

HELEN KELLER, SOCIALIST.

Blind, Deaf, Girl Makes Her First Public Speech.

MONTCLAIR, N.J., Feb. 8.—Helen Keller, the famous blind and deaf girl, who until a year ago was also dumb, made her debut as a public speaker in Montclair last night, at the auditorium in the Hillside school, her audience numbering nearly one thousand. Miss Keller lectured under the auspices of the Montclair branch of the Socialist party. She is a Socialist, and she expressed radical political views.

Previous to Miss Keller's address, Mrs. Macy, her teacher and companion, gave the life-history of the blind girl, and described the methods whereby she had acquired an education and the power of speech.

"I am going to try to make you feel that no one of us can do anything alone, but we are bound together," said Miss Keller. "I do not like this world as it is. I am trying to make it a little more as I would like to have it. Perhaps you are thinking how blind I have been. You have your eyes, and you behold the sun, and yet you are more blind than I am."

"We are all blind and deaf until our eyes are open to the fellow-men. If we had a penetrating vision we would not endure what we see in the world today. The lands, the life, the machinery belong to the few. All the work they do gains for the workers a mere livelihood."

"The rich are willing to do everything for the poor, except give them their rights. I am a pessimist. The pessimist says that man was born in darkness and for death. I believe that man was intended for the light, and shall not die. It is a good world, and it will be much better when you help me to make it more as I want it."

T. & N. O. EXPANDS.

New Line Will Be Built To the Abitibi River.

TORONTO, Feb. 8.—With the establishment of a large paper mill in Northern Ontario depending on a new line being added to the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway system, the T. & N. O. have decided to construct an additional branch connecting the Abitibi River with the main line.

"The matter has been finally decided and the construction of the new line is to commence early this spring," said Chairman Englehart yesterday. "It is the next work to which the commission are to devote their attention."

By leaving the main line at a point about half a mile north of Iroquois Falls station, and running on a line known as the Abitibi River, the commission will be able to connect that body of water with the T. & N. O. by a line about seven miles in length.

On the completion of the line, a large manufacturing plant is to be established at the Abitibi end of the railway by the Abitibi Pulp & Paper Co.

Chairman Englehart, who returned yesterday after attending the opening of the new Elk Lake line, said he was highly pleased with the Elk Lake addition to the system, and expressed the belief that it would prove a big success. It had not only come up to, but exceeded his expectations. The initial trip had been made in ten minutes less than schedule time.

One of the chairman's most cherished possessions is a huge silver key presented to him by the Elk Lake line on the opening of the new line. The key is eighteen inches in length and weighs fifty-four ounces.

LAURIER PLAN BEST.

Manchester Guardian Favors a Canadian Navy.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—The Manchester Guardian yesterday, discussing the naval policies of the Dominion, says that the Australian plan of having its own fleet in its own waters puts the whole strength of the nation into the fleet, whereas the present Canadian plan divides it and has already set party against party.

"The Australian plan is likely to produce new ideas, whereas the Canadian plan will produce deadening uniformity in naval ideas," the paper adds. "Increase in the force at the disposal of the Admiralty would be dearly purchased if it divorced the strength of the colonial nationality from the sea. The present Canadian bill is in some danger of doing that."

FOR MORMON TEMPLE.

Lethbridge, Alta., May Be Headquarters in Canada.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Feb. 8.—That the Latter Day Saints are desirous of establishing the Salt Lake City of Canada here is indicated by the presence in the city of three missionaries of the Mormon faith from Mayrath, and impression is rapidly going around that if any measure of success is met by these young evangelists, it is more than likely a new \$100,000 Mormon tabernacle will be built in Lethbridge.

Raymond and Cardston are both bidding for the Canadian temple, but a Utah visitor intimated that the high council of the church wished to secure a strong footing in one Canadian city, thus giving them a prestige they could get in no other way.

"Prettiest Woman" Starves.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Lillian Lorraine Hollis, who was said to be a famous beauty of the Pacific coast in 1892, died in obscurity here. Her body was found in a little furnished room on Forty-ninth street, in which a score of cats were four-flanking about, and there was every evidence that her death was caused by starvation.

In a voting contest conducted by several California newspapers, Miss Hollis was proclaimed the prettiest woman of the Pacific coast.

CHASE LASTED 53 HOURS.

