

# ANOTHER BIG FIRE AT PORTLAND, MAINE.

## Big Fire In Business District of City.

## Death and Disaster Meet Chicago Firemen.

## Man and Little Child Burned to Death.

Portland, Me., Jan. 27.—A fire which several times threatened seriously to wipe out the business district of this city, and which caused a damage estimated at over \$900,000 before it was finally controlled, was kept confined to the block in which it started this morning, after almost ten hours' fighting by Portland's almost exhausted firemen, aided by men and apparatus from several outside cities and favored by a light rain and shifts of wind. The fire burned in the block occupied by Milliken, Cousins & Co., and A. F. Cox & Son, and it was here that practically all the damage was done at the nearby business house, where, several times threatened by the flames and suffered somewhat from smoke and water.

## Attacked by Pirates

Shanghai, Jan. 27.—A Japanese launch has been fired on and robbed by Chinese pirates near Kia Nsing Fu. The pirates also attacked several Chinese launches en route to Shanghai, killing four Chinese and wounding nine. Troops have been despatched to the scene of the trouble. The Japanese consul has taken the matter up, and had an interview with the Tatoi.

## A GREAT GUSHER.

## The Most Productive Gas Well in the Province.

Leamington, Ont., Jan. 27.—Near Glenwood, in Romney township, Kent county, there lately has been sunk the most productive gas well in Ontario. It has an enormous pressure of 600 pounds, and therefore will produce over seven million feet of gas in 24 hours. The well is owned by the Leamington company, and the company has another well within a mile of No. 1 with the same rock pressure, and is sinking yet another. This is undoubtedly the heart of the gas district. Old No. 1 well, the original well in the district, had a gas rock of 160 feet, but in the Romney field the gas rock is over 200 feet thick, and with proper handling the gas is practically inexhaustible.

## BIG SNOW STORM.

## Snow and Wind Storm Strikes Montreal and Ottawa.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 27.—The biggest snow storm of the season struck Montreal and vicinity yesterday, thirteen inches of snow falling in 24 hours. The storm started yesterday morning and wound up this morning between 9 and 10, having been in progress just the full 24 hours, with brief interruptions. Yesterday the storm was of the blizzard variety, but later the temperature went down and the wind ceased, and there was a steady fall throughout the morning. As the effects of the last storm had been pretty well removed in the city, there was no interruption to street car traffic nor were the railways seriously impeded.

## ARE VERY PRETTY.

## Beant's Decorated For the Hospital Engagement.

Miss Jeanette Lewis superintended the decoration of the interior of Bennett's theatre which was done this morning by Thomas Hedley and his staff. Mr. Hedley kindly gave his services gratis and the decorations were donated by Stanley Mills & Co., and R. McKay & Co. They will remain up during the seven weeks that the theatre is given over to the interests of the Sick Children's Hospital Fund. Miss Lewis has placed tickets for sale in Hennessey's drug store and R. Duncan & Co.'s book store and patrons will be able to get their tickets supplied at these places and also at Mack's drug store. Everything points to an auspicious opening this evening.

## WOMAN ARRESTED.

Lisbon, Jan. 27.—The police last night arrested on the charge of conspiracy a woman friend of the merchant Souza, who was imprisoned recently on account of the discovery of a stock of revolvers in his house.



HON. HERBERT HENRY ASQUITH, Who is Mentioned to Succeed Campbell-Bannerman as Premier of Britain

## OTTAWA'S TROLLEY.

## Increase in Receipts and in Number of Passengers Carried.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company for 1907 was held today. The receipts for the year were \$574,278, an increase over 1906 of \$48,531. The net earnings were \$234,349. The profits were over 18 per cent., after paying fixed charges, and dividends of 12 per cent. were paid. The number of passengers carried was 12,023,440, an increase of 1,215,218 over the previous year. The Ottawa Electric Railway Company has had a remarkable growth. Its receipts in 1892 were \$71,000; its receipts in the year just closed show an increase of \$500,000. Eleven million more passengers were carried last year than in the first year of the company's operations.

