

HORRIBLE DETAILS OF NIAGARA TRAGEDY

Agilio, Suspected of Dynamite Outrage, Supposed to Be Hiding Among Countrymen in Kettle River Valley.

Grand Forks, Nov. 22.—The police have arrested an Italian named Rovello, who, it is reported, is implicated in the blowing up of the Hotel Canadas at Niagara a few days ago.

At the coroner's inquest to-day Mrs. King, mother of the murdered girl identified this man as being one of the men supposed to be implicated.

Agilio, supposed to be the principal in the outrage, has not yet been captured.

F. S. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police, arrived here to-day, and is personally superintending the capture of Agilio. He has by wire asked the provincial government to offer a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of Agilio.

The coroner's inquest now in progress, discloses horrible details of the tragedy.

SELECTING A NEW AMBASSADOR

GOVERNMENT FACES A DIFFICULT TASK

London, Telegraph Points Out Necessity For Sending a Strong Man to Washington.

London, Nov. 23.—The Daily Telegraph this morning devotes a two-column article to the importance of properly filling the diplomatic corps post at Washington, and says the government never had a more important task than finding a successor to Sir Mortimer Durand. What is wanted, what in the strictest sense is necessary, is an unconventional ambassador. The time has come for a notable break with all formal traditions, and Sir Edward Grey's choice ought to be "As unfettered as the initiative of the American president's in going outside the ranks of professional diplomacy to send us that brilliant line of representatives admirably continued in Whitehall Reid, who has been their ostentatious and influential figure on our own social life."

Continuing, the paper says the new British ambassador at Washington will have to face a novel and stimulating situation. Germany's representative there, Baron Speck von Sternberg, is "one of the most able and most popular figures in the diplomatic service of any country," while France never has been better represented in Washington than now, her diplomatic corps possessing "no more brilliant and engaging figure than M. Jusserand." The paper points out that both these diplomats share prospects for a strenuous life.

Sketching a "picture of the unattainable," the Telegraph says the ideal should combine John Morley's literary reputation, Alfred Lyttelton's athletic prowess and Lord Beresford's popular temperament. "Whoever he may be," the paper says in conclusion, "he will have one of the noblest opportunities ever opened to a man."

CUBAN PRESIDENCY.

Gomez Will Probably Be a Candidate Opposed to Protectorate.

Havana, Nov. 24.—Jose Miguel Gomez, who has arrived here from his home town, to personally canvass for his nomination to the presidency of Cuba, said to the Associated Press that he disapproves strongly of the present propaganda in favor of an American protectorate over Cuba. He believes that such a submission by Cuba to the dictation of the United States would be deplorable, and he has supreme confidence in the ability of the Cuban people for self-government. He proposes to direct all his efforts toward the accomplishment of this end, believing that he will have the support of all patriotic Cubans.

RUSSIAN FAMINE.

Starving Peasants Are Selling Their Daughters Into Slavery.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 22.—Reports from the famine districts of Russia that distress is still growing acute. The peasants in the government of Kazan have been driven to desperation, and are selling their daughters into slavery to the Mohammedans of the Caucasus. A form of typhus fever known as "hunger typhus," resulting from starvation, has become epidemic in Kazan.

MORE MUTINOUS TROOPS.

Gen. Grodekoff Will Be Sent to Turkestan to Restore Discipline.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 22.—The Retch to-day says the Gen. Grodekoff, late commander of the Russian troops in Manchuria, will be appointed a governor of Turkestan on the strength of his record in re-establishing discipline in the Manchurian army. The troops in Turkestan are in an openly mutinous state.

Every effort is being made to locate Agilio, and if found on the American side, the crown will extradite him with dispatch.

The viewing by the jurors of the remains produced at the inquest, supposed to be those of Miss Louise King, was waived, as they were not sufficient to identify them as human.

It is reported this evening that Agilio is likely hiding among the hundreds of his countrymen employed on the Kettle valley line construction.

