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Six Firemen Were Injured Fighting a Serious Blaze

Were Pinned Under a Heavy Veanda at Grand Trunk Plant.

Others Have Narrow Escape —Loss $9,000—Big District Threatened.

THE INJURED.

THOMAS AITKEN, foreman of No. 3 station, rib fractured, severely cut and bruised.

JOHN S. SCOTT, No. 1 Company, back injured, internal injuries feared; cut about head and face.

ALFRED DAVIS, No. 1 Company, injuries to abdomen, back strained; extent of injuries not as yet known.

ALBERT H. DEAN, No. 2 Company, badly cut about head and face.

JAMES RIDDELL, No. 2 Company, severely bruised and cut about head.

W. H. SECCOMBE, No. 3 Company, bruised and cut by falling bricks.

The above is a list of firemen injured in a fire which destroyed the woodworking shops of the bridge-building department of the Grand Trunk Railway, situated on Simcoe street, just east of Adelaide street, and in close proximity to the works of the London and Petrolea Barrel Company and the Columbia Handle Company.

Two of the injured spent Saturday night in Victoria Hospital, but this morning none of them were in the institution, and of the six men injured, three had returned to work.

Foremen Aitken and Fireman Scott and Davis are still off duty, and are likely to be absent for some time.

At 10 o'clock Saturday night, the firemen were called to a blaze in the offices of Mr. F. G. Rumball, lumber merchant, on Bathurst street, near Adelaide. No. 1 Company and No. 2 Company went to the fire, while No. 3 Company, as is the usual case, remained on duty at the central station.

Second Fire Discovered.

When Chief Clark saw he had the Rumball blaze under control he ordered No. 1 company back to the central station, so that No. 3 might be allowed to return to its post in South London. The central company had only left a few minutes, however, when a boy ran over from Adelaide street, and informed the chief that a fire had

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HARRIMAN ON THE STAND

Begins Story of His Pacific Operations At Government Inquiry.

New York, Feb. 25.—The investigation of the financial operations of the Harriman group through the Union Pacific Railroad, undertaken by the interstate commerce commission in behalf of the United States Government, was resumed at the federal building at 10 o'clock this morning. E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific, was the first witness, and under examination by Frank Kellogg began an explanation of the financial operations of his company, commencing with the issue of one hundred millions, convertible bonds, in 1901, for the purchase of stock in the Southern and Northern Pacifics.

Mr. Harriman testified that out of the proceeds of the sale of $40,000,000 dollars in bonds of the Chicago and Alton, a 30 per cent dividend was paid to the stockholders. He denied knowledge or participation in the sale of ten millions of the bonds of the Chicago and Alton at 96 to the New York Life Insurance Company. Harriman denied that he and his associates had been speculating in securities. Their purchases were the reinvestment of the proceeds of their sales of Northern Pacific. They were not made for the purpose of securing control of the roads in question. The investments had been made for the purpose of improving income. The witness had no plans as to the future sales of present holdings.

BIG POOLROOM RAID

Hamilton Police Make Midnight Swoop on Gambling Dens.

Hamilton, Feb. 24.— In a midnight raid on three poolrooms here Saturday the local police rounded up 53 players, some prominent citizens falling into the net. The places raided were kept, it is said, by Harry Daniels, Edward Hickey and John Walsingham. A considerable quantity of gambling instruments were seized.

ANOTHER PAPAL PROTEST.

Paris, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to the Eclair from Rome, published today, affirms apparently on the authority of the Vatican, that it is the intention of the Pope to send a communication to The Hague peace conference regarding the expulsion from France of Mgr. Montagnini, the secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris, and the rupture of the concordat.

CYCLONE IN PHILIPPINES

Southern Section Ravaged by Storm Which Destroys Hundreds.

Madrid, Feb. 25.—A telegram from Manila announces that the Southern Philippines have been ravaged by a cyclone, that 200 persons were killed, and thousands of others rendered homeless.

WARD AT HOSPITAL FOR THE FIREMEN

Effort Being Made by Chairman Gillean, of No. 3 Committee to Secure It.

Chairman Gillean, of the market, fire and light committee, is endeavoring to secure a ward in Victoria Hospital which shall be set apart exclusively for the use of injured firemen, when necessary.

When on Saturday night, after the accident at the Grand Trunk bridge shops fire, Firemen Davis and Scott were taken to the hospital, there was not a vacant room in the institution, and it was necessary to place the wounded men in the long ward, where the so-called poor patients are looked after.

