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MURDER, PILLAGE ABOUT CANTON

Rebels and Brigands Devastating Province of Kwang-Tung.

DEFEAT CHINESE TROOPS

Many Persons Killed in Furious Street Fighting at Canton.

[Canadian Press.]

Hong Kong, May 1.—Rebellion, brigandage and anarchy are stalking through the western half of Kwang Tung Province, murdering, pillaging and burning.

The brigand chief, Luk of Shuntak, is at the head of a horde of outlaws, whose object is robbery, accomplished by killing.

Following the standards of these men are anarchists groups to whose purpose the present outbreak lends itself most advantageously. The combined forces have thrown themselves with fanatical disregard of their own lives against the troops, and since the first outbreak Thursday night much blood has been shed.

Sedition is rife among certain of the troops, and this is a special source of alarm, as it is feared that the disaffected soldiers will desert their officers if the revolters appear to have the upper hand. Official advices and the refugees arriving from Canton confirm serious situation.

Devastating Country.

Famine prices are asked for foodstuffs, while many of the shops are closed. There have been attempts to bury the dead.

Today the revolters have withdrawn to a great extent from Canton and are devastating the country to the west along the West River. Before falling back they fought the troops from street to street, many persons being killed. They attacked the provisional arsenal and being repulsed, gathered in an immense rice store which they barricaded with bags of rice. From the building they threw bombs into the attacking troops, and were only dislodged when the building was set on fire. Many of the revolters died in the flames, while others killed themselves to avoid capture.

While the fighting was in progress Chinese gunboats, patrolling the West River, fired into several parties of rebels slaughtering 200 of them.

Retiring to the countryside, they attacked and captured Sam Shui, thirty miles west of Canton, and murdered the prefect. The troops were put to flight and the rebels moved on to Krang Chow and Wo Chow, both of whic towns they took after slight resistance. Luxi's brigands, following in their wake, looted the shops of the three towns. The triumphant sweep of the revolutionaries continued westward along the West River, and reports from that district say that the movement is spreading and the revolutionary army is murdering, pillaging and burning.

EARL GREY'S RETURN FROM WINNIPEG

His Excellency Said to Have Changed Plans Owing to Mr. Bryce's Visit.

Ottawa, April 30.—Earl Grey is coming home tomorrow from Winnipeg. His Excellency is returning somewhat earlier than had been expected on account of the visit of Ambassador Bryce, who comes on Tuesday as his guest. The ambassador had arranged to come to Ottawa some weeks ago, but had to cancel his visit till now.

There is said to be no foundation for a story sent out from Winnipeg that Earl Grey had been summoned from Winnipeg by reason of the political situation here. There is no significance in the ambassador's visit. He will consult the authorities on the question of Canada's representation on the international conference on pelagic sealing at Washington May 23. The depletion of the seal and walrus is to be considered. It is understood that Mr. Joseph Pope, C. G. M., will go in Canada's interests in the matter.

CHIEF TENEYCK ILL

Head of Hamilton Fire Department Down With Typhoid Fever.

[Canadian Press.]

Hamilton, May 1—The virulent form of scarlet fever which is attacking citizens here, has alarmed the health department, and Dr. Roberts has instructed his inspectors to enforce a rigid quarantine of every case, and prosecute where attempts are made to break it. Chief TenEyck, of the fire department, is laid up with the disease. A number of deaths have already been reported.

COAL PRICES DOWN

A Cut of Twenty-Five Cents a Ton Is Announced.

The price of coal was reduced 25 cents a ton in all classes by local dealers today as a result of the issuance of the summer schedule from the mines. The retail quotations for tons, half-tons and quarter tons are respectively: Chestnut, $7, $3 65 and $1 90; mixed coal, $6 90, $3 60 and $1 85; furnace coal, $6 75, $3 50 and $1 80; pea coal, $6 75, $3 and $1 60.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Quebec, April 30.—Arrived: Rosalind, from Newfoundland; Empress of Ireland, Liverpool.

Montreal—Royal George, Bristol.

Cherbourg—Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, New York.

Manchester—Bostonian, Boston.

