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BAD FIRE AT CROWN POINT.

Barber Shop and Butcher Store Were Completely Destroyed.

Volunteer Fire Brigade Saved the Surrounding Buildings.

Two Companies of the City Department Lent Assistance.

An argument in favor of Crown Point being annexed to the city was a mysterious fire last night which did two or three thousand dollars' damage, and came within an ace of sweeping the whole settlement. But for the good work of a volunteer brigade, assisted by a detachment of the city firemen, the fire would have undoubtedly got beyond control. As it was, it destroyed two frame stores and damaged a brick one slightly. The fire was discovered shortly after 7 o'clock by a resident of Crown Point, who saw smoke belching out between Barker's barber shop and Chappell's butcher shop on Kensington avenue. There was only a six-inch space between the two stores, which were frame, and the man who saw the smoke thought it was caused by electric wires short circuiting. He turned in a general alarm through the settlement, and the churches emptied to help at the fire fighting, the preachers deserting their pulpits to help in the work of saving their neighbors' goods and chattels. An old hand pump which was used with good effect at the fire at Crown Point a year ago was pulled out of its shed and taken to the fire. While a bucket brigade baled water from Springstead's well into a barrel, the pump was manned and squirted the water from the barrel upon the blaze. The efforts of the fire fighters were directed mostly to saving nearby roofs and frame buildings. Springstead's store was next door. It is brick, and there was little danger of its catching, although the roof started to blaze, and it took some time to get this down thoroughly. It was almost an hour after the fire was discovered before the city fire department was called on for assistance. Central and John street combinations were sent down, but could not get close enough to the blaze to use their chemical lines, and there being no hydrants there were helpless, except to man the pump and help with the buckets. Barker's and Chappell's stores were burned to the ground, and the only thing saved was a barber's chair from Barker's. The loss will not be more than \$3,000, but there was little insurance on either of the stores, and their proprietors have practically lost their all.

DEADLY FIRE.

Arabs Force British Steamer to Suspend Service.

Constantinople, March 29.—Attacks by Arabs on steamers plying on the Bosphorus have been so persistent that the British line has been compelled to suspend service. A Government steamer was riddled with bullets yesterday, several of the passengers being killed and wounded. The steamer carried a machine gun, and had troops on board, but the Arab fire was so severe that the gun was put out of action.

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Sensation in Paris Over Discovery of a Case There.

Paris, March 29.—A sensation has been caused by the report of a case of sleeping sickness in the heart of Paris. The victim is a missionary of the Order of the Holy Ghost, who dropped unconscious in the Luxembourg Garden, and was conveyed to the Pasteur Institute. The institute physicians state that the condition of the man is very serious. He contracted the disease on the Upper Ubanghi River, Central Africa.

PICTURE GALLERY.

The Pope Opened the New One of the Vatican Yesterday.

Rome, March 29.—The Pope, surrounded by the Pontifical Court, the diplomatic representatives and many members of the Roman aristocracy, inaugurated the new picture gallery of the Vatican yesterday. The ceremony was rendered more interesting, as this was the anniversary of the birth of Raphael. The Pontiff visited each hall, admiring and praising the pictures, which were distributed according to schools and periods.

ASK ANDREW

To Help Real Estate Men Probe Graft Charges.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) London, Ont., March 29.—In connection with the graft charges that have been made against members of the City Council here, the Real Estate Owners' Association will ask the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate and in addition will probably form a fund among themselves to press the charges if Andrew Carnegie will give a sum as he did in the recent Pittsburg case. Mr. Carnegie has been written to regarding the matter.

21 DROWNED.

Loss of the Sloop Kearsage Off Nicaragua.

New Orleans, March 29.—A special despatch from Bluefields, Nicaragua, gives details of the loss of the sloop Kearsage and twenty-one residents of Nicaragua on the night of March 13, between Monkey Point and Greytown, Nicaragua. Captain Cook, two sailors and five passengers reached shore in a small boat. The Kearsage was a boat of about 25 tons. It went to Bluefields from St. Andrew's Island for coconuts, and took on 25 passengers at Bluefields, bound for Bocas Del Torre, Colon, and Jamaica.

Marcus Lee's Maple Syrup.

We are now booking orders for Marcus Lee's this season's maple syrup. It requires no recommendation from us. Name better. Order now and avoid any disappointment, as the quantity is limited. Sold in one-gallon tins or by the measure. Another shipment of Guyett's this season's maple syrup arrived on Saturday.—Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

YORK LOAN.