Provincial Constables Pursued Men In Storm and Caught Them.

COBALT, Feb. 8.—After following Mike Margret and Arthur Miller, a pair accused of complicity in the whisky robbery at Ville Marie, on a trail which necessitated a drive in a raging blizzard across Lake Timiskaming and then an all-night trip on snowshoes eighteen miles in from Matachewan, Provincial Constable Jack MacKay and Constable Robert Sharp of this town effected their arrest.

But for the fact that one pair wore a pair of boots with nails in them and that they found the prints on McDonald Creek of Grass Lake the trip would likely have been a failure. With nothing but the tracks in the snow to guide them the officers continued until nearly nine o'clock, when they saw smoke curling over an elevation. They rushed in and covered Margret and Miller with revolvers, and the men did not have a chance to offer resistance.

The Quebec police informed the officers before they started out that the pair were armed, but if they had been they had evidently disposed of the weapons in the woods. The police at Ville Marie had such a wholesome respect for them that no less than ten of them handled them in locking them up.

A thrilling incident of the trip occurred when the officers were on the last stage. As they were approaching a ledge the point of MacKay's shoe caught in the snow and he fell headlong towards a tree, about which he snuggled up, showing his arm, thus saving himself from certain death. They returned to Cobalt greatly fatigued.

The officers were fifty-three hours making the trip, and Constable MacKay had two hours' sleep, while Constable Sharp managed to get only an hour's nap.

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

Ralph Morden was killed at Melrose by a falling tree yesterday.

Aurora local option stands on record by a fraction of a vote. The Dominion Cannery, Ltd., is to erect a \$65,000 factory in Chatham this summer.

A structural steel plant is to be erected at St. Thomas, to cost \$100,000 and to employ 160 men.

Mr. E. L. Smith of Ingersoll, proprietor of The Oxford Tribune, died of emphysema of the brain.

King George and Queen Mary held their first court of the season last night at Buckingham Palace.

Mr. John Morgan, postmaster at Ailsa Craig for fifteen years, has been dismissed and Mr. A. C. Stewart appointed in his place.

Desirous of making his name and fame, Peter Langford, who claims to be "an experienced sailor," of Detroit, is anxious to shoot the Whirlpool Rapids at the Falls in a motor-boat.

Niagara Falls and the village of Chippewa will send delegations to Ottawa Tuesday to urge upon the Government the desirability of making Chippewa the port at head of the proposed new Welland Canal.

The German navy aviators, Lieut.-Commander W. Janetzky and Machinist's Mate Diekmann were drowned yesterday in the Gulf of Danzig through the collapse of the aeroplane in which they were flying.

YOUTH FOUND DEAD.

Lloyd Bretz Comes To Sudden and Mysterious End.

GALT, Feb. 8.—A peculiar fatal accident caused much excitement in the village of Reseville near here Thursday.

Lloyd Bretz of Washington, Ont., went to Reseville to lead home a colt which had been purchased from John Bricker by his father. While the older men were settling up in the shed by the church, Lloyd started off with the colt, but a few minutes later was found dead at the side of the road with a hole in his head.

It is supposed that he fell, striking his head on a stone.

Would Try System.

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 8.—As the result of two years' study of water power plants in other states and in Ontario, the Albany Hydroelectricity committee, praising Ontario's Hydroelectric system, yesterday introduced a bill which, he says, is the right sort of measure for New York state. He provides \$282,000 for an experimental plant in the capital district, by which the people can determine the success of the plan.

A Tribute to Butter.

Many years ago, when Senator Ingham was in the senate, oleomargarine was the bone of contention. The debate led Ingham to utter one of those epigrammatic sentences which made him famous. "I have never, to my knowledge, tasted oleomargarine," said Ingham, "but I have stood in the presence of genuine butter with awe for its strength and reverence for its antiquity."

Wrong Prescription.

"I can't fill this," said the druggist. "Don't you carry ordinary ingredients in stock?"

"I carry everything usually carried by a first class pharmacy, but this piece of paper calls for a gold watch."—Pittsburgh Post.

The Very Least.

"Ah!" he sighed. "If you only gave me the least possible hope!"

"Good gracious!" retorted the hard-hearted belle. "I've been giving you the least I ever gave to any man!"

