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Gas Jet Was Turned On; Girl Accidentally Killed

Young English Domestic in a Talbot Street Household Suffocated by Illuminating Gas.

Harriet Drake, aged 20, a domestic employed in the family of Mr. John C. Coote, 434 Talbot street, was accidentally suffocated by gas in her room in the Coote residence Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

The family was not aware of the death of the young lady until Sunday morning. When Miss Drake did not put in an appearance to get the breakfast, Mrs. Coote went to her room, thinking she had slept in.

She rapped on the door repeatedly, but there was no response. Mrs. Coote then became alarmed and notified her husband who, with the aid of the man servant, attempted to force the door.

Finding this impossible, Mr. Coote and the man procured a ladder and from the outside forced an entrance to the girl's chamber through a window.

The moment the glass was broken a strong smell of gas was noticed, and the rescuers had a pretty good idea of what had happened. Upon entering the room, Miss Drake was found in her nightgown, lying on the floor, with her head partly buried in a dresser.

The jet turned on.
The gas jet was turned on at an angle

of about 5 degrees, and the room was stifling with the escaping gas.

It was evident that Miss Drake had turned the gas off when she went to bed, but that her sleeve had probably turned the valve on a little. She had apparently gone to bed without noticing what she had done. Later, it is supposed, she was awakened by the smell of gas, and had endeavored to turn off the valve.

She was too weak, however, and overcome, had sunk to the floor.

In Canada But Short Time.
Miss Drake had been in Canada only since last summer, having arrived here from England at that time.

She was a young woman of model character, and though but a few weeks in the employ of the Coote family, she had won the esteem of all.

Coroner MacLaren was summoned, but after a thorough investigation he did not deem an inquest necessary.

So far as known the deceased had no relatives in Canada.
Mrs. Fisher, of 211 Wellington street, was a friend of Miss Drake's, having come from the same place in England. With Mr. Coote she is looking after the funeral arrangements.

SIXTY DROWNED

Boats of Japanese Cruiser Overturned During a Squall.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—Some sampans (small harbor boats), belonging to the Japanese cruiser Chitose, were caught in a squall yesterday while returning from a trip. Several were overturned and 60 men were drowned.

ANTI-FOREIGN OUTBREAK

Germans in Kiang-Se Province, China, Fleeing for Their Lives.

Shanghai, Dec. 10.—Revolutionary and anti-foreign riots have broken out at Ping-Kiang in the Province of Kiang-Se, Germans and other foreigners employed in the coal mines are fleeing to Chang-Sha. The governor of the province is sending troops to suppress the disorders.

McGOVERN ALL IN

Illness of Once Great Little Boxer Ends His Fighting Days.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 10.—Terry McGovern, the pugilist, who collapsed a few days ago in Brooklyn, was brought to the sanatorium here yesterday, where he was received about two years ago, and where he was accompanied by his manager, Sam Harris. Dr. Joseph Creamer and others, who were attending McGovern's illness, are complete, insipid paretic being threatened. Manager Harris said that McGovern was through with his fighting days. At the sanatorium McGovern was reported quiet, and hopes for his recovery are held out.

FOR REVENGE, SAY MEN

Toronto Strikers Committed for Trial on Charge of Intimidation.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Robert G. Fraser, Albert Bartley and Solomon Goldberg, three former employees of the Lowndes Company, who left on account of the strike here, were committed for trial this morning on a charge of intimidation on a charge of intimidation. They stopped two employees of the firm, it is said, and told them not to go to work there. This is a case, it is claimed by the union, brought up in retaliation for the company's refusal to accept the Lowndes Company, the T. Eaton Company, and the Employees' Association of the city in having a black list.

FRISCO JAPANESE CASE

Declare Discrimination by Californians Is Due to Race Prejudice.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Secretary Oyama, of the Japanese consulate here, yesterday gave out a letter in regard to the school question, which the Japanese Association of America sent to President Roosevelt. It deals at length with details of the controversy, and specifies briefly the Japanese grievances, as follows: "The Japanese, believing they have been unjustly discriminated against on account of race, protesting against segregation and refusing to submit their children to dangerous incident upon their attending said Oriental schools, have declined to obey the order of the board of education, and relief had, the Japanese children of San Francisco, without fault on their part, will be deprived of their opportunity to obtain an education."

GIVEN AN ADVANCE

4,000 New England Mill Operatives Receive Substantial Increase.