## KAISER'S BIRTHDAY.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM 49 YEARS YOUNG TO-DAY.

Wakened After He Was Up by Trumpeters and Chorus—Heard Sermon, Then Held Reception—A Mediterranean Cruise.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Emperor William is forty-nine years old to-day. He was "awakened" this morning according to the immemorial birthday custom by the palace-trumpeters and the singing of a hymn by the castle choir at 8 o'clock. As a matter of fact, however, the Emperor had risen several hours earlier, and had disposed of a variety of State documents by the time the singing began, after which he appeared at a window of the castle overlooking the court, where the musicians were gathered. His Majesty, dressed in a field marshal's uniform, greeted the choristers, and received the congratulations of the visiting Princes, after which there were services in the private chapel of the palace. Dr. Dryander, the court preacher, delivered a sermon from the text, "God be with us."

## CARS COLLIDE.

## Conductor Fink Injured and Vestibules Damaged.

A rear end collision caused by one street car crashing into another on Saturday afternoon on James street north, near the Drill Hall, resulted in Conductor Walter Fink being injured and the vestibules of both cars badly damaged. Fortunately there were few passengers aboard. Both cars were north bound. The one on which Fink was conductor stopped at Mulberry street to let passing cars off, and he was in the act of pulling the bell rope to give the signal to start when a car driven by Motorman Gordon Bailey, following close behind, crashed into Fink's car. Fink was standing in the doorway at the time, and he was sent flying through like a shot from a catapult. His leg was injured and he received a severe shaking up. Bailey had a narrow escape from serious injury by flying glass, the windows in the vestibules of both cars being shattered. There were two passengers on the rear car and several on the front one.

## THOMAS IZZARD.

## Vice-President of Bricklayers International Union.

Detroit, Jan. 27.—The Bricklayers and Masons' International Union of America has selected Boston for the next biennial session and elected W. J. Bowden, New York, President; Thomas Izzard, of Toronto, Ont., and A. J. Greeves, of Winnipeg, Man., were elected vice-presidents.

## BIG ORANGE CROP.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—The orange crop harvest of California, now in full season, in quantity and in quality, promises to break all previous records. The fruit exchanges of the State estimate that the total output of oranges will reach 30,000 carloads, about nine million boxes, or 1,250,000,000 oranges. The harvest will last until July 4.

## SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

## TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

## BONELESS FROZEN MEAT.

London, Jan. 27.—The medical inspector of the local Government Board has recommended the prohibition of imports of boneless frozen meats on the ground that its unchecked admission might constitute a danger to public health.

## THE MAN IN OVERALLS

The fellow who does an honest day's work has a much easier time of it than the chap who tries to do a dishonest day's work. Ask the Magistrate.

Saltfleet may think that the Judge has salted it.

Let the people have the wards as they voted for them, Mr. Mayor.

Beek wants to give us cheap electric power, but not too cheap.

The South Huron farmers did not believe that scandal talk.

It may be easy to jolly the Board of Health, but you have always got Dr. Roberts to reckon with.

Some of the employers might try to stretch a point and put a few of the idle men to work. The banks have lots of money now.

Whom have I to thank for that extra ear of light in the Jolley Cut? I have a last year's Christmas card I would like to send him.

The Radial Railway is making a noise just like the C. P. R. or G. T. P.

Hayashi will make no hash about carrying out his promises to Mr. Lettice.

Whitney does not seem to care whether we lose our lodge dues or not. What Royal and Sublime Potentate is casting a spell over him?

This being an off season in the matrimonial line, it might be good business were the clergy to offer cut rates.

I hope the Council won't lose sight of the reversion fund. That enterprise is just in its infancy.

Is Engineer Sotman running up a bill of expense against the city, Mr. Mayor?

Without any desire to appear inquisitive, I should like to know how the art gallery scheme is progressing. Will some gentleman please report progress?

Why this vacillation about vaccination?

The Drill Hall will be a fitting monument to the fact that Mr. Zimmerman sees that the city's interests are protected.

Next summer should see a K. C. demonstration and reunion in Dundurn Park, with prizes for the best-dressed counsel.

Buy your Christmas presents now, and save the discount.

## FALSE PRETENCES.

## Charged With Attempting to Get Money From Farmers' Bank.

Belleville, Ont., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—What looks like an important arrest took place yesterday when a well-dressed young Englishman named Wm. Van Blaroum, alias Maurice Logee, was taken into custody by the police on a charge that he did on Jan. 18th, 1908, unlawfully attempt to obtain the sum of \$186 from the Farmers' Bank, in this city, by false pretences. Nothing is known of the man here and considerable mystery surrounds the case. At the police court this morning he was remanded until Wednesday without bail.

