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General Postoffice Wrecked by Fire—Engineer Suffocates in Cellar 15 Persons Removed to Safety From Upper Windows by Firemen

DENSE VOLUMES OF SMOKE KILL THOMAS LETRAY BAFFLE FIREMEN

Blaze of Mysterious Origin and
 Difficult to Fight—Basement
 and First Floor in Ruins
 —Damage \$30,000.

In a battle with smoke rather than flames, during which one life was lost and fifteen others placed in serious jeopardy, the Toronto fire department by sheer dogged determination and an almost heroic endurance early Sunday morning confined to the lower floors of the general postoffice a blaze which at one time threatened the entire building with destruction. The damage is estimated at from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Two dogs were suffocated.

It is announced that there is but little loss of mail matter, and that postal business will be continued to-day as usual. There will be no delay in deliveries. The warehouse at Front and Lorne streets will be used as a temporary office.

Thomas Letray, night engineer of the building, and his dog, died probably from suffocation. Just how he met his fate will never be known, but according to the statement of John Milner, caretaker of a nearby building, who first noticed the fire, it would appear that he perished either in making an effort to subdue the flames, or to recover property of his own. Milner had run to the grates which cover the area-way looking into the basement in the alley to the west. He shouted "fire." A moment later he heard the sound of running steps in the basement and then a voice cried out, "What's the matter?" Milner repeated his warning, and without another word, Letray was heard to turn back into the basement.

The next sign of him was at 4:30 in the afternoon, when firemen, after hours of patient search in the five feet of water which had flooded into the place, found the body floating in a corner of the engine room.

Hardly had the alarm of fire been given to occupants in the building when the electric lights suddenly turned off. It is probable therefore that Letray was lost in the darkness of the cellar, the means of exit being particularly difficult. The clouds of smoke were such as would overcome even a powerful man in a very few minutes.

Many Were in Danger.

That several other lives were not sacrificed also may perhaps be ascribed to a kindly Providence.

The third and fourth floors of the postoffice building are occupied as the living apartments of the caretaker, the assistant postmaster, his family of twelve, two lady visitors and a servant girl were sleeping. Two other sons were absent from home, but who suffered the trying ordeal had considerable difficulty in reaching the windows. No attempt was made to use the fire escape, which runs down to the third floor window to the lower roof, the endeavor being to make their way to the roof. When aroused, the smoke was filling the corridors so thickly that the imperiled ones had to crawl along the floors, the current of air always to be found there affording them an opportunity to breathe more freely. There was no time to don street apparel, and all were attired only in their night robes when, huddled together, they were rescued by the firemen. One of the boys, in fact, was awakened from his slumbers by the firemen breaking the window of his room, and was for the moment unable to appreciate the nasty predicament from which he was being rescued. There were nine women, Mr. Ross and five of his sons taken out.

The Story of the Fire.

It was a few minutes past three when the alarm was sent in from the alarm box 415, which is located in the postoffice itself, and which, peculiarly enough, had also been used on Saturday afternoon to call out the department to a fire in the building across the street, of which John Milner is caretaker.

Feeling that it would be better in the interests of his employers to remain on the premises there over night lest by any mischance fire should break out again, Milner had decided to stay on watch. At 3 o'clock Sunday morning he was on the street, and there was no sign of anything wrong. At ten minutes to three he was in conversation with the nightman at the Carwell Co., two doors west of the postoffice, when he observed what seemed to be dust issuing from the area-grating. He remarked to the other that the man down there must be doing some dusty work. A little later the cloud became larger and Milner ran to the lane. He saw then that it was smoke, and raised the cry of fire, which was responded to by Letray. At the same time a policeman on Toronto-street came running up and proceeding along the alley battered at the heavy door.

Other Employees Aroused.

There were three men on duty in the sorting room, a long wide one-room one-storey addition, which runs back to Lombard-street from the four-storey postoffice proper.

