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Insured his flat for the enormous sum of $60,000, alleging it contained immensely valuable papers. The flat was burned one day. After due investigation the insurance company refused to pay the policy held by Holmes, believing the fire was of an incendiary nature. After this failure Holmes began to scheme to get possession of Miss Williams' property. The first move made was to send to Texas for the other sister, Annie Williams. She came to Chicago and took up her residence with her sister Minnie at Holmes'. Annie had been living with them about a month, when she suddenly disappeared. Holmes is probably the only man on earth who knows what became of her. His explanation is cold-blooded and characteristic of the man.

The First Murder

"Minnie got jealous for some reason," he said, "and one day the two of them had some words, and Minnie picked up a stool and hit Annie on the head with it. The blow killed her. I got a trunk, put the body in it and sunk it in the lake."

There are few persons among those who know Holmes that believe the sunken trunk story. Shortly after this occurrence, Holmes and Miss Minnie Williams went to the Plaza Hotel, Chicago, where they lived under an assumed name. In one of his many excursions through the State in his Don-Quixote-like searches for some crime to commit, he visited the jail in Terra Haute, Ind., where he formed the acquaintance of B. F. Pitezel, afterwards the principal in the Philadelphia insurance swindle, and was also supposed to be the principal in the Potter's Field funeral. After a brief conversation through the cell doors, Holmes gave bail for Pitezel to the amount of $1800, and the two worthies proceeded to Chicago, where the scheme against Williams' property was fully developed. Pitezel had not been in Chicago long before Holmes told him that the detectives were after him. Holmes procured a trunk, bundled Pitezel into it and sent him out of the city post haste. Holmes next appeared at Franklin, Ind., where he met a Miss Yoke, whom he married. The honeymoon was spent in Denver. While on the trip Holmes alleges he made $27,000 on a "trick" he turned in Leadville. At any rate, he came back flush with money. And at once put himself in communication with Pitezel, who was living at St. Louis.

The H. H. Holmes Insurance.

On his arrival from Texas months before he had paid a visit to the city prison in St. Louis, where he had become acquainted with Hedgspath, the Glendale train robber. At that interview Hedgspath had mentioned the name of Jeptha Howe as a young lawyer who would not stick at any scheme to make money. When he revisited St. Louis and took up the Philadelphia insurance swindle, hatched long previously with Pitezel, the first man he thought of was Howe and arrangements were made with the lawyer looking to future developments. This scheme was not the matter of a moment with Holmes. As early as October of that year he made application for the Philadelphia Mutual Life Association for insurance under the name of H. H. Holmes. The application was granted. He gave a note to the agent for the first payment, but it was never redeemed. This was simply to give him a standing with the company, and for the purpose of future identification. A month later he secured B. F. Pitezel as a member. Pitezel took out a policy for $10,000, and likewise gave a note. Nothing more was heard of the couple until last August. Then the insurance company received a telegraph money order for the payment of the premium.

The Corpse Discovered

On Aug. 18, a man who gave his name as B. F. Perry, rented a house at No. 1316 Callow Hill-street, Philadelphia, and aid 12 days' rent in advance. This man was B. F. Pitezel. On Sept. 3, a man named Eugene Smith called at the house in reference to a job of carpentering. Getting no reply to his repeated knocks he entered the house. On opening the door of the room he found, lying flat on the floor, the body of B. F. Perry. The face of the corpse was scorched on one side, and so were the body and clothes. These burns rendered identification all the more difficult. The police were notified, a coroner's inquest was held, and the coroner reported that the man had died from inhalation of the flames of some poison. On Sept. 13, the body was interred in the Potter's field.

The Money Paid Over

A few days later a claim was sent up that Perry was none other than Pitezel, and a demand was made on the insurance companies for the amount of the policies carried on Pitezel's life. Holmes appeared on the scene accompanied by Pitezel's wife and four children, all of whom positively identified the body as that of Pitezel. They told their stories to the coroner, and on the evidence there given the name B. F. Perry was changed to B. F. Pitezel, and on this change the money was paid over, on Sept. 24, to the widow. Thus the nicely laid scheme went through with flying colors and the conspirators were happy.