## HISTORIC BIBLE

## Was Given in 1758 by Prince of Wales to Oneidas.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Marshfield, Wis., says that Rev. Jos. Brown, a Sunday School missionary, has found among the Indians in Oconto county, Wis., a Bible given to the Oneida tribe in 1758 by the secretary of the Prince of Wales. The presentation was made in behalf of the Church of England. At that time the tribe was living in Massachusetts. The historic Bible is in two volumes, each weighing twenty pounds. The Bible is now in possession of the Indians with whom Rev. Mr. Brown stayed while organizing a church among the red men in Oconto county.

## H. G. & B. ANNUAL.

## Talk of Trouble Over the Terminal Station.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton Grimsby & Beamsville stockholders was set for this afternoon. As has been usual at the annual sessions held since the famous deal by which the minority shareholders were frozen out an interesting time is looked for. The minority representatives are of the opinion that the company may make a move of some kind at to-day's meeting. It has been stated that the Terminal Company is charging the H. G. & B. \$3,000 a year rental for the use of the Terminal station, and the minority men will object to this. They say that the old H. G. & B. station answered the purpose all right as far as that road was concerned.

## You Can't Beat It.

For coughs, colds and all bronchial troubles Parke's Cough Balm stands alone. We guarantee this remedy, but we never have to refund the money, because the cough balm does the work. If you have a cough try it, on our guarantee. Sold at 50c.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

—Mrs. Herbert Heming and Miss Kate Heming left to-day for Vancouver

# FIRST SEVERE CASE OF THE OUTBREAK.

## Change in Policy

Johannesburg, Jan. 27.—The Transvaal has decided to change its attitude towards Asiatics with a view to finding a less objectionable registration system. It is understood that the judicial investigation of the subject will be instituted, pending which all prosecutions for violation of the present law will drop.

## GAVE DIAMONDS.

## Representative of Brazilian Mine Was Generous.

Some days ago Acting Detectives Sayers and Robson were told of the reckless liberality of a New Yorker who was staying at the Waldorf Hotel. The man gave diamonds to some women he had known only half an hour, and he offered a man who accompanied him down the Rialto the choice of a large assortment of precious stones. The officers had visions of jewel robberies in New York, Paris and London, and went quietly to work. It was learned that the man represented a millionaire broker of New York, who was promoting a company to develop a diamond mine in Brazil. Word was sent to New York that the young man was battling here with old John Barleycorn, and his employer came on and arranged for his admission into a sanitarium till he recovers from the effects of his week's spree. No effort was made to get back the diamonds that the young man presented to objects of his affection or admiration.

## HIS SIGHT SAVED.

## George Kingston Is In Serious Condition, However.

George Kingston, who made a sensational attempt to end his life on Saturday, is in the hospital in a serious condition, but as far as the doctors can at present make out he will recover. His sight will not be affected seriously, although his face is terribly burned, as at the moment the acid reached his face he must have involuntarily closed his eyes and so saved his sight. When asked this morning if a prosecution would be instituted, Chief Smith said he was investigating, and would not say until later.

—Word of the death of Samuel Jelfs, father of Police Magistrate G. F. Jelfs, of this city, was received on Saturday. The death took place at Sherbourne, Dorsetshire, England. Mr. Jelfs was 84 years of age, and a hale and hearty old man, and his death was unexpected by the Magistrate.

# WILL MAKE TEST CASE OF SALT FLEET LOCAL OPTION.

## Judge Snider Withholds Certificate Pending Action by Temperance People.

Judge Snider has not issued the certificate in the local option scrutiny, which took place at Stoney Creek on Friday. When asked this morning when he was going to give his decision, he said that he was holding the certificate back for the purpose of giving the temperance people an opportunity of applying to Osgoode Hall, Toronto, for an injunction restraining him from giving judgment on the questions that he is to decide. His Honor said there are so many conflicting authorities that he would like to see a test case. His Honor is not sure that he has the right to say that the deputy returning officers and poli-

