# **BLACK HAND IN IT** THE POLICE BELIEVE.

### Explosion In House Occupied by Italians

And Subsequently Fire In Same Place.

#### No One Injured and No Arrests Made.

An outrage that might have caused the loss of several lives in the very centre of the city, and that is ascribed to the machinations of the "Black Hand," was perpetrated last night on Robert The first house east of the tracks, 192, owned by J. B. Ridge, and tenanted by a number of Italians, is still standing to-day, but the reason that it is standing is that some person did not understand the manufacture or the the force of an explosion tended to blow the house full of people to pieces, was expended in blowing a trap door off its hinges in the living room of the house, and not injuring any person, although it set the house on fire. It was about 8.30 last night and the foreigners were sitting around the fire after their day's work, when the explosion shook the house and blew the trap door almost to the ceiling, at the same time shaking the house to its foundations. One levelheaded man ran and turned in an alarm of fire, and the brigade quickly responded. The joists under the house were all on fire, and the flames were pouring from the trap door. The firemen put the blaze out without much trouble, with a loss of \$15.

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On investigating the cause of the explosion, Chief TenEyek saw that whatever exploded had been between the bottom woodwork of the house and the

bottom woodwork of the house and the top of the foundation. He had no hesitation in stating that it was an incendiary fire.

At 1.40 this morning the brigade was aroused by an alarm from the same place, and when they arrived they found that the beams between the wall of the hall and the parlor were burning, and that oily rags had been dropped through a hole in the wall just about three feet inside the front door, making it look as if some outsider had opened the door and set the house blazing. About \$10 would cover the loss in the last blaze. Several policemen and Patrol Sergeant Bainbridge investigated but could not find anything to show them who had done the dastardly deed. The whole force is on the alert and the "Black Hand" is promised a short shrift if caught in any depredations here.

# FOR THREATENING.

Man Arrested Charged With Blackmailing Mr. Emmersou.

Ottawa, Dec. 3 .- John R. Labatt, manager of the Labatt Brewing Company here, was arrested late last night on a charge of blackmail. Labatt appeared in court this morning, charged with having sent an anonymous, threatening letter to Hon. H. R. Emmerson last July threatening to expose him in connection with some alleged scandalous affairs. Several other leading persons, it is al-leged, received similar letters, and for months private and Government detec-tives have been on the hunt for the writ-er. The arrest of Labatt created a great sensation. He was considered a young man of the highest character.

## Joy May Kill

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 3.—Joy may ause the death of Mrs. Ella Winters, of McKeesport. Her husband Albert Winters, who was suspected to be in his grave in Monkey Cemetery, Panama, walked into her home one night without knock-

Mrs. Winters was so overcome with joy that she collapsed, and physicians have been working over her since to restore conscious Winters left for Panama two years ago, and within a month his wife notified that he had been killed while at work on the canal. Since then she has been in mourn-

### ELEPHANTS FIGHT.

In Battle Over Bale of Hay Male Kills His Mate.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 3 .- As the result a duel over a bale of hav between Roger," a 20 year old male elephant, and "Lil," his companion, at the Bos arena this afternoon, the latter killed and the former seriously in-

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When Trainer Miller went to feed the
lephants he put a bundle of hay beween them. Each elephant reached for
t, but "Lil" got it and the male seemd to go crazy. He rushed at "Lil," who
ought him savagely for a time and inured him, but "Roger's" greater
trength told. He finally raised "Lil" off
er feet and threw her from the stage.
As she fell, her body, which weighs
here tons, struck the sharp corner of
the projecting stand, inflecting an inury from which she soon died.
"Roger" himself is badly, injured, but
trumpting loudly.

