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### ARRESTS MADE

Miss Sarah Kerr, Miss Jennie Marshall and Daniel McDonald were arrested yesterday afternoon charged with setting fire to Mrs. Bennett's house, Wellington street, early Friday morning. The three were arraigned yesterday afternoon and remanded till Monday for trial. All three were bailed out. W. G. McKeough went security for the two women and Jos. Hadley went security for his watchman. Miss Kerr is a cripple and her appearance in court excited the pity of all. P. C. Dezella has been working on this case and some recent discoveries he has made resulted in the arrest of the three. None of the evidence of the Crown has as yet been divulged.

## HEARTY CHEERS FOR EDWARD

Given by Burghers as They Lay Down Their Arms—DeWet's Assistance.

### No Secret Compact Between Kitchener and Boer Leaders—Thanksgiving Services.

London, June 9.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, under today's date, announced the surrender on Saturday and Sunday of 2,500 rifles, of which 145 were handed in by Cape Colony rebels. The remainder were principally from Gen. De Wet's men. The British commander added that the cheers given by the Boers for King Edward were hearty.

BOERS DISARMING.  
London, June 9.—South African despatches state that Gen. Eliot is accompanying Gen. De Wet to the Orange River Colony, and that they have been successful in getting the Boers to disarm. There is an absence of boasting of bitterness on either side.

GREETINGS TO DE WET.  
London, June 9.—The members who attended the annual dinner of the Imperial Yeomanry Field Hospital sent a telegram to Gen. Christian De Wet, saying:—"We send you hearty greetings and best wishes on the anniversary."

NO SECRET COMPACT WHATSOEVER.  
London, June 9.—The suggestion that Lord Kitchener, with the connivance of the government, entered into a secret compact with the Boers to induce them to surrender, was denied by the Government leader, A. J. Balfour, in the House of Commons today. Mr. Balfour declared that so far as the Government was aware, no pledges and no assurances were given by Lord Kitchener which had not been published.

THE QUESTION OF SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTION.  
The Colonial Secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, answering a question regarding the agitation for the suspension of the constitution of Cape Colony, said he had received a petition from forty-two members of the Parliament in Cape Colony in favor of its suspension, and had awaited the observations of the Cape Ministry on the subject. An act of the Imperial Parliament, he added, was required before the constitution could be suspended.

THANKSGIVING AT PRETORIA.  
Pretoria, June 9.—The service of thanksgiving for the return of peace was held in the principal square of Pretoria yesterday. The sun shone brilliantly, and the sight was most impressive. Outside of the roped off enclosure for the troops were gathered many thousands of the townspeople and a goodly sprinkling of Boers, whose demeanor was most respectful. The Archbishop of Cape Town officiated at the service, and Lord Kitchener, General Baden-Powell and Lady Bethuen and other prominent persons were present. The massed bands, various regiments of troops and people joined in singing the hymns with wonderful effect. The singing of "God Save the King" and Rudyard Kipling's "Recessional" closed the service. Lord Kitchener then mounted a dais and called for three cheers for King Edward. The response from everybody assembled in the square was immediate and unrestrained.

### LARGE FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Samuel Wicks took place last Sunday afternoon from his late residence, Chatham Township, to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. It was very largely attended. Deceased was a member of Western City Lodge No. 93, I. O. O. F., and about 100 of the brethren, marshalled by John Turner, attended the funeral. The pall bearers were Messrs. A. M. Lafferty, Wm. Potter, John Taylor, Dr. McKenny, N. Bartlett and N. Gibson.

### DISTRICT MEETING

The district meeting of the Oddfellows of Kent is being held this afternoon in the Auditorium. Some of the delegates present are—J. A. Russell, H. McGregor and Wm. Redin, of Wallaceburg; Wm. Barnes and J. M. Graham, of Dresden; C. A. Wedge and A. Finlay, of Blenheim; and J. H. Cameron and O. Gage, of Ridgeway. Messrs. Wanless, Smith and Webb are the delegates.

## QUEER MIX-UP IN NORTH GREY BOTH SIDES AFTER RECOUNT

Two Judges Have Fixed Different Dates—West Huron and Halton are Left Unchanged—Ballots in Wretched Shape.

