

MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN CREMATED.

Father May Also Have Lost His Life.

Playing Cards When a Lamp Upset.

Five Houses Destroyed in Pittsburg Fire.

Pittsburg, Feb. 29.—One woman and two children were burned to death, the husband and father is missing, two houses were destroyed and a third badly damaged by a fire that broke out on the second floor of 3,110 Breerton avenue, early to-day.

The dead: Mart Beauchuck, 10 years old, found in corner of yard; Christine Beauchuck, 4 years old, found in a smoldering mattress; Mrs. Beauchuck, mother of the two children, found burned to a crisp.

The missing: J. Beauchuck. The bodies of a woman and children were not found until after the fire had been extinguished.

J. Beauchuck, the husband and father, seeing the sleeping room filled with smoke, became excited and leaped from the second-storey window. He has not since been seen.

It is reported that he ran to the rear of the building in an effort to save his wife and children, and it is feared he was also burned to death.

The house at 3,110 was a two-story frame building, and was occupied on the first floor by John Kalamowski, who conducted a butcher shop there. It is said that a number of friends of Beauchuck were engaged in a game of cards on the second floor, when by accident a lamp was overturned. Beauchuck, it is said, was himself asleep when the fire started from the exploding lamp.

Before the engines reached the scene the house at 3,112, occupied by Joseph Maznek, had caught fire and was also in flames.

Both houses were destroyed in less than an hour.

The blaze also communicated to the house of John Fox, at 3,108 Breerton avenue, and did about \$500 damage there.

Another Account.

A mother and her three children were burned to death and several persons injured by a fire early to-day in the Breerton avenue foreign district.

The dead: Caroline Viacak, 33 years; Stephen Viacak, 6 years; Carol Viacak, 4 years; Peter Viacak, 2 years.

A 10-year-old girl jumped from a window, breaking three ribs, and John Kalinkowski, who occupied a house which adjoined the one destroyed, threw his wife and four children out of the window.

The fire started from the explosion of an overturned lamp.

Stephen Viacak, husband and father of the victims, was one of those who jumped from the window when the fire was discovered. The loss is nominal.

TWO ARE INSANE

And Will be Sent Back to England Soon.

England will have to take back two of her insane people. Arrangements have been made to deport William Brunt, who tried to "walk on the water like Christ" at the beach last Sunday, and Beatrice Unsworth. The latter, for whom deportation was arranged some time ago, is now a violent maniac. She has been in jail over a month, waiting to be deported. She is now in the asylum, and both will be taken away as soon as convenient.

PARLIAMENT MAY SIT TILL SUNDAY IS REACHED.

House of Commons Has Been in Continuous Session Since Thursday.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 29.—(Special)—Parliament has been sitting steadily since three o'clock on Thursday and to all appearances will continue sitting until late to-night. There have been three interludes since Federation of a somewhat similar course being pursued. The first long struggle which took place between the two parties in the Commons was on the Franchise Bill in 1885, when on the arrival of Sunday a truce between the Government and the Opposition. Neither side gave in. Hon. David Mills organized the Opposition of that day into relays to prevent the passage of the bill. Hon. Edward Blake was leader, but was opposed to the fight. In this instance Mr. Borden is in Montreal and returns to-night. Again in 1896 a somewhat similar position of affairs arose over the Remedial Bill, the opposition of that day being anxious to prevent the bill passing before Parliament died through influx of time. They wanted the people to pronounce upon it. So this is the third occasion when a real trial of strength between two parties has taken place. The circumstances as to how the trouble arose have already been stated. There was no attempt at intelligent discussion on the

76 Men Killed.

Monterey, Mexico, Feb. 29.—A despatch from Musquiz to the News says: Details of the explosion in the La Rosita mine, near San Juan de Sabinas, received here indicate that it was more disastrous than at first believed, 76 men being killed. The explosion occurred just as preparations were being made to change the shifts in what is known as shaft No. 3 and in which most of the laborers were Japanese. Fire damp is believed to have been the cause.

KILLED WOMAN

And Then Ran Into a Dance Hall With the News.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Carlotta L. Noyes, a wealthy young widow, was shot and instantly killed last night at her home by W. P. McComas, a mining engineer, who has been friendly with her for several months.

McComas called at the woman's home yesterday afternoon and about midnight the two quarrelled. McComas alleges that the woman dashed a cupful of sulphuric acid in his face and the shooting followed.

McComas immediately rushed out of the house and into the Hotel Pepper, near by, where a dancing party was going on. He announced that he had just killed a woman, and gave his revolver to one of the men there. McComas blustered and bragged and his disheveled hair seem to bear out his statement that the woman dashed acid over him.

