this year will give the city about \$60,000 more in revenue, it is estimated. The waterworks receipts are as high now as it is possible to make them. Last year they netted about \$250,000. It would seem to be almost impossible for the Council this year to pay off last year's debt, and get through its term without an overdraft.

City Treasurer Leckie this morning received from the Street Railway Company ten cheques for amounts aggregating over \$15,000. This includes the city's mileage and percentage of gross earnings on the street railway system and money due the Board of Works for work done during the year in the way of asphalt and road repairs. The Board of Works cheque was for \$5,158.78, and the street railway cheque for \$8,024.32, made up of 8 per cent. on \$76,848.78, the gross earnings for the quarter ending December 31, and mileage \$1,879.96. There is a slight decrease in the earnings for this quarter, as compared with the corresponding quarter, a year ago, when they amounted to \$77,145.20, the city's share of mileage and percentage being \$8,027.58. The city's share of the receipts for the year was about \$3,000 below the city treasurer's estimate. Mr. Leckie figured on the city receiving \$35,500. It received \$32,430. In 1907 the city received from the company \$32,856.

What will the Council do with the recommendation to cut off eighteen licenses? The City Hall prophets were "doping" it out to-day, and the verdict is a reduction of eight, cutting the number (Continued on Page 10.)



JAMES GADSBY, Second Vice-President of St. George's Society.

JUMPED AND SAVED LIFE.

Grimby Disaster Might Have Had Other Victims.

Circumstances All Seem to Have Conspired Against Party.

Major Roberts Had a \$200 Robe Stolen at Dance.

The funerals of Mr. and Mrs. George Teeter were held yesterday afternoon, from their late residence, to Queen's Lawn Cemetery. The funerals were the largest ever held in Grimby, practically the whole country-side turning out to pay a last tribute to the victims of the disaster of Saturday morning. Teeter was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, and the whole Grimby lodge, seventy-five strong, marched behind the hearse. There were 30 cabs and cutters and other conveyances, and many of the friends of the dead people marched afoot. At the house a most impressive funeral service was conducted by Rev. John Muir, of the Presbyterian Church at Grimby. The house was packed with the lady friends alone of the dead couple, and the men, several hundred strong, had to stand outside. Mrs. Court Miller, a relative of the dead couple, became hysterical while gazing at the last remains of her brother and sister-in-law, and was carried unconscious from the room. Marriott & Son had charge of the body. Mrs. Teeter, and Hansen, of Campden, had charge of that of George Teeter. The funerals were combined, and formed an impressive spectacle. The pallbearers were Percy Watson, Chas. Durham, William Durham, Ed. Manning, Tom. J. Marsh and Edward Fairwell.

The case is still being discussed by the whole countryside near the scene of the accident, and some more facts are finding their way to the light every now. That the sleigh played an important part in the accident is clearly seen. A man who has lived near the crossing for years stated that if the sled had not been there the results would likely not have been fatal to five people. The sleigh must have been half turned away from the engine when the steel monster struck it, dashing the occupants to death. The horses were clearly struck first, and the sleigh was dragged after the engine and ground to pulp between the sled and the engine and cars. This same man believes that had the sleigh and horse been struck while at right angles the effect would not have been as bad.

In regard to the rugs stolen, it has come to light that a \$200 robe belonging to Major Roberts, of the 91st Highlanders, was stolen at the dance. This was only one of many thefts in the sheds behind the Institute Hall, and (Continued on Page 8.)