Boston, Dec. 10.—The wages of about 4,000 operatives in cotton mills in Southern New England and Western Massachusetts today were advanced by at least 7 1/2 per cent. The exact percentage of the increase was somewhat in doubt early today on account of a dispute in New Bedford between the textile unions and the manufacturers regarding the rate of the advance.

DIAMONDS ARE UP

The Gems Scarcer and Higher in Price Than Ever Before.

New York, Dec. 10.—Returning steamships have brought back in the last week many diamond importers, who went to Europe to get supplies for the holiday season, and they agree that the gems are scarcer and higher in price than ever before in their experience.

The present holiday trade in New York is said to have called for the greatest quantity and value of fine diamonds ever sold in any country in a single season. With December's figures still to be added, the imports of precious stones here this year exceed in value by \$3,000,000 the total for all of last year, which was the record up to that time. The aggregate thus far in 1906 is \$40,500,000, and December promises to make a large addition to that figure.

Some authorities estimated that New York bought 60 per cent of the world's supply of the stones.

POPULATION IS PLACED AT 54,000

New Directory Estimates That London Now Has That Number of Inhabitants.

The London city and Middlesex county directory for 1907 has been issued by J. G. Foster & Co., of Toronto.

The volume contains 21,620 names, an increase of 1,112 over a year ago. The publishers anticipated a considerable jump in the list, owing to the city's rapid growth, but they did not expect it to reach such proportions.

The population of the city is given in the directory as 54,000, this figure being reached by estimating that the names of 40 per cent of the inhabitants appear in the book. Foster & Co. maintain that the names of two in every five inhabitants are secured for the directory, but this multiple does not prevail with all directory publishers, some placing it at one in two and three-quarters, or one in three.

BODY RECOVERED

Remains of F. Bellmore, Victim of a Fall, Found Near Cove Bridge.

The body of F. Bellmore, the Canada Bridge Company's employee who fell from the cove bridge on Saturday and was drowned, was recovered this morning about 300 yards farther down the stream. The body was found under the ice by Messrs. Luke and Thomas Jeffries, who located it twenty minutes after starting work.

Bellmore belonged to Walkerville, and he came to London a few days ago with the Canada Company's gang of men to work on the raising of the Grand Trunk's bridge at the cove. About 11 o'clock on Saturday morning he slipped and fell headlong into the river, striking his head against the end of a beam which was projecting from the lower part of the bridge, as he fell. It is thought that he was stunned so severely by this blow as to be unable to call for help.

Bellmore is survived by a wife and family, who reside in Walkerville. Coroner MacLaren was notified, and an inquest will be held.

WATER BYLAW TONIGHT

Special Meeting of Council Called to Give It Two Readings.

A special meeting of the city council will be held tonight, at which the waterworks bylaw will come up again. It seems that at the last meeting the council went a little too fast, and pronounced two readings of the bylaw, although the measure was not then ready.

The mayor said today that all the council voted on was the resolution of the council to send the Komoka scheme to the people.

The sewers extension bylaw also comes up tonight for two readings. City Solicitor Meredith has given his opinion that the \$5,000 necessary to reconstruct the Dundas street sewer, from Wellington to Adelaide, can be legally put in the bylaw for selling debentures for the extension of the trunk sewers, so that there will be no trouble on this score.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

Toronto, Dec. 9-8 p.m. The weather today has been decidedly cold in all parts of the province, except in British Columbia and Southern Ontario, where the temperature has been above the freezing point. In Saskatchewan and Manitoba the temperature was over 32° below zero last night, and has not risen above zero today.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 20 below—14 below; Victoria, 36—44; Vancouver, 35—45; Calgary, 20 below—8 below; Prince Albert, 34 below—10 below; Winnipeg, 32 below—4 below; Port Arthur, 16 below—6; Toronto, 14—24; Ottawa, 12 below—6; Montreal, 8 below—2; Quebec, 18 below—2; Halifax, 4—16.

FORECASTS.

Today—Strong northeasterly winds; cloudy, with light snow or rain.

Tuesday—Northerly winds and colder.

Wednesday—Lower Michigan—Partly cloudy on Monday; possible snow in southeast portion. Tuesday—Fair; fresh northeast to east winds.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Toronto 20 16 Clear

Winnipeg 21 16 Snow

Ottawa 6 0 Cloudy

Montreal 2 2 Cloudy

Quebec 4 8 Cloudy

Father Point 2 4 Cloudy

GILLETTE TO DIE WEEK OF JAN. 28

Sentenced to the Electric Chair and Maintains Innocence to the End.

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Gillette was today sentenced to die the week beginning Jan. 28, 1907.