For some time past the hospital has been crowded, and on one occasion it was impossible to provide room for Fireman Gullfoil, who was hurt in the collision between the street car and the hose wagon last Monday night.

Chairman Gillean, as the head of the committee, which has charge of the fire department matters, has now taken the matter up in earnest, and he intends to ask the hospital trust to set aside a room for injured firemen.

It is hardly likely the trustees will be able to do this, however, until such time as the new isolation hospital is built, and the present contagious pavilion is remodeled, as well as the old administration building.

When these improvements are made there will be accommodation for an additional 65 patients, and it will be a comparatively easy thing then to set aside a special room for the firemen.

SEMINARY BURNED

Institution of the Marist Brothers, Near Montreal, Destroyed.

Marieville, Que., Feb. 24. — In the short space of three hours the Roman Catholic seminary, an institution conducted by the Marist Brothers, was destroyed by fire here Saturday. It was about 10 a.m. when smoke was seen issuing from the cornice and an alarm was at once raised. At the time the 250 pupils were attending the classes, and they all were got out of the buildings, which, being of brick and wood, was an easy prey to the flames. The local fire brigade could do little, and it was feared the fire would spread. Assistance was asked of Montreal, but the distance was too great to be overcome in time. Nothing but crumbling walls remain of the college. The loss is estimated at $150,000, with an insurance of $50,000. A defective chimney was the cause of the fire.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE

Conflagration Does Great Damage in the Heart of Sandusky.

Sandusky, O., Feb. 25.—Accumulated gas in the basement of the Bittner building, a three-story brick structure on Market street, in the heart of the city, exploded with terrific force today. The building and the big stock of furniture of Dilgart & Bittner, retail dealers, is a total loss. Hundreds of dollars' worth of glass was shattered throughout the city by the explosion. Thirty girls employed in Beilstein's laundry, next door, were thrown into panic. Several of them fainted, and had to be carried out. No lives were lost. The flames, which the firemen are unable to combat on account of low water pressure, are being swept toward other buildings at the side and rear, and the whole city square opposite the Federal building seems doomed.

NEEDS A HOLIDAY

Bishop Carmichael To Visit Europe for His Health.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—His Lordship Bishop Carmichael, who has been in poor health for some time past, yet able to attend to his episcopal duties, will leave for a three months' sojourn in France and other Mediterranean resorts early in March. He will be accompanied by his son, Dr. Carmichael. During his lordship's absence from his diocese, such episcopal functions as confirmations, etc., will be performed by their Lordships the Bishops of Ottawa and Ontario.

GOES TO THE CHAIR.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 25.—George G. Granger, aged 25, was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison this morning. His crime was the murder of a farmer. Charles Lutz, in Duchess County, in 1905. The electric current was applied three times before Granger was declared dead.

AN IMPROVEMENT IN HER MEMORY

Mrs. Thaw, Closely Cross-Examined, Makes Some Damaging Admissions.

New York, Feb. 25.—When the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White was resumed this morinng before Judge Fitzgerald in the supreme court, District Attorney Jerome continued with his cross-examination of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. She was immediately called to the stand, and without any preliminary statement the prosecutor plunged into his work.

Mrs. Thaw looked refreshed after her three days' respite, and answered the first questions put to her confidently.

Thaw brought with him from the Tombs several packages of letters and papers.

Mr. Jerome, as on the previous day of his cross-examination, continued to jump about from place to place in the witness' story. He asked her first of all today if she had not had trouble with her mother in Allegheny, Pa., before going to Philadelphia to live—if she had not run away with a girl. This Mrs. Thaw denied.

"How long after the drugging in the Twenty-fourth street house was it that the account was opened for you in the Amsterdam Bank by Stanford White?"

"I can't tell how long. It might have been a month."

"When did you first meet Frances Belmont?"

"When I was in Florodora."

"Before you met Stanford White?"

"I think so."

"Had you gone to supper with Frances Belmont before you met White?"

Mr. Jerome continued to hold the menace of documentary evidence before the witness, basing all his questions evidently upon affidavits made by the girl's mother and brother.

"No." She had gone to several suppers with Frances Belmont afterwards, but White was at all of them except one.

Mr. Jerome asked the witness if she had not often gone to suppers with the two men whose names he whispered to her.