The First Clue.

The secret agent of the insurance company was in St. Louis on other business about Oct. 18, when Chief of Police Harrigan showed him a note that he had received from Hedgspath, the train robber. Hedgspath stated in this note that a swindle had been committed upon a Philadelphia insurance company, and possibly a murder committed in the working of it, and that $7500 of the money had already been paid. Geyers saw Hedgspath, and he told him the whole scheme. The train robber had written this letter because Howe promised him a portion of the money for putting the fee in his way, and then never paying him. Then the detective started after Holmes.

Traced to This City

He was traced to Toronto, then to Burlington, and finally to Boston, where he was arrested. But the Pitezel children had disappeared. On the way to Philadelphia Holmes talked freely, almost garrulously, of the case. In the first place, he admitted the conspiracy. He maintains that Pitezel is alive, but that he does not know where to find him. He alleges that the three Pitezel children are living safely in seclusion.

He says he procured the body of B. T. Perry from his old-time colleague criminal friend in New York, but that he will not disclose his name until he feels the hemp around his own neck. The police believe, however, that Pitezel was actually killed and that there was no substitution.

When the trial of Holmes was called the police were still mystified on these points:

"How did Annie Williams die?"

"Where is Minnie Williams?"

"Where is B. F. Pitezel?"

"Where are the three Pitezel children?"

Detective Geyers' visit to Toronto is to throw some light on these matters.

Killed In Toronto.

The first trace found of the children was in Cincinnati. The ground covered by Holmes while there was carefully traced over by Detective Geyers, who ascertained that the scoundrel went from there to Indianapolis, taking the children with him. He remained there a while, and in October, 1894, went to Detroit, reaching there Oct. 13. The detective is sure that he had the three children with him when he left Indianapolis, but en route he disposed of the boy, either by killing him or leaving him somewhere, and there is enough known to warrant the belief that the former is true. In Detroit no trace of the boy could be found, though, as heretofore stated, the girls were located at 91 Congress-street west, where they stayed five days, leaving as suddenly as they came. While the girls were with Mrs. Lucinda Burns in Congress-street Holmes rented a house in Forest-avenue, which he never occupied. He paid $5 down on the rent, and it is the impression that he intended to kill the girls there for the same reason that he got rid of the boy—they knew too much about him.

The scheme miscarried and he came to Toronto. It was here the girls disappeared. They may have been placed in one of the institutions, but Detective Geyers believes they were murdered.

Mrs. Pitezel, mother of these children, who was a witness against Holmes, is now with her people in Illinois, and is doing all she can toward assisting the police in unraveling the mystery. The special agent of the Fidelity company will be here and will work in conjunction with Geyers, while a local officer will help them.

BILTON ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

A Former Toronto Lawyer Tries to End His Life at Belleville With Poison.

S. F. Bilton, who until recently was employed in the office of Clute, Macdonald & Co., barristers, Toronto, but has lately been living in Patterson-street, Belleville, is in a serious condition in that city, suffering from the effects of some strong narcotic. He retired as usual on Sunday night, and as he had not appeared downstairs on Monday afternoon the family with whom he resided became alarmed, and on entering his room found him lying on the bed unconscious. A bottle found on the bed had apparently contained peppermint, but no other sign of drugs was noticed. A doctor was called in and Bilton was taken to Belleville Hospital, where he remains in a comatose condition, but will probably recover.

Mr. Bilton has been in Canada about three years. He is a married man and has a family residing in London, Eng. He is understood to have been a lawyer in the Old Country, but had no regular practice here.

Threw Himself Under a Train.

New York, July 9.—James McAvery, 39 years old, who shot and killed his wife last Saturday night, killed himself this morning by throwing himself in front of an elevated train.