The youth, who was convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, "Billy" Brown, gave no sign of emotion when Justice Devendorf pronounced sentence. His face was pale, but his step was steady and his voice was not shaken.

"I am innocent of the crime charged in the indictment, and therefore it should not be passed," he said firmly when asked the formal question as to whether he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced.

"Anything more?" inquired the justice.

"No, I think not," he answered.

Sentence was then pronounced. Gillette is 23 years old.

MONARCH A TOTAL WRECK

Steamer Wrecked on Isle Royale, But Passengers and Crew Escape.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Captain McMaster, of the steamer Edmonton, reported the steamer Monarch a total wreck. Only the pilot house is out of water now, at the east end of Isle Royale. Passengers and crew, 40 in all, reported safe on small island near wreck. Tugs Whalen and Grace have gone to rescue. Boat is fully insured.

WATERWORKS GIVES AWAY

Grand Trunk Having Difficulty in Construction Work at Cove.

The Grand Trunk Railway is said to be experiencing considerable difficulty in filling in the huge trestle work in the vicinity of the Cove bridge. At the point in question the trestle is over twenty feet in height. Some time ago the embankment was filled in the entire height, but during the last few days of earth have slid away, causing the track to shift, and making it impossible to run trains over it. The earth has given away more than once, and it may be found necessary to construct a cribwork to prevent it going further.

VERY GOOD SEASON FOR THE DAIRYMEN

Prices Paid Were Far in Advance of 1905—13-Cent Mark Nearly Reached.

If cheese manufacturing concerns in the London district do not pay big dividends this year, it will not be because of an absence of high prices.

The season just closed is said to have been one of the most successful yet experienced by the dairymen of Western Ontario. Throughout almost the entire year the market in Britain was good, and prices almost unheard of heretofore were paid for cheese on the Ontario boards. The London exchange was no exception to the rule.

At the start of the season 10 cents was paid on the board, and at no time was less than 10 cents offered. Before May was past, 11 9-16 cents was paid, and only on two occasions after Aug. 11 was less than 12 cents paid. Several weeks the buyers had to pay 12 11-16 cents.

At the 30 meetings of the London exchange 8,629 boxes were sold, an average of 283 boxes, at each meeting. This, however, was far below the total make of the factories represented on the local exchange, many of the producers preferring to dispose of their stock by private sale, instead of in the open market.

Last year as low as 8 3/4 cents was paid in June, while in July 9 1/16 cents was paid—more than 2 cents below the prevailing figure at the same time this season. In 1905, the 10-cent mark was not reached until July 22.

A GRAVE SITUATION

French Clergy Will Go to Prison Rather Than Yield to Government.

Rome, Dec. 10.—Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, today will receive a letter from the Pope forbidding the French clergy to make the declarations prescribed by the law of 1881, and giving his reasons for the order, which chiefly will be found in the circular of M. Briand, French minister of public worship, which, according to the Vatican, makes the situation of the bishops and parish priests unbearable.

The situation is considered to be grave. The French clergy have informed the Vatican that they are ready to submit to all the penalties involved in non-complying with the law, including imprisonment, rather than yield.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 29°; lowest, 4° above. Sunday—Highest, 34°; lowest, 29° above.

Peace Prize For Roosevelt

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 10.—The Norwegian Parliament has conferred the Nobel peace prize upon President Roosevelt.

The Nobel peace prize is awarded to President Roosevelt in recognition of his services in bringing about the ending of the Russo-Japanese war. The peace prize last year went to Baroness Von Uttner, of Vienna, and in previous years to W. H. Cremer, M. P., England, and Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross.

The Nobel peace prize is part of a bequest left by Dr. Alfred Nobel, the Swedish scientist, who died in 1896.

By his will a large portion of his fortune was devoted to five annual prizes, each valued at about \$40,000. They were awarded for the most important discoveries in physics, in chemistry, in medicine, for the most distinguished work of an intellectual tendency in the field of literature, and for the best effort toward the fraternity of nations and the promotion of peace.

The last name is awarded by the Norwegian Parliament. The others are awarded by institutions at Stockholm.

BAD MONTREAL FIRE

A Sunday Morning Conflagration Does \$500,000 Damage.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—One of the worst fires that has taken place in Montreal for some time visited the business district this morning, entailing very heavy loss to a number of leading business houses.

The fire started shortly after 3 o'clock in the establishment of M. C. Galarneau & Bro., merchants, 12 St. Helen street, and when the firemen arrived the flames had secured great headway and it took the firemen several hours to get it under control.