One of them was heard to say that he had just finished his labors and was stretching back in his chair with his feet cocked up on the table when one of the others startled him with the shout that the downstairs was all in a blaze. The three hurried into the street.

When the Bay-street and Lombard-street firemen pulled up, 2 minutes afterwards, smoke was curling up from the basement windows in the front portion of the building. The firemen were

VERY FEW LETTERS ARE LOST PUBLIC WILL NOT SUFFER IN MAIL DELIVERY

Temporary Offices Secured on
 Front Street—City Wires Hon.
 A. B. Aylesworth Offer to
 Grant Accommodation.

The removal of mail matter was in active progress from 5 o'clock in the morning throughout the day. As employees arrived they set to work to make themselves useful, and various were secured to carry the mail bags and other papers to the sub-stations.

The official statement given on last night shows that the losses in the aggregate will be very small.

The mail loss will include the evening mails from 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon until 12 p.m., which were sorted for the entire city and Parkdale ready for the letter carriers.

Registered mail, special delivery mail, money orders, postoffice orders, were all saved, the vault remaining intact. Any other night but Saturday the loss in the registration department would have been great.

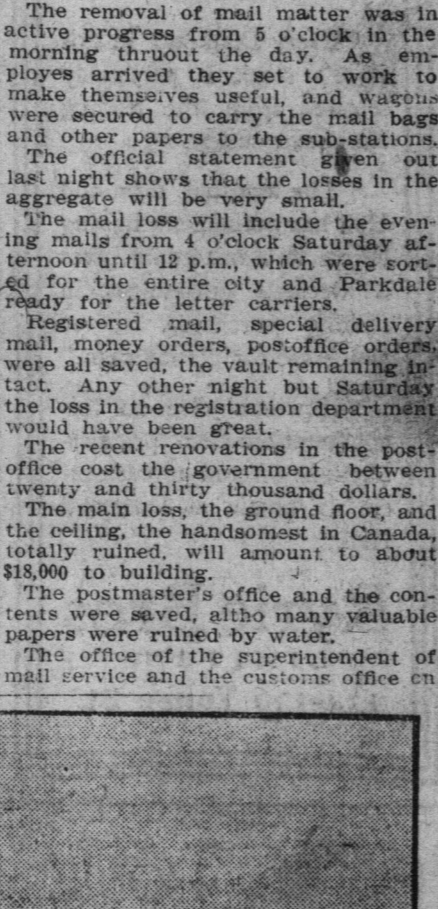
The recent renovations in the post-office cost the government between twenty and thirty thousand dollars. The main loss, the ground floor, and the ceiling, the handsome in Canada, totally ruined, will amount to about \$18,000 to building.

The postmaster's office and the contents were saved, also many valuable papers were ruined by water.

The office of the superintendent of mail service and the customs office can

THE POSTOFFICE FIRE.

Interior view, showing wreck in sorting department and officials' quarters.



DRINK PRICES ARE RAISED DEARER WHISKEY AND BEER

Hoteliers Meet and Decide to
 Make Consumers Pay the
 Extra License Fee, Etc.

The Toronto License Holders' Protective Association have adopted the following schedule of prices, to take effect on May 7, 1906:

All Canadian draught whiskeys, minimum price, 10c.

All Canadian case liquors, minimum price, 15c.

All imported draught liquors (Scotch, Irish, gin, etc.), minimum price, 10c.

All imported case liquors (Scotch, Irish, gin, etc.), minimum price, 15c.

All imported mineral waters, ginger ale and aerated waters, minimum price, 15c; do., pints, 20c.

All imported lager-beers and ales, pints, minimum price, 25c; do., quarts, 30c.

All mixed drinks containing spirits, minimum price, 15c.

All Canadian ales, porters and lagers, consumed in bar, pints, minimum price, 15c; do., quarts, 20c.

The maximum beer glass to be used, 12 oz.

Draught ale, porter and lager, three half pints, 10c.

