

A BUILDING BLOWN UP.

Explosion in a New Haven Factory This Morning Causes Much Destruction.

Some Lives Lost and a Number of Persons Fatally and Seriously Hurt.

Gas Caused the Trouble—One Hundred Thousand Dollars Damage Done at Least.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 21.—At 10:45 this morning the gas regulating machine at the factory of Frank P. Poirer & Co., located in English & Meriden streets, exploded, instantly killing one man, seriously injuring three others and starting a fire which caused the loss of \$100,000. The escape from death of the forty persons employed in the building is considered marvellous, and it is possible that the bodies of several boys will be found in the ruins. It is reported that between 25 and 30 persons were killed in the explosion. The building is still a seething furnace, and the entire department is trying to keep the fire from spreading. It is impossible to tell anything accurately about the number of dead until the job is called.

The first explosion was followed by the almost instantaneous breaking out of fire. In a few seconds the three upper stories were in flames. It is now stated that at the time of the explosion fifty persons were at work in the building, and that it was apparently impossible for them to escape. Three minutes before the explosion the occupants of several of the offices in the front of the building were at their desks, and it is almost certain that some of these people lost their lives. The fire department reached the scene in a hurry, but Chief Kennedy sent in a second alarm at once. In a short time the entire city department came to the scene, reinforced by a call on the reserves. The firemen were helpless in their efforts to save any of the burning buildings and commenced throwing water on the surrounding property.

At this hour it is impossible to give the number of dead, but it is known that one man was killed outright, several badly, perhaps fatally, injured, and others painfully burned. The explosion which caused the fire blew the front of the building and smashed the glass in adjacent structures. It was followed five minutes later by a second explosion less severe than the first. Both explosions were caused by gas.

Later—at 3:20 p.m. (under a pile of debris, two more bodies were found. One is supposed to be that of William Stevens, bookkeeper, and the other, that of a son of Edwin J. Toof, of Toof & Co.

QUITE ON THE WRONG TRACK.

The St. James Gazette has been reading Canadian Tory papers. Bulletin—London, Jan. 21.—The St. James Gazette, this afternoon gives notice to the Editors of the W. W. Longley, attorney-general of Nova Scotia, on the dispute between the United States and Great Britain regarding Venezuela. The Gazette says his opinion is especially striking testimony from Canada since it comes from a member of the Liberal party, which has always been supposed to desire closer relations with the United States.

THE EPHEMERIC COLONY.

Is Now Ready and Will Soon be Filled With Patients. Mount Morris, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Craig colony is open for the reception of patients and thirty epileptics will be admitted at once. They will be selected by Dr. Hoyte, of the state board of charities, being geographically distributed. Later patients will be received from Ontario unless houses until the limit of 200 is reached. Applications from all over the United States have been received, and also from other countries, Canada, South America, Russia and Asia. This is the first colony for epileptics in the world.

KING PREMPEH A PRISONER.

He and His Mother-in-Law, Ministers and Chiefs Held as Hostages. London, Jan. 21.—A dispatch from Comassie says that King Prempeh, who was recently in England, and several chiefs have started under escort for Cape Coast Castle, where they will be held as prisoners pending the indemnity to be paid to Great Britain by Ashanti.

WRONG VERDICT RETURNED.

Two Inhuman Brutes, Miscalled Parents, Beat Their Child to Death. Colville, Wash., Jan. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Noise were last night found guilty of murder in the second degree. They were found guilty for which they were tried and convicted was beating their child to death.

THE PLAN FELL THROUGH.

A Lawyer's Ruse in the Hyams' Conspiracy Case Falls Flat.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—When the conspiracy murder charge came up yesterday against the Hyams brothers, Crown Attorney Curry announced that he could not secure the attendance of the insurance agents from Montreal, who figured in the transaction of placing money on Mrs. Hyams' life, and whose evidence was necessary to prove the case. He therefore asked for the discharge of Harry Hyams and a change in the information so that Dallas could be tried for conspiracy alone. Harry was discharged accordingly, and was called as a witness against his brother. On the advice of his counsel he refused to answer any questions in view of the charge for forgery hanging over him, and the case was adjourned till Wednesday, when the magistrate will decide what course to take.

CAN'T BE CONSIDERED.

Britain Cannot Allow an Outsider to Manage Her Own Domestic Affairs.

No Rupture With Brazil—Portugal to Keep Delagoa Bay William Censured.