10,000 Shareholders Have Not Yet Sent in Their Books.

Toronto, Ont., March 29.—Ten thousand shareholders of the defunct York Loan Savings Company have not yet sent in their pass books. "It will be November, or later before we can declare a dividend," said Mr. A. E. Hartington. "We have 10,000 claims indexed. Unless the remaining 10,000 sent in their books they will not share in the dividend."

The liabilities of the York Loan are now entirely composed of shareholders' claims. The assets are all in vacant lands.

The friends of Miss Maria McIntosh, John street north, will be sorry to learn that she is seriously ill, and has had to undergo an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital.

SEVEN CELESTIALS FINED \$10 EACH.

Police Made a Sunday Raid on Laundry and Found Gambling in Progress.

Eighteen grinning Chinese walked over the Bridge of Sighs this morning, at Police Court, and into the dock. They squatted down in the seats and Sgt. Robinson started in to call their names. "Don't bother with that. By any other name they'd smell as sweet," said Magistrate Jelfs. "Tell them all to stand up."

An interesting thing to note was that of the eighteen arrested, eleven, almost two-thirds, were Christians and a Methodist deskman put the whole eleven down as Presbyterians. Only six of the men were married, and there was but one outsider, Hong Lee, of Dundas, coming in to pick up some "soft stuff" in the game.

Constable Duffy, who had he and P. C.'s Gibbs and J. Smith made the raid that gathered in the yellow skinned men. He was walking down James street and outside of No. 344 James north, a Chinese laundry, he stopped to enjoy the sound of music coming from the laundry.

He tried the door and found it open and walked in. From the front room, in which he was, he could see an inter-

esting game going on in which the whole congregation was indulging. The tools used to pry the Orientals from their money were five dice, a set of dominoes and a banker.

The officers went out and got the other two constables, and the trio went in. They went direct to the room where the game was going on, and stood there a full minute, and interest was so intense that the chinks did not see the policemen. Suddenly, said Duff, he made a grab for the pot which held \$2.10. He got \$1 and the banker, Lee Sing, got the rest. All engaged in the game were taken to the police cells and a return trip was made for some others, a couple of whom were smoking in the cellar.

Constable Gibbs and J. Smith corroborated this. A. M. Lewis and Thos. Crerar appeared for the defendants, and pleaded not guilty in their behalf. They objected to the sweeping identification of the men by the police, and wanted each identified singly. The officers could not do this as they did not remember the names of the men.

Mr. Crerar remarked that the charges would have to be proved separately against each individual, but the court did not think so, and the case went on against all at once.

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MRS. MARY FARMER ELECTROCUTED TO-DAY.

Walked Unflinching to the Death Chair—The First Shock Killed Her—Left Signed Statement Declaring Her Husband Innocent.

Had Last Interview With Her Husband—Spent Part of Night in Prayer—The Second Woman to be Executed in New York State.

Auburn, N. Y., March 29.—Murmuring a prayer for her soul, Mrs. Mary Farmer was quietly led to the electric chair in Auburn Prison shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, and executed for the killing of Mrs. Sarah Brennan at Brownsville last April. The execution of Mrs. Farmer—the second infliction of death on a woman by electricity in this State—was effected without sensational incident. Three contacts were given, and the physicians officially pronounced the woman dead at 6.15 o'clock. Five women, two of whom were prison attendants, witnessed the death of Mrs. Farmer. Father Hickey, spiritual adviser of the condemned woman, following the execution, gave out a statement signed by Mrs. Farmer, in which she declared that

Auburn, N. Y., March 29.—Mrs. Mary Farmer was electrocuted in the State Prison at 6.15 a. m. today for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Brennan at Brownsville, N. Y., on April 23, 1908.

her husband, James Farmer, was entirely innocent, and knew nothing of the crime until after it had been committed.

Led by Father Hickey, and with Mrs. Dunnigan and Miss Gorman, the two women attendants who have been with her constantly since she was brought to Auburn Prison, Mrs. Farmer walked unflinching to the death chair. Her eyes were half closed, and she saw nothing of the death chair and rows of witnesses.

In her hands she clasped a crucifix, and as she was being strapped in the chair Father Hickey stood at her side and offered prayers for the dying.

Dr. John Gevin, the prison physician, stated that the woman was dead after the first shock, but as there was still a tremor of muscular action, two succeeding contacts were given. State Electrician Davis said that 1,840 volts and 7.12 amperes were the strength of the current that passed through the woman's body.

