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CORPSE SPOKE TO CORONER,

Immediately There Was a Stampede from the Jury Room.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 29. - Mrs. Josephine Halliday, the wife of a Bradford coal miner, was found by her brother, Wm. Crossland, on The Narrows, a lonely spot about two miles west of here, on Sunday morning. She was dead, apparently, but a physician was called, and later Coroner J. A. Batton, of Uniontown.

Several tests, including needle tests, of death were made, and it was concluded that the woman was dead. On Monday Deputy Coroner James Echard, of this place, selected a jury, and then entored the room where the supposed corpse was lying covered with a sheet. Numerous, friends, relatives and witnesses were present. Just as the deputy coroner was about to swear in the jury the corpse arose on her elbow and inquired in a bewildered way what all the fuss was about.

Immediately there was a wild stampede for the outside, the deputy coroner alone remaining. He explained the circumstances to Mrs. Halliday. The news spread like wildfire, and a crowd had collected, but Mrs. Halliday appeased their curiosity unceremoniously by walking out into the front room and ordering them away. She has been accustomed to taking opium, and is supposed to have taken an overdose.

WHO STOLE THE WILL?

Twenty Million Dollars Involved in the Document.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29 .- The will of the late ex-Senator J.G. Fair has been stolen from the office of the county clerk. The affair has caused a sensation, over \$20,000,-000 being at stake.

Death-Dealing Gasoline. CHICAGO, Jan. 29 .- An explosion of gasoline occurred in the cellar of Gaynor's hotel, at the corner of Canal and Adams atreet, at 3:30 this morning. John C. Walsh was burned to death, and William Franks Francis was so badly burned he

will die. Walsh was proprieter of the hotel and Francis the night clerk. Gen. Booth at St. Thomas. ST. THOMAS, Jan. 29 .- Gen. Booth arrived here at 3:15 this afternoon, and was met at the station by a large crowd. A banquet was given at Alma College at 5 o'clock, at which the general delivered a

short address to a number of prominent citizens and the students. He addressed a meeting tonight at Duncombe's Opera House and leaves for Chatham tomorrew. The Berlin Assault Case. BERLIN, Ont., Jan. 29 .- Action has at

last been taken in the brutal assault case of Saturday night. This morning warrants were issued, and the firemen, Massel, Seibert and Denges, were brought before Mayor Hibner and J. Mackie, J.P., at 2 p. m. The evidence given by two onlookers Mr. George Potter and F. G. Millarwas a such character that the secused manded for a week, until Bishop, the injured man, is able to appear. Bail was accepted at \$400 each.

Two Years for Defrauding the

Customs. New York, Jan. 29.—John Matthews, merly manager of the foreign express m of Pitt and Scott, who was convicted wing conspired with others in this Montreal, Havana and other places and the United States Government customs duties, was today sentenced e Benedict to two years in the County Penitentiary. The full for the crime is two years im-nt and a fine of \$10,000.

In Aid of Presbyterian Missionary Enterprises-Annual Convention Held in the First Presbyterian Church-The Delegates-The President's Annual Address-Words of Welcome---Work of the Auxiliaries and Other Reports-The Public Meeting-China as Viewed by Rev. Jonathan Goforth.

bytery was opened in the First Presbyterian Church at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Currie, of Belmont, occupied the chair, and the of Belmont, occupied the chair, and the other officers present were: First vice-president, Mrs. Murray, London; second vice, Mrs. McIntyre, Glencoe; third vice, Mrs. McDougall, St. Thomas; fourth vice, Mrs. (Rev.) M. P. Talling, London; librarian, Miss Kennedy, London; treasurer, Mrs. Thomson, South London; recording secretary, Miss B. Murray, Aylmer; corresponding secretary, Miss L. M. Fraser, London; and Miss Kessack, city, secretary supply committee. The attendance of delegates was very large, every society in the Presbytery being represented. Most of WHAT THE AUXILIARIES DID Presbytery being represented. Most of the session was occupied in the hearing of reports, which were of a most encour-

aging character. A large majority of the delegates named by the different auxiliaries were present. The list is:

present. The list is:
Ailsa Craig-Mrs. McCallum, Mrs.
Dess, Miss Stewart, Miss McAndrew.
Argyll and Crinan-Mrs. Thos. Simpson, Mrs. Peter Stalker, Miss Kate
Campbell, Miss Jane McCallum.
Aylmer-Miss C. Simpson.
Appin-Mrs. Powell, Mrs. McArthur,
Mrs. Webster, Miss Munroe.
Belmont-Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Meldrum.

