

Joseph Parton, father of the five children burned to death in the Parton residence, near Hurdville, Ont., April 30, has been arrested, charged with murder. Evidence so far adduced indicates a crime diabolical in fiendishness. Parton is 70 years old.

The first Sunday of the Pan-American exposition brought out a good-size crowd. The buildings were closed. Guards stood by the doors of the great exhibit buildings and politely told the visitors that no one would be allowed to enter. On the Midway two of the shows opened their doors, and their criers announced that they were ready for business. They were promptly notified by the exposition police to close their shows. They did so under protest, and a test case will be tried to decide whether the Midway concessionaries have a right to give their exhibitions on Sunday. The claim set up by the concessionaries is that their contracts specify that they shall be allowed to run every day the exposition grounds are open to the public.

On Sunday morning the hotel and restaurant kept by Pierre Brunelle, Notre Dame street, Maisonneuve, Quebec, was discovered in flames, while the inmates were wrapped in slumber. All were saved with the exception of Mrs. Brunelle, wife of the proprietor, Octave Fontaine and Rasant Dussier, who were burned to death.

The Duke of Cornwall and York opened the Australian federal parliament at noon today.

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## News Summary

The factory of the Alaska Feather and Down Company, Montreal, was burned on Sunday. Loss, \$65,000, insurance, \$40,000.

At a meeting of the Fort Massey Presbyterian church, Halifax, Wednesday, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. W. J. McMillan, of Lindsay, Ontario.

The provincial medical officer of Cape Colony says he cannot eradicate the bubonic plague until the rats in the colony are extinct. Hundreds of rats are still dying daily.

Seven persons were burned to death, three fatally injured and several others slightly burned and injured in a fire that destroyed a three-story apartment building in Chicago on Sunday.

Lightning struck the Bullock school house at Stanstead, Quebec, on Wednesday. About a dozen pupils were in the building and all were more or less injured, two probably fatally injured.

Mrs. S. H. Blake, of Toronto, while en route to the baths in Germany, died in London. Mrs. Blake was a daughter of the late Bishop Cronyn, of Huron, and sister of Mrs. Edward Blake.

Alfred Linda, aged 13, son of William Lynda, of North River, while cleaning a barn was kicked by a horse in the forehead. His skull was seriously fractured. The boy is in a most precarious condition.

The department of marine and fisheries is receiving requests from certain parts of the Atlantic coast, urging that the lobster fishing season be extended for two or three weeks beyond the period specified by law.

Saloons in Kansas City were closed tight on Sunday, the first time in six years. But one arrest for failure to respect Mayor Reed's order was made, and one of the quietest days for a long time was the result.

At Ludington, Mich., while Augusta Cramer was giving a magic lantern exhibition the gasoline tank exploded, demolishing the interior of the school-house and blowing out the window. Two persons were fatally and many badly injured.

John Calder & Co., Hamilton, Ont., wholesale clothing manufacturers, have assigned. The firm is one of the largest manufacturers of clothing in Canada, and employed a large number of hands. It is expected the assets will show a substantial surplus over the liabilities.

The Consolidated Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, has called a meeting of creditors for May 10, when a statement will be presented and extension of three months asked. It has mills at Newburgh, Ont., and Stadacona, Que. The creditors are chiefly pulp people and banks.

One hundred thousand sightseers thronged the streets of Melbourne on Sunday to view the beautiful decorations in honor of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. Lord Hopetoun Governor General, accompanied by Lady Hopetoun, visited the Ophir Sunday afternoon to welcome the Duke and Duchess.

In the Eastman murder trial at Cambridge, Mass., on Tuesday, Mrs. Eastman, wife of the defendant, was on the stand and gave additional evidence as to the intimate relations between the husband and Grogan. She said she did not remember any such incident as that related by Mrs. Grogan, who testified that Eastman had said Grogan's days were numbered.

In the fire at Jacksonville, Fla., 108 blocks were laid waste. The loss will not be known even approximately for a week, but it will amount to \$10,000,000. There are many rumors afloat of loss of life, but it is impossible to obtain an official report. One story which is persistently reiterated is that a party of men and women, driven to the docks by the fire, were compelled to jump into the water and that several of them were drowned. The burned district is two miles long. This immense area was swept as clear as a floor. The city is under martial law and all of the available state militia is on duty. Some order is being brought from the confusion. Jacksonville is facing the emergency calmly and has organized for relief work. Ten thousand people are homeless.

The defence in the Eastman trial at Cambridge was commenced on Saturday. Counsel for the prisoner said that Eastman was examining the old rim-fire revolver, when it suddenly exploded and Grogan threw up his hands. Eastman supposing Grogan had been shot, went towards him, and at the same time Grogan's revolver went off. A struggle took place between the two men, during which Grogan's revolver went off two or three times. Eastman got hold of the revolver and threw it away. Counsel said that Eastman was so terrified that he had but slight recollection as to what actually took place, but that his client would take the stand and give the jury an account of just what had occurred. Witness for the defence testified that cordial relations existed between Eastman and Grogan.

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