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Pupils of Aberdeen School Buried Under Falling Bricks Five Severely Injured When Wind Blew Over a Chimney

TONS OF DEBRIS CRASHED THROUGH CEILING ONE LITTLE GIRL MAY DIE OF HER INJURIES

Bad Accident at School Located on the Hamilton Road Just East of William Street. When the Building Was Crowded With Scholars Poring Over Their Lessons.

PUPILS LEFT SCHOOL LIKE SOLDIERS

Fire Department and Police Were Soon on the Scene—Doctors Had Their Hands Full for Hours—Wonder Is That a Score of Children Were Not Killed by the Tons of Debris Which Filled the Room in Which the Scholars Sat.

Mamie Leburitis was perhaps fatally and four others, Jack Clark, Mabel McNeil, Ila Mottashed and Harry Weinstein, seriously injured at 11:30 o'clock this morning, when the wind toppled one of the chimneys of the Aberdeen School into the room known as Grade III., taught by Miss Munro. A score of others suffered minor injuries, and all had remarkable escapes from death.

Miss Munro was not hurt, although a huge piece of cement fell directly in front of her. Principal McRoberts and the gallant boys in his form did heroic work in rescuing the children who were buried under the terrible weight of bricks and cement.

Mamie Leburitis was removed to Victoria Hospital, while the others were taken to their homes.

A THUNDERING CRASH.

The children were busy at their lessons. Miss Munro was at the blackboard when there was a thundering crash.

Miss Munro heard the ceiling crack, and she shouted, "Run for your lives, children."

They made for the doorway with great speed, but the tons of brick and debris caught several of them. Five children were buried under the weight of the broken chimney.

The rest of the children hurried out, and reached the corridor in safety.

The awful crash alarmed the other rooms, and they fled out as if they were going through their fire drill.

NO CONFUSION AT FIRST.

No disorder, no confusion, no excitement, but steadily and regularly like little soldiers.

Principal McRoberts sent in an alarm to the fire department, and called the ambulance.

Several neighbors heard the crash, and they rushed over. The fire department were on their way from the Globe Casket Company and were soon on the scene.

Then the work of rescue commenced.

THE WORK OF RESCUE.

Mamie Leburitis, a little colored girl, was taken out. She was unconscious and bleeding, and it was seen that she was badly injured.

Mamie McNeil was taken out, and in a few moments the others were removed.

All were carried to other rooms.

The least seriously injured were removed to their homes which were nearby, the firemen carrying them or taking them in the chief's buggy.

Mamie Leburitis' injuries were such that she could not be taken home, and she was removed to the hospital in the city ambulance.

The other youngsters ran into the school yard and watched the work of rescue.

PARENTS WERE TERRIFIED.

In a few moments there was confusion in the yard. The parents of the children in the school came running to see the accident.

The terrific wind had made them nervous, and when it was noised about that an accident had occurred, they rushed in hundreds to the school.

Many affecting scenes were enacted. Mothers frantic with fear, screamed with joy when they saw their children were alive and unhurt.

Rigs were driving everywhere looking for physicians. There was confusion everywhere.

The firemen and the teachers looked after everything in the school house, and kept order and pacified the youngsters there.

Miss Munro was very nervous, and was almost in a state of collapse, but she never left the school until she felt certain that all the "kiddies" had been cared for. Then she went home and was placed under a doctor's care.

ONE OF THE PUPILS.

Emma Shergold, when seen by The Advertiser, said she was terribly frightened when she heard the noise and saw the bricks falling all about her. Before she could get out of her desk a brick fell on it, but she kept on going and managed to get out of the side door.

"What did you think had happened?" asked a reporter. "I thought it was a fire and that the walls were going to fall in," she said. "I was pretty badly scared."

Scene in the Schoolroom. The scene in the room itself was fearful. The great chimney crumbled the roof like tissue-paper. It tore a hole in it fifteen feet



MR. W. H. McROBERTS,
Principal of the Aberdeen School.

The other rows were also badly smashed.

All in Danger.

Practically every child in the room was in imminent danger. The ceiling did not collapse where Miss Munro was standing.

The chimney that fell was a ten-foot one, of large size.