## A SLICK ONE.

E. B. Rice Got \$400 From Bank of Montreal.

E. B. Rice is a very much wanted man, nd it's the police that want him. Last Friday he went to the agent of the Bank of Hamilton building and inquired about a room, and agreed on a price with Mr. A. Milne. He wrote out a cheque went into the Bank of Montreal to cash it. In the bank the cashier asked him if he could get some person to iden-tify him, and with consummate crust he In the bank the cashier asked tify him, and with consummate crust he walked out and got Mr. Mine. The bank was not quite satisfied at that, and telehoned to the H. H. Williams Co., of Toronto, on which the cheque was drawn. While waiting for an answer Rice walked up and down the floor in a highly indignant way, and the upshot was that the cheque was cashed and he went away. He has not been seen since, and telephoned to the H. H. Williams Co., him. He was traced in the direction of Toronto, but nothing has been seen or heard of him since.

To take Parke's emulsion of cod liver oil with wild cherry, because it is made from the finest cod liver oil that is obtainable, and Parke's emulsion is always fresh. Being made on the premises, we know when and how it was made, and can therefore recommend it to you. Sold in 25 and 50c bottles. Parke & Parke, druggists.

One of the curiosities in labor circles is the formation of a pall-bearers' union in Alexandria, Va.

## FOUL PLAY IS FEARED BY BRIDE OF A CITY BARBER.

### John Organ Left Three Weeks Ago and No Trace Can be Found of Him.

An appeal has been made to the police of the border cities in an effort to find John Organ, a well-known barber, who disappeared recently from Hamilton and vanished as completely as though the earth had swallowed him. Three weeks ago to-day the missing man bade his pretty young wife and his friends good by the missing man bade his pretty young wife and his friends good by the missing man bade his pretty young wife and his friends good by the missing man bade his pretty young wife and his friends good by the missing man bade his pretty young wife and his friends good by the missing man bade his pretty young wife and his friends good by the work. Before leaving he promised to write as soon as he got there, and the promised of six months, told a pathetic story to the newspapermen this morning. She believes her husband has met with some harm or he would have communicated with her before this. It is even feared by her that he may have been murdered. Mrs. Organ before her marriage was Miss The Marshall. She lives with her mother, at 139 Hess street north. Had a sum of money with him when his people reside at 89 Locomotive street.

"We never had a quarrel," said the young wife to-day. "We parted on the best of terms and I have been watching the mail every day for a letter. I met my husband do the communication is feet 5 inches in height, almost a continue of the police of the same day by Rev. Byron H. Stauffer, him," his wife said

#### **MURDERED FOUR**

Then Burned the House and the Bodies of the Victims.

Mrs. Casteel, her daughter, aged 24; her son, aged 15, and a man named Montgomery, aged 50, foreman of the ranch, were found in the burned ruins of their home near MacLeay yesterday. They probably had been killed by robbers.

#### KILLED AT A FIRE.

Fire Lieutenant Falls Down Stairs, Other Firemen Overcome.

New York, Dec. 3.—One man was killed, another seriously injured and three firemen overcome by back drafts in a fire which caused a loss of \$45,000 to the building at 103 Blecker street early to-day. The dead man has not been identified. He is believed to have been identified. He is believed to have been an employee in a bakery which occu-pied the ground floor of the building. All the injured are firemen. The mose seri-ously hurt is Fire Lieut. Wakely, who fell down a flight of stairs while groping his way through the smoke-filled build-ing, and was taken to the hospital. The firemen who were overcome by back-draft were attended by ambulance sur-geons in the street, and were able to re-turn to work.

### FIFTEEN DROWNED.

Steamer Supposed to be Lost Near Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3.—A despatch the Spokane Review from Cocur d'Alene City, Idaho, says that the steamer Defender is thought to have gone down in Lake Coeur d'Alene with fifteen passengers and the crew. The lake is covered with a thick fog, and boats will not venture out. It is thought that the passengers were mostly lumberjacks on their return from the camps. The Defender's whistle was heard blowing a distress signal, and a steamer lying in Mica Bay answered the call, but got no rejoinder. Navigators believe that the Defender struck a dangerous reef near Mica Bay, and sank after whistling furiously for aid. steamer Defender is thought to have gone

#### MRS. FRAWLEY

Was on the Stand in Osborne Murder Case.