Plymouth—Bremen, New York.

Liverpool—Devonian, Boston; Carmania, New York.

London—Narragansett, New York.

Antwerp—Mount Temple, St. John.

New York—Minnewaska, London.

Philadelphia—Manchester Exchange, St. John.

BAKERS IN POLICE COURT CASE WAS ADJOURNED

Dean Baking Company Charged With Breaking the Provincial Bread Act.

The case of the Dean Baking Company, charged with breaking the bread bylaws, which was to have been heard at the police court this morning, was adjourned until tomorrow.

Mr. Dean wanted the matter enlarged for a week.

The court decided to enlarge the hearing until tomorrow.

A local auto dealer was found guilty of going from Wellington to Waterloo street, on Dundas street at a rate of over 28 miles an hour in his auto.

"I'm going to fine you," said the magistrate. "There is no excuse for this sort of thing. You speeders are the worst enemies of the automobilists. The public have enough to contend with autos, as it is, with the dust and noise, without people speeding in a busy place like that. I fine you $5 and costs, $1 85.

A BIG GEM STEAL ON TRAIN IN WEST

Case of Diamonds Valued at $10,000 Taken From a Traveller While Asleep.

[Canadian Press.]

Calgary, Alta., May 1.—Gems to the value of $10,000 were stolen from the C. P. R. train from McLeod in Calgary Saturday morning. J. Fleischman, of Maiden Lane, N. Y., travelling jeweler, awoke and found that during the night, while he was sleeping, someone had rifled his pockets, and escaped with a case containing diamonds which are estimated at the above value. Railway detectives have not made any arrest.

FIRST YEAR EXAM RESULTS

Easter Tests in the London Collegiate Institute.

STUDENTS DID VERY WELL

On the Whole, the Results Are Satisfactory, the Percentages Being Up to the Standard.

The following are the results of the Easter examinations in the first year of the general course and commercial course at the London Collegiate Institute. To be in Class I. a student must obtain a minimum of 70 per cent, in class II. a minimum of 60 per cent, Class III. 50 per cent, Class IV. 40 per cent. Students below Class II. can hardly hope for promotion at the end of the year unless considerable progress is made during this last term. On the whole the results are extremely satisfactory. As shown by the report, the great majority of students have obtained a very satisfactory percentage. A subject after the student's name is the subject in which the student has failed to obtain a minimum of 40 per cent:

Commercial A.

Class. I.—M. Morley 86.2, N. Waterman 82.5, H. Ellwood 78.1, I. Stevens 76, J. Hall 75.4, H. Collins 75 (arithmetic), A. St. Clair 74.5 (arithmetic), I. Spry 73.8, H. Jones 71.8, M. Stinson 70.7, P. McCue 70.5, R. Bartlett 69.6.

Class II.—E. M. Liddicott 69.3, D. Dwyer 69.3, I. Cripps 67.7, J. Keller 67 (arithmetic), M. Hodgins 64.2 (history).

Commercial B.

Class I.—Austin Wright and Earl McKellar (equal) 81, Gordon North 79.7, Edmund Moorhead 79.6, John Skelly 78.8, Herbert Bennett 78, Fred Shaddock 76, Joseph Kinsella 75.8, Earl Fortner 75, Robert Crowder, Geo. Raymond, Clifford Hornby, Charles Kent, Cecil Hartle, Lessey Broderick.

Class II.—Hubert Gilbert, Daniel Sinclair, John Gyde, William Bissell, Ted Williamson, Clarence Donaldson, John Halpin (literature, arithmetic), Lorne Little (arithmetic), Douglas Rhynd, Harold Menzies, John Skinner, Thomas Lenehan (literature, history), Thomas Sawyer, Frank Brown, David Pollard.

Class III.—Ernest Scapes (history).

Lower I.

Class I.—F. Curran 94.8, P. Collyer 79.07, F. Ball 77.73, B. Coote 76.36, F. Brooks 74.76, C. Chapman 72.73, D. Macaulay 70.42 (arithmetic), R. Churchill 71.3, George Brown 70.11.

