

**WORKMAN MET INSTANT DEATH
BY COLLAPSE OF A SCAFFOLD****Frederick Northey Killed at the New Military Stores Building, and Stanley Ferns—Severely Injured.**

Mr. Frederick Northey, a bricklayer, who resided at 798 Lorne avenue, was the victim of a fatal accident shortly before 12 o'clock today, at the new military stores building, being erected by Contractor E. Martin, near the C. P. R. property, on Carling's heights. Through the collapse of a scaffold on which he was working, Northey fell to the ground, a distance of 20 feet, and was instantly killed. A bricklayer's laborer, Stanley Ferns, was injured seriously that he was removed to the hospital in the ambulance. Ferns lives at 715 William street.

At the time of the accident, Northey and Ferns were embedding some heavy stonework, which runs completely around the building, immediately above the windows of the second story. The scaffold upon which they were standing broke, and the two fell to the ground. None of the other workmen about the building saw the accident, but it appears that the heavy stone, which was being embedded, was in some manner pulled over upon the scaffold, which was of insufficient strength to resist the weight of a quarter of a ton or more.

It is not thought that the stone struck either of the men, as it fell a distance away from them. Northey's injuries are all about the head, and death was instantaneous. It is supposed that he either struck one of the jagged stones of the foundation, or a number of bricks lying on the ground.

When workmen reached the spot, Northey had already expired. A pool of blood marked the spot where the head lay and a blood-spattered brick nearby led to the belief that death had been caused in the manner indicated.

Ferns was more fortunate than his workmate. It is not thought that his injuries will prove fatal. He is a young fellow about 17 years of age, and was employed by Contractor Martin as a helper.

Ferns was able to get up for a moment or two, although badly dazed. One side of his head was bruised, and it is thought that his left arm is broken. Ferns was carried to the barracks, and from there to the Victoria Hospital, where he was placed in the operating-room, and his injuries examined.

Northey was carried to a nearby workshop, where his body remained until Coroner Piper arrived. Northey leaves a wife and seven children, the youngest of whom is 6 months old. He was a middle-aged man, about 45 years old, and had been engaged with Contractor Martin for a number of years. The latter characterized Northey as a most steady and careful man, and one much admired by his fellow workmen.

Before deciding on the matter of an excavation for the new military stores building, the coroner will interview the witnesses, and will get the coroner's opinion of the case.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS.

"For mercy's sake, John, don't bother me about your supper. Don't you see I am trying to make our friends happy."

**Ald. Stevely in the Field;
Will Run for Mayoralty****Member of Council for Several Years and Shrewd Business Man, He Will Seek Highest Civic Office.**

Ald. Samuel Stevely today made a formal announcement of his candidature for the mayoralty, and he is receiving the assurances of hundreds of friends and admirers of his hearty support. Ald. Stevely has been a member of the council for many years. He was first elected in 1897, and was again returned in 1898. In 1899-1900 he was out of municipal life, owing to pressure of business, but in 1901 he again was returned by a large vote. In 1902 he sat in the council, but he again retired in 1903. His friends would not listen to his refusal in 1904, and he was elected, as he was in 1905. He has served on Nos. 1 and 2 committees of the council, and has been chairman of both bodies. He has never been defeated for any office he has sought in the gift of the people.

THE PLUMBERS IN COURT**Magistrate Denison Opens a Hearing for 150 of Them.**

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Dec. 19.—Magistrate Denison this morning began the hearing of evidence in the case of the 150 or more members of the plumbers' combine. The proceedings at the outset were formally objected to by counsel for the defense. The inquiry will occupy most of this week. The only witness this morning was W. H. Meredith, secretary of the Plumbers' Association. Mr. Meredith testified that the Master Plumbers' Association was still in existence, but was not holding meetings or awarding contracts.

CZAR'S GEMS SENT AWAY**The Famous Russian Crown Jewels Hurried Abroad for Safety.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A train which was derailed on Saturday near Gatchina is understood to have had on board \$10,000,000 in gold. It is rumored that the crown jewels have been sent abroad. The war department is concentrating two army corps to suppress the revolt in the Baltic provinces. According to the Government's information, 60,000 Letts are under arms. On account of the situation at Moscow, Ambassador Meyer has requested the authorities to place at the disposal of the American consul there protection for Americans in case of an emergency.

Attempted to Kill Sultan.

Constantinople, Dec. 19.—A Belgian of the name of Joris and three Armenians have been convicted of attempting to kill the Sultan, and sentenced to death. Ten other persons, including Joris' wife, have also been sentenced to death. A number of others have been sentenced to penal servitude for life.

The son of a business man who was for many years an honored member of the city council, Ald. Stevely is, too, a business man. Young in years, he is old in experience, and is looked upon as one of the shrewdest merchants in London. His many years in the council and his business training fit him admirably to deal with the large railway and other issues which will come before the council next year.