In compliance with the recommendation of Superintendent Hussey, the local government has authorized the granting of the reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the culprit. Hon. F. J. Fulton, attorney-general of the province, wired to Grand Forks last evening informing the superintendent of provincial police that he was at liberty to offer the reward and take all necessary steps to apprehend Agilio, the fugitive from justice.

ALLEGED KIDNAPING.

Colored Nurse Girl Disappears With Broker's Daughter.

Fishkill, N. Y., Nov. 22.—The New York police have been asked by Chas. H. Langdon, a New York broker, to search for Nellie Jackson, a colored nurse girl, who is alleged to have kidnaped Mr. Langdon's only daughter, a little child. The nurse girl with the child left Fishkill at 5 p.m. yesterday and were traced to New York. Lottie Jackson, who is about 17 years old, was employed in Mr. Langdon's home here. She is said to have been greatly attached to the child. The nurse is also suspected of having taken several valuable rings belonging to Mrs. Langdon and \$480 in money.

THE CARUSO CASE.

New York, Nov. 24.—The ten dollar fine imposed upon E. Caruso, the famous Italian opera singer, in the Yorkville police court yesterday, after he had been declared guilty of annoying women in Central park, was not paid to-day. One of his attorneys had gone to court with the intention of paying the fine under protest and the money was about to be handed across the clerk's desk when Caruso's senior counsel rushed into the court room and brought the proceedings to a halt. A consultation between counsel and the court followed, and it was mutually agreed to permit the matter to go over until Monday.

In the meantime Caruso has been paroled in the custody of his counsel. Caruso's counsel to-day reiterated the announcement made yesterday that an appeal will be taken.

GRAND TRUNK LINE THROUGH THE YELLOWHEAD

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—The cabinet has approved of the Grand Trunk Pacific line through the Yellowhead Pass.

The application of the Canadian Northern, which came up to-day before the minister was deferred.

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDED.

One Man Killed and Another Injured While Testing Racing Machines.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23.—Ernest D. Keeler, of New York, demonstrator and professional driver of racing automobiles, was killed, and Henry D. Luton, of Colwyn, Pa., was dangerously injured in a collision to-day while trying out machines of the racing type on the Point Breeze race track. Running at a 1:04 clip, Keeler attempted to pass between a machine on the rail and a repair cart driven by a negro, who was at work on the track. At the same time a machine driven by James Hamilton, who had with him Henry Luton, a mechanic, attempted to pass through the opening. The car driven by Keeler caught the forward end of the car driven by Hamilton, tearing off the front wheels. Luton was thrown from his seat into the dirt, and Keeler's car, after rolling over several times, turned turtle. Keeler was pinned under the car and was killed almost instantly. Luton had a great hole torn in his head and was hurt internally.

COURTS FULLEST INQUIRY.

Mayor Schmitz Arrives at San Francisco and Will Proceed to San Francisco.

New York, Nov. 23.—Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, who arrived here today on the steamship Patricia, said that there was absolutely no truth in the charges made against him and that he would go to San Francisco and court the fullest inquiry. No attempt was made to arrest Mayor Schmitz when he came ashore from the steamer.

ROBBERIES ESCAPED.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 24.—The Adams Express office, and the railroad station at Kayford, thirty-six miles from Charleston on the Cabin Creek branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio, was looted of \$5,000 and burned by robbers early to-day. Agent Adams was found bound and with a bullet wound in his leg. He said he fired and was wounded in return and was beaten over the head when he tried to give the alarm.

King Oscar of Sweden loses nothing now in a tangle and leisure moments than to improvise on the organ.

SHORTER HOURS REFUSED.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 24.—At a conference between the trainmen and Supt. Dice, of the Reading Railway Co., to-day, the demand of the men for a ten hour day was rejected. The men were told that the company had granted them a substantial increase in wages and made a number of other concessions, and in view of this fact nothing further could be expected for the present.

"BILLY" NOLAN ARRESTED.