"I never went with them, but they were present."

"Did they not on occasions take you home?"

"One took me home once, and the other twice, but there was always another girl with me."

"Miss Belmont?"

"No."

"These suppers were after the theater?"

"Yes."

The witness met Thaw first at a dinner he gave at Rectors, either in December, 1901, or January, 1902, after a matinee. Replying to questions, she said Thaw was rational then. He gave no present to her other than violets. They were beautiful. Once he had sent money with the flowers. She indignantly denied that she was in the habit of receiving money from men, although it was done constantly by other girls at the theater. The amount was $50, and she sent it back to Thaw. When she next saw Thaw she asked him not to repeat the act and he apologized. He seemed self-possessed.

Late in the summer of 1902, she went to a costume supper at the Hoffman House at which Thaw was present. She went in a hired costume and did not pose for a picture. Other women were there and the party broke up at 2 a.m. She did not see Thaw again for a long time. He went abroad. He called several times up to June, 1902.

"You were shown a paper in Abe Hummel's office?"

"Yes, I was shown a signature, not a paper."

"Is that the signature?" (showing her a paper)

"That is the name, I can't identify the signature."

At Mr. Delmas' request Mr. Jerome said the paper was signed "Ethel Thomas." Mrs. Thaw said she had not read the paper. It is supposed to have been connected with a suit against Thaw.

"On Feb. 22, 1902, were you on good terms with Frances Belmont?"

"I think so."

"After you left Florodora, what was your next employment?"

"With 'The Wild Rose' in Philadelphia."

"Who went there with you?"

"My mother."

"Do you know Angela Vincent?"

"Yes."

A letter and envelope was shown Mrs. Thaw, who identified the writing as that of Stanford White.

Checks From White.

The letter was postmarked Boston, Jan. 22, 1902, and was addressed to Charles Hartnett, White's private secretary.

It read: "Dear Hartnett—Please telephone Mrs. Nesbit to let you know whenever Miss Evelyn decides to go on her vacation. Then send this note to the Mercantile Trust Company. Please notify Miss Nesbit that on receiving word that she is to start on her vacation you will send her the weekly

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STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Feb. 23-24.	Reported at.	From.
Philadelphia	New York	Southampton
Carmania	Queenstown	New York
Silvia	Baltimore	Hamburg
Arabic	Algiers	New York
Noordland	Liverpool	Philadelphia
Winifredian	Liverpool	Boston
Pennsylvania	Hamburg	New York
Manuel Calvo	Cadiz	New York
Etruria	New York	Liverpool
Amerika	Plymouth	New York

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FIRE CHIEF CLARK.

ONLY ONE CAMP HERE THIS YEAR

Will Be Held June 4 to 15—Hussars and Batteries Go to Petewawa.

London district will have but one military camp of instruction this year, instead of two, as has been the rule for several years past. The date of the camp has been fixed for June 4 to 15. The Niagara camp will be held from June 11 to 22.

With eight rural regiments, the Guelph and London Field Batteries, the First Hussars and the Army Medical Corps of London and Sarnia, it has been necessary for some years, owing to the limited size of the training grounds at Carling's Heights, to hold two camps, but this the artillery and the Hussars will go to Petewawa, which will make it possible to manage with only one camp. The camp will include the Twenty-second (Oxford Rifles), Twenty-sixth (Middlesex), Twenty-seventh (Lambton), Twenty-eighth (Perth), Twenty-ninth (Waterloo), Thirtieth (Wellington), Thirty-second (Bruce), and Thirty-third (Huron) Regiments. The total strength will be about 2,000 officers and men.

TURK OFFICERS IN PANIC

Another Vice-Admiral Dies Suddenly and Mysteriously.

Constantinople, Feb. 25. — Admiral Sami Pasha, another of the commissioners engaged in drawing up a plan for the reform of the ministry of marine, and investigating the accounts connected with the ministry, died suddenly yesterday under suspicious circumstances. His death, following closely on the mysterious demise of Hairi Pasha with the vice-admiral, whose death was announced Feb. 11, after he had refused to comply with the order canceling his appointment on the naval commission, has caused a semi-panic among the naval officers here. Sami Pasha was prefect of the port of Constantinople and enjoyed good health. He was seen at the Yildiz Palace on the day of his death looking quite well, and was seized with a fatal illness two hours after dinner.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

Toronto, Feb. 24—8 p.m.