## Bad Form of Smallpox With One Patient.

## Change of Plan re the Power Scheme.

## Water System for the Mountain Residents.

Three more cases of smallpox, one of which is of a very serious nature, have been reported to the Health Department. A man named Webb, who resides at 65 Catharine street north with his family, is the one about whose recovery the doctors have doubts. Dr. Roberts says it is the worst case he has seen. The man's palate is covered with pustules and he is unable to take nourishment. These three cases are traceable to the Goodale home on Cannon street. Archie Goodale was the first victim. His brother and sister-in-law were next taken down, and then one of the children. Now the grandmother is a victim. The third case discovered since Saturday is Albert Anderson, 22 Oak avenue, who resides at that address with his family. Anderson was a visitor at the Webb residence where the Goodales also visited. Anderson was removed to the west end Isolation Hospital yesterday, but Webb was too ill to be taken from his home.

"The danger of indiscriminate social visiting can not be too strongly emphasized," declared Dr. Roberts, the Medical Health Officer to-day. "Here we have nearly half a dozen cases traceable to one."

The doctor is rather annoyed at the action of the Finance Committee in refusing to order a general vaccination. The Board of Health cannot take any action for a month, the law providing that the council must have a month's notice. Since the committee's action was reported the doctor says there has been a big falling off in the number of people desiring to be vaccinated. "It will get two or three children, and go through one of the schools some of these days, and then they will wake up," said the doctor.

The board now has ten cases on its hands. Nine of these are at the Isolation Hospital. The quarantine has been raised at 235 Cannon street east, where a man named Gallagher was the victim, and at 421 King William street, where a man named Smith was suffering from the disease. Both these patients have been discharged, and also Archie Goodale. The quarantine has also been raised at the residence of J. Ablehart, Queen street. One of his sons was a victim. The quarantine on the residence of Mrs. Thompson, Elgin street, has been raised, and she will be discharged as cured to-day. During the outbreak there has been nineteen cases.

It is not improbable that the scheme for supplying the east-end mountain residents with water will result in a system being established on the mountain top which will ensure a supply for people (Continued on page 10.)

## THE OPEN SHOP.

## Goldfield Mine Operators Discard Card System.

Goldfield, Nev., Jan. 27.—The Goldfield Mine Operators' Association last night abolished the card system, which required all employees to sign an agreement renouncing the Western Federation of Miners, and declared an open shop policy. The resolution adopted stated that hereafter applicants for employment "shall only be required to satisfy the secretary of the association and the employers of their competency and reliability."

This action was determined upon, it is said, because the agreement which the men were required to sign was in conflict with the statutes of Nevada. "We shall operate on the open shop plan," said Secretary Erb, of the mine owners' association, "and employ men regardless of their membership in any union." It is believed that there are fully 1,000 Federation men in the camp who will return to work under the new ruling.

## A Cigar With Real Merit.

The Special cigar has been the standard for years, and cannot be equalled for a smooth, aromatic smoke. It is guaranteed long Havana filler and sold for 5 cents straight at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

# ACUTE MANIA, THAW'S TROUBLE, SAID ENGLISH PHYSICIAN.

## Wanted 20 Tons of Ice and Whole Staff of Nurses ---Family Doctor Also Talks.

New York, Jan. 27.—The morning session of the Thaw trial began at 10.30 o'clock, with Dr. Charles Francis Binghamman, the Thaw family physician, of Pittsburg, on the witness stand. Dr. Binghamman told of the early symptoms of nervousness in Harry Thaw, saying he was first called to attend the boy when he was three years old. At this time his nervousness almost bordered on convulsions. The attacks usually followed various children's diseases. Thaw slept badly, requiring a relay of nurses most of the time. Dr. Binghamman said that in the fall of 1903 he was called to attend Harry Thaw in Pittsburg, and treated him for nervousness and melancholy. This was after Thaw's first trip abroad

with Evelyn Nesbit. The witness saw Thaw several times in the Tombs after his arrest, and the defendant always referred to Madison Square Garden tragedy as the "act of Providence." Attorney Jerome said at the last trial, when Thaw's mental condition was under investigation: "I had rather have the testimony of an old family practitioner like this than all the experts you could put on the stand." Following Dr. Binghamman came the first of the foreign witnesses, Dr. Sydney Russell Wells, of London, who was called to attend Thaw in the British capital in the early part of 1899. "Mr. Thaw was in a very nervous condition," said Dr. Wells. "His pulse was extremely rapid, and he complained of (Continued on page 10.)"