Class II.—L. Ashton, T. Browne, F. Currie, F. Ball (arithmetic), C. Anderson, W. Chowen (arithmetic), L. Brill, F. Barclay (literature, arithmetic), W. Buskard (arithmetic), D. Brooks (algebra, arithmetic).

Class III. — Carman Anderson, (geography, Latin), A. Brickenden (algebra, science), Fred Burdon (literature, spelling), J. Croke (history, bookeeeping), J. Brownlie (arithmetic), L. Constable (composition, bookkeeping), J. Cambridge (geography, algebra, bookkeeping, Latin).

Class IV.—T. Bowen (geography, arithmetic, algebra, bookkeeping).

Lower II.

Honors, 75 per cent.—M. Dickinson 81.73, O. Luney 81.68, D. Harkness 77.8, A. Gibson 75, B. Loft 75, G. Jarvis 75.

Pass, 40 per cent. in each subject, and 60 per cent. on total—N. Lee, L.

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HAMILTON CLEANING UP.

Hamilton, May 1.—The health department today started a large corps of inspectors out to make a house-to-house canvass and inspection covering all sections of the city. The inspection will be particularly rigid in the foreign quarters, although the men have instructions not to pry around the yards and cellars of the rich. People who refuse to clean up will be prosecuted.

BODY OF WILSON LAD FOUND FOATING IN RIVER ON SUNDAY NEAR WELLINGTON ST. BRIDGE

Little Chap Was Drowned on January 20 Last, a Few Yards From Home.

AN INQUEST WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

Remains Identified by Father of the Deceased—A Post Mortem Held.

Freddie Wilson.

The body of Freddie Wilson, the 7-year-old lad, living at 394 Nelson street, who disappeared on Jan. 20 last, was found Sunday afternoon shortly after four o'clock floating in the River Thames immediately west of Clarke's bridge at Wellington street. Coroner Maclaren was notified and ordered an inquest. The jury viewed the body last night, adjourning until this evening, when evidence will be heard.

The discovery of the remains solves a mystery that has greatly puzzled Londoners during the past three months.

On Jan. 20th Freddie Wilson asked his mother for permission to go outside and play for a few minutes. He was without mitts or overcoat, as his mother did not intend that he should remain outdoors for any length of time.

In a few minutes Mrs. Wilson went to call him. No response was given to her calls, and she started to investigate. None of the neighbors had seen the lad, and they knew nothing of him. Mrs. Wilson started over the Wellington street bridge, when she saw a collie pup, the inseparable companion of the boy, coming back over the bridge alone. After a long search he called the fire department up, and Fire Chief Aitken and some of his men commenced a search.

No Trace.

No foot prints could be discovered. It was suspected that he fell into the river, but the absence of anything that would make this fact certain, mystified those searching for him. All the holes in the river were dragged, but without result.

The police department were also notified, and for some time a thorough hunt for the boy was instituted. It was thought that possibly the youngster had caught on a sleigh, and taken a trip into the country. The disappearance was published far and wide, but no response was received.

Wild rumors soon began to circulate and all manner of theories were advanced to explain his disappearance. A large number of people, including his parents, suspected that he had been kidnapped.

Inquiries were made far and near for Freddie, but without result. The case attracted considerable interest, not only in London, but elsewhere.

Fortune-tellers soon took a hand in the search, Mayor Beattie receiving several letters from a Port Huron lady who declared that the lad was in the river.

A Reward Offered.

The council took the matter up and offered a reward of $200 for the discovery of the boy.

Months passed and nothing was heard of the lad. The river was closely watched during the spring freshet, but no trace of the body was found.

Sunday afternoon, Mr. Roger Hutchinson, of 111 High street, was crossing the Wellington street bridge, and on looking at the river, he noticed an object floating in the water. He studied it for a moment, and came to the conclusion that it must be the body of a child.

Charles Mountjoy, 2 Watson avenue, happened along at this time, and Mr. Hutchinson called his attention to the object in the water.

"Isn't that the body of Freddie Wilson," Hutchinson asked Mountjoy.

By this time the body had been moved a trifle by the current, and it was much easier to see it. A closer investigation was made, and it was found that the object floating in the water was the body of Freddie Wilson.