Rochester, Dec. 3. -After a halfreek Intermission the Nellie Osborn murder trial was resumed before Justice Sawyer in Supreme Court yester day morning with Mrs. May Frawley the defendant's daughter-in-law, again

Mrs. Frawley repeated her story the occurrence of the Wednesday night prior to the homicide, that she had heard Kistenmaker threaten to leave the defendant and that the lat ter said to him: "Don't be foolish. Come to bed."

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Mrs. Frawley said Kistenmaker was
under the influence of liquor on the
Thursday night before his death. He
was generally in that condition when
he threatened to leave the defendant,

said the witness.

Kistenmaker ate supper with the defendant on Thursday night and their relations seemed friendly, said Mrs.

## CIVIC SUBJECTS

Discussed at Meeting of North End Committee.

A meeting of the Standing Committee f the North End Improvement Society was held last evening at the home of the chairman, Gus Ante, when a number of important subjects were discussed. The important subjects were discussed. The society will hold another mass meeting on Dec. 19, at a place to be announced. Candidates for the coming elections; the weight of breat; charge for water for baths; water rates generally; the Lake & Bailey switch and the dumping of refuse on Ferguson avenue between Barton street and the G. T. R. were considered. Ald Jutten vecested the size of the second state of t Ald. Jutten reported that, in re ered. Ald Jutten reported that, in regard to the Ferguson avenue complaint, the refuse dumped was being levelled and a cinder foot path built. Later on it was announced that such was not the

On motion of C. R. Reid and C. W. On motion of C. R. Reid and C. W. Long it was resolved that any aldermanic candidate desiring the society's support must not run as either Liberal or Tory.

The committee favored the exemption of baths from the charge of \$2 a process





## ABOLISH THE CIGARET TES.

DEPUTATION OF LADIES AND GEN-

Representatives of Different Provinces Ask for Their Prohibition-The Premier Said Proposition to Grant Power to Provinces to Legislate in the Matter Would Be Looked Into.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 3 .- (Special.)-Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. R. W. Scott and Hon. George P. Graham received a large deputation of ladies in the Railway Committee room of the House of Commons to-day who asked for the prohibition of the manufacture, sale and importation of cigarettes. The delegation was

ufacture, sale and importation of cigarettes. The delegation was introduced by Mr. Kennedy, M.P., New Westminster, who pointed out that Parliament had already passed a resolution in fayor of this by a vote of 103 to 48, but the influence of the tobacco trust was afterwards heard in the press. Mrs. McKee, President of the W.C.T.U., followed, stating that if it was not possible to legislate for the whole Dominion, then the Dominion should give power to the provinces to do so.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that personally he was not in favor of the use of tobacco of any kind and if he had his own, way he would go further. Mr. Scott, who was beside him, neither used tobacco nor liquor. Mr. Graham did not use liquor, but as to smoking he was not so sure. What the delegation asked was rather drastic While he objected to boys using cigarattes he did not see harm in men when they came to mature years using tobacco. At any rate the House of Commons had not been converted to that view. As to extending the power to provinces to pass a law the same as was done with the Scott Act in regard to counties that was a new proposition which would be looked into.

#### **BIG MEETINGS.**

Liberals Complete the Election of Ward Chairmen.

Great interest was taken in the election of ward chairmen at the Liberal meetings last night. In No. 7 ward alone there were over 100 ballots cast. The contest there was between the present contest there was between the present chairman, Thomas Robson, and Fred. Robins, and on the first ballot the vote was a tie, a second ballot being necessary. In Nos. 4 and 6 wards the contests were also keen. The results were:

No. 4—A. M. Lewis, chairman; secretary to be appointed by him.

No. 6—R. B. Spera, chairman; secre-

No. 6-R. B. Spera, chairman; secretary to be appointed.
No. 7-Thomas Robson, chairman;
Logie McKenzie, secretary.
These concluded the elections for the
year 1907-8.

## PERMISSION GIVEN.

B. & H's. Brantford Application Was Granted To-day.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 3.-(Special)-The application of the Brantford & Hamilton Electric Railway for the privilege of crossing Brantford Street Railway and Mohawk Park, in the city of Brantford, came before the Railway Commission today. J. G. Gauld, Hamilton, appeared for the company. The Brantford Street Railway was not represented. The application was granted.