SUFFERED MUCH.

Plight of a Toronto Woman and Boy in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Mattie Anderson, a widow who accompanied by her son Willie, twelve years old, arrived in Detroit on Thursday from Toronto in search of employment applied at the Shelter yesterday for a home for the boy, saying she was unable to find a place where she could keep the child with her. As the woman herself seemed nearly exhausted, she was cared for at the Home. During the night she became violently ill and was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital where she is in serious condition. The boy also seemed to have suffered greatly from exposure and was taken to the Children's Free Hospital.

CALLED "OLD CAT."

Man Who Used Epithet Had to Pay \$501

St. Louis, Feb. 29.—A woman, who has been called an "old cat" by a man, has been damaged to the extent of \$501, according to a jury in the circuit court here, and judgment for the amount was entered yesterday against Albert S. Block, a commission man, in favor of Miss Annie G. Kerone, bookkeeper for another commission firm.

Miss Kerone had filed suit for \$20,000, charging slander. In court Block admitted using the term, but said he meant no disrespect to Miss Kerone. The jury gave Miss Kerone \$1 actual damages and \$500 punitive damages on account of anguish of mind.

—Mr. James Ellis, of this city, was a guest at the annual banquet of the Port Doves Board of Trade last night.

GENERAL OTTER FOR ALDERSHOT.

CABLE FROM LONDON SAYS HE MAY GET COMMAND.

The General Has the Offer Under Consideration, But It is Not Expected That He Will Accept—Will Announce Decision in a Few Days.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—The Imperial War Office, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Elgin, has offered to Brigadier-General Otter command of the 5th Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, England, from May 1 next.

General Otter has the offer still under consideration, but it is hardly likely he will leave Canada, even to assume so important a position as the one offered.



GENERAL OTTER.

The tenure of his command in England would be four years, and during that time the loss of his services to the Canadian militia, even in his present capacity, or in a higher headquarters post, to which he might be called in the near future, would hardly be compensated for by the future application here of the experience gained at Aldershot. Moreover, it is regarded as improbable that General Otter would, at his present age, care to leave Canada for so long a period. He will make an announcement of his decision in a few days.

The offer of the post at Aldershot, one of the most important in the Imperial army, is a great compliment to General Otter, and also to the militia forces of Canada, which he represents. It is the first time such an offer has been made to any colonial officer, and is indicative of the desire of the Imperial War Office for a closer assimilation and cooperation of the colonial militia forces and the forces of the Imperial army.

General Otter left Ottawa last night for Toronto.

TO DRESS HER UP.

Sign Board Lady to Receive Some Warm Togs.

Warden W. A. Emory has received a communication from the Connor Ruddy Co., who have charge of the advertisement of the Star Theatre of Toronto, which was placed on the Waterdown road, and which has caused some excitement in the county. The letter states that the writer, who is a resident of the county, is shocked by the apparent airiness of the lady on the signboard, and stated that an outfit from the company would be up that way in the course of a few days, and she would see that the lady was properly draped, according to the standard set by the county residents. The sign has caused so much talk in the county that many of the residents, especially the county councillors, did not feel at ease when they had to pass it going to and from the city. They will therefore learn with pleasure of the lady being more becomingly dressed.

KILLED HIS WIFE

And Was Beaten Almost to Death by Her Brother.

New York, Feb. 29.—In a fit of rage Giuseppe Aniello crept up behind his wife, who was fronting their nine-months-old baby, in their home in Elizabeth street, early to-day, and fired a charge of shot from a heavy fowling piece into her body. She died instantly.

Following the shooting Aniello himself was so seriously beaten by the brother of the dead woman that it is expected he will die. The brother, Joseph Tuzza, has been sent to the house of detention, but the coroner said he may order his discharge, as he regards his action justifiable.

Aniello is 46 years old, and his wife was 26. They had three children. Aniello was out of work for the last three months, and the family lived on the earnings of the wife, who worked in a sweatshop. Her two brothers boarded with the family. Mrs. Tuzza, their mother, did the housework. Aniello accused his wife of receiving too many attentions from men who worked with her in the sweatshop.

INSULTED JAP FLAG.

Tokio, Feb. 28.—The Japanese Government is maintaining a determined attitude concerning the seizure of Tatsunaru and demands both an apology and an indemnity from China.

The Chinese foreign office wants to submit the entire question to a mixed court. This is refused by the Japanese Government unless the vessel has first been released and an apology made for insult to the flag.

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.

MUST BE HEAD OR STEP OUT.

Barrow Will Not Play Second Fiddle to Another.

Sackville Hill Has Not Given Up Fight Yet.