Kidney Disease Causes Suicide.

Watertown, N.Y., July 9.—Elijah J. Fulton, a wealthy resident of Antwerp, committed suicide this morning. He had suffered terribly for several years from kidney disease.

Cheerful Religion.

New York Herald's Sunday Sermon.

What a difference between the religious outlook of to-day and that of two or three generations ago! Is it because the world is degenerating or because it has a deeper love and reverence for the truth?

It used to be said that the best sermon was one that made the hearer crouch in the pew as though Satan were after him. In these times no such sermons are preached, or if they are it is in some obscure corner where the lichen flourishes and the moss on the rocks is wet with everlasting and malarial humidity. Have we turned our backs on holy things, or do we see with clearer eyes?

It is an age of blessed optimism, for which we cannot be too thankful. We love forms and ceremonies less than formerly, but we love truth more. The standpoint from which we view religious subjects has changed, and we look upon creeds with an almost reckless indifference, but the fundamental facts of the religious life are more dominant than ever, and spiritual verities are more profoundly appreciated and more vigorously defended. We have a grander idea for the present and a more encouraging prospect for the future. A wave of cheerfulness and hopefulness is sweeping over the world with a tidal flow that is irresistible, and the earth is a sweeter planet to live on, while heaven has come so near that we can hear the rustle of angel robes and catch the echo of our loved one's voices.

It is a great privilege to be alive today, because we have a keener sense of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Fear as an element of the religious life has been eliminated, and love, which is to the soul what sunshine is to the field of wheat, has taken its place. The heart rejoices, but does not dread, and even in the direst peril, when wind and wave seem cruelly omnipotent, we feel secure in the consciousness that the Pilot at the helm has never lost a ship. There are no lee rocks in the Providence of God, nor any currents that can carry us out of our course. The Lord has charge of our safety, and He neither slumbers nor sleeps.

That is the religion of our age—bright, cheery, buoyant. No grim, capricious theological tyrant rules your destiny and for His good pleasure dooms you to either temporary or eternal misery; no angry Deity tolerates your presence or visits you with the evidences of His wrath; you are not wandering hopelessly through a vale of tears, a child of iniquity, with the brand of Cain on your brow. You are a wayward and sometimes a wanton creature, self-willed and obstinate, whom the Father is trying to lead in paths of righteousness, and you need nothing except the Christ spirit to set everything right and make your life a corner of paradise.

Rain in the South, Drought Elsewhere.

Washington, July 9.—The first crop report, signed by Prof. Willis L. Moore, the new chief of the Weather Bureau, issued to-day, says the temperature conditions of the week have been generally favorable throughout the country, but the northern and central portions of the cotton region have suffered from excessive rains, while drought conditions in Michigan and Minnesota have been intensified. Northern New York, Central Ohio and Eastern Iowa are also suffering from drought.

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DROWNED IN ETOBICOKE CREEK.

Seventeen-Year-Old Member of the Toronto Boys' Brigade Loses His Life While Bathing.

James John Rennie, 17 years of age, who resides with his father, David Rennie, blacksmith, at 14 Ulster-street, was drowned in the Etobicoke Creek, near Mimico, at 6 o'clock last evening. The youth was camping out with the Boys' Brigade at Long Branch and went for a bathe with his brother and two companions named Lindley and Wismer. It is supposed he was seized with cramps, as his companions saw him suddenly sink. It was three-quarters of an hour before the body was recovered. The boy's father was summoned from the city. Dr. Cotton, coroner, of Lambton Mills, was notified, but deemed an inquest unnecessary.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.

The Body of John Miller Found in Hamilton Bay.

The body of John Miller, 164 Bay-street, this city, who disappeared last Wednesday, and whose clothing was found in an empty rowboat in Hamilton Bay, was taken from the waters of that Bay yesterday. Miller left this city on Monday, July 1, with a companion named Waterhouse to go to Tilsonburg to look for work. The two separated, and nothing was heard of Miller until his clothing was found in the drifting boat.