London, Jan. 21.—The Globe, this afternoon, publishes a severe article on the invitation of the United States Venezuelan commission to the governments of Great Britain and Venezuela to submit to the commission all the evidence in their possession, which is likely to further the work of investigation, and also inviting these two governments to be represented before it by attorneys, without prejudice to the claims of either, and says: "Great Britain will never allow this monstrous claim to determine the territory of a British Colony within its jurisdiction; no power could admit it except at the close of a long and disastrous war. Were such a demand made by any other power, our only reply would be to hand its ambassador his passports and forthwith mobilize a fleet."

The United States cruiser Minnesota, which has been stationed at Smyrna, has received orders to go to Messina, to receive the cruiser Marchese, which goes to Egypt. It is semi-officially stated this afternoon that the negotiations between Great Britain and Brazil are perfectly friendly, and that there is no threat whatever of a diplomatic rupture. Brazil, it is explained, merely requested Great Britain to reconsider the proposal to have the Trinidad matter settled by arbitration, Brazil considering that there is no ground for arbitration as she has no doubt whatever that the island of Trinidad belongs to Brazil.

Paris, Jan. 21.—Senator Rosa, Portuguese minister, is reported to have said in an interview, that there is no foundation for the rumor that Portugal is to sell Delagoa Bay to England. In the first place the Portuguese government will never sell Delagoa Bay nor any portion of Portuguese territory; moreover, the British government, knowing this, could never have made a proposition to purchase it from Portugal.

Cape Town, Africa, Jan. 21.—At a meeting of German residents of Salisbury, capital of Mashonaland, a resolution was passed condemning Emperor or William's dispatch to President Kruger as an act of interference with South African affairs.

Yokohama, Jan. 21.—Viscount Maira, formerly Japanese minister to Corea, and others, charged with complicity in the Corea conspiracy, have been acquitted. The viscount was believed to be in some degree responsible for the outbreak at Seoul, which resulted in the murder of the queen of Corea. He was recalled with the entire Japanese legation and indicted for the murder of the Queen.

DEBS' NEW DEPARTURE.

He Will Enter Journalism.—Two American Generals Dead. Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Eugene V. Debs asserted last night that he would retire from the A. R. U. and will enter the field of journalism, as he has received offers from both New York and Chicago papers, and also had offers from capitalists to establish a paper of his own. He has practically decided to accept the offer of a Chicago paper.

New York, Jan. 21.—General Thomas E. Ewing died today from injuries received yesterday when he was struck by a cable car.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21.—Joseph H. Harte, major and brevet brigadier general of the United States army, died here last night, aged 80. He served with distinction in the Mexican war and the war of the rebellion. He was born in Salem, Mass., and was city yesterday.

Cuba. Madrid, Jan. 21.—General Valeriano Weyler, the newly appointed captain-general of Cuba, left this city yesterday evening on his way to assume his new duties at Havana. A large crowd of people greeted him at the depot, to whom he said that he strongly hoped soon to be able to announce complete restoration of the sovereignty of Spain over Cuba. The Queen Regent has cabled her thanks to Marshal Martinez de Campos for the services rendered by him as captain-general of the island of Cuba.

An official dispatch from Havana says the bulk of the insurgent forces are actively pursued by the Spanish troops, and have been compelled to abandon the provinces of Pinar del Rio and Havana.

MR. MASSON IS MUDDLED.

He Got Mixed Up Looking at the School Question Through a Theory Spectacles.

Harping on the Mythical Agreement Between Mr. Laurier and Mr. Greenway.

Landarkin on Bolters—Sixty-Two Thou and Dollars Increase on Superannuations.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—The debate in the house yesterday was devoid of any special interest. Mr. Masson, M. P. for North Grey, speaking on remedial legislation, made a labored effort to show that the Manitoba government had been acting illegally and unjustly towards the minority from the very outset. He said Mr. Greenway's duty was to give redress when the English jury council declared that a grievance existed. If he had done this, the difficulties which the country is now facing would have been avoided. He claimed that the administration and not the system of separate schools was responsible for the inefficiency and mispenditure of public moneys, and he also repeated the charge that Mr. Laurier and Mr. Greenway have an agreement for the restoration of public schools.

Mr. Landarkin followed and kept the house in roars of laughter by his shafts of wit aimed at the ministers. Mr. Casey, after pointing out the failure of the fiscal policy of the government, stated that he was in favor of a school question, hoping that some more patriotic means than remedial legislation be discovered to settle the vexed question.

