

DESTROYED BY WIND AND FIRE

Arkansas Town Devasted by Tornado and Flames.

Thirty People Killed and Probably Fifteen Injured.

Streets Filled With the Terror Stricken Inhabitants.

Forest City, Ark., March 9.—Advices from Brinkley, Ark., early to-day said that that town, which was swept by a tornado last night, was a mass of flames, and that thirty persons had been killed. The number of injured was said to be large. At 2 a. m. the reflection from the burning town could be seen here in Forest City, a distance of 20 miles. Every physician here, accompanied by many nurses, hurried to Brinkley at midnight, and other towns sent aid. Brinkley is a town of 3,000 inhabitants, and is the junction point of several important railroad systems.

Weakley, Ark., March 9.—Residents of Brinkley, Ark., which was devastated by a tornado last night, are arriving here. Thirty people are known to be dead and probably fifteen were injured.

The refugees say that the entire business section was demolished by the storm, and probably 80 per cent. of the residences were razed to the ground, or rendered uninhabitable. Relief trains have arrived on the scene, but all wire communication is interrupted.

L. M. Kimmell, a railroad operator at Brinkley, one of the first to reach a point of communication to summon aid for the devastated town, graphically describes the scenes immediately following the passing of the storm. Together with several companions Kimmell was in the Rock Island depot when the storm struck. As if it were a toy the substantial structure was twisted and broken, the occupants being caught among the falling timbers, bruised, but otherwise unhurt. Extricating themselves after half an hour's effort they found the town in darkness, and the streets filled with a terror-stricken throng, their shrieks mingling with the moans of the injured. Intermittent flashes of lightning revealed wreckage everywhere, a portion of a building standing here and again only a tangled mass of debris. As Kimmell and his companions made their way through the streets they identified two of the dead and stumbled over others who were wounded, huddled together, but their homes, families were standing in groups, clinging together in terror, while here and there a searcher was groping about in quest of a missing member of the household.

As the party started to leave Brinkley, intending to walk to Weakley, the nearest town, the added horror of fire appeared. When two miles from Brinkley, Kimmell and party were forced to retrace their steps because of the gale. When they returned they found that the fire had gained headway, and fanned by the stiff wind, was spreading, but the prompt work of citizens suppressed the conflagration. Boarding an engine Kimmell and his companions made a quick run to Weakley, bringing the news of the storm and an appeal for aid.

GOES TO JAIL.

Meadows Gets Not Less Than 3 and Not More Than 6 Years.

Buffalo, March 9.—Harold G. Meadows, the broker who was convicted on Friday last on the charge of grand larceny, was sentenced to-day to not less than three years and six months, nor more than six years and three months in Auburn prison.

—Mrs. J. W. Shaver, of 589 Main street east, will not receive during March.

CHIEF REPLIES TO POLICE CRITICS.

Says Hamilton Has Been Exceptionally Free From Crime For Some Years Back.

"The people of Hamilton have reason to be thankful that they have escaped so lightly," said Chief of Police Smith this morning, referring to the criticism levelled at the heads of the department as a result of the recent crimes, which have stirred the public. Detective-Inspector McMahon and the chief discussed the city's criminal record with the reporter and pointed out that Hamilton for the last two or three years had been exceptionally fortunate in being free from serious burglaries. Not since the roundup of the notorious Hillis-Yates gang, who terrified people for weeks by robbing their homes with a reckless daring that was amazing, has there been a serious outbreak of crime in this line, they declare. From the capture of the Hillis gang in December, 1906, until the fall of 1907 the city was comparatively free from crime. At that time a roundup was

NEW FEATURES IN THE KINRADE CASE

STOPPED BY THE JUDGE. He Advised a Settlement in Kennedy vs. Martin.

Decision in the action of the Hamilton Tool & Optical Company against the Canadian Writerpress Company was reserved by Justice Latchford yesterday afternoon at the Assizes.

The next case taken up was Kennedy vs. Martin. It is an action brought by the executors of the estate of Lawrence Kennedy for the recovery of \$250 from Mrs. Margaret Martin. The defence was that Mrs. Martin received the money as a gift. Evidence was put in to show that Mrs. Martin had received the money in the nature of a loan, and that she was given in easy payments. Mr. W. M. McClelland appeared for the plaintiff, and W. W. Osborne for the defendant. After the evidence had been put in, his Lordship stopped the case, remarking that he thought it would be to the advantage of both sides to settle the matter, as it appeared that Mrs. Martin had a chance of bringing an action against the estate. His Lordship ordered the case to stand for ten days, pending settlement.