The body was only partially clothed, everything having been removed except the pants and shirt. The appearance of these articles led to the supposition that Miller had been disrobing preparatory to taking a bath, when the boat tilted and threw him out into deep water. He was unable to swim. An inquest was opened at Hamilton yesterday. The funeral will take place there to-day. Waterhouse, Miller's companion, is working on a farm at Tilsonburg.

Family of Five Lost.

Bath, N.Y., July 9.—A drowning accident occurred just off Bluff Point, on Lake Keuka, about 1 o'clock to-day, by which five persons lost their lives. Terry Tuft, with his wife and three children, left Gibson's Landing in a sail boat to cross the lake. A strong wind was blowing, and when opposite the point the boat was capsized and the whole party were drowned. No one saw the accident, and the boat was not discovered until 3 o'clock, when the bodies were recovered in about 10 feet of water.

NEEDS NO NERVINE.

Although William Mitchell Is Said to Have Been Taking Iron.

If the allegations of the police be well founded William Mitchell, 17 Walker's-lane, is a thief with an alarming proportion of nerve. Mitchell was arrested shortly after midnight by Detective Slemin on a charge of theft. It is alleged that the prisoner yesterday employed an expressman, whom he accompanied to the yards of Westman & Baker, Wellington-street, where the wagon was loaded with scrap iron. The load was taken to a dealer in Centre-avenue, where it was sold. His success with this increased his boldness, and the trick was repeated, the second load being sold to the same party.

When arrested Mitchell stoutly maintained his innocence, but he was later positively identified by the expressman.

BANK DU PEUPLE.

Montreal Clearing House Advances Funds to Meet a Threatened Run.

Montreal, July 9.—Owing to recent rumors in connection with the Banque du Peuple of this city, a run has been threatened on that bank, and the situation became so critical to-day that a special meeting of the Montreal clearing house, representing all the Montreal banks, was held this afternoon to consider the question of rendering assistance. After some discussion it was decided to loan the bank one million and a quarter dollars to meet the necessities of the situation and to protect it against any threatened run. The present trouble arises out of the recent difficulty between Mr. Bosquet, the cashier, and the directors and the general feeling is that the directors are in great measure to blame for bringing a threatened run upon the bank. The other banks are of the opinion that the Banque du Peuple is in a perfectly sound condition, but the rumors that gained circulation did it a great deal of harm, as a large number of important accounts have been withdrawn.

CHOKED HER MOTHER TO DEATH

A Daughter and Grandson Brutally Murder a Grand Haven Woman.

Grand Haven, Mich., July 9.—Mrs. Levi Pierce, the wife of a farmer, was beaten and choked to death in the Township of Tallmage, near Berlin, yesterday morning, and her daughter, Mary Pierce, aged 13, and her grandson, George Chesbro, aged 17, are in jail here, charged with murder. It is alleged that Mary was unduly intimate with her nephew, and it is supposed that the mother and daughter quarrelled about this intimacy and that the old lady started to punish the girl, when young Chesbro came to his aunt's assistance, and in the struggle which ensued Mrs. Pierce was beaten and choked to death by her daughter and grandson. Both prisoners protest their innocence.

ONTARIO A LOSER.

Philadelphia Cricketers Win By 2 Runs and 4 Wickets.

Philadelphia, July 9.—When play started to-day in the cricket match, Philadelphia was 37 runs to the bad, and at the conclusion of Ontario's second innings this lead had been increased by 136 runs, the result of the Canadians' batting venture.

Shortly before time was called for drawing stumps a final result was reached, Philadelphia getting for the six wickets which had been lost 175 runs, thereby winning by two runs and four wickets.

The score at this time stood: Philadelphia, first innings, 127; second, 175; total, 302.

Ontario, first innings, 164; second, 136; total 300.

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Accident on the Yacht Psyche.