Dispute Over Proceeds From Exhibition of Pictures of Gans-Nelson Fight.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 24.—On a charge of embezzling "Billy" Nolan, manager of Battling Nelson, was arrested here today. The arrest was due to the dispute over the proceeds from the exhibition of the pictures of the Gans-Nelson fight. Nolan was granted \$7,000 from the treasurer pending a decision as to the proper division of the money.

PEARY AT SYDNEY.

Arctic Explorer Is in Excellent Health—Reports to United States Navy Department.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 23.—The Arctic steamer "Throssel" reached Sydney at 7 o'clock this morning and immediately upon arrival, Commander Peary boarded a tug and came on shore to meet Mrs. Peary, who has been awaiting him in Sydney for some time. The expedition which Peary led on his last voyage, was in excellent health and none the worse for his perilous exertions up north. He was apparently in the best of health and spirits. The Roosevelt is in a leaky condition and shows the loss of much interior work, ladders, beams and almost everything movable on board having been sacrificed to keep the party warm.

PEARY'S REPORT.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—Acting Secretary Newberry, of the United States navy department, received this dispatch from Commander Peary, dated Sydney, N. S., 10-day: "I respectfully beg to report my arrival with the Roosevelt this morning. The expedition on my last voyage, was in excellent health and none the worse for his perilous exertions up north. He was apparently in the best of health and spirits. The Roosevelt is in a leaky condition and shows the loss of much interior work, ladders, beams and almost everything movable on board having been sacrificed to keep the party warm.

CLERGYMAN ENDS LIFE.

Rev. John Sanford Hanged Himself in Parsonage.

Little Falls, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The body of Rev. John Sanford, aged 39 years and pastor of the Methodist church at Salisbury Centre, ten miles from here, was found hanging in the parsonage at that place by the trustees of the church tonight. The minister had been missing since Tuesday. Mr. Sanford was unmarried and came here from England two years ago. It is believed that temporary insanity caused the act.

ORGANIZING TO ANNEX CANADA

AND TO ABOLISH DUTIES AGAINST THE DOMINION

Object of Association Formed in Chicago as Result of J. J. Hill's Speech.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23.—The annexation of Canada, tentatively, and the establishment of reciprocal trade relations with the British Dominion, specifically, is the purpose of an organization to be known as the British Association of Illinois, which was perfected last night. The recent speech made in Chicago before the members of the Commercial Club by James J. Hill on "reciprocal relations with Canada," was responsible for the formation of the organization.

FATAL EXULSION.

Brandon, Man., Nov. 23.—An explosion of dynamite occurred in the Great Northern construction camp near here today by which one man, Lee Reynolds, of St. Cloud, Minn., was killed and others were seriously injured. They were thawing explosives when the accident occurred.

KILLED BY ROBBERS.

Arkansas City, Kas., Nov. 23.—Early today two masked men in an attempt to rob the St. Charles hotel here, shot and killed William Goff, the night clerk, and wounded S. A. Halpin, an actor, so badly that he died a few hours later. The robbers escaped.

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Took Possession of Thirteen Islands in the Far North.

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PLOT TO KILL RUSSIAN GOVERNOR

ONE OF CONSPIRATORS MADE A CONFESSION

Informed Intended Victim of Plans—All the Terrorists Implicated Have Been Arrested.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—A dispatch received here from Astrakhan to-day reported the discovery of a plot to kill Governor-General Sokoloff and the arrest of terrorists implicated.

The governor-general was awakened at night by an unknown man, who said he had been detailed with several companions to kill him on the following day, but that tortured by his conscience he had determined to abandon any participation in the plot.

Sokoloff immediately investigated the man's story and caused the arrest of all the terrorists implicated.

MORTALLY WOUNDED.

Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia, Nov. 22.—General Golochtkapoff, ex-governor of Yelisabethpol, who was mortally wounded here yesterday by an unknown man, is the most conspicuous victim of the revolutionists since the assassination of Gen. Min. He ranked with Generals Alkhanoff and Bauer as the three great pacificators of the Caucasus. During the racial war in Yelisabethpol province last summer Golochtkapoff was sent into the district of Shusha, where the Tartars and Armenians were conducting a war of extermination. He was given practically unlimited power to restore order, and used artillery and infantry with great vigor, bombarding the Tartar quarters of Shusha for several days. He lived in constant danger of assassination. The viceroy of the Caucasus, however, was not satisfied with his work, and he was superseded September 4th by the notorious Gen. Bauer.

On returning to Tiflis Golochtkapoff believed himself to be in security, but rashly driving through the Tartar quarter yesterday on his return from the baths he was shot.

CHASING FEMALE ANARCHIST.

London, Nov. 23.—"The Danish and Russian police charged with the safeguarding of the Dowager Empress of Russia," cables the Copenhagen correspondent of the Standard, "are trying to locate the whereabouts of an Italian female anarchist who recently crossed Europe pursued by foreign police until she reached the Danish frontier, where all trace of her was lost. Anxiety is felt for the safety of the Dowager Empress, who has been persuaded not to visit any churches."

WALL BLOWN DOWN.

As Result of Accident at Buffalo Waterworks City's Supply Is Crippled.

Buffalo, Nov. 22.—A brick wall 30 feet high and 11 feet long and from 18 to 24 inches thick, under construction and nearly completed at the waterworks at the foot of Massachusetts avenue, was blown down early to-day by a high wind, burying two men in the debris, completely covering one of the steam pumps, putting out of commission several dynamo which furnished light for the plant and smashing the mammoth steam pipes through which steam was transmitted from the boiler room to the steam pumps. As a result of the accident Buffalo's water supply is greatly crippled. The two men were rescued, only slightly injured.

Commissioner of Public Works Ward to-day made a statement in which he said the west wall of the new pumping station was blown in and fell upon the temporary structure over the old pump at the north, and causing a collapse at the main steam supply main. At the time of the accident the wind was blowing with an hour. At noon it dropped to 52.

STEAMER DAMAGED.

Collided With Schooner While on Way to New York Dock.

New York, Nov. 22.—The North German Lloyd steamer Mainz, which arrived here to-day from Bremen, came into collision with the schooner May V. Neville in the lower harbor on her way to her dock. Five plates in the side of the Mainz, above the water line, were stove in, and the schooner lost her bow and head gear. The Mainz returned to quarantine and the schooner was towed up the harbor.

THE FUEL FAMINE IN SASKATCHEWAN

FARMERS FORCED TO BURN THEIR FENCES

They Drive Seventy-Five Miles Without Obtaining Supply—Instant Relief Imperative.

Lethbridge, Nov. 24.—The situation with relation to the coal miners' strike has become considerably more hopeful. Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, has received a further bundle of dispatches from the Regina government showing the desperate position to which many communities of that province will be reduced if an increased coal supply is not speedily forthcoming. Both parties to the dispute have showed themselves fully alive to the terrible danger threatening the vast population and are inclined to moderate their former rigid attitude.

The actual situation is best shown in an abstract from a dispatch forwarded from Regina, based on returns sent to Premier Scott: Fifty-four towns in Saskatchewan, which give detailed returns as to the amount of coal on hand and the amount required, represent the total amount wanted at one hundred thousand tons, while the supply in sight increases this total but slightly.

Places represented in this list include all the larger centres and towns such as Regina, Moose Jaw, Indian Head, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Moosomin. Some of the larger places are in fact worse off. The large population of Regina finds itself facing winter with the tiny figure of twenty-five tons of coal. Prince Albert and Saskatoon have actually none on hand, and innumerable centres around them are without fuel. It is safe to say that at least 50,000 tons is the minimum of the requirements for places not included in the list.

The little town of Craik reports that farmers are resorting to burning their fences. The town of Davidson wires: "People are desperate; farmers coming seventy-five miles, but have to go back without coal."