It always pays to keep sober, but it is going to become even more profitable now, for the tavern-keepers have decided upon a hold-up on the citizens who like an occasional touch, the booze purveyors met on Saturday night at the King Edward, and thru inability to figure out any easier way of making a living they decided to stay in business, pay the increased license fee and soak the sinners who occupy the outside of the bar to the extent of an all-round raise in the price of liquid refreshment without any guarantee that the purchaser would get what he pays for at that. "Case goods" are to be 15c. This means whiskeys, domestic and foreign, most of which have been selling at 10c a throw not measured out. Some drinkers take a booster of large proportions. Others go light on the spirit. The minimum price is to be 15c after May 7 and the hotelier can charge as much more as the suffering thirsty soul is willing to put up. Canadian case liquors cost the hotel man from \$7 to \$9 per dozen quart bottles, so it can be seen that the bottlers have left themselves a rather comfortable margin to work on if you figure out how many drinks there are in a bottle and what they would net at 15c a drink.

The draught whiskeys are to be 10c a drink. Good draught whiskey costs \$2.75 a gallon, and the water a lot of the barkeepers put in before it is sold is cheaper, it often takes the place of case whiskey and

LABOR MEN ROAST CARNEGIE STEEL KING MAY BE SNUBBED

Montreal, April 29.—The workmen of Montreal do not want the McGill College to confer any honors on Mr. Andrew Carnegie. The workmen claim that the Carnegie libraries are gold bricks. Resolutions were passed at Saturday night's meeting of the Workmen's Educational and Reform Association protesting against the presence of Mr. Carnegie in Montreal on May Day. Several of the speakers claimed that Mr. Carnegie's millions were made out of the blood of the murdered iron and steel workers of Homestead, Penn.

It was finally decided to ask Mr. Carnegie upon his arrival in town to provide a fund to support the widows and orphans who were rendered homeless by the killing of the iron and steel workers by Pinkerton detectives during the strike at the Carnegie works some years ago.

TASCHEREAU RESIGNS.

Ottawa, April 29.—(Special.)—It is reported to-night that the government has received the formal resignation of Sir Henri Eliezer Taschereau as chief justice of the supreme council. He will be succeeded by Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, the present minister of justice.

If particular, use "Club Coffee."

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

General Ministerial Association, Y. M. C. A., 10.
 Chinese Club, annual meeting, 615.
 Solre musical, Gerhard Heintzman Music Hall, 8.
 A. I. C. evangelistic mission, 281.
 Yonge-street, 8.
 College-street Methodist Church, young people's rally, 8.
 Ordination, Canon Dixon, Trinity Church, 8.

The Nicholls Motor Boat is easy to run. Costs little to buy. Nicholls Brothers, Limited, 100 York St. Bridge.

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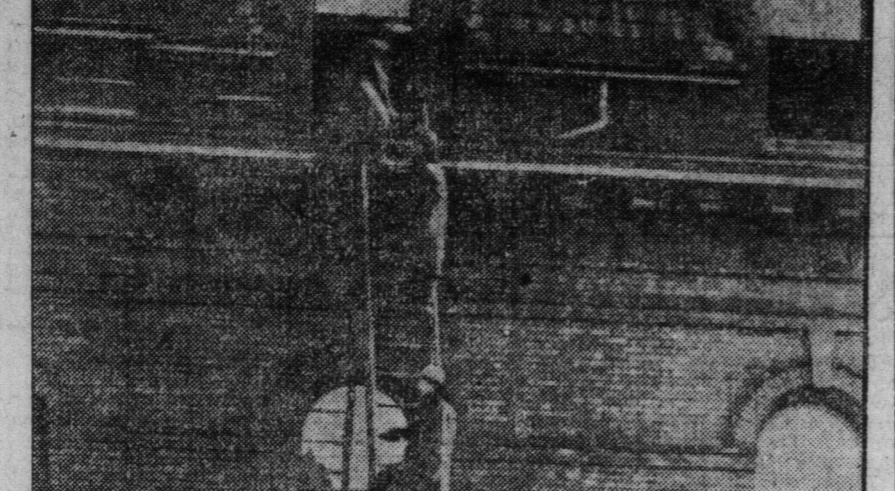
SHOWERY.
 Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate wear to north winds—mostly fair with a few scattered showers; not much change in temperature.