Light snowfalls have occurred today in Ontario, and the temperature has moderated. Elsewhere in the Dominion it has been fine and decidedly cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—52; Vancouver, 38—53; Calgary, 16—30; Edmonton, zero—8; Port Arthur, 18—32; Parry Sound, 4 below—22; Toronto, 6—30, Ottawa, 18 below—10; Montreal, 18 below—18; Quebec, 13 below—10; Halifax, 8 below—6.

FORECASTS.

Monday, Feb. 24—8 a.m.

Today—Strong northwest winds; fine and colder.

Tuesday—Very cold in the morning, followed by southeast winds and light snowfalls.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	4	2	Cloudy
Winnipeg	— 4	— 6	Snow
Port Arthur	— 6	— 8	Fair
Toronto	14	14	Clear
Ottawa	12	10	Fair
Montreal	22	16	Cloudy
Quebec	14	10	Snow
Father Point	14	2	Snow

The sign — indicates below zero. The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Another cold wave from the north has set in over the Western Provinces, and is spreading rapidly eastward over Ontario and Quebec. A disturbance now developing near the Atlantic coast is likely to give very stormy weather in the Maritime Provinces.

Detroit, Feb. 24.—Lower Michigan: Monday—Fair and colder, except snow flurries in north and west portions. Tuesday—Fair; fresh northwest winds.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 19° above; lowest, 11° below. Sunday: Highest, 29.5°; lowest, 6° above.

"BILLY" GRAY CAN HAVE IT; OFFERED CONSERVATIVE NOMINATION

TO BRING THEM TO TIME

Mayor Said to Have Card Up His Sleeve for Underwriters.

It was said today that Mayor Judd has a card up his sleeve with which to bring the underwriters to time if they will not consent to reduce the insurance rates in London, provided the city increases its fire fighting powers by an additional water supply and greater pressure on the hydrants.

When asked today what he proposes to do, his worship refused to talk, however.

It is the impression of many business men in London, and apparently of the mayor and the members of the water commission as well, that the underwriters are holding the city up, and have named conditions under which the rates might be reduced, which they feel that the city will never be able to fulfill.

A HANDY BOOKLET

City Clerk Baker has just issued his booklet of civic London for the year 1907. It contains a mass of valuable information, showing the trouble to which its compiler went to secure facts and figures of interest to all those who take the trouble to follow the business of the city of London from year to year.

LIBERALS SAY IT'S MERE BLUFF

Rumor That Effort Is To Be Made to Unseat Three Aldermen.

A rumor, which Mayor Judd says is not without a great deal of truth, was going the rounds of the city hall today, that if the Liberals do not compel Mr. George W. Armstrong to withdraw his application to unseat Mr. Joshua Garratt, the Conservatives will move to unseat no less than three Liberals.

They are Ald. Stevely, Ald. Gillean and Ald. Stevenson.

Ald. Gillean asked the mayor what was in the rumor.

"There's no bluff about it," replied his worship. "I have heard it for a fact in reputable circles."

Nevertheless, the Liberals look upon the matter as having been circulated for mere bluff only, and they laugh at it.

When asked upon what grounds action may be taken against the Liberals, the mayor refused to answer.

And the Liberal aldermen claim that the Conservatives can "Lay on, MacDuff." They have yet to be shown wherein they are not entitled to their seats.

HAD CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNMENT

Municipal Union Asked for Some Important Legislation Respecting Damage Suits.

Ald. Cooper, vice-president of the Ontario Municipal Union, has returned from Toronto, where he attended a meeting of the executive of the union. He says that the delegates had an important conference with Premier Whitney and Hon. Mr. Hanna in regard to matters of direct interest to London.

In the first place, the union is pushing forward to have legislation passed which will compel bakers to sell only two and four-pound loaves in Ontario, and to fix the price accordingly, so that the people may know what they are buying. It is claimed that the 1½-pound loaves are very unsatisfactory, and make it possible for dishonest bakers to easily cheat the people.

Again, it is proposed to give urban municipalities power to construct a sewer on any street where it is needed without the consent of the property-owners, and to charge the cost of such sewer to the parties benefited by it.

At the present, the city of London has powers to put down a pavement where it chooses, but it has not similar power where sewers are concerned.

To both of these requests, Mr. Whitney and Mr. Hanna gave favorable answers.