drum. Crumlin-Mrs. Dodson, Miss Duffin, Miss Dyer, Miss Talbot. Cowal-Mrs. J. McNeil, Miss Maggle Campbell, Miss J. McFarlane, Miss J. CHILDREN'S BOOTEES, in all

Dorchester-Mrs. (Dr.) Graham, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. McFarlin, Miss E. Mc-Glencoe—Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Clan-ahan, Mrs. McFarlin, Mrs. Dixon. Hyde Park—Mrs. Haig, Miss Weir, Miss Skipper, Miss Fisher.
Ilderton—Miss Nellie Charlton, Mrs.
T. Oliver, Miss J. Telfer.

Komoka-Mrs. Matheson, Miss Crom-Komoka—Mrs. Matheson, Miss Crombie, Miss L. K. Turnbull.
Kintore—Mrs. Munroe, Miss Magee,
Miss Potter, Miss Robertson.
Kintyre—Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Hornal, Mrs. McLean.
Lobo—Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Grant,
Miss Jessie McBean, Mrs. McBean.
St. Andrew's Church, London—Mrs.
McCallum, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Armstrong,
Mrs. Bae. Mrs. Rae.

East London-Mrs. Forsythe, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Skinner. First Presbyterian Church, London-Mrs. J. Anderson, Mrs. Patullo, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cowan.
Knox Church, South London—Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Munroe, Mrs. Clark,

Mrs. McPherson. St. James', London—Mrs. Omond, Miss McKenzie, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Scott. Largie—Mrs. A. McMillan, Miss Flora McCallum, Miss Ann McMillan, Miss Kate Paton. Mosa-Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Gow, Miss

North Westminster — Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. A. Nichol, Mrs. R. Nichol, Miss J. Proof Line-Mrs. Little, Miss Carmichael, Miss McNair. Rodney-Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs.

Patterson, Mrs. Scott, Miss Waugh. South Westminster-Mrs. McLachlin, Mrs. J. H. Elliot, Miss Lena Nichol, Miss C. Gauld. Knox Church, St. Thomas—Mrs. Thos.

Robertson, Mrs. H. McPherson, Mrs. A. Fraser, Mrs. A. Murray. Alma Street, Church, St. Thomas-Mrs. R. McIntyre, Mrs. H. Donelly.
Thamesford—Mrs. M. B. McKenzie,
Mrs. Hogg, Miss A. McKay, Miss M. Mc-

Tait's Corners—Mrs. D. Grant, Miss M. Sutherland, Miss Floe Dobie. Vanneck-Mrs. Robson, Miss M. Scott, Miss S. Robson. Wardsville—Mrs. McEachern, Miss M. Aitchison, Miss M. M. Atkinson.

West Lorne-Mrs. Philp, Miss Annie Yarmouth-Miss Maggle Campbell, Miss Maggie Smith, Miss Flora Taylor,

Miss Maggie Sinth, Miss Pote 1988.

Miss Annie Campbell.

Mission Bands—Ailsa Craig, Miss B.

Anderson, Miss G. Munroe, Miss J.

Gunn, Mrs. A. McKay; Glencoe, Miss Gunn, Mrs. A. McKay; Giencoe, Miss Sutherland, Miss McKinnon; St. An-drew's, London, Miss Ada McIntosh, Miss I. Purdom, Miss G. Perkin, Miss C. Cathro; East London, Miss McDer-mid, Mrs. Campbell, Miss M. Black; Devit. Avenue Church, Miss Dunbar. Park Avenue Church, Miss Dunbar, Miss H. Bapty, Miss Constance Cameron, Miss M. Burne, Mrs. Clunas, Miss Law, Miss Templeton, Mrs. Hyman; St. James' Church, London, Miss Mary and Miss Bella Grant, Charles Hastings: Kintore, Miss J. Calder, Miss M. Sutherland, Mrs. H. Armstrong, Miss N. Mc-Gee; Komoka, Misses Lizzie and Maggie Stewart, Lea Pender; South Westminter, Miss K. McInnes, Miss Edna Sucke, Miss N. McLachlan; Knox Church, St. Thomas, Miss Susie McKay; Alma Street Church, St. Thomas, Miss