FURNITURE STORAGE.
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STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

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Christiania	New York	Hamburg
Cedric	New York	Liverpool
Etruria	New York	Liverpool
La Champagne	Hayre	New York
Helsingland	Copenhagen	New York
Madonna	Marseilles	New York
Bulgaria	Genoa	New York
Celtic	Queenstown	New York
Pannonia	Trieste	New York
Calcutta	Plymouth	New York
Calcutta	Dover	New York
Bellona	Quebec	Sorrento
Carthage	St. John's, Nfld.	Glasgow
London	Father Point	Belfast
America	New York	Marseilles
Columbia	Mobile	New York
Umbra	Queenstown	New York
St. Paul	Plymouth	New York
Kronland	Dover	New York
Bluecher	Plymouth	New York

WHO HAS THIS DOG?



A brown and white spaniel dog was mislaid on Saturday night down town. He is of smart appearance and has a tag on his forehead. Will the party now caring for him kindly communicate with The World office.

Packed in air tight, germ-proof bags, never fails.

If Not, Why Not?
 Have you an accident and sickness policy? See Walter, H. Bright, Confederation Libe Building, Phone M. 2770.

Don't submit to substitution. See that you get "Club Coffee."

Window From Which 15 Persons Were Carried Out to Safety.

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Next Time You Go to Town.

Don't deny yourself the pleasure and benefit, too, for that matter, when it only costs five cents. Any time you are passing a soda fountain, just go in and ask for a glass of Tona-Cola. It is the most delicious, non-alcoholic bracer ever devised. It is as harmless as tea or coffee.

Roseell Knott, at the fire in Loganport, Indiana, March 5, displayed a quality of courage which earned for her the most enthusiastic praise. Her coolness and presence of mind averted a panic, but for which lives would have been lost and many people injured.

Edwards, Morgan & Company, Chartered Accountants, 26 Wellington-st East. Phone Main 1163.

Brian Pipes Below Cost.
 Alvie Ballard is selling 35c pipes for 18c each.

BIRTHS.

COLVIN—On Wednesday, April 25, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Colvin, 122 1/2 North James-street.

MARRIAGES.

CATTON—AUGER—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Catherine A. Whitmore, 315 Ingham-street, on Saturday, April 28, 1906, by the Rev. H. A. McPherson, Anne Eudora Auger to Wm. Arthur Carson of New York City.

DEATHS.

BREDDING—At his residence, 20 Spruce-street, on Saturday, April 28th, 1906, George M. Bredding, aged 69 years. Funeral private, on Monday, the 30th inst., at 2:30 p.m. Kindly omit flowers.

KNOWLTON—On April 28, 1906, Mary, dearly beloved wife of R. J. Knowlton, in her 62nd year. Funeral on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, to St. Patrick's Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

McBURNIE—At the General Hospital, on Friday, April 27, 1906, Mrs. Mary Jane McBurnie, in her 65th year. Funeral will take place from her late residence, 86 Queen-street west, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Voss—Fell asleep, Sunday morning, April 29, 1906, Mrs. Wilhelmina Voller, in her 75th year. Funeral Monday at 2 o'clock.

WATKINS—April 28th, 1906, at her residence, 147 1/2 West Queen-street, Ann Vaughan, dearly beloved wife of William Lewis Watkins, in her 72nd year. Funeral Monday at 2 o'clock. Herefordshire, Eng., papers please copy.

WOLTER—At Hamilton, on Sunday, April 29, 1906, Mrs. Wilhelmina Wolter, in her 75th year. Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. A. Rammsberger, 239 West Jackson-street, Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m.

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