The action of R. B. McGregor against the VanAllen Shirt Company, Limited, occupied the attention of the court the rest of the morning. Mr. McGregor is claiming \$12,256.11, wages alleged to be due him, and also claimed on certain sales. The plaintiff during 1906 and 1907 was in the employ of the defendant as manager, working on salary and commission on certain sales. The case was still on at press time. Mr. George Kerr, K. C., of Toronto, appeared for the VanAllen company, and Mr. George Lynch-Staunton, K. C., for McGregor.

Mr. W. M. McClelland announced a settlement in the action of Smuck vs. Smuck this morning. The case was brought by Agnes Smuck against Osborne Smuck, administrator of the estate. There are but three cases left on the list, and it is expected that his Lordship will finish them by to-morrow night.

HAVE CLOSED.

Amusement Park People Have Let Contracts For Attractions.

John Sharp, who was recently elected to the council of the city of Pittsburg, was in the city on Saturday. Mr. Sharp is the first man to be elected on the independent ticket in that city with a campaign of only two weeks. He is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Keystone Bank, and secretary of the Ingersoll Construction Company of Pittsburg. He was here in the interests of the latter company, and closed a contract with the city for the construction of several amusement devices at Maple Leaf Park. The devices which the company will build and the estimated cost are as follows: Figure eight, \$16,000; circle saw, \$8,000; laughing gallery, \$2,000; Ferris wheel, \$3,500, and an elaborate merry-go-round, which will cost about \$12,000.

The company will employ local labor as much as possible, and the contracts for the material to be used in construction will be given to local firms.

Marmalade Oranges.

Another shipment to hand, larger and brighter than any we have had. Don't delay ordering, as the season is nearly over. Daily supply of fresh cut lettuce, rhubarb, pineapples, mushrooms, cucumbers, sweet peppers, celery, grape-fruit. We have a small quantity of last season's Lee's maple syrup in perfect condition, also plain and self-rising buckwheat flour. —Bein & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

My friend, Mr. Lamoreaux, now knows how it feels to look into the business end of a gun. Still he is worth half a dozen dead men yet.

Don't confound the honest unemployed with the professional tramp. It is not a crime to be out of work.

Mr. Lumgair generally has a habit of speaking out in meeting. But it is hard to agree with some of his remarks.

As a matter of fact, how many of the county poor are on pension at the county jail?

Those who smell a mouse or see a nigger in the fence might just as well wait for the inquest. Nobody is running away, and the case is in good hands. I'm not worrying, and why should you?

Little Welland must be getting jealous of Hamilton when it gets up shooting sensation with a Hamilton man as a target.

Some of those blood-curdling conjectures of the young reporter, Sherlock Holmes make me laugh. The "important developments" and the "sensational evidence" stories are beginning to stale upon the public.

If we once get it knocked into our heads that the pillars of the Methodist Church look upon the Bible as a novel, what will become of the Amen Corner?

Plumbing in House Being Opened in Hope of Finding the Revolver Which the Murderer Used.

Dead Girl Said to Have Just Returned Home Instead of Having Just Dressed to Go Out.

Thirty Witnesses Subpoenaed For the Inquest--The General Public Will Not be Admitted.

If the police at the inquest on Wednesday night succeed in establishing the link required to complete the chain of circumstantial evidence wound around the person they suspect of slaying Ethel Kinrade in her father's house on Herkimer street on the afternoon of February 25, Hamilton's most sensational murder mystery may be solved within two days. While the authorities maintain silence and refuse to deny or affirm reports of an arrest in the case this week, everything points to development immediately after the inquest.

SEARCH FOR REVOLVER. Although there have been persistent reports since the shooting that the police had the revolver with which the crime was committed in their possession, it is quite evident that there is no foundation for such a report. This morning Detectives Coulter and Bleakley went to the Kinrade home, accompanied by a plumber, with a full kit of tools, presumably to search for the weapon or some of the shells, which must have been disposed of, as the medical evidence would indicate, the revolver was reloaded. Reports were barred.