Parents Notified.

In the meantime Arthur Wheatley, 54 Beaconsfield avenue; William Yeates, 32 Front street, and Alfred Hunstridge had come along, and they went at once to the home of the lad's parents to notify them.

Mountjoy called up the police department, and Detective Down went down to take charge of the body. Wheatley and his companions could

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JAP WAR HEROES FOR THE CORONATION

Togo and Nogi to Represent the Mikado at the Big Event.

[Canadian Press.]

Tokio, May 1. — A notable delegation from Japan will visit England as the representatives of the Emperor at the coronation of King George. Princes and Princess Higashi Fushimi are the most prominent, but the most interesting personality to Englishmen will be Admiral Count Togo, the hero of Japan, and the victor of the battle of the Sea of Japan. Count Togo has retired from active service in the navy, but he remains the most noted figure in Japan. Gen. Count Nogo, who commanded the attack on Port Arthur, accompanies the admiral.

Prince and Princess Higashi Fushimi will leave here by the Kamo Maru and will reach London on June 6th. The Japanese cruisers Kuruma and Tone, which were built entirely in the Japanese shipyards, are due to arrive at Dover or Portsmouth on June 10. Vice-Admiral Shimamura, who was Admiral Togo's chief of staff during the war, is in command of the coronation squadron.

MAY DAY AT NEW YORK

Workmen Parade and Six Thousand Machinists Go on Strike.

New York, May 1.—Six parades of workmen, to the number of several thousand, a strike of over five thousand machinists, and a walkout of a few hundred east-side bakers and shirtwaist makers were the chief events of the May Day celebration here today.

The machinists are striking for an eight-hour working day. Some shops are working the eight-hour day schedule, and the machinists employed in these plants remained at work. The affected shops say they will employ non-union men. The police say they expect trouble.

TRIAL ON THURSDAY

Case Against Oliver Cox Will Be Taken to Melbourne.

Oliver Cox, the young man charged with burning the barns of his employer, Frank McNeil, of Ekfrid, will be taken to the village of Melbourne for trial on Thursday afternoon. Seven witnesses will be called. Crown Attorney J. B. McKillop will prosecute, while Mr. W. R. Meredith will appear for the defence. Squire Chittick, of this city, will be the magistrate.

SISTER WAS FOUND AFTER 37 YEARS

Joyful Reunion of a London Man and Long Lost Relative in Pennsylvania.

STORY OF THE SEARCH

Mr. W. H. Gallup, 87 Mamelon Street, Never Gave Up Hope and Won at Last.

After a search embracing 37 years, Mr. W. H. Gallup, 87 Mamelon street, East London, has at last found his sister, who has been parted from him all that time. She was located in Chester, Pa., and Mr. Gallup paid her a visit last week, the first time he has seen her in nearly two score years.

When they were quite young the family was broken up. Mr. Gallup came to London and his sister went to the United States in care of relatives. He did not hear from her for a time, and endeavored to locate her.

Countless letters were written by him, but to no purpose. Not long ago, he traced her to Chester, Pa. He corresponded with some officials in that city, and they were able to further trace the lady. She had married in the meantime, but her maiden name was recorded, and by that means she was located.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Gallup received absolute proof that his sister was living in Chester, and paid her a visit. It was a great surprise to her.

A Joyful Meeting.

The meeting was a joyful one. Mr. Gallup spent several days in Chester, afterwards paying a visit to Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities.

"I had often read of such instances," declared Mr. Gallup. "I had often wondered if such a thing would happen to me. I had had no word of my sister for over thirty years, and I was anxious to see her. I wrote and wrote, but never received much encouragement. However, I at last located her at Chester, and I can assure you it was a happy reunion."

A Chester, Pa., paper has the following to say of the reunion:

"Thirty-seven years ago, W. H. Gallup, of London, Canada, parted from his sister, now Mrs. Mary Ewing, and since reaching manhood he has made unceasing efforts to locate her. He was not successful until yesterday, when he found her on Edgement avenue, near Fourth street, where she occupies apartments.