Blessed are the happiest men. Blessed are they who know how to shine on one's gloom with their smiles.—Henry Wood.

TRIUMPH IN VAIN

Capt. R. F. Scott Reached Pole Only to Perish Miserably.

FOUR COMPANIONS DEAD

Intrepid Antarctic Explorer Reached the South Pole on Jan. 18, 1912, and Was Frozen and Starved to Death on March 29 Struggling Back to Depot.—Scott Appeals For Families of Dead Comrades.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Capt. Robert F. Scott, the Antarctic explorer, and four of his companions have perished after a successful dash to the South Pole, which they reached on Jan. 18, 1912.

The suspense of yesterday was ended with the receipt of authoritative messages from Christchurch, New Zealand, yesterday afternoon, and the explorers have cast a deep gloom over the whole scientific world.

Early in the day word was received in London that the exploration ship Terra Nova had reached civilization with the story of the death of the daring scientist and an unknown number of his comrades. As the day passed further despatches supplemented the story.

The various news agencies following their custom in regard to polar stories have carefully copyrighted their despatches, but the following authentic facts may be gleaned from the mass of rumor and conjecture.

The British explorer with four men, Dr. E. A. Wilson, chief of the scientific staff, Lieut. H. R. Bowers, of the Royal Indian Marine, Capt. L. E. G. Oates, of the 6th Buffs, and Seaman Edgar Evans, petty officer, reached the pole on Jan. 18, 1912, found Amundsen's tent and records, and after taking observations, began their return journey. On Feb. 17, when the party reached Beardmore Glacier, Seaman Evans died from exposure and concussion of the brain. Capt. Oates died from exposure on March 17. Twelve days later, when the three remaining men, Capt. Scott, Dr. Wilson and Lieut. Bowers, reached the depot, they found the bodies of the three dead men.

In the meantime those who were left at the depot at Cape Evans, that formed a link with the outer world, were having a hard time. Garrard and Demetrius were in the direction of the pole to render assistance, but after reaching One Ton Depot, about 144 miles south of Cape Evans, they had to return because the dogs were giving out. They could not get back to the main depot, but stopped at Hut Point.

In October, 1912, three parties left to search for those who were making the dash. The party commanded by Wright, a Canadian, finally sighted Scott's tent. Inside were the bodies of Capt. Scott, Dr. Wilson and Lieut. Bowers.

Both the bodies of the dead men and the records of the successful trip and the ill-fated return. First to go was Evans, then Oates, then the three leaders.

Oates died like an English soldier and a gentleman. He had suffered from frost-bitten feet and legs, and finally one morning he walked out of the tent into the waste never to be seen again.

The blizzard which proved the undoing of the other three lasted nine days and their food gave out. They perished only eleven miles from One Ton Camp, where there was a big supply of provisions and fuel.

Scott's last words in his diary were an appeal to the British public to deal generously with the families of his dead comrades. The expedition, he said, had been carefully organized, but the unavoidable risks had all turned out badly.

Surgeon Atkinson and his party gathered the records and effects of the dead men, read the burial service over their bodies and erected a cairn and cross to their memory over the inner corner of the tent. The bodies were left attached to the cross.

The party then searched for twenty miles south, endeavoring to discover the body of Capt. Oates. It was never found, but another cairn and record were left in the vicinity to his memory.

WRIGHT FROM TORONTO.

YOUTH MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES A Graduate of "Varsity."

TORONTO, Feb. 11.—Mr. Charles S. Wright, the Toronto young man who went with the Scott party and who found the bodies of the three last to perish, was born here 26 years ago and graduated in physics from Toronto University in 1907. He was over in England taking a post graduate course at Cambridge when he joined the Scott expedition. His father is Mr. Alfred Wright, 60 Crescent road, Charles S. entered Upper Canada College in the fall of 1899, and, after five meritorious and prize-winning years, passed out in 1904 as Head Boy. During his school days he had been prominent among the athletics of the college, playing on the football and other teams.

Taking the scientific course at the University of Toronto, which he entered in 1904, he won each year first class honors, graduating at the head of his class, and rounded off this brilliant career with the highest reward in his course, the 1861 Exhibition Scholarship, worth \$750 for three years at Cambridge University, England.