The principal sufferers by the fire are: Yorkshire Importing Company, wholesale woolens, \$50,000; Matthews, Towns & Co., \$75,000; Dreyfus Importing Company, \$45,000; Thomas, May & Co., wholesale drygoods, \$35,000; M. C. Galarneau & Bro., merchants, \$5,000.

Most of the firms losses are covered by insurance.

HAMILTON FACES A FRESH TROUBLE

Not Enough Cars to Go Around, so Twenty-Five Carmen Are Discharged.

Hamilton, Dec. 9.—The Street Railway Company yesterday laid off 25 of its conductors and motormen, and it is feared that this action may reopen the strike.

The men were told that they would not be needed until the new year because the company would not have cars for them. The union feels very sore and some of the men think the company is trying to punish them for striking. The company says that all the men will be reinstated as fast as possible.

The award of the railway board was that the company was to take men back as soon as possible, and it is likely that it will be called upon to say whether the company is living up to the award.

NORMAL SCHOOL CHANGES

No Addition to Building Likely To Be Made at Present.

Deputy Minister of Education Colquhoun, Superintendent of Education Seath and Architect Heakes, of Toronto, were in the city today relative to the changes which will be necessary in the Normal School as the result of the decision of the department of education to do away with the model schools and compel all teachers in training to go through the Normal schools.

In company with Dr. Merchant, principal of the London Normal, the visitors went over the school, and it is understood that the conclusion was arrived at that in order to accommodate the extra schools—it is said the classes in the future will be doubled—it will only be necessary to rearrange the class rooms and that an addition at this time will not be necessary.

The deputy minister left the city immediately after the inspection, but this afternoon Chairman Strong, of the board of education, and Inspector Edwards took Dr. Seath for a trip over the public schools of the city.

Dr. Seath also paid a visit to the Collegiate Institute, where he called upon Mr. Radcliffe.

The doctor was for many years high school inspector for the Province, and he is no stranger to the London Collegiate.

SENATOR BROWN DYING.

Washington, Dec. 10.—It was announced at the Emergency Hospital this morning that former Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, is sinking. His friends do not believe he can live beyond 48 hours.

STORER ATTACKS MR. ROOSEVELT

A Former U. S. Ambassador Springs Sensation.

SAYS PRESIDENT INTRIGUED

Charged With Attempting to Secure a Cardinalate for Archbishop Ireland

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The Tribune in its Washington dispatches today says that an extraordinary letter has been addressed by Bellamy Storer to President Roosevelt and the members of his cabinet in regard to his dismissal from the post of ambassador of the United States to Austria-Hungary.

Mr. Storer was dismissed because of his wife's supposed interference in affairs of the Roman Catholic Church and her alleged misuse of letters from the President.

It was also charged that Mrs. Storer had meddled with French politics by taking part in an anti-republican intrigue to promote the marriage of Victor Bonaparte with a member of the Orleans family. Both of these charges Mr. Storer denies and, on the other hand, declares that the President's interest in the selection of Archbishop Ireland as a cardinal was not due to Storer or to Storer's wife, but to the President alone.

The text of Mr. Storer's letter was printed and transmitted not only to the President and members of his cabinet, but to a member of the foreign relations committee of the Senate.

Mr. Storer says that his removal in summary from an office which he had been given reason to believe was a filled to the satisfaction both of his own Government and that to which he was accredited, and being accompanied by no public explanation, exposed him to suspicious and injurious conjectures, such as public office holders should be given reason to believe that he is obviously intended to be disgraced.

The correspondence shows the familiar relations of the President and the Storer from the time Mr. Roosevelt was governor of New York, just after the Spanish war. Some of the Roosevelt letters to Storer were addressed "My Dear Bellamy," and to his wife, "My Dear Maria," and Mrs. Storer addressed the President as "Dear Theodore."

Mr. Storer asserts that Roosevelt himself, while Governor of New York, urged the Storer to use their influence with the Vatican for Ireland's promotion, believing the prelate's well-known patriotism would aid in solving the problems connected with the Catholic Church in the Philippines. The later letters of Mr. Roosevelt as President are published, evidently to show the President's alleged inconsistency.

A ROOSEVELT LETTER

One letter of the President to Mrs. Storer, dated Dec. 1, 1905, after the efforts of the Storer in behalf of Archbishop Ireland began to attract attention, contains the following passages:

"Your direct or implied complaint or reflections upon my own personal conduct give me no concern, but I am very gravely concerned at the mischievous effect your letter may have in misrepresenting the position of the United States Government and by the far-reaching governmental scandal your indiscretion may at any time cause."