There were several thousand bricks in it, and it was of a tremendous weight.

It was nothing short of a miracle that saved many youngsters from death or serious injuries.

Miss Munro's Story.

Miss Munro, when seen at her home, 388 Adelaide street, was very nervous, but was able to give an excellent account of the accident.

"The walls were shaking all morning with the violence of the wind," she said, "and more than once I wished that I were safely out. At the time the chimney fell, I was standing in front of my desk helping little Helen Ball do an arithmetic question."

The Building Shook.

"Suddenly I felt the building shake more than ever, and a moment after there was a crash on the roof, and I knew the chimney had fallen. I shouted to the children, 'Run for your lives!'"

In an instant the room was full of flying bricks and dust. I could not see much for a minute, until the dust settled, but caught sight of many children rushing for both doors.

"As soon as I could see I saw the heads of Mamie Leburitis and Jack Clark sticking up through the bricks and wood from the broken roof and desks."

"There were still some children in the room, and I hurried them out, as there were pieces of the tin cornice flapping wildly in the wind, and I thought they might be hurt by them."

"It only seemed a moment before Mr. McRoberts and the boys of the room came up, and they took the situation at once and worked as hard as they could to get the little ones out."

Pathetic Cries.

"Poor little children," she continued, "I will never forget their cries, and how they screamed. It makes me shudder now. But Mr. McRoberts and the boys were not long in getting them all out. We carried them as quickly as possible to Miss Magee's room downstairs."

"Mamie Leburitis was very badly cut about the head, and when I opened her dress a little at the back I found she had a big cut below her neck."

"Little Ida Mottashed was badly cut also. How any of the little ones came out alive from under all that pile of bricks, I cannot tell. It all happened so quickly they had no chance to get out."

The Injured.

The names given by Miss Munro of the children and the order they sat in from the front were as follows:

Ida Mottashed in the second seat from the front, Madeline Gleason third, Jack Clark fourth, Harry Weinstein fifth, Mabel Leburitis sixth and Mabel McNeil seventh.

The last four were literally buried under the bricks and falling wood.

Ethel Kauter and Percy Roe, two other children who had seats in the same row, were absent.

A Strong Pillar.

Only the strong pillar over Miss Cooper's room, directly under Miss Munro's room saved a still worse calamity.

The tons of brick and debris broke the ceiling through in one or two places, but the heavy weight fell directly on the pillar.

"There was a terrific crash," said Miss Cooper. "The roar and rattle of the bricks were terrifying. The youngsters instinctively got up and marched out in perfect order. The dust was stifling, but they paid no attention to that, but walked out steadily. There was a bit of confusion."

Principal Pleased.

Principal McRoberts was highly pleased with the conduct of the youngsters.

"They marched out in perfect order," he stated. "The children who heard the crash and knew that something was wrong. I sent the children out and called the ambulance. It was a very bad accident. The youngsters are very badly hurt, I am afraid, but it is simply marvellous that it was no worse."

"It was remarkable that those injured were not killed."

"Some of them were completely buried. The little Leburitis girl was in the front part of the room, and was completely covered with bricks and debris. We got her out, and in doing so we walked over Harry Weinstein, who was completely buried under the debris."

A fresh gale is blowing on the lakes.

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PUPILS IN THE ROOM

Grace Simpson, 572 Hill street.
Vera Allister, 570 Hill street.
Ida Lewis, 174 Hamilton road.
Gladys Fralich, 550 Horton street.
Mabel McNeil, 241 William street.
Winnie Hulbert, 415 Ottawa street.
Madeline Gleason, 576 Grey street.
Ida Mottashed, 514 Horton street.
Doris Rattenberg, 51 William street.
Myrtle Hooper, 124 Maitland street.
Eleanor Peck, 132 Maitland street.
Esther Kauter, 536 Philip street.
Florence Mitchell, 147 William street.
Willie Fitzgerald, 178 Maitland street.
Helen Bell, 178 Hamilton road.
Tena Allen, 528 Horton street.
Evelyn Walton, 561 Horton street.
Mabel Lyburtus, 459 Simcoe street.
Emma Shergold, 509 Ottawa street.