Mr. Wright entered Gains College, Cambridge, in the fall of 1908, studying physics under Sir J. J. Thomson, and his life there was even more successful than at Toronto University. Popular among his fellow scholars, for the fore in both study and athletics, he was awarded the Wellstone Scholarship by the Cambridge authorities, which is worth \$600 per annum.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

The "Spanish Prisoner" Swindlers Are Now In the Toils.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—According to The Daily News' Madrid correspondent, a police succeeded in discovering a gang of swindlers responsible for the "Spanish prisoner" fraud gang, which, admirably organized, began operations eight years ago. The chief of the gang, Eusebio Rico, proprietor of the house, 18 Luchano street, was assisted principally by his brother, father-in-law, and a private secretary, Guillermo San Juan. Rico's house was specially built for the purpose, and was provided with false doors, secret rooms, and so on, in order to baffle the police. Daily hundreds of letters were despatched to the four corners of the earth, inviting foolish foreigners to lift the treasure hidden somewhere by a bankrupt prisoner in Madrid.

After several weeks' hard work, Police Sergeant Latone succeeded in arresting Ortega, at the very moment when he was receiving in an obscure street nine telegrams from a messenger. This way to the police station the prisoner was to bribe the sergeant, but the messenger boy made a confession.

RADIUM A SUCCESS.

Conclusive Evidence Is Given To the French Academy.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The French Academy of Science received proof positive last week of the curative value of radium in cases of cancerous vascular tumors, classed as deep angiomata.

Evidence was submitted to Dr. Doinici in describing researches made by himself and his collaborators, Drs. Henri Cheron and Rubens Duval. Not only did Dr. Doinici supply the learned gathering with photographs taken before and after the cures, together with anatomical specimens, showing the resolution of cancerous tissues under the influence of radium, but in an adjoining room were four patients who had undergone the radium treatment and were subjected to an exhaustive examination by the members of the academy.

COLONY RAIDED.

Mozambique Natives Massacre Portuguese Settlers.

LISBON, Feb. 10.—Advices from Mozambique, Africa, say that the notorious native chief, Napana, recently raided the Nampula district of Mozambique, massacring a large number of European settlers.

The governor immediately despatched a punitive expedition of 1,000 men. After a march of nearly 400 miles in the broiling sun the expedition came upon the chief and his band and completely routed them after five hours' fighting, killing 200 and wounding 500. The Portuguese lost four men killed and 22 wounded.

The victory is considered very important because a new regime will be opened for Portuguese development.

Apples at Half Price.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Chicago club women Saturday continued their bargain sale of apples to the public at about half the regular market prices. The apples were furnished by twenty commission dealers, and were on sale at 3,000 groceries in different parts of the city.

Officers of the Chicago Clean Food Club declared that more apples were sold Saturday, the opening day of the sale, than any other day in the city's history. Fifteen thousand apples were distributed among pupils of ten public schools.

Found His Wife Dead.

CORNWALL, Feb. 10.—Jeremiah Blair, a farmer, who is employed by the firm of Hermiton & Currie here, made the discovery when he returned home from his day's work on Saturday night that Mrs. Blair had dropped dead in her bedroom during his absence. Mrs. Blair was in her 23rd year and had been subject to weakness of heart for some time. Her eighteen-months-old daughter was in the room with her dead mother when the father arrived home.

Arrested in Halifax.

HINSDALE, N.H., Feb. 10.—The arrest of John Wren in Halifax, N.S., late Friday night on a charge of murdering James S. Hamilton, a railroad construction foreman, near Hindsdale, last Wednesday, was reported here on Saturday. Wren, according to a telegram from Halifax, admitted his identity, but declared he was innocent of the charge brought against him.

INDUSTRY FOR WINDSOR.

Remington Cartridge Factory To Be Built In Canada.

WINDSOR, Feb. 10.—On a tract of land 100 acres in extent, which has been secured near the southern limits of Windsor, the Remington Arms Company is shortly to establish a big plant which will enable the company to enter the Canadian field on a very extensive scale. The site purchased includes property on the south side of Tecumseh road extending along C.P.R. The deal was closed within the last day or two, and formal announcement was made Saturday by Secretary A. W. Jackson, of the Windsor Board of Trade.

Immediately following the closing of the deal, the company awarded contracts for its first buildings to Windsor contractors. Construction work will be started at once, and it is expected that one building in which at least fifty men will be given employment will be ready in April. Future plans for the factory have not yet been completed, however, to confine the operations to the manufacture of cartridges for the present, and a plant requiring several hundred employees will be completed in the near future.