#### DEATH OF MRS. BOURKE.

Mrs. Ellen Bourke, widow of the late Ir. John Bourke, died at her home, 134 Mr. John Bourke, died at her home, 134
East avenue north, this morning, after
an illness of two weeks, at the age of
79 years. Deceased was a native of
County Armagh, Ireland, but had resided here 40 years. She is survived by a
family of seven daughters, Mrs. Emil
Lessard, Brooklyn; Mrs. James Van Malder, Toronto; Mrs. Alfred Goodwin, Port
Huron; Mrs. Geo. Boswell, city. Misses
Susie, Ella and Hannah, at home. All
were present at her bedside when the
end came. The funeral will take place
on Thursday at 2.30.

#### The Man In Overalls

Now that Sam Weaver is out of it, who will beard the bears in their den when it has to be scrubbed out?

—Go with the Young Liberals to the Savoy on Thursday evening. The doctors didn't seem to have any difficulty in raising the scale of prices. The patients never thought of striking, I suppose.

Buy your gifts now, before they are all pawed over.

Hon. Mr. Foster is one man who will be glad Bourassa is not in the House to draw morals and insinuations from the insurance report.

Those farmers who are selling stale eggs on the market are too fresh, fresher than the eggs.

The sportsman who shoots black-headed gull for crow duck is too easily gulled. Everybody busy buying Christmas gifts—I never saw such a busy Christmas, Got all yours yet? Hurry up.

Paradoxical though it may seem, oread can be beavy and light weight at the same time.

R. L. Gunn always was a big gun in the Masonic body.

How is the pocket-book holding out? The Magistrate should put this stab-

Who is this Dan Dewey they are talk

New let us have a few honest n The coal dealer is not hankering after

Buy all the Christmas gifts you his week—the stores are at their

There are so many brands of the Christian religion, to say nothing about the non-Christian kind, that Dr. Chown would have difficulty in picking out one to be taught in the public schools that would please us all.

If this increase in the water service is to be duplicated every year, the pre-sent pumps won't be able to fill the bill or the reservoir for very long.

Be thankful. The Thaw trial won't be dished up with the Christmas dinner.

We might have a few Board of Trade school trustees for a change.

To-day all over the United States Tommy Burns is hailed as an American champion. Had he lost his fight, he would have been a Canadian, and a duffer at that, and served him right, for facing both ways.

Everybody seems to be buying their Christmas gifts now, this week. Fancy, Christmas is only eighteen shopping days

#### **FALSE PRETENCE**

Alleged Against Clinton Clark-Committed For Trial.

Clinton Clark, head of the Clark Busi ness Colleges of London, Buffalo and Hamilton, was committed for trial yesterday by Police Magistrate Love at London on the charge of obtaining money by false pretence from Fred.

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Presnail.

Presnail swore that he had loaned Clark \$400, while in his employ as a solicitor, and was given a note for twelve months. The money had been given, he said, upon the representations of Clark that his business was worth \$15,000.

Presnail testified that Clark had told him that he warded all the efficient trees. him that he owned all the office fixtures and typewriters of the London school. Presnail declared that his wife, who before har marriage to him a year and a half ago, was employed by Clark in Hamilton, advanced \$400 to Clark, and

that they were given a twelve-month Presnail maintained also that Clark did not at the time the loan was given, which was on October 8th last, own any of the office fixtures, but only had them

rented.
Other witnesses testified that the typewriters and office furniture were held under lien notes.

### PATHETIC STORY.

Maimed Child Dying Wills Dolls and Toys.

Pittsburg, Dec. 3. - "Good-bye, mamma; goody-bye, papa, I am going to heaven. Give my prettiest doll to Sylvia and let Tommy have my gocart and don't forget to let Nettie have my Teddon't forget to let Nettie have my Ted-dy bear-poor Teddy."