E. B. Gauld. THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Little and Mrs. McKenzie, the president delivered her opening address. "We have all learned," said Mrs. Currie, "to look forward to our annual meeting with pleasure and hope, and I think we can say that in the past our hopes were more than realized. Much of our discomfort and want of success is due to our ingratitude. Looking back over the past year we see that our auxiliares and mission bands have been enabled to do good work. In all my visits I received nothing but kindness and found naught but a deep interest in all the workers. I organized five new auxiliaries. Surely it is a matter for gratitude

to find the interest in our work deepening and widening." Mrs. Currie then spoke of good reports being received from the foreign fields of labor, the number of homes that received blessing, the number of downtrodden, degraded and despised sisters who were brought into the light. Again, the poor in Canada who have been clothed and cared for should be thought of. In conclusion, Mrs. Currie warned the workers not to forget that the time is short, the work great and the reward

glorious. THE DELEGATES WELCOMED. A cordial address of welcome to the delegates was then delivered by Mrs. John Cameron. "The advantage of such meetings is," said Mrs. Cameron, "that by personal converse our hearts are mutually quickened, and the individual suggestions as to improved methods of arousing interest become the common property of all. It is not for me, in an address of welcome, to anticipate the discussions of this Presbyterial organization, but two things may be mentioned without which interest in foreign missione can neither be intelligent nor complete. The interest cannot be in-telligent unless it is founded on the supply of full and accurate information respecting the various sections of the foreign field, together with the special needs of each. The interest cannot be deep unless its foundation is laid in prayer." Mrs. Cameron spoke of the vastness of the foreign field, the great country was denounced as rotten. A

The eleventh annual convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies and Mission Bands in the London Preson this continent blown away with the smoke of a great civil war would have no reason for surprise if great things for God were the over-ruled result of the present war between China and Japan, through those 440,000,000 people

WHAT THE AUXILIARIES DID Miss L. M. Fraser, of this city, presented condensed reports from the auxsented condensed reports from the auxiliaries of this city, St. Thomas, Ailsa Craig, Argyll, Crinan, Appin, Ilderton, Aylmer, Komoka, Belmont, Kintore, Crumlin, Lobo, Cowal, Dorchester, Glencoe, Hyde Park, Mosa, North Dorchester, Proof Line, Rodney, South Westminster, Thamesford, Tait's Corners, Vanneck, Wardsville, West Lorne, Yarmouth, and mission bands from a number of the above places. The reports ber of the above places. The reports contained a vast amount of information, showing the membership of each society, the number of meetings held, the amount of money or quantity of clothing contributed to the support of the Regina (N. W. T.) institution, and also the cash sent to the general fund. On the whole, a large increase in mempership and more extensive work was reported.

Miss Kessack, of this city, showed that 2,200 pounds of goods had been sent to the Northwest during the year. The quality of the clothing sent was good. Tableware and furnishings purchased at a cost of over \$100, were also sent. Miss Kessack explained the work of the Regina school, and told how successfully it was being carried on.

The librarian's report was read by

Miss Kennedy, of this city.
Mrs. A. Thomson, of South London, gave a detailed account of the finances, which were shown to be in a highly satisfactory condition. The contribu-tions to the central society were \$2,070. The presbyterial report by Miss L. M. Fraser, stated that from every quarter the reports were most encouraging. The increase of five auxiliaries and two mission bands during the year was the largest ever recorded. It made a total of 34 auxiliaries and 12 bands. Five hundred and eleven leaflets were subscribeded for. Clothing for the 122 children in the Regina school had been sent. The cases weighed over 2,200 pounds, and were valued at \$971 87. The general fund contributions were \$2,070, which, with the contributions to the school,

made a total of \$3,006 83. The adoption of the reports was The adoption of the reports was moved by Mrs. Robertson, of St. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. (Rev.) M. P. Chandise with their rubber coverings, Talling, and carried by a standing

The benediction was then pronounced, and the delegates partook of a tea in the lecture room of the church. The Public Meeting.