Neither took kindly to another piece of proposed legislation which was put forward at the instance of the city of London. It is that a law shall be passed, making it impossible for people to sue the city for damages for injuries received by reason of alleged defective walks or roadways, unless the municipality shall have been given notice previous to the accident that the roadway or sidewalk was out of repair. Ald. Cooper says he does not think the Government will entertain the suggestions made along the lines noted.

REVOLT IN THE CONGO.

Brussels, Feb. 25.—Mail advices received here from the Congo Independent State says that the natives of Oubhangi are excited over the taxes imposed upon them, and that the Boudhos are on the verge of revolt for the same cause. Some villages have already been attacked by the turbulent natives and a score of persons have been killed.

—The finance committee of the county council will on Friday night meet the city council's committee at the city hall, and discuss the proposed erection of a tuberculosis hospital for Middlesex County.

Is Said to Have Accepted a Doubtful Honor "Upon Conditions."

At a caucus of the Conservatives held on Saturday night, it was decided that Mr. William Gray, who has twice unsuccessfully sought parliamentary honors in this city, should be Hon. Mr. Hyman's opponent in the approaching by-election.

It is also understood that the nomination was offered to Mr. Gray, who was in the city yesterday, but who left for the east this morning, and that he accepted conditionally.

What these conditions are could not be learned definitely, but it is alleged that they refer to the financial support which shall be given him by the Conservatives, and also to the attitude of certain other gentlemen, principally Hon. Adam Beck.

It is a well-known fact that Mr. Beck and Mr. Gray can scarcely be crowded into the same room, ever since the last time the latter was in the field.

Mr. Beck in 1905 realized that his party was heading for defeat, and as long as it was possible to do so he kept away from Mr. Gray, and refused to speak a word for him in the hustings or to canvass for him.

Finally, Mr. Beck did take the stump, but it was in a very mild way. And rumor does say that ever since Mr. Beck and Mr. Gray regard each other with anything but brotherly love.

That all did notr un smoothly at the party meeting Saturday night is evidenced by the close-mouthed manner in which those who were at the session are conducting themselves.

They say it was not a nomination meeting, that it was only a caucus, and that there is nothing to give out. Some of them, however, supplied the information which is given above.

There is no doubt that, fearing a split in the ranks, the party managers decided to cut and dry something before submitting names to a party convention, where the rank and file will have a chance to say who they want.

It is said that for some time Mayor Judd has been getting ready to be asked to run.

But now that Mr. Gray has consented to run, his worship finds himself with nothing but the mayoralty and whatever commissions he has on hand.

It was also said that Major Beattie would not be averse to re-entering federal politics at this time, and some people would have liked to have Mr. Adam McMahen in the field.

However, as matters now stand, it appears to be a matter of what Mr. Beck will do and what amount of money the party is willing to put up.

THREE MEN KILLED

Spark From Miner's Pipe Explodes a Box of Dynamite.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25. — Three men, Wm. Umlah, John Shroder and Fred Smith, were killed, and 20 others seriously injured, five probably fatally, by the explosion of dynamite at the Meadow plaster quarry, three miles from Windsor, Saturday. All of the buildings in the vicinity of the quarry were blown to pieces and three horses were killed. A workman stooped to pick up a stick of dynamite, when a spark from his pipe fell in the box, and the explosion followed.

GAMBLERS IN COURT

Victims of Hamilton Police Net Appear For Trial.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 25. — The fifty-four young men caught in the alleged gambling joints raided by the police at an early hour Sunday morning appeared before the police magistrate this morning, but their cases were not disposed of. The police were not ready to proceed, and an adjournment until Thursday was granted. The 51 charged with frequenting gaming houses were allowed out on bail of $20 each, while the three keepers, who had been in the cells since the time that the raids were made, had to find sureties for $800 each. All were free before noon.

BLOCKED BOTH TRACKS

Accident to a C. P. R. Freight Train at Port Credit.

The Grand Trunk's main line between Toronto and Hamilton was blocked for several hours on Saturday night by a run-off at Port Credit, fifteen miles west of Toronto.

A freight train of the C. P. R., which has running rights over the G. T. R.'s Toronto branch, was backing from one track to another to let a passenger train pass, when a truck collapsed, derailing four coal cars and completely stopping traffic both ways.

The Toronto and Hamilton auxiliaries were called, and after some hours had the line cleared.

The loss to rolling stock was very small.