Little Nina Hanck, of Steubenville,
O., who had been crushed by a railroad train, thus bequeathed her few belong-ings while she lay on a cot in the hos-

train, ings while she lay on a conings while she lay on a coning pital.

Then the waning spark of life went

We flave Ihem.

This season's new Grenoble walnuts, new almonds, new Brazil nuts, the finest display of Tom Smith's crackers and stockings ever displayed in the city are now ready for your inspection. Why not choose them now! We will put them to one side for future delivery. They are not expensive. New raisins, three pounds for 25c; new currants, two and a half pounds 25c.—Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east. Huron; Mrs. Geo. Boswell, city; Misses Susie, Ella and Hannab, at home. All were present at her bedside when the end came. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2.30.

A Smoker's Christmas Present.

A genuine first grade Peterson patent pipe with an amber or vulcanite mouthiese wind make an ideal holiday gift. They are sold in all sizes and shapes at peace's pipe store, 107 king street east.

—Only eighteen shopping days to Christmas. I say, friend, hurry up

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—P. J. Culhane, of this city, attended a meeting of the Canadian Bill Portars' Association in Toronto yesterday.

This season's new Grenoble walnuts, new almonds, new Brazil nuts, the finest current and Brannan. He said that Gold berg was standing at the gate when they drove in with the wire, and Brannan. He said that Gold berg was standing at the gate when they drove in with the wire, and Brannan. He said that Gold berg was standing at the gate when they drove in with the wire, and Brannan. He said that Gold berg was standing at the gate when they drove in with the wire, and Brannan. He said that Gold berg was standing at the gate when they drove in with the wire, and Brannan. He said that Gold berg was standing at the gate when they drove in with the wire, and that the whole bunch were arrested.

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Mr. Kerr put Goldberg on the court.

Harry Woodman gave evidence as to the wire of the

# SALTFLEET COUNCIL WILL SUBMIT BY-LAW

#### Kill Groom.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 3.-While the festivities in celebration of his marriage were at their height yesterday, George Bea, accompanied by several friends, left the house to urge a friend living nearby to join in the fun. They had gone but a short distance when half a doze men, supposed to be rejected suitors of Bea's bride, leaped hiding. One of them dealt Bea a blow which fractured his skull and caused his death a few hours later. Bea's friends endeavored to assist him, but were forced to retreat In the middle of the melee John H. Jackovic, a guest, was hit in the face by a bullet and seriously in-

# **DUNDAS VISITORS**

Played Tie Game of Carpet Balls Last Evening.

Loyal Advance Lodge, Canadian Order of Oddfellows, had a jolly time at its regular meeting last night. A bunch of Dundas brethren, under Past Grands J. J. Haines and Wilmot Hall, came down for a game of carpet balls, and saw the for a game of carpet balls, and saw the officers of Advance do the initiatory work, in a manner that called forth praise from the visitors. The lodge appointed a committee to co-operate with the other lodges in arranging for an Oddfellows' night at the Savoy early in the new year, and authorized the treasurer to secure a permanent investment for \$1,000 of its surplus funds.

After business one hour was devoted to carpet balls, and when the visitors' train time came the score was 9 all. The teams were:

teams were:
Dundas—G. Grightmire (captain), Bert
Mitchell, S. Mead, J. J. Haines, Brown

and Brodie.

Advance—F. S. De Long (captain), W. A. Ross, W. Trotman, H. D. Hawley, W. J. Carlisle and Thomas McDougall.

Areturn game will be played at an early date.

Tyrrill's Xmas Furs, Jewelry.

Don't delay to call at Hotel Cecil, room 45, evenings until Friday, ladies' entrance. Men's, ladies', children's gifts, in all kinds of furs, jewelry, umbrellas, cased goods. Our stronghold is watches, diamonds, furs. Call or have Tyrrill call. Cash or credit.

And Beach People Will Have No Votes.

Government Proposes an Amendment to Act.