Power Wanted For the New Annex Sewer.

City Engineer Barrow declared this morning that he preferred stepping down and out to being made manager of the waterworks, as suggested by some of those considering the re-organization scheme, or even being placed on an equal footing with the new man. Mr. Barrow is confident that either of these plans would result in more or less friction and his idea of keeping things running smoothly is to have one man in control. Some of the engineer's friends also smile at the suggestion to retain Mr. Barrow for two or three years so that he could give the new man the benefit of his thirty years' experience. The stand Mr. Barrow will probably take if he remains is that he must be the recognized head of the department.

Although the Sewers Committee last night accepted the tender of the Toronto & Hamilton Sewer Pipe Company for supplying the city with sewer pipe, Sackville Hill representative of the Dominion Company of Swansea, has not lost hope of getting part of the contract. Mr. Hill declares that he will have the matter fought out in the Council on Monday night. He called at the Board of Works office this morning and took away the petition signed by twenty-five Hamilton contractors, evidently with the intention of getting several more signatures.

The special committee of school trustees considering technical education and the advisability of building a technical school discussed the matter at length again last night and decided to avail themselves of the offer of Hon. Dr. Pyne to send Inspector Leake here. Mr. Leake has had considerable experience and he will be requested to come here next week and look over the ground with a view to selecting a site. It is proposed to purchase enough ground for the technical school and the much talked of technical college.

Chairman Sweeney says it has not been decided yet whether the preliminary conferences with the Street Railway Company will be open to the press or not. That will be a matter for the members of the special committee to consider. It is expected that the first conference will be held on Monday.

City Engineer Barrow this morning had a conference with the officials of his department about the new annex sewer. The sewer project is practically completed, and the septic tanks and filtering beds are nearing completion. The only delay now is the matter of power.

If this question was settled at once the sewer accommodation they were promised by July. It looks, however, as if the delay over Hydro power means that the sewer will not be in operation until next year.

Premier Whitney yesterday gave a denial to the statement that the Government might have acquired the Electrical Development Company. Hamilton would have been able to have secured control of one had the Government secured control of this company.

A man named Leslie, residing at 108 Catharine street south, is the latest

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ST. KITT'S LIGHT.

Power Company a Day Too Late Signing Contract.

St. Catharines, Feb. 29.—(Special).—The time for signing the contract between the city council and the Falls Power Company, which in respect to street lighting expired on Thursday last, and it was thought that the deal was off, Messrs. Ross and McCormick, representing the company, however, yesterday tendered to Mayor Campbell a marked cheque for \$1,500 and offered to sign the contract. They were a day late and the mayor refused to accept the cheque. His Worship has since called a special meeting of the council for Monday evening to deal with the matter.

FOR DANCING FLOORS.

There is nothing better to be had than Parke's Dancing Floor Wax. It can be used on canvas covered floors as well as on wood. There is never any dust from this wax, and it never sticks to the shoes, to be tracked to all parts of the house. Sold in 1-lb. cans at 50¢; half-pound cans 30¢.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

It is Old

And well tried. British Army Foot Powder dusted into the shoes relieves tired and aching feet, and stops excessive perspiration. Be sure to get the genuine (it is imitated), with the yellow label and sprinker tops. Sold at 25¢ per box Parke & Parke, druggists.

Big Luscious Strawberries

Peep out at you from every bottle of E. D. Smith's strawberry jam. His goods are so pure that a label is not necessary to tell what the bottle contains. Have you tried the sweet, tender little berries in gold lined cans? E. D. S. means quality.

Bain & Adams' List.

Ripe strawberries, Boston head lettuce, cucumbers, crisp lettuce, sweet green peppers, new potatoes, radishes, Malaga grapes, bananas, mushrooms, Bermuda onions, green onions, butter beans, Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, muffins, crumpets, maple syrup, old-fashioned buckwheat flour, Saratoga chips, Neufchatel and square cream cheese, strictly fresh eggs, large grape fruit, sweet seedless oranges, etc.—89 and 91 King street east.

EXECUTION DELAYED.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—The execution of the seven terrorists who have been sentenced to death for complicity in the plot against the lives of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch and Minister of Justice (Cheremkhov) has been delayed by the intervention of the Italian Ambassador, Signor Melagari.

Genuine Calabash Pipes.

South African Calabash pipes color beautifully and are of perfect perfection of shape, smoking, crisp lettuce, sweet green peppers, new potatoes, radishes, Malaga grapes, bananas, mushrooms, Bermuda onions, green onions, butter beans, Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, muffins, crumpets, maple syrup, old-fashioned buckwheat flour, Saratoga chips, Neufchatel and square cream cheese, strictly fresh eggs, large grape fruit, sweet seedless oranges, etc.—89 and 91 King street east.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

The Magistrate seems to think that hindsight is a big sight better than foresight.