The statement, which Mrs. Farmer prepared yesterday before she was taken to the condemned row, was written by herself and addressed to Father Hickey, who told her that if she could truthfully exonerate her husband she should do so. The statement signed in the presence of a notary, and dated March 28, follows:

"To Rev. J. J. Hickey:

"My husband, James D. Farmer, never had any hand in Sarah Brennan's death, nor never knew anything about it till the trunk was opened. I never told him anything of what had happened. I feel he has been terribly wronged. James D. Farmer was not at home the day the affair happened, neither did James D. Farmer ever put a hand on Sarah Brennan after her death. Again I wish to say, as strongly as I can, that my husband, James D. Farmer, is entirely innocent of the death of Sarah Brennan, that he knows nothing whatever about it.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of March, 1909.

"(Signed) Mary H. Farmer.

"B. F. Wingar, Notary Public, Cayuga County."

All night long the condemned woman had prayed within her cell. In the next room was the instrument of death, but she was not told that she was almost within its shadow.

Earlier in the night Mrs. Farmer had been brought from her cell on the second tier of the woman's department to the condemned row, where she bade farewell to her husband. Separated by steel bars and an intervening screen, husband and wife spent their final hour together in quiet converse. The woman

attended were in the room, and just without the door a prison guard was within call. The final word between them was spoken, a last good-bye, and the weeping husband returned to his cell.

Early this morning Father Hickey joined the watchers at Mrs. Farmer's cell door. In the pale light of the corridor the woman and priest prayed together. The last sacraments were administered, and Mrs. Farmer said she was not afraid to die.

Mrs. Farmer was dressed in a plain

black waist and skirt. Her hair was brushed severely back from her forehead and fell in two braids. Two or three locks were cut from the scalp so that the head electrode might be properly adjusted, and the women attendants slit the left side of the skirt as far as the knee and cut the stocking.

After the autopsy has been concluded the body will be taken in charge of Father Hickey and buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, near Wasco Lake.

The crime for which Mrs. Farmer was

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went out like a lion, nor would I be surprised if it went out after the manner of Mary's little lamb.

No doubt the Germans are having quite a laugh over Britain's jingo war scare.

We are told that detectives have been talking too much. No doubt they scared away the murderer.

Now for a greater Art School.

Dr. Roberts should have the support of the authorities and of the community in his efforts to prevent the annual slaughter of the innocents.

It would be a pity if that had Bradley is allowed to serve out his six months' sentence. I hope the magistrate agrees with me in that belief.

Boys with air guns are after the birds again. Parents and teachers should get after the boys.

Don't cross-cut the lawns. They are easily damaged at this time of year.

DREW UP NEW SCHEDULE.

Street Railway Employees and Officials Fraternalize.

The officers and employees of the Hamilton Street Railway Company held a joint meeting in the Trades and Labor Hall on Saturday evening, to consider changes in the time tables and other matters. The new traction manager, Mr. E. P. Coleman, was presented to the men, and was received heartily. Superintendent Miller presided, and on the platform were seated Mr. Frederick Griffith, General Superintendent of the Company, the Union Executive Committee, and the oldest employee of the road, Mr. Thomas Fuard, who has been in the employment of the Hamilton Street Railway Company for a quarter of a century. A tasty luncheon was served, after which the business of choosing the runs was taken up and successfully completed. A new schedule was drawn up satisfactory to both. This will go into effect at once, and remain operative for the next three months when a new one will be drawn up. The company announced that they had decided to cut the early morning service on Sunday, and in the future the cars will not start until 10 a. m., instead of 8 a. m. The men objected to the early start and the company found that it did not pay. The last Sunday night cars will leave the corner of King and James streets for all points at 10.30 p. m.

Feed For Dogs.

We have a full line of Spratt's patent dog cakes and remedies in stock, including dog biscuits, puppy biscuits, cod liver oil cakes, charcoal cakes, etc. Also Glover's dog remedies. Call and get booklet on care of dogs; it's free.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES To rent at \$2 a year up wards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

NO BALKAN WAR.

European Powers Compel Servia to Surrender to Terms.

Report That King Peter May Abdicate—His Successor.

Belgrade, March 27.—Servia has surrendered completely to the demands of Europe and the tension of six months over the Balkan situation will come to an end this afternoon. This action of Servia probably will set the Balkan "question" at rest for many years. The Ministers here of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy will today verbally inform the Servian Government of their recognition of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary. They will advise Servia to consider this question closed, and issue a circular note of all the powers acknowledging this annexation, and at the same time to assure Austria-Hungary of her peaceful intentions, revoking all claims to indemnifying concessions. Servia undoubtedly will swallow this bitter medicine and follow the advice of the powers.

