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Meagre Particulars Indicate Gruesome Holocaust—Principal Thoroughly Swept Away—Fire Adds to the Horror—Loss of Life Uncertain.
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WHOLE STREET DEMOLISHED.
Mobile, Ala., March 2.—A long distance telephone message to The Item, from Meridian, Miss., says a cyclone, accompanied by heavy rain, struck that city this evening at 8 o'clock. The storm centre was in the southern portion of the city, and particularly heavy along Front-street, one of the principal streets of the town.
Nearly every house on Front-street is reported to have been demolished. The Armour packing plant, from which this message was received, by long distance telephone, is the only building left standing, and the roof of this is gone. Fire broke out in the ruins, and, despite the heavy rain, the flames were burning fiercely when the report was filed. A number of bodies are reported to be in the ruins, and the city is working by candle light. The city is in total darkness, the lightning flashes being put out of business.
CUT OFF.
The cyclone did severe damage at other points adjacent to Meridian, and all trains entering Meridian are delayed indefinitely. The Western Union Telegraph Company reported having lost fifteen miles of wire, and the Postal Telegraph Company also suffered great damage.
The wires are down between Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and Mobile, and it is impossible to secure communication with the stricken city.
150 DEAD.
A private long distance message received at 2:30 p.m. says that the fire raging in the devastated district. The work of rescuers is going bravely on, but owing to the rain being out, lanterns and candles are being used, and the work is necessarily slow.
It is thought that 150 bodies are in the wreckage.
77 MILES AN HOUR.
A long distance message from J. D. Brown, secretary of the Cumberland Telephone Co., at Meridian, gives the details of the cyclone. During a heavy rain storm at 6:40 o'clock, a storm cloud developed in the south and moved quickly over the city, striking Front-street, the business centre, with full force. The wind was probably blowing 77 miles an hour. The cyclone passed over in about two minutes, and during that period three of four whole squares were devastated. A conservative estimate places the number of buildings down at between 3000 and 4000.
The Southern Hotel escaped, but the Grand Avenue Hotel was completely damaged. The guests in the latter building escaped, and no one was injured.
LOSS OF LIFE SMALL.
From the business centre the cyclone jumped to the east end, where several residences were blown down, and others badly damaged. Mr. Breux stated that the number of lives lost is small, probably not more than thirty. Four persons. One of the victims, a man named Johnson, is hemmed in by the wreckage, and at 10 o'clock a rescue party was reached by the rescuing party, to whom he spoke and begged them to extricate him.
Several fires were started as a result of the cyclone, but the only one of serious consequence was that in the compass. All fires were extinguished by 10 p.m.
Mr. Breux reports all trains entering the city on time.
Wires of the telephone companies are still down.
Smoke Clearest Panatellas.
Really the nicest cigar on the market, made by hand from old matured Havana tobacco, an exceptionally sweet smoke, 5c; six for 25c. Box of twenty-five sent prepaid for \$1.00. Order to-day from A. C. Clegg & Sons, 4 King West.
A few uncalled for Suits in Cheviots, Tweeds and Worsters at \$10.00.
Hobbs & Co., 153 Yonge St.
East & Co., Limited, have on sale to-day three special surprise bargains in trunks, bags and suit cases. You will make no mistake if you secure one or more of these lines: It will pay you to see them. East & Co., Limited, 400 Yonge-street, next trunk, bag and suit case makers.
A FINE SMOKE.
Tuckers Club Special, 3 for 25c. Alvin Bolland sells them.
Get a Box of Panatellas.
For \$1 we will send to any address in Canada a box of Panatellas, a box of twenty-five "Clubs" Panatellas. These cigars, 5 inches long, are made from old matured Havana tobacco, and are a delightful smoke, equal to cigars costing double the money. Order to-day. A. C. Clegg & Sons, 4 King West, "established 1878".
A few uncalled for Overcoats to clear \$10.00.
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British Ambassador's Tribute to Missions
Sir Mortimer Durand at Students' Convention—Rev. J. A. MacDonald Also Gave Address.
Nashville, Tenn., March 2.—(Special.)—From the standpoint of the speakers upon the program, to-night, was the most careful of the student volunteer convention.
Interest centred in the address of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, who was given a cordial reception by six thousand people. His address was in the nature of a tribute to the work of the missions abroad. To the American Baptist missionary, Judson, whom his father had come in contact while governor of British Borneo, he paid extraordinary tribute. There was much of a British officer and soldier who had caused to bless his name. On behalf of the British government he also acknowledged a debt of gratitude to the mission at Tegeran, where there is a large British legation.
Another notable speaker of to-night was Rev. J. A. MacDonald, of the Toronto Globe, who spoke on "The Relation of the Secular Press to Foreign Missions." Ex-Secretary of State Foster was another speaker.
Sir Mortimer and party, including his daughter, arrived this morning, being the first of the session. English welcome, there being a pour down of rain at the time.
He was entertained at luncheon at the Maxwell House. Among the other guests were Gen. Foster, Judge J. M. Dickinson, the latter having been on the Alaskan boundary commission.