ANOTHER NEW FEATURE. Another new feature that may play a prominent part in the solution of the case is the discovery by the detectives of a witness whose story may show that Ethel Kinrade, the murdered girl, instead of preparing to go out, had just returned to the house, which would account for her having her street clothes on. This witness is Charles Hossack, 46 Herkimer street, and he has been subpoenaed to attend the inquest to-morrow night. On the afternoon of the tragedy at 2 o'clock he saw a young woman pass his place. She wore a brown dress, with trimmings which his daughter readily recognized when it was described to her. The girl did not return that way again. The police were under the impression, from the stories told them, that both girls were just preparing to leave the house. Mr. Hossack's story may open up a new line of investigation. His daughter, Phyllis Hossack, has also been subpoenaed. Mr. Hossack is very anxious that his daughter should not appear at the inquest, and he asked the reporters if there was no way he could have her excused.

The police are investigating a story that Florence Kinrade was seen out walking with Montrose Wright two days after the shooting. The police were under the impression that Miss Kinrade was suffering so from hysteria as this time that she could not leave the house.

HAVE POLICE A SURPRISE? The coroner's inquest to-morrow night promises to be one of the most dramatic investigations ever held within the walls of the dingy old court room. There is a feeling that the police are holding back something, that they have evidence of an entirely new nature, which will be sprung to-day by Chief of Police Smith, who assured a Times reporter that the police had evidence in the case of which the

public knew nothing, and which was being saved up for to-morrow night's investigation. Well-known citizens have been pulling wires to be admitted to the inquest, but Coroner McNichol has decided that the doors will be barred against all but those who have business there. This is made necessary because the accommodation in the court room is limited. The fifteen jurors, thirty witnesses, as many officials, and a staff of reporters from local and outside papers, will make a crowd of nearly a hundred people—enough to fill the court room.

NEW WITNESSES TO TESTIFY. The police are jealously guarding the names of new witnesses they have subpoenaed. Since the adjournment last week a new list has been made out, and it is said to contain the names of witnesses who have not figured publicly in the case as yet. The police do not desire that their stories shall be published until they go on the witness stand, and for that reason refuse to give out the names. Every member of the Kinrade family has been summoned to appear. It is also stated that three or four relatives will endeavor to sustain at the inquest to-morrow night.

THE TRAMP THEORY. Narrowing down from the four theories that presented themselves in the early stages of the case, the detectives, after struggling for nearly two weeks with the baffling features which at first defied deductions, have at last centered their efforts on one, which they will endeavor to sustain at the inquest to-morrow night.

The tramp theory, the first advanced, on the strength of the story told by Florence Kinrade immediately after the shooting, and supported by the fact that Mrs. Kinrade was in police headquarters complaining about the annoyance caused by these characters just before the report of the tragedy was received there, is shattered beyond hope by the medical evidence that will be presented to the coroner's jury to-morrow night, when the doctors who performed the post-mortem will make their report. As already stated, their testimony will, it is said, show that a period of from ten to fifteen minutes elapsed between the firing of the first and second series of shots.

Would any tramp remain in the room with the dying girl for such a space of time, then, thinking his victim might recover, reload the revolver and begin firing into the body again? The police don't think so.

The police never warmed up to the tramp theory. They could not conceive of such a character going into a house in Hamilton's residential district, in broad daylight, and committing murder. They could not believe that any tramp would act as Florence said this man acted. They could not understand how he would let her go upstairs for the money he demanded, taking a chance on her giving an alarm, and yet shoot the sister down in cold blood as soon as she appeared in the room. It puzzled them why a tramp would fire so many shots and why he would let Florence Kinrade pass him three times without silencing her, so that she could not escape and give an alarm.

The police could not reason out why a man with robbery for a motive would leave by the front door where Florence had run to give the alarm, instead of jumping over the back fence and escaping by the alley, where he stood little chance of being seen.

WOKE HER HAT. Provincial Detective Miller will arrive here from Toronto this afternoon, and continue his investigation of the case at this end. While the police are very reluctant to discuss any phase of the case, they declare that they have assured themselves that Florence Kinrade had her hat on when she first left the house. Motorman Stone's story is that he saw her dash across the tracks in front of his car without her hat at 3.25, while Mrs. F. J. Hickey, the first to receive the

ilton and has no visible means of existence should certainly be asked to go hence.

In the meantime don't lose your head. Rely on Detective Miller.

Now, I bet you a cookie that Mr. Lamoreaux, level-headed man though he is, could not tell the same story twice about that shooting scrap he got into at Welland. Told a second time there would be "discrepancies" and "contradictions" as to the actions of the man, what the other fellows did, and what he said to the shooter. Ain't I correct? Sure thing.