The Park Avenue Presbyterian Church was filled in the evening, when the public meeting of the W. F. M. S. was held. The audience included, be-sides the delegates, a large number from the various Presbyterian churches in the city. Rev. M. P. Talling, Rev. D. consider, it was also added that new Robertson, Rev. J. Currie (Belmont), sprinklers were required. The engineer and Rev. R. W. Ross (Glencoe) were also present. The service was very interesting. Rev. Jonathan Goforth, the Engineer Graydon's recommendation returned missionary, delivered an address on China; Miss Lilywhite and Mr. E. Devlin sang acceptable solos, and the choir of the church, under the direction of Mr. W. C. Barron, assisted in a very

material way.

The pastor, Rev. W. J. Clark, presided, and in a short address called attention to the many good works being done by women. "Why," he said "one would wonder, in looking over a congregation or at a prayer meeting, what the church would do without the women. They are its mainstay, and are very self-sacrificing in the good cause." Rev. J. Currie read the Presbyterial report of the W. F. M. S. as adopted at the afternoon meeting. He paid a high compliment to the energy and enterprise shown by the ladies. The growth of the society was wonderful. Mr. Currie moved the reception of the report. Mr. Talling seconded, and it was carried unanimously. ON FAR-OFF CHINA.

The chairman then introduced Rev. Jonathan Goforth, who is soon to return to China to resume his mission work among the heathen in that far-off coun-Mr. Goforth took as a basis for his address, Isaiah, xlix., 12 and 6. "From those words," said the speaker, "I take it that no one has a monopoly on the gift of God. Though some are not situated as we are, still they have a right to that gift as well. Of the nations mentioned in the chapter, only two remained at the present. The Jews —without a king and without a king-dom—were one, and China, the land of sin, was another." Then, touching upon China's population, Mr. Goforth said they were in the millions. The missionaries couldn't handle them. Join the Chinese hand in hand, and they would reach across the American continent 50 times. If he went into 20,000 Chinese homes a day and left a Bible in every one, it would take him over eight years to cover the whole country. And on an average there was one male missionary to every 500,000 inhabitants. To that number of Presbyterians in this country there were 1,033 ordained ministers, besides a host of students, 6,000 elders, 25,000 Sunday school teachers and the Christian Endeavor and other societies. It was frequently asked if the people of China would be lost without the Gos-

pel. The speaker's opinion was that they were lost already. The country was filled with temples of idols. There were as many objects of worship as there is of a population. They wor-shiped anything from a dead man to a snake, and had endless faith in them. In a time of drought Mr. Goforth heard one old woman beseeching her god to "give rain; if not rain, then snow." The appeal was fruitless, and the woman re-turned again and used these words: "Oh, goddess, if you don't give us rain

or snow, I WILL HANG MYSELF." "That is the way the Chinese do. If they fail to get what they want they threaten to commit suicide. I have seen them during a long drought remove their gods from the temple, place them in the burning sun, and say: 'Now, scorch away, and get a taste of what you have been giving us for a few months.'"

Mr. Goforth spoke of the many dis-advantages the missionaries had to contend with. He combatted the idea that

regular game of fleecing was practiced by the officials, but the unfortunate inhabitants had become so accustomed to it that they were afraid to resent it. Mr. Coforth made a very earnest appeal or more lady missionaries, and in a few concluding remarks spoke of the perseution Chinese converts had to bear.

Rev R. W. Ross, as representative

Rev R. W. Ross, as representative of the London Presbytery, congratu-lated the ladies on their successful ef-forts and hanced for still greater prosforts, and hoped for still greater prosperit; in the future.

A bisiness meeting was held prior to the eening session, and Mrs. McIntyre, of Gencoe, gave an interesting account of a visit to Regina. Several minor matters were also considered.

FOR FIGHTING FIRE.

No. 3 Committee Discusses Ways and Means.

Suggestions of a New Departure in Street Watering-The Dog Tags-The Market to be Inspected Thoroughly.