Mr. McMillan, of Huron, made a practical speech, from the former's standpoint, claiming that the many virtues attributed to the national policy were fallacies, and gave figures substantiating his arguments.

At 9:45 Mr. Mills moved the adjournment of the debate until to-day. The ministers asked for a division a number of times, but several Liberals intend to speak yet.

A return of superannuations for 1895 shows that the total number of superannuations added during last year was \$50,068, and of gratuities \$20,100, making a total increase of \$70,168. The statement of pig iron bounties paid from April, 1895, to January, 1896, shows the production to be 36,544 tons, and \$72,688 paid on it in bounties.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—When the house met to-day Mr. Foster and Mr. Laurier referred in feeling terms to the death of Mr. Bryson. Mr. Mills resumed the debate on the address.

Winnipeg, Jan. 21.—The Dairy school, established by the Manitoba government, opened yesterday with about 40 pupils in attendance.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—J. M. Sutherland, general freight agent of the C. P. R., will shortly be removed to St. John, N. B., where he will look after the business of the Atlantic division. He changes places with E. Tiffin.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—Yesterday was municipal nomination day, and the mayor and fourteen aldermen out of twenty-four were allowed to go in by acclamation, as follows: R. Wilson Smith, mayor; Ald. McBride and Stevenson, re-elected in the 1st ward; Ald. C. P. B. LeSoleil and Marsolin, east ward; Costigan re-elected, and Mr. A. A. Atwater elected for St. Antoine; Ald. Jeanette re-elected in St. Gabriel; Ald. Penny re-elected in St. Lawrence ward; Brunet and Dupuis in St. James; Brodeur in St. Jean Baptiste; Dupre in St. Mary's ward; Proulx and Lefebvre in St. Denis ward, and Prefontaine in Hochelaga.

Halifax, Jan. 21.—The Liberals of Colchester, N. S., have nominated Firman McCreary, of Truro, a candidate for the commons.

Quebec, Jan. 21.—Simon Cimon, Conservative, and Charles Angers, Liberal, both of Murray Bay, were nominated to-day to fill the vacant seat for Charlevoix in the commons.

Rat Portage, Jan. 22.—The majority re-count elects Barnes by two majority, Barnes gaining one on recount.

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At Least So Thought Mr. Rogers, 77 Years Old. Pomona, Cal., Jan. 22.—The children and grandchildren of James Rogers were amazed by the information that he was married on Sunday last to Miss Ida Nelson at the home of the bride's parents, near Prescott, Arizona. The groom is 77 years old and the bride will be 15 next May. Mr. Rogers was married twice, his second wife dying three years ago. He has six children, many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is still well preserved, genial and level headed, and has a fortune of about \$100,000, invested in farm lands and bank stocks.

A CHANCE LEFT FOR HOLMES.

The Defence Think They Can Reverse the Sentence of Death.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—A local paper says: "If the story told by Robert Corbett, private detective, who has been in this city for a few weeks working on the Holmes case, be true, H. H. Holmes is not guilty of committing a single murder in Chicago. The Pitzel murder case is now pending in the supreme court of Pennsylvania, and will come up for a hearing within a few days, and the defence are making a determined effort to secure a reversal of the finding of the jury and lower court on technical grounds. If these fail, then the information gathered by the defence will be resorted to, and it is believed that they will be able to prove beyond doubt that Holmes' alleged victim, Benjamin Pitzel, is alive and living within one hundred miles of Chicago at the present time."

TUPPER'S TRIALS.

A Lively Meeting Was Held Last Night at Sydney, Cape Breton.

Sir Charles the Elder Will Have a Little Trouble Getting His Seat.

North Sydney, C.B., Jan. 22.—Sir Charles Tupper arrived here at 2 p.m. On his trip throughout the province, after an absence of five years, he was very enthusiastically received by the local Conservatives en route. Sydney, C.B., Jan. 22.—There appears to have been a very lively meeting at Sydney last night. Attorney General Longley, in the course of his speech, using the language of Sir Richard Cartwright, denounced Sir Charles Tupper as the worst type of a boodler. Ex-Mayor Colin McKinnon assented to the imputation on Sir Charles' honor, and characterized the language of the attorney general as shameful, adding that Mr. Longley's words were lies. Thereupon an elector jumped to his feet and stated the grandest stinging blow in the mouth. A. M. Ferguson, of Sydney, interposed in behalf of McKinnon and was quickly knocked out by one McKenzie. Great excitement and pandemonium prevailed, but before the attorney general could get to his feet, he was seized and playfully withdrawn by several epithets about Tupper. To-day warrants have been issued for the arrest of Lawyer McKenzie for assault.