Mr. Gallup, prior to coming here, had been in communication for some time with Chester people, who finally assisted him to find Mrs. Ewing, with whom he had parted when quite young.

COLONIAL MEMBERS FOR WESTMINSTER

[Canadian Press.]

New York, May 1.—According to a cable from London, a prominent knight said last night that in political circles there is a belief that an understanding has been reached between the leaders of the Unionist and Liberal parties to present a scheme of colonial representation in Parliament, the motive being to demonstrate the empire's solidity at coronation time.

PRIZE FOR DRAMATIC CLUB THOUGH EARL GREY'S BE LOST

Winnipeg People Were Charmed With the Performance—Ottawa and London Are in Line for First Place.

The London Dramatic Club will get a valuable prize even if the judges in the Earl Grey dramatic competition do not award them premier honors.

One of the members of the club, in a telegram to his family in the city today, stated that the Winnipeg citizens were so delighted with the presentation given by the London players that a subscription list has been circulated for the purpose of obtaining a suitable trophy for the club, in case the judges failed to give them first prize.

It was also stated that the trophy would be equally as valuable as that donated by the Governor-General.

The club are on their way eastward, and will arrive in London on Tuesday at noon.

A number of prominent Old Boys in Winnipeg are behind the scheme, and it is being backed up by the citizens of Winnipeg.

The latest information is to the effect that Ottawa and London are in the running, with many points in favor of the local Thespians.

$200 REWARD FOR PERSON WHO FOUND WILSON BOY'S BODY

It Looks as Though Roger Hutchinson, of High Street, Has the Best Claim to the Cash—Council Will Look Into the Matter.

Who will get the reward for finding the body of Freddie Wilson?

That question is puzzling Mayor Beattie, and it is very probable that the council tonight will have to deal with that problem.

It will be remembered that early in February, the city council, at a special meeting, decided to offer a reward of $200 for the recovery of the lad, dead or alive. No time limit was set, and the money stands today ready to be handed over to the person finding the body.

It will also be remembered that a fortune teller from Port Huron wrote to Mayor Beattie, claiming the money on the grounds that in a dream she had seen the body of Freddie Wilson in the river.

No attention was paid to her claim at the time, and it is not at all likely that any claim will be paid to it now.

Mayor Beattie informed The Advertiser that the reward would not be paid over to her.

Who Is the Lucky Man?

Who was the first to discover the body is now the question that is agitating his worship, and it is probable that evidence will be taken to determine who is entitled to the money.

According to the information received, Mr. Roger Hutchinson, of High street, is most entitled to it.

Mr. Charles Mountjoy, who was one of those who helped get the body out of the river, stated that undoubtedly Mr. Hutchinson was entitled to the money.

"I was coming across the bridge when Mr. Hutchinson called me to see the body," Mr. Mountjoy said. "There were others on the bridge at the time, but they did not see it until Mr. Hutchinson called their attention to it. I think I saw it first after him, but Mr. Hutchinson called my attention to it. In my opinion the credit belongs to him."

"I was puzzling today as to who was entitled to the reward," Mayor Beattie explained to The Advertiser. "I am positive that the fortune teller in Port Huron has no claim to it. She stated, in a vague way, that the body was in the river, but that statement does not comply with the requirements of the motion passed in the council. Any person could have said that with as much certainty as she did. I am not in a position to say who is entitled to the reward. The council set no limit whatever on the reward, and it is just as much in force as it was the day after the council passed the motion. I have not looked into the facts of the case thoroughly as yet, but the man entitled to it will receive it. Before the money is paid over, every claim will be properly investigated. There is no reason why the party who found the body should not receive the money."

FINED $10 AND COSTS FOR STEALING GOODS

Joseph Tremblay Convicted of Petty Theft in Police Court.

Joseph Tremblay, a French-Canadian lineman, employed on the G. N. W. Telegraph Company repair gang, was arrested on Saturday evening by P. C. John Handysides on a charge of stealing articles valued at $2 50 from a local variety store.

When taken to the station it was found that Tremblay had in his pocket many articles, such as pipes, shaving brushes, cuff buttons, and other small articles.