WILL PETER QUIT?

London, March 29.—Special despatches received here from Rome and Vienna give rumors that Peter, the King of Servia, and all the members of his family are preparing to leave Belgrade. The message from Rome says that King Victor Emmanuel has received a letter from Belgrade to the effect that King Peter and his sons are going to Switzerland. King Peter suggests that the youngest son of Prince Nicolas, of Montenegro, take the crown of Servia. The King of Italy, according to this despatch, does not oppose the abdication of King Peter, but he will urge that Peter's son, Alexander, succeed him.

FINE BOYS.

Sixty For Ontario Farms Arrived at Children's Home Yesterday.

"The finest lot of boys who have ever passed through my hands," was what Superintendent Frank Hills, of the Children's Home, at the Delta, said of the lot that arrived there yesterday. They came in the morning, and were driven to the home. They numbered sixty, ranging in age from 10 to 18 years. They were a fine, intelligent and healthy lot, and every one of them goes at once to an Ontario farm. Mr. Hills has applications for a great many more, which he is unable to fill. He does not expect another lot this spring.

THE RED RIVER.

Winnipeg, Man., March 29.—The million dollar locks and canal have been completed at St. Andrew's Rapids on the Red River of the North, raising the level of the river eight feet and allowing boats of heavy draught to reach here from Lake Winnipeg, when navigation opens.

SUDDEN DEATH. Wolland, Ont., March 29.—Mrs. W. G. Sommerville died suddenly at her home here last night.



WILLIAM F. COMPTON, Who will become organist of St. Mary's Cathedral after Easter.

FOR ALMOST A CENTURY.

Death of West Flamboro Man Who Saved Mackenzie's Life.

Mr. Solomon Mills, father of Mr. J. Bidwell Mills, of this city, and one of the oldest men in Canada, died at his home on Saturday at the age of 97 years. Mr. Mills was born in 1812 in West Flamboro township, near Rock Chapel; there he had spent all his life, nearly a century, and there he quietly slipped away after his long life journey. Mr. Mills was a young man at the time William Lyon Mackenzie made his stand for British fair play in Canada, and took part in the trouble of 1837. Mr. Mills used to delight to relate how he had been the means of saving Mackenzie's life after a reward had been offered for his capture, dead or alive. In politics deceased was a Liberal, having walked from his home to the polling booth to vote for Mr. W. O. Scoble, the successful Liberal candidate in the last Dominion election. One daughter, Janinia, has remained at home to care for her father and mother, the latter also having lived to a great age, being 87 when she died three years ago.

ICE JAMMED

And Macassa Could Not Make First Trip To-day.

Everything was in readiness for the sailing of the Macassa this morning, except the water. The whole east end of the bay, for nearly a mile out from the canal, was jammed with ice. There was open water from north shore to south shore about the centre of the bay, but it would have been quite impossible for the boat to have got through the mile of jammed ice. The wind and rain are rapidly now melting the ice, however, and by Wednesday or Thursday the Macassa will be able to start. The management had the satisfaction of knowing that quite a number of people were anxious to make the first trip this morning.

STUDIED HERE.

Binbrook Boy Appointed to Fellowship at Lick Observatory.

Word has been received of the appointment of Mr. Reynold Young, a fourth year student in arts in the University of Toronto, as fellow in the famous Lick Observatory. Mr. Young, whose home is in Binbrook, Wentworth County, attended Hamilton Collegiate Institute, from which he graduated in 1905, being awarded a scholarship in mathematics at the time. He has followed with distinction the course in mathematics and physics, and will graduate in June next. The Lick Observatory, which is located on Mount Hamilton, near San Jose, is a branch of the University of California, the headquarters of which are at Berkeley, near San Francisco. Mr. Young will divide his time between the two places, doing graduate study at the observatory. The appointment was made in competition with a candidates from any part of America.

OAKLANDS.

Beautiful Spot to be Run as a Pleasure Resort Again.

Oaklands, the beautiful grounds on the north shore of the bay, which at one time was one of the best patronized pleasure spots in the vicinity of Hamilton, is to be opened early this year, for excursionists and picnic parties. On Saturday afternoon Woodman Brothers, proprietors of the Hamilton Ferry Company, signed a contract with the owners providing for the opening of the grounds as soon as the weather permits. Little has been heard of Oaklands in recent years, because there has been no passenger service to the north shore, but Woodman Bros. are confident that before the season is far advanced it will rival any of the pleasure spots within miles of Hamilton. They have secured large excursion boats, and will give a first class service throughout the summer months and early autumn.