Goderich, Ont., June 9.—The West Huron recount, which began last Saturday before Judge Doyle, closed today. The result was that M. G. Cameron's (Liberal) majority was reduced by two votes, leaving it 21.

THE HALTON RECOUNT.  
Milton, Ont., June 9.—The recount of the votes cast in Halton at the recent election commenced here on Saturday last before Judge Gorham. The ballots cast in the township of Esquimaux, Nassagaweya and Nelson and the villages of Georgetown, Acton and Burlington were gone through on Saturday, leaving the township of Trafalgar, the towns of Milton and Oakville for to-day. The recount was concluded to-day and the result was as follows:—Barber, Lib., 3,770; Nixon, Con., 3,248. This gives Mr. Barber a majority of 22—a gain of three over previous count. The ballots marked with blue pencil were five in number, and were all counted for Dr. Nixon.

EAST HASTINGS.  
Belleville, Ont., June 9.—The East Hastings recount was begun at 10 o'clock this morning and continued, barring an hour for lunch, till evening. No irregularities were found up to that time. The prospects are that the recount will not be concluded till some time to-morrow afternoon. In this riding the returning officer gave Russell, Lib., 53 majority.

TWO RECOUNTS.  
Owen Sound, Ont., June 9.—The political situation here is replete with complications. After the declaration of Returning Officer McKnight on Friday, the Liberals applied for a recount before His Honor Judge Morrison, junior judge of the county. Judge Morrison at once set Tuesday as the

day for the recount. The Conservatives, in the usual way, applied to his Honor Judge Cressor, senior judge, for a recount, and that gentleman set Friday as the day for summing up the ballots.

THE MUSKOKA DECLARATION.  
Bridgeland, Ont., June 9.—The official count for Muskoka was held today. Total vote for Dr. Bridgeland, Lib., 2,691; for A. A. Mahaffey, Con., 2,004—majority for Bridgeland 87.

BALLOTS IN BAD SHAPE.  
Toronto, June 9.—The News this evening says: Mr. E. A. Du Vernet, who represented Mr. John A. Monteth at the recount for North Grey at Stratford on Saturday, before Judge Barron, stated to a reporter this morning that many of the ballots were in a disgraceful condition, and that it looked as if a deliberate attempt had been made to rob Mr. Monteth of his seat.

In several divisions throughout the constituency the numbers of the ballots were torn off, and for this reason the Liberals expected to have the seat awarded to Mr. Brown.

The judge at first refused to allow some of these ballots, but after Mr. Du Vernet had gone thoroughly into the case, they were counted with the exception of one ballot for Mr. Monteth, which Mr. Du Vernet firmly believes will be allowed if the case is carried to Osgoode Hall.

In No. 1 Division of Wallace a most disgraceful state of affairs existed. Landerkin was deputy returning officer. In this division which gave Mr. Monteth a majority of 45, the number was torn off all the ballots.

With a majority of 45, the number was torn off all the ballots. The division would have placed Mr. Brown, the Liberal member, in possession of the seat.

Mr. Du Vernet is confident that the Liberals will appeal the case, and that the majority of Mr. Monteth will be increased.

## TERRIBLE FIRE HORROR DESTROYS CHICAGO SANITARIUM

Thirteen Patients Lose Their Lives While Thirty Others are Injured—Crowd in the Street Helplessly Watch Frantic Efforts to Escape.

Chicago, June 9.—Twelve men and one woman were killed and about thirty persons were injured in a fire which this afternoon destroyed the sanitarium conducted by the St. Luke's Society, at the corner of Wabash avenue and 21st street. The society occupied the building which was long known as the Hotel Woodruff, and for a brief period as the Hotel Lancaster. By far the greater portion of the patients received in the institution were those seeking cure from the drink habit and those who were addicted to the use of drugs.

When the fire broke out there was on the fifth floor a number of patients suffering from delirium tremens and some who were deranged by drugs. Several of these were strapped to their beds, and it was found impossible to save them so rapidly did the fire spread through the building.