A slight accident also occurred at Brantford on Saturday night, No. 422, which runs between London and Toronto, pitching into a freight car. The engine was slightly damaged, as was also the car. No. 422 is the freight which came into collision with the Intercolonial Limited last week.

LONDON GOLD PURCHASE.

London, Feb. 25.—The absence of American competition enabled the Bank of England to secure at a reduction of one-eighth, $2,500,000 in gold available in the open market here today.

GIGANTIC STEAL FROM U. S. CHEST

$200,000 Taken in Lump Sum From Chicago Treasury.

GOVT. CLERKS ARE SUSPECTED

Secret Service Narrow Trail to Two Employes, One of Whom Is Said to Have Confessed.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The Tribune today says: Somewhere between $175,000 and $200,000 was stolen from the local subtreasury last week. Chief Wilkie, of the United States secret service, has been keeping informed by telephone and telegraph of every development in the case, and will leave Washington today to take personal charge of the investigation made by the authorities. Secretary Shaw, of the treasury department, was told of the theft when here last week, and conferred with Sub-Treasurer Boldenweicht and secret service officials. The money was stolen either a week ago Saturday, the next day, or last Monday. The chances are it was abstracted on Monday. The loss was discovered on Tuesday. All the money taken was in bills of the denomination of $1,000, $5,000 and $10,000. At first it was believed that there must be some mistake in the book accounting.

May Be Employes.

The ledgermen strenuously denied any error, and an investigation showed there was no possible clerical mistake to account for the disappearance of the cash.

This brought the inevitable conclusion that robbery was the only explanation. Just as certain was the deduction that the thieves were employes of the sub-treasury and were at that moment pursuing their daily tasks.

Every man who could have had anything to do with the case was called into Treasurer Boldenweicht's office, and put through an exhaustive examination, and a still more rigid cross-examination. Capt. Porter, of the secret service, assisted. They stood the ordeal. All denied knowledge of the theft and protested their innocence. But it was obvious that someone was lying. The chances were a thousand to one that one or more of the employes actually had purloined the cash or had connived at the theft by some outsider. Day by day since the theft the investigation has been kept up. Saturday there came a glimmer of hope. A faint clue pointed in the direction of a clerk, and, that followed up, directed the finger of suspicion to another employe, a close associate of the first man.

These men were summoned separately. The suspicious circumstances were paraded, the certainty of detection and punishment was impressed upon them, and they were advised to make a clean breast of whatever part they had played in the conspiracy.

One, thought to be the moving spirit, came through the ordeal calm and self-possessed. The officers put him down as innocent or a master-hand of criminality.

One Has Confessed.

The other, younger, showed signs of breaking down. Just what he admitted the secret service men refuse to disclose, but it is believed to be tantamount to a confession. The admissions he made started the ingestigators into renewed activity. Half a dozen operatives started out, and results are expected soon. Every employe of the office is under surveillance day and night, and should one or more of them prove to be the thief or thieves, escape will be impossible. All, however, reported daily for work since the discovery was made. Every man is under bond.

NOVELIST GUNTER DEAD

Author of "Mr. Barnes, of New York," Succumbs to Strok e ofApoplexy.

New York, Feb. 25.—Archibald Clavering Gunter, publisher, novelist and playwright, died suddenly Saturday night from apoplexy in his home in West Seventy-third street. He had not been ill and was engaged in writing the last pages of the manuscript of a play when he was fatally stricken. Mr. Gunter was born in Liverpool, 59 years ago.

Mrs. Gunter, who was Esther Lisbeth Burns, survives. They had no children. Mr. Gunter used the immense profits from the sale of his first successful novel, "Mr. Barnes of New York," which went through edition after edition, and of which more than 1,000,000 copies have been sold here and in England, to establish a publishing business and had published his own recent works. He was proprietor of the Home Publishing Company Fourteenth street.

THAT FREEZING YARN

Ratcliff Family Didn't Freeze to Death and Say So.

Estevan, Sask., Feb. 25.—Sergeant H. Lett has just returned from a most hazardous trip of about 120 miles to investigate the story of the freezing to death of the entire Ratcliff family. He often had to use the shovel to excavate the horses in order to make the Ratcliffs' home. On knocking on the door he was received by Mr. Ratcliff himself, who on being questioned stated that he never had heard the news of the freezing, and produced his wife and three fat, red, round-faced nor'-westerners. They are all comfortable and have lots of provisions and fuel to last till navigation opens.