That 1906 will be a business man's year none deny, and it will be to the interests of the city at large to have a man in the mayor's chair who is a man of affairs.

Ald. Stevely is also known as an employer of labor who stands well with the men who work for him. It is a well known fact that there are men in his employ who have worked for Mr. Stevely, sen., and the present alderman for upwards of 50 years.

From any standpoint whatever, Ald. Stevely is sure to prove a popular candidate and he will most assuredly have the support of the strong business element of London, as well as of all citizens who believe in fair play for all, irrespective of creed or politics.

THE WEATHER.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 19.
Sun rises, 7:47 a.m. Moon rises, 12:04 a.m.
Sun sets, 4:43 p.m. Moon sets, 12:42 p.m.

The weather has been comparatively mild everywhere, except in Manitoba, where it continues moderately cold. There are now some indications that a disturbance will move towards the great lakes from the Gulf of Mexico. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 18-40; Edmonton, 14-30; Q'Appelle, 6-28; Winnipeg, 6 below-32; Port Arthur, 8-24; Parry Sound, 28-36; Toronto, 28-36; Ottawa, 10-36; Montreal, 8-34; Quebec, 6-30; Halifax, 22-38; St. John, 18-38.

Tomorrow—Showers or Snow.

FORECASTS.
Tuesday, Dec. 19—8 a.m. Today and Wednesday—Variable winds; cloudy, with scattered showers or snow showers; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 18 36 Rain
Winnipeg 18 36 Rain
Parry Sound, ... 20 18 Rain
Toronto 24 24 Rain
Ottawa 14 14 Rain
Montreal 14 16 Rain
Quebec 6 8 Fair
Father Point, ... 12 16 Fair

The sign—indicates below zero.

The weather has turned moderately cold again in North Ontario, while in Western Ontario it continues mild. There is now some indications of much colder weather in the Northwest Provinces.

LOCAL THERMOMETERS.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 24°; lowest, 32° above.

**JOSEPH PHILLIPS
TO BE EXAMINED****In Investigation Into York Loan Affairs.****MR. SCOTT IS OPTIMISTIC****Thinks Shareholders May Get 100 Cents on the Dollar—Wide Powers Given Mr. Cross.**

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Mr. Charles Scott, who is acting for the liquidators of the York Loan Company, takes an optimistic view of the situation.

"I don't see why there should not be 100 cents on the dollar for shareholders," he said during the course of a conversation this morning. "Of course, you must not take that as any kind of authoritative statement, because no one can tell really what the liquidation will yield. The National Trust Company are in a position to nurse the property along, and get the full value out of it."

"To improve Property."
"I know that they are prepared to advance money for the purpose of making such improvements as would assist in selling the property."

"Could they build houses?"

"Yes, I believe they could, but that is a question of policy which would have to be decided upon. I understand houses have already been built in that locality that have not sold well. Perhaps they were not the right style. But anything that is necessary in the way of opening up streets or in the way of general improvement of the property can be readily undertaken. Then the National Trust Company is pretty influential, and perhaps will be able to do something in the way of getting the street cars on Roncesvalles avenue."

"Will the expenses of liquidation be very heavy?"

"I don't see why they should be. Of course it is impossible yet to estimate what they will be."

"They were heavy in the case of the Farmers' Loan," was suggested. "Yes, but there was litigation there and features that are absent in this case. There were disputes in the case of the Farmers' Loan between debenture-holders and stock-holders and depositors, and so on. In this case there are no such complications. There are no debenture-holders or depositors, and I do not see why the liquidation should not work out smoothly."

"Could any other manner of liquidation have been pursued than that under the winding-up act?" was asked. "Not very well. To have done so would have required that every one of the 70,000 shareholders would have entered into an agreement not to sue, and you can readily see that such an agreement was impossible. The writs were beginning to come in in bunches. These were stopped by the assignment, which was made, I understand, on Friday afternoon, to the National Trust Company. But an assignee has no power to decide upon questions of

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**CIVIL WAR ON IN RUSSIA,
REBELS DEFEAT THE TROOPS,
FIRE AND SWORD AT MITAU****Livonia Desolated by Torch—Letts Plunder Germans With Great Barbarities—Cossacks Rushed From East**

Mitau, Courland, Russia (unlabeled), by mail to St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Frightful stories are pouring in from the interior, where desperate fighting has occurred between the troops and insurgents. Revolting tales are told of the barbarities practiced on the German landlords, who are more detested by the Letts than the Russians. In a fight near Tukum fourteen dragoons were killed and sixteen were wounded. It is estimated that the insurgents lost 300 men killed.

A squadron of cavalry was ambushed and badly cut up near Groosanz and limped into Mitau with its wounded.