Meals for Poor Pupils.
Labor Party Successful With First Bill of Session.
London, March 2.—In the house of commons to-day the members of the Labor party scored a success with their first bill of the session, providing local educational authorities to provide meals for underfed school children.
The government, thru Augustine Birrell, president of the board of education, and John Burns, president of the local government board, said the ministers would endeavor to secure the passage of the measure at this session.
Van Horne an Inspiration.
London Express Says Enthusiasm Should Be Encouraged by Him.
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)
London, March 2.—Sir Van Horne is here on business after an absence of eight years. The Express, editorially referring to the visit, points to him as an example of Canadian success. His prosperity, it says, should fire the soul of every ambitious young Canadian, and that Canada is the crown of the empire.
Attempt to Assassinate.
Governor-General Kaibara Escapes Unharmingly at Odessa.
Odessa, March 2.—An unsuccessful attempt was made on the life of Governor-General Kaibara to-day.
Renewed revolutionary activity is noticeable and serious disorders are expected about Easter.
Increase Capital Stock.
Traders' Bank to Make an Addition of Two Million Dollars.
It is understood that the directors of the Traders' Bank of Canada intend to very shortly increase the capital stock of the bank from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.
W. Harper, Customs Broker, 5 Melinda.
Empress Hotel, Yonge and Gould Sts., 10.00 and \$2.00 per day.

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Two Women Badly Burned Boy Dead From Injuries
Ignition of Benzine Torch in House Causes Death of Little Girl and Serious Burning of Mother—Upsetting Lamp Causes Second Accident.
As the result of the ignition of a benzine torch, which had been placed in close proximity to a stove in the home of Noah Pirnick, 71 Huron-street, his four-year-old son, Louis, died at Grace Hospital last night at 6 o'clock, and his wife, Annie, is in the same institution in a critical condition.
The torch was being used by decorators engaged in the house. One of the men, seeing that the torch had ignited from the heat of the stove, picked it up, but when some burning liquid fell on his hand, dropped it. The boy also tried to extinguish the fire, but was enveloped in flames.
His mother rushed to his assistance and carried him to the street, screaming for aid. This time her own dress caught fire, and she was badly burned. A workman on the street, Dave O'Brien, last night at 6 o'clock, and his wife, Annie, is in the same institution in a critical condition.
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Looking for Work, Killed Laborer Victim of Trolley
James Meets Instant Death on Front Street During Yesterday Afternoon.
While looking for work yesterday morning, James E. Bloor, a laborer, was struck by a Market and Arthur street car at the corner of Bay and Front-streets. He was dragged for about 200 feet and was dead when picked up. Dr. Butler of the Emergency Hospital was called, but could give no assistance.
The man passed behind a west bound Young-street car and stepped in front of the Arthur car. The body was taken to the morgue awaiting identification. There it lay until about eight o'clock when the wife and his sister identified the body. He only recently returned from a medical mission in Romania. A medical man, proved that rigor mortis had set in.
Coroner E. J. Wilson ordered an inquest and after allowing the jury to view the body, adjourned it until Tuesday evening at the police court.
MARRIAGES.
JENNINGS—JOHNSON—On Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1906, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Dr. W. L. Johnson, 50 Pearson-street, Toronto, by Rev. S. C. Gray, Jennie Johnson of Weston to C. A. B. Jennings of Deer Park.
DEATHS.
GRIFFIN—On March 2nd, 1906, at 1:30 a.m., Helen Griffin, aged 4 years and 8 months, 830-832, Victoria, 42-97, and Catherine Griffin, 220 St. Clare-street, Toronto, by Rev. S. C. Gray.
LEWIS—On Thursday, March 1, 1906, at 1:30 a.m., John Leslie, aged 40 years, 194 River-street, Toronto, by Rev. S. C. Gray.
McDONALD—Near Union House, Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 24, 1906, Alex. McDonald, a native of Canada, aged 40 years, 194 River-street, Toronto, by Rev. S. C. Gray.
SHEPHERD—At Toronto Junction, March 1, 1906, at 1:30 a.m., Samuel M. Shepherd, 79 years, 194 River-street, Toronto, by Rev. S. C. Gray.
IN MEMORIAM.
CLARK—In ever loving memory of Edward Frederick Clarke, departed this life March 3, 1906.
Dinner's Weather Forecast.
More than any other, English hats are able to stand the stress of weather. For this reason Dinner's have made it a rule to import the best of English hats. The hat that literally melts in rain or sleet is no hat for a man who wears a Dinner's anywhere else in Canada for that matter. All the new styles are in Canada at the Yonge and Temperance-streets.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.
Lunch of the Cuyana, foot of Bathurst-st., noon.
Trinity College lecture, G. W. Johnson on "Art and Life," 2 p.m., Toronto Ladies' T.W. Conservatory of Music, 8.
Princess, "Little Johnny Jones," 2 and 8.
The "German Clays," 2 and 8.
Majestic, "Custer's Last Fight," 2 and 8.
Shea's, Fadette's Orchestra and vaudeville, 2 and 8.