The general comment on the situation shows intense anxiety and distress, which is already in many cases acute. Probably no county in the north is so badly off as that now confronting Saskatchewan and a portion of Alberta, where numbers of people are positively in danger of being frozen to death unless relief is found at an early date.

OXFORD ATHLETES DEFEATED.

Oxford, Eng., Nov. 24.—In the field sports to-day between Oxford University and London A. C. A. M. Stedler, a Rhodes scholar of Yale, won the hammer thrown with 140 feet 5 inches. The London Athletic Club was the winner of the contest by six events to four.

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THREE LARGE DEALS PENDING IN CITY

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Three deals of great magnitude, and of the most far-reaching significance to the city of Victoria and Vancouver Island primarily, but to the whole province as well, are at present on the tapis, and when consummated, as seems entirely probable, will give a great impetus to trade and commerce in this province.

The first of these, and the greatest, involves four or five of the largest firms in a particular line in the province, and extensive holdings on the island of Vancouver. These latter are now in their raw state, but if the company in question consummate the proposed deal, certain sections of this island will become a veritable hive of activity, and will support a number of entirely new industries so far as this part of the world is concerned.

It is gratifying to know that the capital which is being invested in British money, and that approximately fifty million pounds sterling is at the disposal of the prospective purchasers.

HYMAN'S RESIGNATION.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—A telegram has been sent to Hon. C. H. Hyman by the clerk of the House asking him to have his resignation forwarded in accordance with the form provided by statute. Until this is done his resignation cannot be officially announced. The wording of the resignation was probably not being in proper form, and whether or not he was to retain his portfolio. The Speaker said that the resignation was not in proper form and not effective. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that Hon. Mr. Hyman had to have the resignation of his portfolio but he (the Premier) asked him to reconsider the matter and therefore it was not accepted.

COUNTED OUT.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Ferdinand L. Barnett, negro assistant states attorney, who, according to the police returns, was elected judge of the new municipality of Chicago on November 6th, yesterday was counted out by the canvassing board. The police returns gave Barnett a plurality of 493, but the official count of the 35 wards of the city, which was completed yesterday, shows that Thomas B. Laney, Democrat, was elected by a plurality of 304. Barnett was the only representative defeated for a city office at the election.

M'GILL UNIVERSITY.

Board of Governors Report Large Donations to Fund of British Columbia College.

The friends of education in British Columbia will be pleased to know that the efforts of the Royal Institution to place a substantial endowment fund behind the McGill University College of British Columbia are meeting with success," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

"The following large donations to the fund are reported by the board of governors to date:

His Honor Lieut-Governor Duns牟m, for the endowment of a chair of chemistry and mining, to be known as the Robert Duns牟m professorship, the sum of \$1,500 per annum, to be replaced by a permanent endowment of \$50,000.

A. C. Flumerfelt, toward the endowment of a chair of civil engineering, \$500 per annum, to be replaced by a permanent endowment of \$10,000.

Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, toward the endowment of a chair of pure and applied mathematics, \$500 per annum, to be replaced by a permanent endowment of \$10,000.

"These three subscriptions make the sum of \$30,000 of the \$150,000 which the board desires to raise, and it is hoped that in a short time it will be able to report that the whole amount has been subscribed."

BEWARE OF AUTO HEART.

Baltimore Health Department Issues Warning Against Speeding Mania.

Health Commissioner James Bosley issued a warning to motorists. He said that in place of the danger attending travel at high speed are undoubtedly responsible for a condition which he described as the auto heart and which is liable to cause death.

"Automobilists with hearts that have the slightest tendency to weakness should be cautious," said Dr. Bosley. "The excitement of rapid travelling out in the open causes an overstrain on the heart, and if this organ is weak the condition of the automobilist is a most dangerous one. Something slightly out of the ordinary, like a narrow escape from a collision or the running down of a man, might give the finishing touch and death might follow."