The list as far as known, although it is possible that the list of dead will be increased later, is as follows: The dead—S. J. Newell, Carl A. Carlson, Michael Luby, Joseph Harrington, Samuel Duszell, Dr. J. T. Stanton, J. B. Bishop, St. Louis, Mo.; Geo. A. Ribbeck, Hillsdale, Mich.; G. S. Gott, Laverne, Ill.; Wm. Kent, alderman of the Fourth Ward, Chicago; Jno. B. Knappman, Mrs. M. Baugman, B. H. Boyd, 78 years of age, and member of the medical staff of the institution.

The fire originated in the basement of the building and spread rapidly to the upper stories through the elevator shaft. The blaze was discovered by a grocer, who was driving through the alley in the rear of the building. He noticed smoke coming from one of the basement windows and ran into the engine room to discover its cause. Behind the shaft, in the centre of the cellar, and within a few feet of the elevator, he saw a small flame.

The next instant the flames were caught by the draught in the elevator shaft and carried up with a roar. Newell shouted to several men in the alley to give the alarm and to alarm the firemen. Several hurried to the building, but by the time they reached the first floor of the building the flames had been carried to the roof and had eaten through it and were leaping high in the air.

As the cry of fire rang through the building, patients sprang from their beds and before they could be prepared several had jumped from the windows to the pavement. The fire department was on the scene within a few minutes and as the windows were filled with people shrieking for

help, the firemen devoted their first efforts to save lives and allowed the fire to burn. While this was the means of saving a large number of people who were carried down the fire such a heavyway that there was almost no chance for those on the upper floor of the building to make their escape, and such of them as were not suffocated were killed or badly injured by leaping from the windows.

Alderman Kent was in a room on the fifth floor with his attendant, A. W. Wattle. The attendant, who has been totally blind for many years, was in a straight jacket, and his hands were manacled to a belt that passed around his waist. When the alarm of fire was sounded Wattle ran to inquire for the blind man, who was blind and unable to do anything with his hands, who was almost mad with fear and shouting like a sane person. He had groped his way to the door, and by the time he had reached it, he was overcome with smoke. Wattle seized him and tried to drag him down the stairs to a place of safety, but Kent had become so crazed that it was almost impossible to do anything with him. Wattle was finally compelled to run for his life, as the flames were already scorching his clothing. He already scorching his clothing. He already scorching his clothing.

A scene that wrought to the pitch of madness the great crowd that had gathered round the building was enacted at a fourth-story window on the north side. Across this window was a heavy wire screen, and on the running parallel to the sill. The space between these bars was too small to allow the passage of even a small boy, and behind them were gathered a crowd of men whose numbers were afterwards found to be between 25 and 30. Escape in other directions was impossible, for the fire filled all the

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### NEW BOARD CONTROL

The new board of the Binder Twine Co., are now in possession. They are, calling a meeting of the shareholders for Saturday, June 21st to elect directors, repeal and amend by-laws and other general business. The old board is still getting the mail. J. B. Rankin K. C., solicitor for the new board is making application to have the mail given to the new board, as they are now the party in possession. The application of the old board to have the time for calling the meeting extended beyond 48 hours was dismissed. The judge said that the new board had now gone ahead and were now calling a meeting of the shareholders and he refused to interfere.

## FREE TRADE WITH COLONIES

Sir M. Hicks-Beach Hopes it Will be Promoted by the Colonial Premiers.

Britain Willing to Make Sacrifices—Disclaims Laurier's Interpretation of Grain Tax.

London, June 9.—During the debate on the Finance bill in the House of Commons to-day the grain tax came in for much criticism.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal, demanded to know whether the government intended the tax as a war revenue measure pure and simple, or whether it was intended to be a lever to aid in the negotiation of preferential treaties with foreign countries.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, replied that the grain tax was imposed for revenue only; but he absolutely, without prejudice to the discussion which would take place between the colonial premiers in London, and which he hoped would have good results in promoting free trade between this country and the colonies, altogether disclaimed the interpretation which the Canadian Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier had put on the grain tax. He did not see why free trade with the colonies should involve increased duties on the part of foreign nations. "But," the speaker added, "if we could have free trade with the colonies, even some sacrifices in that direction might be made."

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