Bessie Billen, 51 William street.
Monica Smith, Nelson street.
Charlie Manning, 123 Hamilton road.
Bert Davis, 123 Hamilton road.
Percy Roe, 100 Drenay street.
Meavin Black, 515 Bathurst street.
Edgar Hodgson, 143 Maitland street.
Charlie Thayer, 257 Adelaide street.
Earl Marshall, 273 William street.
Clarence Black, 515 Bathurst street.
Jack Gurney, 125 Inkerman street.
Alfred Leonard, 587 Hill street.
Fred Townsend, 578 Ottawa street.

Jack Clark, 537 Simcoe street.
Gordon McFadden, 308 Ottawa street.
Henry Ashley, 505 Hill street.
Calvin Fitzgerald, 178 Maitland street.
Otto Ward, 688 Grey street.
James Annett, 512 Simcoe street.
Willie Jameson, 559 Bathurst street.
Nelson Harris, 11 Maitland street.
Clifford Sheppard, 496 Simcoe street.
Carl McLarty, 1 Inkerman street.

CASTRO IN A RAGE AGAINST BRITISH

Finds Himself Barred From All West Indian Ports Save at Martinique.

Port-au-Prince, Martinique, April 7.—Cipriano Castro, in a rage against the British Government and the state department at Washington, left the steamer Guadeloupe at this port today, and has taken quarters on shore. Finding all ports in the West Indies, excepting Port-au-Prince barred against him, the present course was the only one left open to the former Venezuelan dictator.

Senor Castro's wife will continue on board the Guadeloupe to La Guaira. The American cruiser North Carolina came into port this morning.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON NAVAL DEFENCE

London, April 7.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Asquith stated that he desired to have expressed by the colonial governments for a special conference on the subject of naval defence. If such a wish should be expressed the Government would give it immediate and respectful consideration.

ANOTHER TRADE TREATY

Basis for Commercial Agreement With Germany.

Berlin, April 7.—Negotiations for a commercial treaty between Canada and Germany have entered a favorable stage. Canada declares herself willing to grant reductions on imports from Germany, such as high-class textile products, drugs, books, soaps, artificial flowers, feathers, wines, spirits, ready-made clothing and porcelain; while Germany would grant Canada reduced duties on agricultural implements, typewriters, cane and agricultural and horticultural products.

—The family of the late Mrs. Henry Wall desire to express their sincere gratitude to the many friends who visited her and made her extended illness brighter by their kindness and hospitality.

TOMORROW—COOLER.

FORECASTS.
Today—Strong winds and gales, southerly, shifting to northerly; occasional showers, but partly fair.
Tomorrow—Strong northerly winds; a few showers or snow flurries, but partly fair and cooler.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.
London	53	52	59
Victoria	52	51	58
Calgary	48	47	56
Winnipeg	44	43	52
Port Arthur	42	41	50
Perry Sound	40	39	48
Toronto	46	45	54
Ottawa	42	41	50
Montreal	42	41	50
Quebec	40	39	48
Father Point	38	37	46
Vancouver	50	49	54
Edmonton	40	39	48
Prince Albert	34	33	42
Moosajaw	22	21	30
Qu'Appelle	20	19	28
St. John	40	39	48
Halifax	40	39	48

THE DEPRESSION WHICH WAS APPROACHING the lake region yesterday is now centred in Northern Michigan as an important storm, while the pressure is decidedly high in the west and southwest portions of the continent.

Rain has fallen from Lake Superior to the Atlantic, thunderstorms being experienced in southwestern Ontario.

A fresh gale is blowing on the lakes.

The Story in Brief

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Jack Clark, 537 Simcoe street.
Mabel McNeil, 241 William street.
Mamie Leburitis, 4 Inkerman street.
Ida Mottashed, 514 Horton street.
Harry Weinstein, 66 Maitland street.

SLIGHTLY INJURED.

A score of others, Aberdeen school, Hamilton road.
Cause—Chimney fell through the roof.
Time—11:30 o'clock.
Ages of children—About 8 years.

The Aberdeen school was reconstructed in 1890, and several rooms added. It is located on the Hamilton road near William street.