Port Dalhousie, July 9.—The sailing yacht Psyche of Hamilton ran into the barge Ceylon, stem on, last night, breaking her jibboom and doing other damage. Two of the men on the yacht were knocked overboard, and Bennie Grant, aged 12, who was standing on deck, was struck with the broken boom, breaking his thigh bone.

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motion, and I dare say he will give the hon. gentleman a few minutes to see how far he can succeed in persuading those gentlemen to take their seats and enable us to get on with public business. We are all anxious to get away from here as soon as possible, but we are equally anxious to know whether there is an Administration or not. We desire that this House shall continue its session from time to time until His Excellency is enabled to fill all the various offices of the Government and until this House discharges the duties that pertain to it as an important part of Parliament.

Sir Langevin Desires Explanation, But Supports the Government.

Sir Hector Langevin: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the statement made just now by the leader of the Opposition about the composition of a Government in Canada. I agree that the large provinces, such as Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, should be represented properly in the Government, and that is what we have seen for the last 20 years and more. At this moment we see two seats on the Treasury benches vacant. The question has been put to the leader of the House, What is the reason of those seats not being occupied? The leader of the House says he is not in a position to give an answer to that question now. Those seats have been vacant since yesterday. This is the second sitting, and the leader of the Opposition says that under the circumstances the Government have no right to proceed with the business of the House because the Province of Quebec, so far as those two seats are concerned, is not represented. Well, sir, I do not think there is a member of this House who would more than I ask that my province should be represented in the Government. I hope that province is now represented in the Government, and if it is not now represented I have no doubt that the leader of the House and the First Minister will see that it shall be represented immediately. (Some members, "Hear, hear.") I do not know what the hon. gentleman would wish if the word "immediately" is not sufficient for them. For my part, I am not disposed on a motion to adjourn the House to vote non-confidence in the Government which I have supported from the beginning of the session. If the leader of the House comes down with this statement about those vacant seats, and gives a reason why they are vacant which is not acceptable, I am not the man to say yes to the Government under such circumstances. If a vote of non-confidence is then required, of course I shall give it, but now I shall certainly not support the motion made by the hon. leader of the Opposition. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Dupont Agrees With Laugevin.

Mr. Dupont, speaking in French, said that Sir Hector Langevin, who has had a long political experience, says that until the Government has given the explanations which have been asked for he will support the Government, and it is only reasonable that those who have supported them up to now should not vote want of confidence. I am of the same opinion—(hear, hear)—for the present, and I shall continue to support, until clear and precise explanations are given as to why the two seats in the Cabinet are vacant. If, when these explanations are given, they are found not satisfactory, I shall withdraw my support from the Government. Should they prove satisfactory, I shall continue to support them. In the meantime I propose to vote against the resolution of the leader of the Opposition. (Hear, hear.)

Negatived by 39 Majority.

The House then divided, Mr. Laurier's motion to adjourn being negatived by 111 to 72. Mr. Lepine, the member for Montreal East, was the only Conservative who voted against the Government.

Business Proceeded With.

The House then went into committee on a resolution to provide that the statutory deduction of $8 per day shall not be made for 12 days during which a member or Senator may have been absent this session. The resolution was adopted.

Hon. Mr. Foster's resolution, providing for the encouragement of silver lead smelting in Canada, was concurred in and a bill founded thereon introduced and read a first time.

The Monkland Mortgage Act and the act to amend the Dominion Elections Act were read a third time, as were also the act respecting roads and road allowances in Manitoba and the bill to settle certain questions in dispute between the Dominion and British Columbia.

Several other Government measures were advanced a stage up to 6 o'clock.

The evening session was spent in committee on criminal code.

Mr. Edgar's proposed amendment in regard to political subscriptions by railway directors was not proceeded with. The amendment embodying the newspaper clause of Mr. Charlton's Sunday Observance bill was defeated by 26 to 5. The committee rose and reported progress.

On motion to adjourn, Sir Richard Cartwright remarked: "Well, let us know to-morrow whether the fatted calf is to be killed, or otherwise."