Mitau, Province of Courland, Dec. 17.—(Delayed in transmission).—The troops, in order to avoid annihilation at the hands of the insurgents have been forced to abandon the country districts and to concentrate at Riga, Mitau and Libau, where they actually are standing on the defensive, unable to make head against the insurgents. Several detachments have been defeated.

The garrison at Tukum, consisting of a squadron of dragoons, and a company of infantry, not being able to depart in time, was set upon at night and lost its commander, Lieut.-Col. Mueller and 30 men. The insurgents, evading the sentinels, penetrated the town and laid wire entanglements in front of the house in which the war-carrying soldiers were quartered. Then they set fire to the houses, and the troops rushing out were shot down from roofs or cut up in the narrow streets. The soldiers retired in confusion, leaving their dead. The latter were horribly maltreated by the insurgents, who gouged out their eyes and cut off their ears and hands. Insurgents, who form great bands, have a regular military organization and are well armed with rifles and bayonets.

Rushing Troops From Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—In spite of the statement that two army corps are being sent to the Baltic Provinces, it is learned that no such number of troops are available. The Government has sent two regiments from St. Petersburg in reply to the frantic appeals for reinforcements, but it is considered too dangerous to deplete the garrison of the capital any further during the present crisis, and the Government can only await the arrival of the Cossacks and other troops, which are being hurried forward by Gen. Linavitch from Manchuria. In the meantime, the Government's fear is that the rebellion, which is pushing forward to the Polish frontier, may arouse the Poles to an armed uprising.

The Republic of Krakoff.

Reliable details regarding the establishment of the so-called Republic of Krakoff have at last arrived. The workmen's socialist organizations, joined by 300 troops, took possession of the city, and with the aid of a militia armed with pikes, revolvers, and axes, established a government, or "federated council," as the executive committee was called. This council issued decrees which the authorities were perfectly powerless to resist. The council turned off the electricity from the houses on the ground that it only benefited the rich, while allowing it to burn in the streets, where it benefited the people and declared war on the thieves who had previously been terrorizing the city. When a robber was captured, he was placed under a trip-hammer with the threat that it would be dropped unless he revealed the whereabouts of his booty. This usually was effective in each case, and the recovered plunder was returned to its owners. Two notorious robbers were hanged in the public square.

**BRAKEMAN FALLS FROM TRAIN,
IS NOT FOUND FOR FOUR HOURS****Ralph Walker Meets With Accident Near the City—Ribs Broken—Will Recover.**

To the mild weather of last night Ralph Walker, a Grand Trunk brakeman, owes his life. For nearly four hours Walker lay unconscious alongside the track just east of the city, suffering from a fall sustained while performing his duties as a brakeman.

Walker's home is in Sarnia. He left London last night at 9:30 on what is known as the Buffalo freight. He was on the forward end and when seen by the other members of the crew he was riding on top, leaving the city.

Just west of Woodstock his mate on the rear end missed him and gave the alarm. The train was stopped and a search was instituted, but no trace of the missing man could be found.

The train then pulled into Woodstock, and word of the mishap was telegraphed to London and all intermediate stations. Searching parties were at once organized, and it was

not very long before the Londoners came across Walker, lying between the main line and the siding to the north, a half mile east of Egerton street. He was free of the rails, but was in an unconscious condition.

The party carried the brakeman to East London station, where Dr. English was telephoned for. The doctor, once ordered Walker sent to Victoria Hospital, where he soon arrived in the ambulance, and his injuries were attended to.

An examination by the physicians showed that Walker had escaped in a marvelous manner. Only two ribs were found to be fractured, and the left side was somewhat bruised.

When the patient recovered consciousness, he explained that while running over a carload of scrap iron he slipped on the icy piping which formed part of the load, and tumbled over the side of the car. He remembered no more after that. Had the night been cold, Walker's chances of recovery would not be very slim, but as it is Dr. English says he will recover. He is a married man, 35 years of age, and lives in Sarnia.

**STRATFORD PLANT
GOES TO TORONTO****The Massey-Harris Works Employing 100 Men To Be Transferred.**

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Dec. 19.—The Massey-Harris works at Stratford, purchased fifteen months ago, and employing 100 men, will be closed permanently, and the plant will be removed to Toronto in January. The object is to centralize the works. The move is, of course, hailed with joy by Toronto people and with corresponding gloom by Stratford, as the latter place will lose many families.

No Defense for Hummel.

New York, Dec. 19.—Abraham H. Hummel, the lawyer, who for several days has been on trial in the supreme court on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce litigation, today elected to allow his case to go to the jury solely on the evidence submitted by his accusers. The prosecution finished its case yesterday, and when the trial was resumed today, counsel for Hummel announced that they were prepared to rest their case. They did not desire to offer any evidence in defense.