"Your letters not only convey a totally wrong impression of my attitude, but they are such as you have no business whatever to write, in view of the position of your husband in the diplomatic service."

"The letter of Cardinal Merry Del Val to you of Nov. 23 is a rebuke to you, expressing plainly his belief that you have been unwarrantably officious in matters with which you have no proper concern. It should of itself be enough to show you how exceedingly unwise and improper your action in writing to him was."

MRS. STORER WENT TOO FAR.

"I am indignant that the wife of an ambassador in the United States service should have written such a letter, should have given the impression and should have incurred such a rebuke."

"You do not seem to realize that it is out of the question for me knowingly to permit the wife of one of our diplomats to engage in ecclesiastical intrigues to influence the Vatican."

After referring to the report that Mrs. Storer was known in Europe as the "American ambassador" to Rome, Mr. Roosevelt closes thus:

"I must ask you to give me a positive promise in writing to stop this if Bellamy is to continue in the service and if you even unintentionally violate it I shall have to ask you to resign, for I can no longer afford to have the chance of scandalful diplomatic service and on the Government itself by such indiscreet and ill-advised action as yours has been."

"I cannot trust myself to express fully the feelings of indignation with which I read the letter to Mr. Storer. Though I was in the public service, I felt and still feel that I had lost none of the rights which a man has to judge of the propriety of letters addressed to his wife and to resent an improper communication."

"I did not know then, what I have since learned, that the letter was not even written for my wife's eyes or mine alone, but had been shown to others before it was sent and thus used."

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DRANK CARBOLIC IN FIT OF ANGER

Mamie Renchan, Aged 19, Made Unsuccessful Attempt at Suicide Saturday.

Mamie Renchan, aged 19, the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Renchan, of 256 Wellington street, swallowed a ounce of carbolic acid on Saturday afternoon, while in a fit of anger. Her recovery is looked upon as probable.

The girl, who was employed at a Chinese restaurant on Richmond street, had been moody of late, and had frequently given way to fits of violent temper.

Saturday she went upstairs after dinner and remained until about 2 o'clock. Then she came down, and after a few words with her mother, she pulled a bottle from her waist, and pouring the contents into a glass, drank it.

Mrs. Renchan did not see what the girl was doing until she had taken a few sips, and she was then too late to prevent the attempt of the would-be suicide. Drs. H. A. Stevenson and Shaw were summoned, and after applying the stomach pump, they had the unconscious girl removed to Victoria Hospital.

Saturday afternoon and Saturday night the would-be suicide suffered terrible agony. Her mouth was fearfully burned, and the doctors feared that she would not be able to withstand the effects of the acid.

However, her condition is somewhat improved this morning, and it was stated at the hospital that her chances of recovery are now increasing.

The acid which the girl drank came from Toronto, and bore the label of a well-known druggist there.

THE U. S. DICTATORIAL

London Standard Does Not Like Tone of American Communications.

London, Dec. 10.—Only a few of the London newspapers comment this morning on the correspondence between Great Britain and the United States in the matter of the Newfoundland modus vivendi regarding the fisheries question.

The Tribune says it feels sure that if anything is possible by bargaining to free Newfoundland from this onerous diplomatic legacy, Sir Edward Grey will wish to attempt it. The paper suggests that Great Britain might perhaps purchase as a concession what it might be difficult to secure as a right.

The Standard publishes a heated editorial, in which is complaints of the dictatorial tone of the United States, declares that the Americans had the best of the deal, and asks when the British Government will recognize that its first duty is to its own people.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 9.	Reported at.	From.
Empress	London	London
Britannia	St. John	Liverpool
Kensington	Halifax	Liverpool
Kaiserin Augusta	London	Liverpool
Victoria	New York	Hamburg
Macedonia	Baltimore	Hamburg
Philadelphia	Antwerp	New York
Washington	Hamburg	New York
Carolina	Liverpool	New York
Haverford	Liverpool	Philadelphia
New Amsterdam	Rotterdam	New York
St. Laurent	Havre	New York
Devonian	Liverpool	Boston
Empress of Ireland	Liverpool	St. John
Lake Manitoba	Liverpool	Montreal
Lake Michigan	Antwerp	Montreal
Corona	Bremen	Galveston
Oldenburg	Bremen	New York
Struth	New York	Liverpool
New York	New York	Cherbourg
Delaware	New York	Naples
La Bretagne	New York	Havre
Shah	London	Bremen
Montrose	London	Montreal
Florida	Trieste	New York
Delia	Liberal	New York