Mr. McCarthy said: "I would suggest to my hon. friend the Minister of Justice that it would be very convenient if the answer to the Remedial Order was brought down. I think it has not yet been brought down."

Sir Charles Tupper: I shall bring the matter to the attention of the Government to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 10.35 p.m.

The Tobique Railway Investigation

The Public Accounts Committee this morning commenced the investigation asked for by Hon. Mr. Costigan, with respect to charges made against him in The St. John Telegraph, in connection with the Tobique Valley Railway. Owing to several other important committees having been called for to-day, the Public Accounts Committee held a very short session, agreeing to continue the examination of Mr. Costigan to-morrow. The effect of Mr. Costigan's testimony to-day was that neither at the time of the voting of the Dominion subsidy to the Tobique Valley Railway Company, nor since, had he any interest in the company, in stock or in any other way financially or personally. He did not own any lands or control any lease, or have any lease along the line. He advocated the Dominion subsidy to the railway company for the benefit of his constituency.

Notes.

Last night and to-day the French Ministers received hundreds of telegrams from all parts of Quebec Province applauding their course, and this makes a retreat all the more difficult for them.

If he gets a chance, it is probable that Mr. McCarthy will introduce a resolution declaring that at no time and under no circumstances should legislation based on the Remedial Order be introduced.

The latest rumor is that the French Ministers will make their resignations irrevocable unless the Government announces its decision one way or the other to-morrow.

This morning Ald. Scott of Toronto and City Solicitor Fullerton, accompanied by W. F. Maclean, M.P., waited on Sir C. H. Tupper to protest against the insertion of the words "street railway" in clause 262 of the code. They pointed out to the Minister of Justice the unfairness of the proposal, and the great inconvenience it would cause to the people of Toronto and other cities. Mr. Maclean also urged that the street railway system of Toronto was based on a contract between the city and the company, and that it was altogether unfair for the company to seek to fortify itself by an amendment to the criminal code without consulting the other party to the contract, the city. The Minister seemed to agree with the deputation, and at the evening session of the House he withdrew the clause in question.

There was a lively time before the Banking and Commerce Committee this morning over the Independent Foresters' bill, which seeks to authorize the society to issue policies up to $5000. Mr. Laidlaw, Q.C., solicitor for the I.O.F., startled the committee by the statement that the society could pursue one who had been a member, but had left the organization, in order to make up any deficiency in the endowment fund. Mr. Sutherland, M.P., said that if this interpretation of the law were correct the sooner the Government introduced a special act governing benevolent societies the better it would be.

The committee had not reached a conclusion of the bill when the hour for adjournment arrived. The bill will be taken up again on Thursday.

The Senate had a short session today, and discussed the superannuation question.

The Ottawa corporation auditors are bringing suit against The Ottawa Journal for alleged libel.

There is talk of the Dominion Government purchasing a new rifle range on the western outskirts of the city.

Hon. J. C. Patterson was in his place in the House to-day. He looks greatly improved in health.

IN WINNIPEG.

The Opinion Is That Greenway Will Not Recede One Inch.

Winnipeg, July 9.—The view obtains here in Local Government circles that there is not the slightest prospect of Greenway making the smallest move towards a compromise. This feeling is due to the fact that the people of Manitoba, who are above the Government, are a unit in demanding that the national schools be maintained in their integrity and that no cocessions be made to Rome. The Government could not live and take any other course.

The Tribune, usually recognised as the Government's mouthpiece, indicates editorially to-day that there is not the slightest hope of the Dominion inducing Mr. Greenway to make any compromise.

The answer of the Greenway Government to the Remedial Order, while temperate, was most conclusive and emphatic in stating the adherence of the Government to national schools, and in indicating that no compromise would be made. Many believe that the action at Ottawa yesterday means that the last has been heard of Remedial Legislation.

The Tribune thus concludes an article headed, "The Wrong Ministers Resigned."