Star, burlesque, 2 and 8.
STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.
Mar. 2 At From
Cervantes, Sable Island, Liverpool
St. Louis, New York, Southampton
Seydlitz, Boston, Liverpool
Haverford, Liverpool, Baltimore

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Light Side of Insurance
Mr. Macaulay of the Sun Life Flakes a Speech to His Field Staff, Which is Vastly Entertaining.
Motto for Policyholders is "Seek Your Joy in What You Give, Not in What You Get."
Look for joy. Do not look for joy in your environment. Do not look without, but look within. Look for your joy not in the future, but in the present. Seek your joy in what you give, not in what you get.
—EVAN ROBERTS.
The searcher after insurance truth will to-day, after five strenuous weeks of feeling his way thru the mazes of a mysterious science, be glad of a little enlightenment to help him on his toilsome way.
The chapter which follows is from the "Sunshine" advertisement journal of the Sun Life. It is a twentieth century Macaulay—an address to the managers and field staff of the company by their president. Nothing more delightful has ever been written on insurance. The address follows a reproduction of the back-page advertisement, which contains the most naïf motto ever gently insinuated into the mind of a grateful policyholder.
TO THE MANAGERS AND FIELD STAFF OF THE SUN LIFE OF CANADA.
Gentlemen: The year now closing, as you know, has been a most eventful year. Its record will be as Black Friday in the memory of some eminent men and in the history of some important corporations, and certainly no less memorable in the experiences or some nations. But to that I shall revert later, but, meanwhile, being most interested in knowing the results of the year's operations of the Sun Life of Canada, which closed on 28th December, I shall first deal with them briefly.
Well, I am happy in being enabled to say that it has been a year of marvellous growth in new assurances, and prosperity in the finances of our loved company. The new business in applications amounted to \$25,591,834.24, of which Canada contributed \$10,421,586.55 and the foreign field \$15,170,247.39, a very handsome business indeed from both fields. But, in these days of inquiry and agitation, the new business is but half the story of a life company's proceedings. What of the finances? That is the first and chiefest of inquiries. Gentlemen, the company never enjoyed such a year of prosperity before, the finances have prospered to our entire satisfaction, and there have been no extravagances nor have any funds been idle until the latter end of the month of December, when large remittances were received. Am I not justified in saying that the company has sustained, in an eminent degree, its motto, "Prosperous and Progressive"?
As a corporation, we have much reason for gratitude to the Great Power, "Who maketh poor and maketh rich; who bringeth low and lifteth up; by whom the actions of men are weighed in an even balance." To you, gentlemen, is a debt of thankfulness for the spirited and persevering loyalty that has raised the Sun Life of Canada to the proud position of being the leading life company of Canada. It is, therefore, with sincere pleasure that I unite with my brother directors in wishing you all many happy and like prosperous years in the future.
But to revert briefly to some public events that have made the year famous. The nineteenth century has been regarded by many writers as a very eventful one, and so unquestionably was. Monarchies and republics alike underwent great national and social changes, mostly for the better; and human progress made great strides. But these were spread over a century in time, and were between Christianized, cultured nations, and, altho these movements were, and are, of world-wide importance and historic fame, they pale in interest and significance to us before the stupendous occurrence of this one year, 1905. The annals of this year record events that will be fruitful of momentous changes in the future history of nations and to the races of mankind at large.
WONDERS OF JAPAN.
The sudden emergence of Japan from the obscurity of ages, and her heroic military achievements in Manchuria, and her almost appalling naval achievements on the Sea of Japan, by comparison the strategy and valor of the heroes of history, whether ancient or modern, Ozymias now become the peer of Wellington; and little, unostentatious, retiring Togo of the same Buddhist creed, now peers with our immortal Nelson. And these marvelous feats of skill and prowess open to view another thought of great significance.
These wonderful heroes belong to a hitherto obscure oriental people, regarded as non-Christian, devoid of western culture and without that soul-sustaining power believed to be a special attribute of the God-given religion—in fact, a people whose heathen, Godless creed, mostly for the better, and unfit them for making effective headway against a Christian nation, much less that of taking rank with any of the great Christian powers of the world. In religion and patriotism, as known in Japan, and with there being a "real danger to the nations of the west from the Japanese renaissance." As cords, but it is claimed for Japan that her wonderful success is directly attributable to the highest of Christian virtues, "self-sacrifice."
Then again, Japan's unparalleled achievement at Portsmouth, in securing peace at such vast sacrifice to herself, is an evidence of an elevation of national character that may well put the members of The Hague peace conference to the blush.
What a painful contrast is presented by boastful Christian Russia—not only defeated ignominiously, on land and sea, by a despised oriental nation, but also will join a policyholders' association to be represented before the Dominion government commission.

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We being policyholders in an insurance company licensed to do business in Canada hereby sign the petition in support of a parliamentary investigation into all the operations of the company, with a view to amending the present insurance laws.
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
INSURED IN THE _____ COMPANY
I also will join a policyholders' association to be represented before the Dominion government commission.