See how the Tories made rough house down at Ottawa yesterday.

Mr. Barrow would very much like to know what the future has in store for him.

If you like the Times, tell your friends. Spread the good news.

If spiritualism is a fake I know two or three very foolish people in Hamilton.

Mr. Wingate's statement re the street lighting clause makes the Mayor's talk about stolen goods look silly.

Lion or lamb for March?

I suppose Toronto will want to make a little money on the side by showing Shacktown at its great exhibition.

I hope Mr. Barker was ashamed of his colleagues yesterday. Where were the police?

But one who can see into the future should be able to tell when a policeman is to pay him or her a visit.

The Ottawa Opposition, "we won't go home till tomorrow" did not impress the country very favorably.

When Barrow is fired it will take two men to do his work. Mark my words.

This attempt on the part of some Tory M. P.'s, to boycott the Lieutenant-Governor's dinners because he selects his own guests is a contemptible and ungentlemanly piece of business.

The Shah fooled them that time, but it was rough on his escort.

The Musical Rooster of the Toronto World was evidently well pleased with the Elgar Choir. Cock-a-doodle-do!

The Tories down at Ottawa see their finish, and that's what makes them cut up like a lot of rowdies.

Now will the Herald charge Mr. Wingate with being John Patterson's good angel?

I think I can say for His Honor of the Government House that Gamey will never grace his hospitable board. The kickers may kick; let them kick.

Have you joined the laymen's movement?

If you are a Liberal, you should also be a Liberal Club man. Cozy quarters. Go up.

It shouldn't be forgotten the Elgar Choir is only four years old, while the Mendelssohn Choir is nearly old enough to vote.

ROBBED IN TORONTO

Leonard Dorsley Fell Into Bad Company There.

Toronto, Feb. 29.—P. C. Armstrong and Louis Craigie, after a hot chase in a cutter, rode down George Long, whom Craigie had seen knock down Leonard Dorsley, a stranger from Hamilton. Long had fraternized with Dorsley, the Hamilton man not having much discretion in sampling Toronto's liquors. At about five minutes to six, Craigie, who was driving by at the time, saw Long knock Dorsley down, put his hand in his pocket and pull out some bills. This was opposite Fitzgerald's hotel, at the corner of Adelaide and York. Craigie picked up Constable Armstrong, and the two chased Long up York, across Richmond and down Sheppard, where Armstrong jumped out of the cutter and arrested his man. Long is charged with assaulting Dorsley and robbing him of \$30. Long is a man of 27 and gives no address.

PLAYED PEDRO.

Junior Crescent Club Had a Jolly Card Party.

The members of the Junior Crescent Club held a very pleasant evening on Thursday at the home of Ernest Smith, 107 Wellington street north. Progressive prizes were indulged in till 11 o'clock, the prizes being won by Miss B. Alcott and Vally Venator, and the consolation prizes by Miss M. Patton and Tom White, after which refreshments were served.

The rest of the evening was spent in dancing and recitations by Miss Melody and Mr. Arlie Atkinson, and a few comic songs by Jim Englesham, Ernest Smith and Fred Venator. The party broke up at an early hour in the morning, all joining in voting Mr. and Mrs. Smith the best of "jolly good fellows."

REV. E. B. LANCELEY CALLED TO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

Popular Pastor of Dundas Centre Methodist Church, London, the Choice.

At a largely attended meeting of the Quarterly Board of First Methodist Church, held last evening, Rev. E. B. Lanceley, of London, was given a unanimous call to become pastor of the church upon the conclusion of Rev. R. J. Treleven's pastorate in June, 1909. Highly satisfactory reports of Mr. Lanceley's work in London, both in the spiritual and financial bearing, were presented. The call will be forwarded at once and an early reply will be looked for.

Rev. Mr. Lanceley is now in the third year of his second term in Dundas Centre Methodist Church, London. When

HER PARTING WORDS "BE GOOD TO BABY."

Captain Murdered.

New Orleans, Feb. 29.—Capt. Frank Kemble, of New York, master of the South Pacific passenger steamer Antilles, was murdered here early to-day on the water front near his ship. His body was found with the pockets of his clothing turned inside out. Death had apparently been caused by a blow on the head. The police attribute the crime to thieves. The Antilles runs between New York and New Orleans, and also between New Orleans and Havana.

WASHED HIS FACE.

Twenty-five Cent Fine in Police Court To-day.