The manager of the store stated that the goods found indicated that Tremblay must have deliberately gone from counter to counter, as the things were in different parts of the store. Tremblay was fined $10 and $7 50 costs, which he at once paid. He was allowed to go, and the stolen goods were returned.

Robert McKee, who was on remand for being drunk repeatedly, was allowed to go with the warning that if he will be severely dealt with.

Ben Goodacre, another drunk, who has been appearing frequently, was fined $10 or 10 days. He took the days.

REMOVE HIGH ST. CHURCH TO WEST

Committee Appointed by the Methodist Ministerial Alliance.

QUESTION OF DEACONESS

Matter Was Referred to the Methodist Council For Consideration—A Meeting Today.

The Methodist Ministerial Association met this morning in Wesley Hall. It was decided to refer the question of the appointment of an extra deaconess for the Methodist churches of the city to the Methodist council for consideration if possible previous to the meeting of the May church boards.

The association also suggested that the work of the deaconess be under the direction of a deaconess board, to include a representative from each Methodist church in the city.

Dr. Manning was of the opinion that the field for such work did not warrant the appointment of a deaconess.

Rev. A. K. Birks stated that Askin Street Church was considering the appointment of a deaconness of their own.

It was on motion of Rev. Mr. Whiting that the recommendation was made to the Methodist council.

The new deaconess when appointed will work among the poor and sick of London, and will also keep in touch with the young people who are strangers in the city.

High Street Church.

Rev. A. K. Birks called attention to the need of removing High Street Church further west, and advised the immediate purchase of certain lots under consideration as a site for a new church near Ridout street.

Rev. H. A. Graham and Mr. John H. Chapman were appointed a committee to secure the necessary finances to conclude the purchase of the lots in question.

The association also passed a resolution of regret at the removal of Rev. Mr. Birks to the Hamilton Conference, and expressing appreciation of his work in London.

An extremely interesting and comprehensive review of "The Faith of a Layman," by Prof. Osborne, of Wesley College, Winnipeg, was read by Rev. Clayton Moorehouse, of Birr Methodist Church.

Church Has Failed.

In his book, as Rev. Mr. Moorehouse pointed out, Prof. Osborne makes the charge that the church has failed in the social reconstruction and betterment of the world because of too much other-worldliness.

In reply to this charge, Rev. Dr. Manning declared that the very spirit of the New Testament was other-worldliness, and that it is impossible to regulate the affairs of this world unless you begin with other-world things. Dr. Manning also took strong exception to what he regarded as the professor's charge that the clergy as a class are an inferior body of men.

"Every class and vocation of men," declared Mr. Manning, "fits itself for its work in life in its own way. The preachers are as competent as any other class for their own work. The world does not so much need culture and rhetoric from the minister as earnest, humble service.

Not Inferior Men.

"We need to make the world respect us. We must put an end to the prevalent idea that we are an inferior class of men."

Rev. A. K. Birks stated that while the book was in some respect a conglomeration of brilliance and genius, as a piece of literature, yet when it comes down to practical commonsense, the author needs to get out into the world. The general discussion which followed Rev. Dr. Moorehouse's paper was anything but favorable to the work of the western professor.

GIVEN ARM CHAIR

Capt. Arbuckle, of Eclipse Carpetball Team, Was Surprised.

Capt. S. Arbuckle, of Court Eclipse carpetball team, which won the trophy in the C. O. F. League, entertained his players and a number of friends at his home, 937 Princess avenue, Friday evening. He was surprised by his crew, who presented him with a handsome armchair. Among those present were J. P. Hoag, Walter Burtch, Fred Burt, Harry Deer, Harry Floyd, Walter Logan, Robt. Logan, Ed Smith, T. H. Murray, C. N. Ferrin and George Keyes. On Friday evening next Court Eclipse will hold a jubilation session, when the trophy will be presented by the league officials. Court Telephone City, of Brantford, will be present, and will put on the degree work.

FIRE STRICKEN IN BAD PLIGHT

Great Blaze at Bangor, Maine, Leaves Thousands Homeless and Hungry.