"To say that speeding has the general effect among automobilists of bringing on a special heart trouble common to all automobilists is, of course, far from the truth. It is true, however, and becomes hardened to it before true conditions among locomotive engineers. Instead of the engineers being as a body man subject to heart disease, they are generally very healthy. They approach their work by degrees, however, and become hardened to it before they are put upon fast trains."

GOMPERS RE-ELECTED.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 24.—Samuel Gompers was to-day re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

HALF A MILLION IN REAL ESTATE

VERY HEAVY SALES MADE DURING THE PAST WEEK

Seventy-Two Lots in One Sub-Division Purchased For Investment—Many Business Sites.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

"Boosh" was the expressive term used by one of the most prominent real estate dealers in the city, when asked his opinion as to a recent statement that real estate values were inflated. "Andrew Wright sold thirty-two acres on Cook street at almost three times the price he paid a year ago. We are not buying all we can ourselves, and don't intend to lose by the transactions." This was easily backed by other sales. Blocks 21 and 22 in Seaview estate changed hands during the past week for the third time in about as many months, and on each occasion the consideration was much larger than before.

There is a continuous demand for lots and acres in the north end of the city. The block adjoining Capt. Clarke's residence, back of Hillside avenue, was sold this week at a good figure. Angela college with surrounding grounds was bought by George Meador, who will make many improvements on the property. He also sold a lot at Beacon Hill park to Angus Galbraith, manager of the Victoria-Rochdale Co-operative association, and another in Garbary gardens. The old Stott estate, 18 Michigan street, was yesterday purchased by M. A. Wyldie, circulation manager of the Times, for about \$7,000. It consists of about three lots running from Michigan to Toronto streets, about 85 feet in width and 485 feet deep. On the property there is a stone and brick house of 12 rooms, and an orchard of one hundred trees.

The sale by Andrew Wright mentioned above was 23 acres in the Fairfield estate, bounded by Cook and Moss streets and Dallas road. It was purchased by A. C. Flumerfelt for \$48,000 which was a big advance on the \$15,000 paid for it by the purchaser about a year ago.

The Dean farm, at the junction of Lansdowne and Mount Tommie roads, purchased recently at \$75 per acre, is being re-surveyed. It is stated that the present purchase is for the subdivision into small acreage blocks for fruit growing. Three acres on Cook street, in the Fairfield estate, were sold during the week and brought \$5,400.

Pemberton & Son, during the past week sold property to the value of nearly \$30,000. Among the transactions were 10 acres on Oak Bay avenue, \$10,000; business lot, location not given, \$2,450; house and lot on Niagara street, \$2,450; 2.15 acres corner Fox Bay road, \$1,850; 3/4 acre off the same road, \$4,800; 3 lots in section 69, \$800; lot in section 23, \$475, and 16 acres at Cordova Bay, \$475.

The aggregate sales of the B. C. Land & Investment Agency this week were of the value of \$45,000. They included 3 lots in Douglas gardens; 3/4 business lots on Fort street; 9 acres of water frontage at Ross Bay; 62 lots in Phoenix subdivision of Fairfield estate; 3 acres in the same estate; 12 acres in Strawberry park and 1 lot in Pandora street. A lot on Fort street was sold by W. S. Chambers, the consideration being about \$11,000.

It is also reported that the Northern Bank has purchased a lot on Douglas street, between Yates and View, upon which permanent premises will be erected. Mention was made earlier in the week of the sale of two other lots on Fort street for \$8,000; of the McCulloch property at the head of Victoria Arm for \$16,000.

These sales aggregate over \$255,000, and show how real estate is moving in this city. Many firms refuse to give any information as to their sales, for some unknown reason, but it is certain the total for the present week is more than double the above figure. The amount that changed hands cannot be less than half a million dollars.

A remarkable bird found in Mexico is the bee-eater, which has the art of ruffling up its feathers on the top of its head into the exact semblance of a beautiful flower, and when a bee approaches within a few inches of its bill it is snapped up by the bird.