The principal at the time was Justus Wright. After the alterations Mr. Crump was principal, followed by Mr. Kirk, who died recently. Mr. H. W. McRoberts, formerly librarian, is the present principal.

There are ten rooms in the school at the present time, the staff being Mr. McRoberts (principal), Miss Bella Magee, Miss Jennie Fairbairn, Miss Florence Kirk, Miss Mortimore (who is substituting this month for Miss Carrie Fleming), Miss Margaret Munro, Miss Sadie Mills, Miss Emma Cooper, Miss Edith McBride and Miss Jennie Auld.

There is also a kindergarten annex.

The building is two-story and covers considerable area.

CASKET CO. WALLS WERE BLOWN DOWN

What Was Left After the Fire Suffered Severely in Today's Gale.

VERY MANY CLOSE CALLS

Several Almost Nipped By Falling Columns, Chimneys and Walls—Many Houses Blown Down.

The Globe Casket Company works here, was called to the telephone, and told by a woman's voice that a parcel of medicine had been sent to her. Mrs. Kent took some of the medicine, which turned out to be gopher poison, and shortly after expired.

It has been learned that the party who telephoned was a woman and that she spoke from a woman and a phone. The boy who left the package has not been found and a reward has been offered for his location.

LINERS IN COLLISION

West India Boats Crash in the Harbor of New York.

New York, April 7.—The Ward Line steamer Havana ran into the Munson Line freighter Cubana, near Quarantine Island, at 7:20 a.m. today, tearing a large hole in the Cubana's side near the stern. The Havana was not damaged. The Cubana was towed by tugs toward the beach at Clifton, Staten Island.

The Cubana, which arrived from Matanzas, Cuba, last night, was anchored off the quarantine station, when the Havana, which was en route to Havana, struck the freighter on the port quarter. The Havana's stem cut a gash in the Cubana's side extending below the water line. The freighter began to fill with water. Tugs came promptly to her assistance, towed her to shore, and she grounded on Staten Island. The Havana, after anchoring at quarantine for a short time, proceeded to her dock.

Elias Cake Dead.

Elias Cake, for forty years car inspector on the Grand Trunk, died at his home, 272 Colborne street, this morning, after an illness extending over a year. For more than six months Mr. Cake had been confined to his home. He was 82 years old and for 45 years had made his home in London. Besides his wife, Mr. Cake is survived by five sons and two daughters—Joseph, Elias, Thomas, Frank, and James, of this city; Mrs. E. Ward, of Hamilton, and Miss Elizabeth at home. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon to Woodland cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Redmond.

Four houses close together on Plover street lost their chimneys in the general blow.

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STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 6.—At New York—Kron Prinz Wilhelm, from Bremen; Zealand, from Antwerp; Gocezon, from Havre; Noordam, from Rotterdam.

At Glasgow—Ionian, from Portland.

At London—Minneapolis, from New York.

At Bremen—Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from New York.

At Gibraltar—Canopic, from Boston; Barbarossa, from New York.

At Naples—Virginia, from New York.

At Genoa—Europa, from New York.

WIND WRECKED MANY BUILDINGS ROOFS, CHIMNEYS, SIGNS SUFFER

WARWICK INQUEST TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Mr. John McEvoy Has Been Retained to Defend the Prisoner, Joseph Ward.

The inquest into the death of Alexander Warwick will be held at the police station this evening under Coroner Macdonald.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy will represent Joseph Ward, and Dr. Mason has also been retained for the defence. A post-mortem was conducted on the body of Warwick by Dr. H. A. Kingsmill and Dr. Teasdale, and they will give their report this evening.

ALFONSO'S AUTO COLLIDES WITH QUEENS

Madrid, April 7.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria recently had a narrow escape from a serious accident. The king was entering the palace courtyard and the queen was entering in their automobile when the machines came into collision in the narrow passage. The automobiles were badly damaged, but their majesties were not hurt.

PROHIBITION WINS IN COLORADO

Most Cities, Outside of Denver Vote Against Saloons.

Denver, Col., April 7.—Prohibition won in most places in the municipal elections held in Colorado outside of Denver yesterday.