"By their contemptible conduct the Dominion Government have not only alienated Quebec, but by pledging themselves to Remedial Legislation alienated all Protestant Canada and effectually destroyed themselves. To our mind it would be much more seemly and in accord with the fitness of things for the Ontario Ministers to resign."

SWALLOWED A DOG WHOLE.

A Hungry Alligator's Quick Luncheon in the Jacksonville Zoo.

From The Florida Times-Union.

Ever since last winter the Zoo has been closed and locked up, and during all that time the big 10-foot 'gator, which makes his home in one of the miniature lakes, has had to shift for himself for something to eat. During the last few weeks hunger must have worried the old fellow, and in the dead hours of night he told the neighbors of it, and startled them, as well, by his loud bellowing, which sounds like a cross between the trumpeting of an elephant and the roaring of the lion. During the last few nights there has been no bellowing.

The explanation of his silence is that he has been fed. He has feasted on the daintiest morsel that ever tickled a 'gator's palate. For some time there has hung around the electric light and waterworks plant a mangy dog. The employes wished for the dog catcher to come around, but as he was busy elsewhere they concluded to dispose of the dog humanely and make the 'gator happy. So they collared the dog and threw him to the 'gator, which was taking a nap in the middle of the pond.

The dog gave a frightened "Yep! yep!" as he spied the saurian, and swam toward shore with a speed that fairly cut the water. The 'gator blinked his eyes in astonishment and seemed to ask himself if he had been dreaming. Two flips of his tail and he had moved with the speed of a racing shell up to the dog, the immense jaws opened, the lower jaw slid under the dog like a scoop-net, down came the upper jaw, a suppressed yelp from the dog and a smile of ineffable happiness from the 'gator and all was over, so far as the dog was concerned.

The old fellow, however, did not seem to be satisfied, for he swam all around the pond looking for more dogs. Finding none, he returned to his siesta, with an eye blinking open every now and then and a glance upward to see if the same thing were going to be repeated.

Gladstone's Message.

London, July 9.—The Westminster Gazette a few days ago asked Mr. Gladstone to write a message to the people, to be displayed upon magic lantern slides, together with cartoons and election news, at the National Liberal Club. Mr. Gladstone complied with the request by sending the following: "Hawarden, July 5, 1895.—Above all other present purposes, vindicate the rights of the House of Commons as the organ of the nation, and establish the honor of England, as well as consolidate the strength of the empire, by conceding the just and constitutional claims of Ireland."

Fishes From the Clouds.

From The Philadelphia Record.

Bradford, June 30.—A strange occurrence connected with the forest fires which raged throughout McKean County is reported from Kinzua Valley. On a day when the fires were burning the fiercest and the men were worn out and almost dead with hunger, a dark cloud suddenly overcast the sky, and rain began falling. With the shower seemed to fall rundreds of fish, ranging from three to eleven inches in length. The fish were perfectly formed, and in many instances, where they fell upon the burning embers, they were found by the half-famished men and eaten with great relish. The people of Kinzua Valley were greatly puzzled by this wonderful shower, but it is believed the fish were washed out of the Kinzua Creek by the fierce wind and rainstorm.

Russia Bulldozed China.

London, July 10.—The Morning Post prints a despatch from Pekin saying that it is stated there that China agreed to the Russian loan only under the threat that the Liactung Peninsula would be restored to Japan if she failed to agree. The China Government desired to pay the war indemnity immediately so as to save interest and the expense of the Japanese occupation, but this course was found to be inpracticable, Russia insisting that no fresh loan should be negotiated within six months.

Advance Guard of the Endeavorers

Boston, July 9.—What might be called the spray thrown in advance of the great wave of the Christian Endeavors, struck Boston to-day in the shape of the detached delegates who came in by the regular trains. Among the stragglers there was a delegation of a good size from Hamilton, Ont., which came in just before 11. There were about 50 Endeavorers in it, and they looked much pleased to be at the end of their journey.

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