

Work Explosion

Building Suddenly Hurling Pieces From Some Un-known Cause.

Adds to Terror of Scene and Wild Excitement Reigns.

Supposed That at Least Thirty People Lost Their Lives.

York, Oct. 29.—The big building owned by the Tarran Co., makers of medicinal pills, standing at the northwest corner of Greenwich and Warren streets, and filled with chemicals, took on some way that, "may never be known," at about 12:15 o'clock.

One company from Station 60 had just arrived when a terrific explosion occurred and threw the entire engine crew into the air. The force of the explosion was so great that the street in front of the building was filled with a shower of falling glass and small stones, which sent the crowd that was gathered on the opposite side fleeing for safety.

A second explosion occurred about five minutes after the first, and sent a number of witnesses. The building began to leap into the air, and in a moment masses of brick wall, timbers and stones were falling into the street. The force of the explosion tore away walls of the big commission store fronting on Washington street, caused them to collapse, and sent a mass of timbers, boxes and stones from the flames burst from the Tarran building, striking a cannon, at once broke across Warren street to the opposite side of the street, setting them on fire. The force of the explosion demolished windows and all structures about the house. On the corner of Warren street was a mass of debris, and the whole was a scene of confusion. The explosion followed by half a dozen smaller ones, scarcely less intense, and by a less number of smaller ones. It is an hour after the first explosion there for blocks around the vicinity crowded with fire apparatus and men, and the great explosion followed by half a dozen smaller ones, scarcely less intense, and by a less number of smaller ones.

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The wreckage was thrown across the street, and the windows of the building were nearly wrecked. The force of the explosion was so great that the street in front of the building was filled with a shower of falling glass and small stones, which sent the crowd that was gathered on the opposite side fleeing for safety.

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Renewing Acquaintance.—John Macuire, of Butte, Montana, spent Sunday in the city, renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Macuire was one of the pioneer theatrical managers on the Pacific Coast, and paid his first visit to Victoria in that capacity 45 years ago. He brought the Keens here and late Miss Jodjaska and the Pike Opera Company.

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Are Fearful Of Defeat

Leading Liberals Acknowledge Their Day of Reasoning Is Drawing Near.

Extract From a Letter of Ex-Lt.-Gov. McInnes Shows Direction of Wind

Messrs. Prior and Earle addressed a representative meeting of electors in Foul Bay school house last night, the audience marking every point made by the speakers with the endorsement of their applause. Mr. C. F. Beaven was appointed chairman, and in opening, the meeting took occasion to eulogize Col. Prior and Mr. Earle as highly "fit and proper persons" to represent Victoria in the parliament of Canada.

Mr. Earle was gratified to see so many present, as he knew it was somewhat of a hardship to have one's own friends on such a gloomy evening. He appeared before them on the same platform and with the same principles as he had before the great national highway, the Liberals not only opposed them in and out of parliament, but actually issued a circular in Great Britain and in the United States and other foreign countries.

The construction of the Yukon telegraph line in an instance of the way in which the Liberals are working. The men to work on that line, choppers and loggers, were taken from the west coast of the continent and after working for the season they are now being hurried to their homes in the East to vote for their political masters, and the telegraph line remains unfinished.

The announcement of the establishment of a mint has been decided on and was being used as an argument, or bait, by our opponents to catch the votes of the electors of Victoria, but he very much doubted if the voters would be deceived, or allow themselves to be actuated by such an ignominious motive to barter their franchise for something which should be theirs by right.

Life long Liberals all over the Dominion are leaving the party and throwing their influence in this campaign with the Conservatives, disgusted with the breaches of faith and abuse of power indulged in by their former leaders. John Charlton, one of the strongest and most talented members outside of the cabinet was out in open opposition. So highly had they esteemed him as an authority on trade questions that he was one of the international joint high commissioners with the United States, but he could not stomach the revolting way in which the Liberal government had broken faith and he was now opposing them with all his strength.

When the Conservatives found themselves with a surplus they reduced the duty on some staple, such as sugar, but Mr. Fielding boasts of his surplus and the administration has not been able to do the last farthing.

Liberals at Semples Hall

Dr Lewis Hall Tries to Raise a Sensation But Fails.

A Cold Meeting That Does Not Respond to His Efforts.

At the Liberal meeting in Semples Hall, Victoria West, last evening Dr. Lewis Hall, the chairman, attempted, by a dramatic stroke, to infuse some enthusiasm into the audience of 43 who sat listening very coldly.

There was not a hand clap, not a murmur. The strain was terrific, but the audience was equal to the occasion and refrained from conduct which might have embarrassed the reading of the Riot Act.

SAYINGS OF SIR WILFRID LAURIE

"We are here, and you are there; what are you going to do about it?" "Contention reciprocity is the only policy that can be advocated on business principles, and it is ultimately triumph on this continent."

"Let it be well understood that from this moment we have a distinct issue with other nations, for our ideal is protection; our ideal is free trade."

"I do not believe in the principles of the United Empire Trade League, for the reason that that scheme limits trade to the British Empire, whereas we desire to make trade interests alone the basis of trade."

"I come before you tonight to preach to you the new gospel of free trade, and to urge on you the policy of protection as a basis of trade."

"We will do something to accomplish that result (reciprocity), but instead of the European labor to the detriment of our own manufacturers and workmen. He instanced the case of the European labor to the detriment of our own manufacturers and workmen."

"But I am a member of Her Majesty's House of Commons in Canada, and I leave it to Englishmen who represent the interests of Her Majesty's subjects in Canada. And are you, their desecrators, to be told when we find our interests clashing with those of the Motherland?"

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LOCAL NEWS.

Concert This Evening.—At Odd Fellows hall, Fernwood road, an concert will be given by the Victoria Musical Society.

Mock Parliament.—The opening of the James Bay Mock Parliament took place last night in the League room of the Victoria Baptist Church.

Nominations To-day.—To-day nominations of candidates for the 10th ward at the city hall between the hours of 12 and 2.

Pleasing Entertainment.—The thanksgiving entertainment given by the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, last evening, was a decided success in every way.

Another Strike.—Placers Found on One of the Feeders of Hunker Creek—Scows Wrecked.

News reached here last night from Dawson that a placer strike has just been made on a hillside of a creek emptying into the famous Hunker, on the left bank, sixteen miles above the mouth of Hunker.

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WHEN THACKERY RAN FOR PARLIAMENT.

Parliament has always had a peculiar attraction for men of letters. Thackeray, who evidently did not regard parliament as a Vanity Fair, stood as a candidate for Oxford at the general election of July, 1837.

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THE LAMARE NUGGET.

It is Worth Nine Hundred Dollars and Was Found in Atlin.

Vanouver, Oct. 30.—(Special)—Among the passengers on the steamer Annet from the north coast was E. Jeanne de Lamare, the Frenchman who attempted to reach Dawson from Skaguay with him a nugget which weighs 48 ounces, 20 pennyweights, and 6 grains, and its intrinsic value was \$100,000.

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