Colorado Springs went dry by 2,000 majority. That city has never had a saloon, but will prevent drug stores from selling liquor in the future. La Junta, Canon City and Castle Rock all voted against the saloons, while Cripple Creek and Colorado City remain wet.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF MOOSEJAW LADY

Bottle of "Medicine" Found to Contain Gopher Poison.

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BLIND FRENCH BOAT

Blown From a Load.

Joseph Hyde, who is employed at Greason's mill on William street, the temporary quarters of the Globe Casket Company, was slightly injured by being blown from the top of a load of lumber this morning.

Hyde was standing on top of the lumber unloading it, and had picked up a wide board, when the wind caught it, hurling him to the ground. He received a number of bruises but was otherwise unhurt. Hyde was taken to his home on Marshall street and will be laid up for a few days.

House Blown Down.

A new frame house that was being erected at the corner of Pine and Elm streets, was practically demolished and blown over against an adjoining house.

Early in the morning the wind became so strong that supports had to be placed against the big double billboard on Wellington street, just south of Dundas street. Notwithstanding the supports, however, the billboard was considerably shaken up and many times seemed about to come down in a mass when the gale struck it.

Leg Was Broken.

Mr. George Hyatt, of the firm of Hyatt Bros., had his leg broken shortly before noon by being blown from the top of a car of lumber, which he was unloading in the siding of the Sherlock-Manning organ works. Mr. Hyatt was busy with his work, and was carrying a board, when a strong gust caught him, and the board, before he could recover himself, he was blown down the edge of the car. He was picked up, and Dr. Niven, who was called, found upon examination that the left leg had been broken. Mr. Hyatt was removed to his home, and the fracture reduced.

Chimney Went Down.

A large brick chimney at the Thompson House on King street was blown down about half-past ten this morning. John Wilson, a farmer from Lobo, who was passing the house at the time, had a very narrow escape, as one of the bricks struck his hand, outside of a bad scare, he was none the worse for the experience.

\$1,000 Damage to a Church.

About \$1,000 damage was done to St. Mary's Church steeple, when four small spires on the top of the steeple (Continued on Page Eleven.)

Many People Had Very Narrow Escapes in London Today.

DAMAGE MAY REACH \$50,000

Business Houses Sustain Losses as Well as Scores of Private Residences.

A terrific windstorm created great damage in the city today, and many narrow escapes from death, as well as much loss of property was occasioned.

Chimneys were blown down by the score. Spikes on churches were snapped off like stems. Roofs were torn off, and wires are down everywhere.

Practically everything movable had to give way to the 75 m.p.h. hour gale that swept over the city this morning.

The damage is very hard to estimate as it is mostly of a miscellaneous nature. It will reach into the thousands of dollars, and is the worst in many years.

It is estimated at \$50,000.

Some Narrow Escapes.

Three men had a narrow escape when the cornice of the Purdon Hardware Company's building on Dundas street, near Telbot, collapsed.

Charles Ings, 123 York street, and William Finley were working in the yard when the cornice of the store came toppling down. The large slate of the firm kept it well away from the men, or they would have been buried under tons of brick and wood.

One piece of cornice struck Ings in the arm, bruising it painfully. A brick struck Finley in the back, inflicting painful injuries, although they are not serious.

Inspector's Close Call.

Inspector Sanders was on the street at the time, and had just passed the building when it came crashing down. He considers his escape most fortunate.

Mr. Jack McKellar, traveller for McCleary, and Mr. C. H. Smith, of the same firm, had just got in the doorway when the cornice fell.

"It was most fortunate that no person was hurt," said Mr. Alex. W. Purdon, the manager. "There were a few people on the street, and luckily no person was in front of the store. Several had just got out of the way, or there would have been a bad accident. There were several tons of stuff on the walk, and a distance of about \$1,000. We had no idea that the wind was so strong."

"I had a close enough call," said Inspector Sanders. "I got out of the way in a hurry. I was just a step or two out of the danger zone."

Nearly all of the roof of the Green-Swift building was torn off. The roof is flat and the wind got under paper and blew it up. Pieces of it were blown a considerable distance.

The firm stationed a watchman on the street to warn people to keep out of the danger zone.

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