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The Church of England con-

tion of Harcourt came down to...

toville and held a picnic in aid of...

Branch, the Presbyterian con-

vention were engaged in the same...

are, while about midway between...

to Richibucto Division, S. of T.,...

friends, were picking...

shipments of tax bark are...

made now. The two topmast...

er Gladstone sailed with a load...

oston a few days ago. The two...

st schooner Walter Sumner is...

up up the main river for the...

Smith of the I. C. R. at Mon-

John Ferguson of Newcastle...

among the many visitors this week...

Richard's public picnic at...

at Trville on Wednesday and Thurs-

day was attended by a big crowd...

of men from this vicinity.

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CASTLE ON FIRE.

Holmes' Death Trap Partially Consumed by a Night Blaze.

Starts in an Explosion-The Inner Chambers Where Crime Was Connected Destroyed.

Origin of the Confagration Unknown-Description of the Building and Apparatus Found in it.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Fire has fallen upon the criminal trail of H. H. Holmes, swindler, betrayer, poisoner.

Fire, mysterious in its origin and suspicious in its location, attacked the Holmes castle, Sixty-third and Wallace streets, last night and burned its way from basement to roof, as it bent upon wiping out whatever traces of crime the probes of the police had failed to locate.

Through the heart of the man-trap so skillfully planned by the monarch of modern criminals the fire ate its way, and when the last drop of water had been thrown by the firemen those mysterious chambers and secret stairways which so surprised and amazed investigators a few weeks ago—how this fire originated. It broke out at an hour when the silence of slumber was upon the neighborhood. It was not a flaring, smoldering, smoking, struggling blaze, but burst forth almost as a conflagration the first instant it was kindled. It is believed that it was kindled in a room which was used for a human eye.

Nobody can say, from his own knowledge, that the fire was incendiary. No one can say it was set by an agent of Holmes, for no one saw any agent or the semblance of one. But Holmes has had agents in other places and he is known to have friends in Chicago.

The fire began with an explosion. The explosion was not in a powder factory, but in a candy store.

Holmes' castle stands at 701 and 703 Sixty-third street, at the corner of Wallace street. It is a three story brick structure, the ground floor being occupied by two stores. The Denison Drug Company and C. E. Davis, jeweler, are installed in 701 Sixty-third street, and the Barton Candy Company in 703. The fire broke out in the rear of the Barton Candy Company's store.

EXPLOSION BLEW WINDOWS OUT.

J. B. Koehler, a policeman, was the first man who arrived. He lives a half block from the building. A few minutes after midnight he heard an explosion. He thought it was a case of safe-blowing, and ran out to gather in the crackmen and a little person of glory. When he arrived at the Holmes castle the place was wrapped in roaring flames. The front windows had by this time been blown out and the fire was burning fiercely in the rear of the candy store. Before the engines arrived in response to his alarm, the seat of the fire had moved up toward the roof.

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floor and raising it a few feet.

The north door of the five opening...

into the closet leads to the bathroom.

In this room is a trap door in the...

floor, four feet long and two feet...

wide. Below it is a narrow stairway...

which leads down to darkness.

After crawling down these stairs...

about eight feet you stand in another...

secret chamber. This is situated about...

half way between the first and second...

floors.

The secret chamber is of about the...

size of the bathroom, 7 feet by 5 feet,

but there is little floor space, on...

account of the stairs from above and...

below, which a second set of stairs...

descend.

At the south end of this secret...

chamber, there is a door which is...

securely fastened. It is known, how-

ever, to open on a stairway which leads...

down to the level of the floor, and...

communicates with a tinshop in...

Wallace street.

The second set of stairs descends...

only about six feet, and ends abruptly...

in a blind partition of lathing and...

paper. He had to stoop, and his feet...

inched higher than the foot of the...

stairs.

There is no escape from the second...

set of stairs except through a shaft...

five feet wide, which drops to the...

cellar. The shaft is very thin, and...

through it light sifts in from the...

prescription room of Holmes' drug...

store, which is on the first floor and...

in the northwest corner of the building.

The drug store has stairs leading...

down into the cellar, and one can...

stand on these stairs and look up...

through the imperfectly built and...

burned plaster wall to the second...

stairway. The dummy elevator shaft...

extends from below the third floor...

to the cellar. Lately it has been...

boarded up.

It was on the second floor that...

Holmes is supposed to have carried...

on most of his fine work. The janitor...

and his wife seldom visited this space...

and the time Holmes had it all to...

himself. He had a key to the door...

which warned him as he sat in...

the drug store when anybody walked...

over the floor of either the second...

or third story.

Phelps, Robert E. who Holmes says...

is supposed to have murdered, occupied...

a room just off his office. It is said...

that she was of a most jealous disposi-

tion, and would get into a fury of pas-

sion whenever he was found in the...

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