**BALLOT SCRUTINY
FAVORS LIBERALS****Looks Now As If Regina and Cannington Would Both Go Government.**

Regina, Sask., Dec. 19.—There has been no change in the standing of the two political parties in Saskatchewan during the last 48 hours, the Government claiming sixteen seats and conceding the Opposition eight, with Regina City in doubt.

The scrutiny of the 178 rejected ballots in this city commenced on Saturday morning in the city hall. Mr. Laird was represented by Messrs. F. W. G. Haultain, Ford Jones and A. L. Gordon, and Mr. Bole by Messrs. Norman Mackenzie and Alexander Ross. Up to 11 o'clock about 100 ballots had been passed upon, and the Liberals claim that the effect of the allowed ballots will be to cut Laird's lead of 19 down to 5, and they confidently expect that the remaining ballots will wipe out his lead altogether, and replace it with a small majority for Bole.

Latest returns from Cannington give Stewart (Liberals), 108 majority, with one poll to hear from. There is absolutely no truth in the report circulated by the Conservatives to the effect that McDermid had carried his seat. Champagne (Liberals), has 200 in Battleford, with three polls to hear from, which will increase it. McNutt (Liberals), in Silfcoats, leads by 412, with seven polls to hear from, which will increase it by another hundred.

Reports from Moose Jaw and other points indicate that the Liberals are making gains in the scrutiny of rejected ballots.

TO ELECTRIFY THE N. Y. C.**Vanderbilt Says Steam Will Be Superseded in Western New York.**

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 18.—W. K. Vanderbilt today confirmed the report that the New York Central had contracted with the Niagara, Lockport and Ontario Power Company for electricity to be used in the electrification of the New York Central lines in Western New York. Mr. Vanderbilt inspected the Ontario Power Company's plant on the Canadian side of the river, and left Niagara Falls at noon, following the transmission line of the Niagara, Lockport and Ontario Power Company from this city to Syracuse. He will arrive at Syracuse this evening.

MILITIA DISMISSALS**Two More Members of Quebec Stores Department Let Out.**

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The militia department, which has been conducting an inquiry for some time past into the conduct of the militia, and only recently caused the dismissal from the service of the chief officer in charge of Quebec stores, are continuing the investigation. The latest result from the inquiry is the arrest of the conductor, a warrant officer, and a private, who were apprehended yesterday morning. The charges preferred against the two men are not made public, but it is rumored that the arrest is the outcome of fraudulent practices.

**BLOWN TO PIECES
ON FIFTH AVENUE****Three Men Killed and Seven Injured by Accidental Explosion of Dynamite.**

New York, Dec. 19.—Three men were blown to pieces, seven others were more or less seriously hurt, and the occupants of fashionable hotels and residences in the vicinity of Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street were startled today by an explosion of dynamite in an excavation for the new Alhambra building. Fragments of the bodies of the dead were scattered over an area of hundreds of feet, and it was hours before the exact number of victims of the accident could be determined. The explosion was caused by a workman unintentionally striking a heavy charge of dynamite, which had been placed in a drill-hole in a ledge of rock several days ago, and which defied attempts to explode it at the time. The workmen started to re-drill the hole, with no thought of the deadly charge it concealed. There were 80 men in the excavation at the time, but fortunately only a few of them were near the loaded hole when the steel drill plunged into the sticks of dynamite.

SEES VICTORY FOR JOE**Mr. Mosely Declares It Is Only a Matter of Time.**

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 18.—A large and representative gathering of the captains of industry of Toronto, Berlin and other Western Ontario cities attended the first of a series of banquets being given in Canada by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, held at the Walpole House here this evening. Upwards of 100 guests were present.

Mr. Mosely declared that the Chamberlain propaganda is making progress. But it takes a long time to educate a large mass of ignorant voters, who have been born and reared under free trade, and who have been led astray by falsehoods of politicians and labor leaders. He predicted that at the next elections an anti-Chamberlain Government will be chosen, but he is sanguine of ultimate success.

BURIED FORTY FEET DEEP**Terrible Plight of Workmen in Tunnel Beneath East River.**

New York, Dec. 18.—Two men are buried 40 feet deep in a tunnel, facing death in three different forms, by starvation, suffocation and drowning, while about 200 of their comrades are a few feet above them are digging against time to save their lives. For more than 30 hours these workmen have been imprisoned in this tunnel by a cave-in of its mouth, and it is by no means certain that there are only two men buried. The police of Long Island City say there are six.

This tunnel is being built under the East River to Manhattan Island, and the entombed men are sealed up in the approach under Long Island City.

AN INDIAN IN TROUBLE**Johnson Peters Charged With Theft From Middlemiss Store.**

Johnson Peters, a Muncie Indian, was up before Squire Edwards this morning charged with being one of a gang of Indians who broke into Wm. C. Davis' store at Middlemiss. A quantity of the stolen clothing was found in Peters' house. He was remanded for a week. High Constable McLeod is trying to round up the rest of the gang.