The incident has greatly embittered the relations between the two parties, and the fight is now one for blood and not the finish.

The Liberals are putting up the liveliest kind of a fight. They have a good programme of meetings, and canvassers are covering the entire country. Among their stump speakers, besides Cartwright, Murray and his local friends, are Attorney General Longley, C. P. Chisholm, M.P.P. for Antigonish, C. Fraser, M. P., and Mr. Devlin, M.P.

Sir Charles will rest to-day and deliver his first address at Glace Bay, a heart of the mine district, to-morrow.

THE GUILTY ONE CONFESSES.

Hanged for One Crime, a Man Acknowledges Far Worse.

Fredericton, N.B., Jan. 22.—About six years ago a log cabin, occupied by a family named Crier, of this city, was burned and Mrs. Crier, who was a widow, and her adopted daughter, were cremated. The son William was also supposed to have been lost in the fire, though no trace of his body could be found in the ruins. Another son, John, escaped. The latter afterwards removed to Minneapolis. A letter has just been received that John has been hanged for the murder of a man in a saloon in Minneapolis City, and that just before the execution he confessed to murdering his brother William while on their way home, and then on reaching the cabin he fired the place in order to cover up his crime.

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Scrofula lurks in the blood of nearly every one, but Hood's Sarsaparilla drives it from the system and makes pure blood.

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

THE DEBATE DRAGS ON.

Hon. David Mills on the School Question as Affected by the Constitution.

Mr. Daly Upholds Remedial Legislation and Sounds His Political Death Knell.

Movement to Make the Adjutant Generalship a Political Appointment.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—(Press Dispatch.)—Hon. D. Mills, M.P. for Bothwell, took up the debate on the address in the house yesterday, and gave members an exegesis on constitutional law. Taking Mr. Powell's assertion that provincial autonomy was a myth, he argued that the autonomy of the provinces was full and complete on all matters of internal concern, and that the constitution never intended otherwise. The Dominion constitution was framed after the British system, but there was not a word in it to warrant the assumption that provincial autonomy was to be subservient thereto.

Mr. Daly followed, and in a lengthy speech, reviewed the whole history in connection with the school case, the gist of which went to show that the entire fault of the present difficulties rested with the Manitoba government. It was the duty of the Greenway government to make that government restore the privileges of the minority immediately the second decision of the privy council was received. The Dominion government, he asserted, has the courage of its convictions, and intend to fulfill all the pledges made for remedial legislation, and if unfortunate conditions arise, the people will have to blame those in Manitoba who have persisted in defying the highest court of the land.

Mr. Forbes, Queen's, N.S., replying to Mr. Forbes' remarks on the school question, claimed that neither the house nor the government were in possession of sufficient facts to justify them in dealing with the remedial measure. Though Mr. Daly had said that Manitoba would be coerced, he felt that the government were about to violate one of the most sacred principles of the constitution.

Mr. Northrop spoke on the school question from a broad Canadian standpoint. He said that parliament was not legally bound to carry out the terms of the imperial privy council, but was morally bound to do so, and considered that a higher and more inviolable bond than a legal one. The debate was then adjourned.

In the senate yesterday, Premier Borden stated that in withholding assent to the Northwest school ordinance, Lieutenant Governor Mackintosh had acted on his own responsibility.

The premier expressed some uncertainty as to whether debts contracted for the Northwest exhibition would be paid by the government.

The writ for Northumberland, N.B., has been issued. Nomination takes place January 30, and polling February 1.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—In the house to-day Mr. Cameron, West Huron, was introduced by Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. John McMillan. He was received with Liberal cheers. The debate on the address was then resumed by Dr. McDonald, East Huron.

A delegation of local military men and citizens, headed by Major Borthwick, waited on Mr. Desjardins, minister of militia, to-day, and asked that Lieutenant-Colonel Aylmer be appointed permanently to the adjutant-generalship.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—A big delegation of Western Ontario members to-day waited on the minister of militia and asked that Lieutenant-Col. Smith, of London, be made adjutant-general in place of Powell, resigned. It was generally understood that the assistant adjutant-general, Lieutenant-Col. Aylmer, was to get the position; he has a longer and better record as a soldier and an officer, but the above members say that they want the appointment made a political one instead of military. This is an illustration of party loyalty at the present critical time in the history of the country.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Mr. McMillan will move that whereas the United States government offers to admit free of duty, plows, harrows and certain other agricultural implements from any country which admits free of duty like articles imported from the United States, it will be greatly to the interests of both the Canadian agriculturalists and Canadian manufacturers that Canada should accept that offer by admitting those articles into Canada free of duty, and at the same time so relieving the Canadian manufacturers of the taxation on raw material as to enable them to take advantage of the markets of the United States.