LOSSES REACH MILLIONS

Populace Helpless Against Flames Fanned by a Gale.

[Cnadian Press.]

Bangor, Maine, May 1.—Homeless, hungry and exhausted by the long fight against the flames which had destroyed a third of the city of Bangor last night, thousands of persons who had spent the night in the open air, protected only by a meagre supply of blankets, today faced the problem of providing themselves with food, shelter and clothing, while city and state authorities are considering plans for the rebuilding of the city.

When dawn broke today, hundreds of groups of men, women and children, most of them stunned by the disaster, which had befallen the city, were huddled around smoldering bonfires or stretched along the edge of smoking ruins, endeavoring to derive some comfort from the warmth of the fires and to counteract the effect of the chill rain that fell throughout the night.

Downpour Stops Blaze.

Although the rain brought discomfort to the homeless, it was the means of bringing under control the great fire which spread unchecked for more than seven hours last night. At a time when the battle of the firemen and householders against the flames seemed hopeless, a providential shift of wind and a downpour of rain drove the fire back over the burned district and drowned out the flames which had just started in unburned property.

Estimates of the loss varied, and were for a large part problematical, although it was generally thought that at least $6,000,000 worth of property had been destroyed.

Two Lives Lost.

The loss of life so far as known this morning was confined to two persons and only half a dozen injured ones were in the hospital. The rain and change of wind having solved the problem of controlling the fire, the attention of the authorities was directed today towards housing the homeless and feeding the hungry. Every householder in Bangor whose house escaped, opened his doors to his less fortunate neighbor last night, but in spite of this, thousands were forced to spend the night in the streets, surrounded by the few articles of household utensils they had been able to save from the flames. Many of these suffered greatly from cold and exposure, as in most cases their only protection from the rain was a blanket, rug or coat snatched hurriedly from their burning homes.

More serious, however, than the problem of sheltering the homeless, was the matter of feeding them. Railroad trains brought food to the city, but it was some little time before the authorities could arrange for its distribution. To aid the police in the protection of the little heaps of furniture and clothing saved from the fire by individual householders one company of militia was ordered out for patrol and guard duty. The militiamen patrolled the burned district, and effectualy prevented all attempts at looting the ruins.

THE M. C. R. SHOPS LAY OFF 52 MEN

Charged That Move Is Retaliation for Recent Victory of Men.

[Canadian Press.]

St. Thomas, May 1.—The Michigan Central shops here laid off 52 men on Saturday. The day off came as a surprise to the men.

The lay-off followed receipt of orders from headquarters to curtail expenses due to annual falling off of freight business incidental with the opening of lake navigation. Older men are retained in preference. Some of the men inclined to attribute it to retaliation on the part of the company owing to recent wage negotiations successfully conducted by the men.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Showers.

Toronto, May 1.—A marked depression is centred in Michigan, accompanied by a widespread rain area, while an energetic cool wave covers Saskatchewan. Rain has fallen in Ontario, and light local showers are reported from Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Winds increasing to strong northerly to northwesterly, showery; much colder by Tuesday.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence — Showers; much cooler on Tuesday.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Showery.

Maritime Provinces—Moderate to fresh south winds, fair today. Tuesday showery.

Lake Superior—Strong north-easterly winds; fair and cold. Tuesday, cold.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Showery weather prevailed yesterday over the greater part of Ontario, but elsewhere the weather was fair, and in Manitoba quite cool.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 52—68; London, Sunday, 55—72; Dawson, 40—58; Atlin, 28—52; Prince Rupert, 34—60, Vancouver, 38—64; Victoria, 44—70; Edmonton, 28—66; Battleford, 26—58; Prince Albert, 24—60; Qu'Appelle, 20—46; Winnipeg, 26—38; Port Arthur, 38—42; Parry Sound, 54—72; Toronto, 51—65, Ottawa, 50—70; Montreal, 50—76, Quebec, 38—68; Halifax, 38—54.

The East—Mostly fair; a few local showers.

Lake Superior—Northerly to northeasterly winds, strong to gales; showery and cool.

Manitoba—Fair; a little higher temperature.

The West—Fair and warm.