Another baby, scalded to death by upsetting the teapot. Another warning to mothers.

We are still giving free insertion of situations wanted by people out of work. That is our contribution for the benefit of the unemployed. Those needing help of any kind should look in the Times want column for the person they need.

Don't depend too much on the police. Keep an eye on loafers round the neighborhood, and make your house snug and tight at night.

The Jack-the-Hugger scare was nothing to this. But a good deal of this is only scare.

If you want a real thriller in these days of thrills read our true detective story in next Saturday's Times.

I am afraid some of you are sadly neglecting your Lenten duties.

Well, it won't hurt the girls to stay in for a night or two.

Anything new in the Barton murder case?

How about the Easter music? Suppose the pumps gave out!

Some of Whitney's immigrants have begun to come into the city. They are not exactly needed, either.

TO SUPPORT THE POLICE

In Keeping Loiterers Off the Street Corners.

At police court this morning there was a goodly attendance of the backbenches, but it was the inclemency of the weather outside rather than the importance of the cases inside that was responsible for the interest displayed. William Bergar and Frank Burt were arraigned before Magistrate Jells on a charge of acting in a disorderly manner at the corner of John and Rebecca streets early Sunday morning. P. C. Clark complained that a gang of men were always hanging around this corner, making disturbances at night. About 1 a. m. Sunday he was coming down John street, when he noticed seven men standing on the corner and loudly arguing about some money matter. He told them to move on, and they all walked east on Rebecca street. He followed and arrested the two for acting in a disorderly manner. Both the accused swore they had been standing there but two minutes, and moved on as soon as told to do so.

In summing up the case the magistrate said, "One thing I know, and that is that I am going to support the police every time in their efforts to keep the streets clear at night of every person that cannot give a good reason for being out. This must be done to protect respectable people from being insulted."

Chief Smith spoke well of the accused, and the case was dismissed.

John Teeple was fined \$5 for striking Edward Visheau and taking the law in his own hands. Teeple accused Visheau of beating his horse while cutting ice on the bay, and claimed that when he told him to stop Visheau swore at him, and he retaliated by striking Visheau across the mouth. "You should have complained to the police," said the magistrate. "This court is here to attend to such cases. You were so quick in striking Visheau I will be just as quick in fining you \$5."

The young son of Mrs. Downey, 252 MacNab street north, was told that he would have to go to school or he would be sent to Mimico. "I'll give you one more chance," said the magistrate, after showing him the error of his ways.

John Stevenson, James street north, and Jane Benner, King William street, pleaded guilty to being drunk, and were fined \$2.

Another Young Woman Attacked While Walking on Mary Street.

The audacity being shown by tramps and robbers in this city is becoming alarming. Even the near presence of the police station is not sufficient to stop the brutal attacks that are being made upon unprotected lady pedestrians.

About 9.30 o'clock last evening Miss Ida Lockhart was walking on Mary street, and when a little south of Kelly street a man jumped out of an alley and grabbed her. She screamed and struck out bravely with her fists, and managed to strike him in the face. The man was apparently not very strong, and finding that he was unable to silence her, made off, running east on Kelly street. Miss Lockhart immediately went to the police station, and informed the desk sergeant of the affair. The case was investigated by the police, but they were unable to find any trace of the offender.

FORESTRY MEETING. Ottawa, Ont., March 9.—The Canadian Forestry Association will hold its annual meeting here on Thursday afternoon.

The election of officers and reception of report are practically the only business. At the close the Society of Forest Engineers will hold its annual meeting.

BUILDERS MEET. Montreal, Que., March 9.—The Canadian National Association of Builders opens a convention here this afternoon, and concludes on Wednesday, under President Thomas Forde, of Montreal, and Vice-President Wittaker, of London, Ont.

Chief Justice Meredith at Osogode Hall this morning reserved his decision on an appeal from the Master's ruling as to whether the sporting editor is an editor. Mr. John King appeared for the appellant.

BAD BURGLAR SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

John Campbell Will Not Bother Hamilton Again Soon--Callon Gets a Year.

John Campbell pleaded guilty to a charge of house-breaking this morning before Judge Monk, and was given the stiff sentence of four years in Kingston Penitentiary. His honor, in passing sentence, remarked that Campbell had been before him in times gone by, and that his record was not good. Mr. George S. Kerr, K. C., pleaded for leniency for Campbell, but his honor could not listen to his pleadings for such a hardened criminal as his honor took Campbell to be. In sentencing him his honor made it clear that he was not in any way influenced by the state of public feeling in the city just now, due to the crimes which have recently been committed.