TRAFFIC IS PROFITABLE.

Receipt For \$12,000 Shown In Evidence Against White Slavers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The existence of a "white slave" gang that sells girls for \$25 or \$30 each to owners or keepers of disorderly resorts in Chicago was described to Judge Hand in the Federal Court Saturday by U. S. Assistant District Attorney Walker, who moved for heavy sentences for Frank Filasto, wine merchant, and Joseph Ribuffo, a barber of Paterson, N.J., convicted of forcing a young woman to enter a resort in Paterson. Sentences were deferred pending Judge Hand's decision on motions for a new trial.

Money order receipts showing that "white slavers" operating in this city have received \$12,000 in return for girls sent to Chicago, are in the Government's hands. Telegrams mentioning names of victims, prices paid for them, and names of agents who accompanied them west are also declared to have been obtained by the Federal authorities.

Arguing his motion for maximum penalty for Filasto and Ribuffo, Mr. Walker told the court that an alleged member of the gang had been arrested in Chicago and held in \$3,000 bail there. The telegrams passed between the Chicago man and Filasto, said Mr. Walker, mentioned a west side druggist, a physician, and Joseph Merino, now serving eight years as a "white slave" as other members of the "ring." Filasto's wine shop in Chinatown was declared by Mr. Walker to be the gang's headquarters here.

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The primary purpose of the law, the Secretary held, and the President agreed, was to induce Canada to remove export restrictions, so that wood could be freely imported into this country for manufacture into paper. He consequently challenged the sufficiency of Quebec's action. Treasury officials deny that Quebec's case parallels the situation in British Columbia, which is given free entry. In that province only one company exports paper to this country, and no restriction is placed upon either timber, wood pulp or paper.

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

Rev. George W. Arnold, B.D., pastor of Knox Church, Guelph, died after a year's illness.

The Hamburg-American liner, Imperator, biggest steamship afloat, will make her first trip from Hamburg on May 22.

Just as fresh as if they were laid yesterday a consignment of eggs were received in Boston from Denver by parcel post.

John E. Gow, district inspector of inland revenue, has been appointed inspector of bonded manufacturers for the Dominion.

Two persons were killed and another fatally injured by a Philadelphia & Reading express train at Roelofs Station, N.J., on Saturday.

Dr. Manuel E. Araujo, president of the Republic of Salvador, who was wounded by the bullets of an assassin on Feb. 4, died yesterday.

The allied trades and labor association of Ottawa has launched a campaign against the employment of white girls in Chinese restaurants.

Leo Gignac, a young switchman, was fatally crushed between a car and a shed door at Windsor, making the fifth Windsor man killed this year.

It was announced at the apostolic delegation in Ottawa yesterday that a new Roman Catholic diocese had been created in Southern Alberta, with the see at Calgary.

Magistrate Munson of Dauphin, Man., remanded John Baran, murderer of Chief of Police Rooke, to stand trial at the Portage la Prairie spring assizes Saturday.

Hon. George E. Foster has left for Vancouver, from which place he will sail on the 19th for Australia to attend the meetings of the Imperial Trade Commission in Australia and New Zealand.

It is understood the Prince of Wales has so greatly enjoyed his first term at Oxford and benefited so much in knowledge and experience that the advisability of extending the one year's residence to two is under discussion.

Dibrell Tucker, a negro, in whose possession was found a diamond ring, said to have been the property of Mrs. J. C. Williams, murdered in her home at Houston, Texas, Thursday last, was lynched late Saturday by a mob.

C. P. R. TRAIN DITCHED.

Express Derailed Near London and Twelve Hurt.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 10.—Twelve passengers were injured, most of them slightly, when the C.P.R. Chicago-Montreal express No. 18 was derailed at Newbury, 40 miles west of London, at 3.15 yesterday morning. The engine and entire train of twelve coaches jumped the rails, and the fact that no one was killed was miraculous.

The most seriously hurt was Express Messenger M. P. Barry of Toronto, and Henry Huggitt of Bala, Muskoka, who were removed to St. Joseph Hospital suffering from multiple bruises. Barry was hurt internally, being thrown against the side of the car. The large number of passengers were badly shaken up.