The initial meeting of No. 3 committee vas held last evening, the only ab-sente being Ald. Garratt, who is still away from the city. The first matter of business the new committee handled was in regard to the furnace in No. 3 fire station. Chief Roe has reported it as insuitable, and Engineer Graydon's report recommended that the present furiace be taken out and one with an indrect draft be purchased. Mr. Stevely will be seen in regard to this matter and asked why it is that the furnace is not working right.

Re John Law's communication as to

a public swimming pool, the mayor remarked that it was "too cold," and progress will be reported.

Chief Roe's report on the purchase of nev fire alarm boxes was presented.

Twenty-two new boxes are required, but nire of these are wanted immediately. They are: No. 1 ward, Richmond and Sincoe or Grey; No. 2, Queen's and Park avenues; No. 3 Hamilton road and Adelaide street; No. 4, Dufferin avenue and Wellington, Waterloo and Pall Mall, and Wellington and Cheapside; No. 5, English and Elias streets; No. 6, Alma and Theresa, and Briscoe anl Edward. The committee recom-mended the purchasing of the nine. The Fire Underwriters' Association had their regular letter on hand recommending the purchase of 500 feet of hose, two chemical engines, or the institution of a salvage corps and an addition of fif-teen paid men.

Mayor Little asked the chief what was the condition of the fire depart-

The chief replied that the apparatus was all right with the exception of the hook and ladder truck. The alarm wires have all been placed on the top of the telephone poles except in a few cases where new poles are being erect-ed. In regard to the report of the Underwriters' Association, Chief Roe stated that a chemical engine would be very useful in cases of small fires in stores and places which contained valuable and perishable goods. The engine can be run right to the door and the hose carried into where the fire is burning, using very little water, and the acid was not injurious to the goods. The salvage and save many dollars' worth of goods. "The hook and ladder truck is away behind the times. I have asked for an aerial truck for several years running," said Chief Roe, in response to a ques-

The matter was laid over for the pres-In the matter of overhauling the carts, repainting the old ones and purchasing some new ones, which the old year's council left for the present one to

will have a report on this for next meetthat for this year all within a certain boundary be watered, the residents to pay a frontage tax of 2 or 3 cents per foot, the balance of the 4 1-2 cents to come from the general taxation fund,

was brought up.

It was voted, on suggestion of the mayor, that the engineer prepare a map showing the route of the proposed street watering plan, and also giving the additional streets that were not watered last year. Tenders were called for the new dog

tags. Gurd & Son's tender for 1,300 at \$23 80 was accepted. It is a very pretty design of a padlock. Secretary Bell will try and obtain a sufficient number of copies of the fire limit bylaw to be given to the present members of No. 3 committee. The

monthly pay roll, amounting to \$894 85, Some of the tenants in the Covent Garden Market are complaining of leaks in the roof. The market clerk thought it would do more harm to the roof if the snow was shoveled off. After a little discussion it was moved that Engineer Graydon make an estimate on the cost of putting eavestroughs on the building, and also make estimates on the erecting of a verandah on the north and south ends of the meat house for late arrivals

to the market. Ald. Pritchard wanted the stall used by Market Clerk Wilson to be rented, and his desk to be placed in Inspector

Mr. Wilson thought that his brooms, shovels and other belongings would look out of place in the inspector's room. Ald. Pritchard then accused Mr. Wilson of not doing his duty on the market, and as the discussion was becoming stormy it was moved that the whole committee meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and make a thorough inspection of the market for information and instruction. Ald. Skinner moved that in future the

meetings of the committee be held on Wednesdays at 4 p.m., but an amend-ment changing it to Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. carried. The market clerk was given permission to purchase printed lease forms for the rental of stalls and booths in the

market. The members present were Chairman Powell, Ald. Pritchard, Ardill, Skinner and Weld, Mayor Little, Secretary Bell, Chief Roe, Inspector Bell and Market Clerk Wilson.

Back Again.

BRANTFORD, Jan. 29 .- At the city council meeting last night the new council appointed Hon. A. S. Hardy city solicitor, Benjamin Hunn relief officer, W. Sloan assistant assessor, W. J. Turnbull auditor, and Robert Shackell, sen., market inspector. Last year the new council resired Hon. A. S. Hardy, Benjamin J. Hunn and W. Sloan and appointed others in their places. Last night's council reinstated them in the positions they held for some years previous to 1894.

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