The offences of which Campbell pleaded guilty were breaking into the house of Mr. Archibald Martin, Mary street, and stealing valuables, and breaking into the home of Mr. Russell Stewart, 107 MacNab street south, and stealing jewelry, etc. Campbell is an old timer, but has been lucky. The police blame him

for a large number of burglaries. In 1907 he, a brother, and others were arrested for a number of east end burglaries. The brother was caught with the goods on him, and was sent down, but John got off, although the police looked upon him as the ringleader. The Campbell family came from Dundas, where it had a criminal record.

His honor found Alonzo Callon guilty of committing an indecent assault upon Alice Walker, thirteen years of age, and sentenced him to one year in Central Prison. He will only serve eleven months, as he has already put in one month in the local jail.

Lack of corroborative evidence was sufficient to free Percy Doan, charged with seduction, with a warning. The young girl gave her evidence in a straightforward manner, but there was nothing to substantiate her story. His honor said that perhaps Doan might be guilty, and he advised him to walk in the straight and narrow path in the future, or it would go hard with him. Mr. George S. Kerr, K. C., acted for Callon and Doan.

ORGANIZE TO BOOST CITY.

Industrial Committee to Get Business Men Together.

Mass Meeting of Citizens Called For To-morrow Night

To Consider the East End Car Shed Proposition.

The new Industrial Committee met yesterday afternoon in Mayor McLaren's office for organization purposes and decided to make a strong effort to induce the business men of Hamilton to organize into an association, with the object of boosting the city. The idea is that this organization shall be entirely separate from the Industrial Committee, although it would have an executive to cooperate with the other body. The matter of advertising or the campaign to be pursued would be left entirely in the hands of the members of the association. A meeting of business men, with this scheme in view, will be called.

A committee was appointed to report on advertising and another committee to look after a large manufacturing concern.

A mass meeting of citizens has been called for to-morrow night, to be held in the Board of Trade rooms at 8 o'clock, to consider the car shed by-law. In the notices calling the meeting the promoters say that the price asked for by the company, if granted, would injuriously affect property in the whole southeastern part of the city and would materially decrease the value of the street railway franchise. An invitation is extended to the members of the City Council.

CO-OPERATIVE CONVENTION.

A Union of Canada Organized Here on Saturday.

A convention of representatives of co-operative societies of Canada was held in this city on Saturday for the purpose of forming a Co-operative Union of Canada, based on the lines of a similar union in Great Britain. President Carter, of the Guelph Co-operative Society, was elected president of the union for the year, with the following vice-presidents: President Whelan, of The Canadian Co-operative Concern, Hamilton; R. H. Coats, Associate Editor of the Labor Gazette and secretary of the Co-operative Association, Ottawa; A. McMullen, manager of the Workmen's Store Co., Dominion, N.S.; President Keen, of the Brantford Co-operative Association, was appointed general secretary and Secretary V. S. Clowes, of The Rochdale Co., Hamilton, treasurer.

The congress decided to approach the Ontario Government with the view of securing an amendment to the Joint Stock Companies Act for the purpose of facilitating the formation of genuine Co-operative Societies by reducing the present almost prohibitive cost of incorporation to a figure having some relationship to the amount of capital actually needed; prohibiting the payment of promotion expenses and also defining a Co-operative Society by fixing a percentage which may be regarded as adequate interest for the use of capital, requiring a division of surplus profits amongst consumers in proportion to their purchases and that every member of a society have one vote only, irrespective of his financial interest in the same, such vote to be exercised in person.

JOHN SMALL'S WILL.

Toronto, March 9.—The will of John Small, collector of customs, who died on February 10th last, was filed for probate in the Surrogate Court to-day. Mr. Small left \$34,414, of which \$18,850 is in real estate. The widow receives an annuity of \$2,000 for life. On her death a sister, Eliza Ripley, London, England, receives one-quarter of the residue, the remainder, after certain small legacies are paid, being divided in varying proportion among nephews and nieces of the late Mr. Small.

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AIR PILLOWS.

We have just received a lot of inexpensive air pillows, which are on sale at 50 cents each. We have only a limited number at this price. If you are intending to go camping this summer get one of these pillows; they give a lot of comfort.—Parke & Parke, druggists.