KING'S SON TRAVELS.

Prince Albert Pays Visit to St. Lucia on Warship.

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, B.W.I., Feb. 10.—The Island of St. Lucia was brilliant with bunting Saturday on account of the arrival there of Prince Albert, the second son of King George, who is making a tour of the West Indies on board the British armored cruiser Cumberland, which is a training ship for the naval cadets of Great Britain.

The young prince landed Friday amid popular demonstrations. He will remain in the Windward Islands for two weeks, proceeding to Trinidad with the other cadets on Feb. 20.

Gayuga Teacher Drowns.

CAYUGA, Ont., Feb. 10.—The body of the teacher at Gypsum Mines School was recovered from the Grand River at 11 a.m. Saturday, after an all-night search in almost zero weather, led by an almost distracted parent.

Miss Belle Gardiner left her school at four o'clock Friday afternoon to cross the Grand River to her father's home, which is about two miles from Cayuga and a mile and a half from the school. The wind was blowing a terrific gale, accompanied by a snow storm.

TAFT TAXES PULP

Duty Is Placed on the Crown Lands' Output.

FORESTALLED SHIPMENTS

Just In Time to Check the Reported Despatch of Big Consignments of Four Canadian Firms, the President Issues an Order Denying Free Entry to Paper and Pulp From Quebec Crown Lands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—President Taft Saturday denied the right of free entry from Canada into the United States of wood pulp and paper made from the timber of certain Crown lands in Quebec, on which that province recently announced it had removed export restrictions. The President sustained the decision of Secretary MacVeagh of the Treasury Department, that Quebec's action was not sufficient to entitle these products to free importation under the only operative clause of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, which abolished the duty on wood pulp and paper provided Canada did not restrict their exportation in any manner. This action forestalls the reported plan of four big paper manufacturers of Canada to send a large shipment of paper to this country.

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ROBBERY BY TAXI.

Four Robbers Take \$500 In Raid on Broadway in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Four men drove up in a taxicab late Saturday night to the store of W. L. Douglas Shoe Co. at Broadway and Fourteenth street, a busy and brightly lighted corner, and entered the store just as the four clerks were preparing to leave. With drawn revolvers the bandits ordered the employees to throw up their hands. While three of the four kept the clerks covered the other man emptied the cash register of its contents, between \$400 and \$500. The quartette then ran to the street, jumped in the taxicab and drove south on Broadway.

Hundreds of persons were passing the corner at the time. The police hurried to the scene, but were unable to find any clues other than a poor description of the four men.

SAFE WAS "SCENERY."

New York Burglars Had a Cardboard Shield For Operations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—A safe of painted cardboard, to the eye an exact reproduction of a real safe they planned to rifle, was prepared by burglars, who Friday night broke into a First avenue saloon. The real safe stood beneath a electric light bulb burning all night and in full view of the street. The artists who conceived the plan intended to substitute the cardboard strong box for the steel one and then to blow the real safe unobserved in a dark corner of the saloon. Something frightened them away, however, before they could break in. The police found that after breaking in the thieves fled, leaving their dummy behind them.

Ontario People Lucky.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Preliminary report of the administrator of the estate of David S. Wilson, an Oregon farmer, who died recently, leaving more than \$1,000,000 in securities in a safe deposit box in Chicago, is to the effect that all heirs to the estate have been located. The report was made public yesterday to halt the steady flow of letters and telegrams from persons who believe themselves entitled to a share in the property. Miss Rhoda Lee of Ontario, an aunt, and descendants of David Nelson Brown, an uncle, are said to be the only heirs.

He Gave Them a Chance. Suffragettes gave James Keir Hardie, the Socialist and independent labor member for Merthyr-Tydfil, a warm reception at a meeting here Saturday night. Although he assured them of the labor party's support in having the next bill made a Government measure, the women rose, one after another, and denounced him. He ordered the police to let them speak, but after one of them had talked for half an hour the chairman had her removed forcibly. This created a great tumult.

Priceless Pictures Destroyed.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—It is now known that many valuable pictures and tapestries were burned in Abbotsbury Castle, the residence of the Dowager Countess of Devon, which was destroyed by fire on Saturday, including examples of Italian masters and a greatly-treasured portrait of Princess Charlotte by Sir Thomas Lawrence.