Halifax, Jan. 22.—Hon. G. H. Murray was elected by a unanimous vote as the Liberal candidate for the by-election in Cape Breton.

Read Ayer's Almanac, which your druggist will gladly hand you, and note the wonderful cures of rheumatism, catarrh, scrofula, dyspepsia, eczema, debility, humors and sores, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the only Sarsaparilla admitted at the World's Fair.

ASHAMED OF THEIR NAME.

Toronto Young Conservatives Find They Need a Little Respectability.

HYAMS CONSPIRACY CASE.

It Is Expected the Twins Will be Set Free on Friday.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—When the Hyams brothers appeared in the police court this morning, Magistrate Deussen stated that he had not decided what course to pursue in regard to the refusal of Harry Hyams to answer questions. Counsel for the crown finally agreed that the case should come up again on Friday, and he finally disposed of Larry and John Hyams, solicitor for Hyams, expressed the opinion that the crown was purposely delaying the case in order that a long expected witness might turn up. It is expected that the suffering American twins will be set free on Friday.

"HELLO, HERE WE ARE AGAIN."

Lord Sholto Douglas Will Make Barnum's Shade Feel Ashamed.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 22.—Lord Sholto Douglas hopes to be at some time a showman of whom the shade of the great Barnum would be ashamed. At any rate that is what his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mooney-Addis, says. She declares that he is becoming an American business man and that, according to his very practical mamma-in-law, is greater than to be a king. This is one of the reasons why Mrs. Mooney-Addis, who hypocritically has named since her daughter got her name into the recognized official register of the peerage, has opened her motherly heart to her son-in-law, who is so far away from his kith and kin.

"Sholto—for I never call him his lordship; I am his mother and so it is only Sholto with me now—has very good business ideas. He is becoming quite practical and we are all very much pleased with the way in which he is developing. He has some excellent plans for the future and is already something of an expert in the show business."

"His latest plan is to utilize the concealed dramatic talents of our entire family and roll them into one mammoth combination, the equal of which could never be found in any one family. Think how something like this would look as a cast: Lord Sholto Douglas, Marquis of Queensberry, Lady Sholto Douglas, Marquise of Queensberry; Helen and Margie Mooney-Addis, the world renowned song and dance artists; Thomas Mooney-Addis, her song and dance specialist; Leola Mooney-Addis, leading juvenile; John Mooney-Addis, neat specialties; Mrs. Mooney-Addis.

"I would have to go along, but I hardly think that I would take an active part. But that would be a very strong cast and would draw in any city in the Union."

"That is just what Sholto is thinking of doing. We have a great deal of dramatic talent in our family and Lord Sholto seems to know how to utilize it. If he were to lend his name to such a combination, and add the talent that we possess to his name, it would carry any venture all over the United States."

Mrs. Mooney-Addis says that the new theatrical venture is an assured fact, and that when Lord Sholto returns to San Francisco in the course of a few days the arrangements will be made. His two sisters-in-law will be back in a few weeks and everything will be ready by spring.

Oroville, Cal., Jan. 22.—Lord Sholto Douglas is not having an easy time as manager of a theatrical troupe. His company played here last evening. When Lady Douglas gave her song and dance act, Lord Douglas rushed upon the stage crying: "My wife can't sing to such music as that." The audience hissed, and to-day the leader of the orchestra, meeting Douglas on the street, asked if he wanted trouble. Lord Douglas answered in the negative, whereupon the musician attacked Douglas. Lady Douglas made a great outcry and both Douglas and the musician were arrested.



DISEASED LUNGS CURED BY TAKING AYER'S Cherry Pectoral.

"I contracted a severe cold, which settled on my lungs, and I did what is often done in such cases, I consulted a doctor, who found, on examining me, that the upper part of the left lung was badly affected. The medicines he gave me did not seem to do any good, and I determined to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. After taking a few doses my trouble was relieved, and before I had finished the bottle I was cured." A. L. FLETCHER, Steelmaker, Orangeville, Ont.

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