Ed. Walker and his wife, of 69 Park street south, were charged this morning at the Police Court with assaulting A. Draker, a small boy. The evidence was that Draker chased their son and washed his face with snow and when the two defendants remonstrated with them he called them "Chippers." They grabbed him then and washed his face and stuffed a drift of two down his back. The Magistrate fined them a quarter.

Richard Hubbard, 274 Barton street east, was arrested for vagrancy last night, but after a night in the cells he decided to go to work and was given a chance.

HE GETS ENOUGH.

No Further Proceedings Against White Lyre Man.

The police think that nothing will be done in regard to Herbert T. Wesson, alias A. P. Rice, alias Charles Evan, and alias several other names, who broke jail in New York some time ago, after passing several worthless cheques there. He lived there some time, and that is probably the reason he drew a number of his forgeries on the Carnegie Trust Co. and other banks of that city. He is good for seven years here, and will probably be a wiser man when he leaves Kingston. In New York he passed under the name of Hoss. He was sentenced here on seven charges of forgery.

DREAMED A DREAM

But Had Faith in Her Husband's Fists.

Mrs. E. Chilcott and her mother, Mrs. George Young, of Toronto, have handed out a good story in Toronto where they are at present. Mrs. Chilcott is the widow of the man who is supposed to have been murdered on a train early this week while going to Detroit with \$600 in his pocket and some diamonds in his shirt front. Chilcott belonged to Hamilton and was here all last year. The widow claims that several times she has had dreams of something going to happen to her husband along the same lines as that which did happen, but she had faith in his ability as a pugilist and thought he could take care of himself. The remains will be interred in Toronto. A post-mortem showed signs of morphine or knock-out drops in the body.

LION AND BEAR.

Will Russia Side With Britain Against Germany?

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—The Novoe Vremya prints an article by Prof. Pilenko, councillor of the Foreign Office who frequently in the past has foreshadowed official action.

The articles urge that Russia join Great Britain in measures to force the appointment of a Christian governor-general in Macedonia, and at the same time to nullify the Muesteg agreement, which it says serves Teutonic interests.

According to Prof. Pilenko, Macedonia will be dominated either by the German or the Slavs and in order to counteract its Germanization, Russia should win the confidence of Europe by renouncing her attempts to Russiaify the Balkans and henceforth devote her influence disinterestedly to furthering the interests of the smaller Slav states.

Prof. Pilenko is of the opinion that Russia soon will be called definitely to take sides with Great Britain in the irrepressible Anglo-German conflict which is the mainspring of current European politics.

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Mrs. Midwinter Left Note to Her Husband

And Drank Fatal Dose of Carbolic Acid.

Were Out of Work and in Debt.

"Dear Will—
"Be good to Earla and don't let Ma have her. Pay Mrs. Rodgers for the rent out of my insurance, and please be good to the baby."
"Annie."

Such was the sad, sad letter that informed her husband and friends that Mrs. William Midwinter, who lived with Mrs. Rodgers at 130 Robert street, had taken her life. Last evening she took carbolic acid, and died at 7 o'clock, just one hour after taking it. The rent was due, her husband was out of work, and these and other circumstances combined to depress her spirits, and yesterday she decided to end it all. After writing the note to her husband, she went into her bedroom and took the fatal dose, and though she was dosed with milk and other antidotes, and Dr. Hopkins, who was called quickly, did all in his power to relieve her, she died without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Midwinter and her husband and eleven-months-old baby occupied two rooms in the Rodgers house on Robert street, and had been there for some time. They were married two years ago.

Last evening about supper time Mrs. Rodgers was surprised that Mrs. Midwinter did not come down to supper, and suddenly she heard the sound of something falling in the bedroom above, occupied by her boarders. She ran to the room and, going in, saw Mrs. Midwinter on the floor. The smell of the acid and the burns about the unconscious woman's mouth told the tale, while a small bottle was grasped in one hand. Some rent was due for the rooms, which the Midwinters were unable to pay, and she had lately had spoken to Mrs. Rodgers about it. Mr. Midwinter was unable to get work, and they had been in poor circumstances most of the winter.

The case is a very sad one, and the husband is prostrated with grief. William Midwinter is a son of John Midwinter, who was employed at Case's Hotel for years, and is a nephew of George Midwinter, the Arlington Hotel proprietor. Mrs. Midwinter, the dead woman, was a daughter of George Green, who was formerly a butcher on the local market, and lived at Victoria and Barton streets. Coroner Hopkins and Crown Attorney Washington decided after a consultation that no inquest was necessary.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon from the residence of Mr. John Midwinter, 231 John street north, and will be private.

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