The Finest Pipe Tobacco.

Rose Leaf smoking mixture is the standard of excellence in high grade pipe tobaccos. It is an absolutely pure mixture that is sold for 75 cents a tin at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

LOOKS LIKE LONG DEBATE.

Three Important Questions For the Aldermen To-night.

Board of Health May Apply to the Provincial Board.

Want Picture Shows Kept Out of Business Section.

Although the City Council has a short programme for to-night there are three clauses in the committee reports sure to provoke a lot of discussion. Ald. Lees, who charged that the "dice were loaded" when the Fire and Water Committee recommended the appointment of six new firemen, will bring the matter up in the Council. If it is reopened there will likely be a lively debate, for nearly every alderman in the Council has been asked by some of the twenty-three applicants for support. The Art School grant and the rider, which recommends that no further grants to the school be made, will also provoke a discussion. Some of the aldermen are decidedly opposed to spending any more money on the present hospital grounds, and they will object to the Finance Committee's recommendation that another \$10,000 be spent there, enlarging the isolation buildings.

If the fine weather continues, the Street Railway Company expects to begin the work of reconstructing its roadbed on James street a week from today. It has all the rails and material ordered. The city is also in shape to go ahead with the road work.

It is understood that the local Board of Health will appeal to the Provincial Board to prevent the isolation buildings on the hospital grounds being enlarged. It is said that every member of the Provincial Board is opposed to the isolation buildings being so close to the hospital.

Prominent business firms on King and James streets have signed a petition, which has been forwarded to the Council, asking that a by-law be passed prohibiting the location of cheap places of entertainment upon portions of streets where large retail businesses are carried on. The petitioners object to these places occupying central sites in big business blocks, because the insurance rates are advanced.

George Ritchie is asking for permission to have a switch from the T. H. & B. constructed across the dead end of Grant avenue to property he has purchased.

The solicitor of the Hamilton Bowling & Athletic Club has written to the City Clerk, to ask if the city could accept \$100 for the licenses from the club, without regard to the liability of the club to pay a license at all. The city demands \$270, the regular license fees.

The Cemetery Board has notified the City Council of its intention to meet on the second Wednesday, instead of the second Tuesday, of every month.

City Solicitor Waddell is in Toronto today on business in connection with the proposed annexation of another slice of Barton Township.

A wrong impression was conveyed in one of the despatches from Toronto about the proposed north end spur. It made it appear as though it was the intention to connect it with the street railway tracks. Chairman Crerar, of the special committee, which had the matter in hand, says there is no intention of doing that.

F. H. Hall has been granted a permit for a brick house on Westmoreland avenue, between Main street and Delaware avenue, to cost \$2,000.

A deputation of ladies from the Aged Women's Home and Hamilton Orphan Asylum and from the Home of the Friendless and Infants' Home waited on Mayor McLaren to-day, and protested against the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the present isolation buildings be enlarged. Mayor McLaren expressed himself in sympathy with their views. He is strongly opposed to any more money being spent on the hospital grounds and favors buying a new hospital site.

The following building permits were issued to-day: David Brown, brick house on Maple-side avenue, between Aberdeen and Glenora avenues, \$2,000.

Stewart & Witton, brick stable, rear 156 Robinson street, for W. G. Bailey, \$500.

Peter Patterson, frame house on Kent street, south of Aberdeen avenue, for John Rogers, \$1,200.

Robert Forest, frame house, Eastbourne avenue, between Main street and Delaware avenue, \$1,100.

NOT SERIOUS.

At First It Was Feared Lad Had Broken Skull.

On Saturday afternoon, while working near some shafting at Fri's brick yard, Albert Oldland, the 15-year-old son of William Oldland, 187 Garth street south, was caught by a belt, and his head came in contact with a pulley with considerable force. He was rendered unconscious and sustained a bad scalp wound. It was at first thought his skull had been fractured, and Dr. Davey had him removed to the City Hospital. On making a closer examination it was discovered that this was not the case, and Oldland will be able to leave the hospital to-morrow.

BIGAMY CASE.

St. Thomas, Ont., March 29.—The hearing of the bigamy charge against Mrs. Mary Campbell, of Ridgeway, preferred by her husband, Joseph Campbell, was postponed this morning, to Monday next.