## A Large Attendance of Ratepayers at Meeting

Saltfleet Township Council had a speal meeting last night to deal with the local option by-law. Reeve Ptolemy presided, and all the members were presen It having been rumored abroad that the visit of Reeve Ptolemy and Councillon W. B. Bridgeman to Toronto last Friday had been for the purpose of trying to get a postponement of the vote until the status of the Beach residents had been settled, there was a very large attendance of ratepayers, the hall being filled.
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ance of ratepayers, the hail being filled. Those two members reported on the Toronto visit, and Mr. Bridgeman read a letter addressed to him from E. Saunders, so the foliar of the License Department of Ontario, This letter stated that all that was asked of the department at Toronto last Friday was instruction as to the statute respecting Burlington Beach, as far as the same applied to local option; that the statute had already received some consideration from the Liceuse Department, and that the proposal to postpone the local option vote until the status of the Beach had been definitely settled did not emanate from the Salttleet deputation.

The local option by law had already been given two readings, and the Council last night decided to go on with it and submit it to the people entitled to vote upon it at the January elections. All necessary preliminaries were arranged.

The status of the Beach people is clear enough in one respect, and that is that they will not be entitled to vote on the by-law next January. It is not clear, however, according to the statements made, that, in cleas the by-law carries, the prohibition will apply to the Beach. The Government has expressed its intention to take that matter up.

Among the temperance people who were present at last night; meeting there is some dissatisfaction because of the attitude of the License Department. It was stated that the Department had advised that the local option vote be postponed until such time as the Government could amend the Act.

## SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills,

## GOLDBERG FOUND GUILTY; WEINSTEIN FOR THE CROWN.

Judge Monck Busy With Criminal Cases This Morning and Afternoon.

seph Goldberg and Harry Weinstein Brantford & Hamilton Electric Railway on November 19th and 20th, 1907. The prisoners preferred to take their punshment from him, without a jury, rather than go before Judge Snider at the Sessions next week. The feature of the trial was the turning of King's evidence of Weinstein. It was his best he could not shake Weinstein's evidence. He said that he was standing in front of the T., H. & B. station on the morning of the 19th, the day before the arrest, when Goldberg came along and asked him if he was working. Weinstein said that he was not, and Goldberg said he could give him something to do for the next couple of days. Weinstein said all right, and Goldberg wemstern said all right, and Goldberg told him to go to the corner of Napier and Queen streets and meet Bill Brooks. Weinstein said he went there, and met Brooks, and told him that Goldberg had sent him. They came down town and got a carter named Greig, at the corner of Hughson and Main streets. On their way out Main street with the carter, Goldberg jumped on the cart at the corner of James and Main streets. They went out to Garth street, and then out to near Ainslie woods, where Weinstein waited with the rig while Brooks and Goldberg went away to get the wire. A man named Nevilles came up at this time and joined in the loading of the wire on the wagon. They brought the wire down to Levy's junk shop on hight of the 19th. Next morning, the 20th, they got a carter named Dunsmore to go out with them. Weinstein said that nobody was on the cart but the carter, Brooks and himself. They got the wire and came down to Levy's, and were there arrested by Constables Barrett and Brannan. He said that Goldberg was standing at the gate when they drove in with the wire, and that he also

Judge Monck this morning found Jo-leph Goldberg and Harry Weinstein milty of stealing copper wire from the

Dunsmore and Greig, the carters, said they had been engaged by Weinstein, on the 19th and 20th, but they could not swear that Goldberg had been there. Both swore that they did not know what it was they carried on their carts. Neither one has been paid for the service. vice.
P. C. Barrett and P. C. Brannan gave

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in the police court a few weeks ago regarding the capture of the copper wire thieves, and Barrett was positive in his identification of Goldberg. He swore that Goldberg was the man who was on the watch while the others gathered the wire and put it on the wagon.

Mr. Kerr contended that nothing had been put in to show that Goldberg was guilty, but the judge thought otherwise, and found the both prisoners guilty. Before the case started Weinstein, through his lawyer, Mr. Louis Heyd, K. C., pleaded guilty to receiving stolen goods. His honor reserved his decision until this afternoon as to sentence.