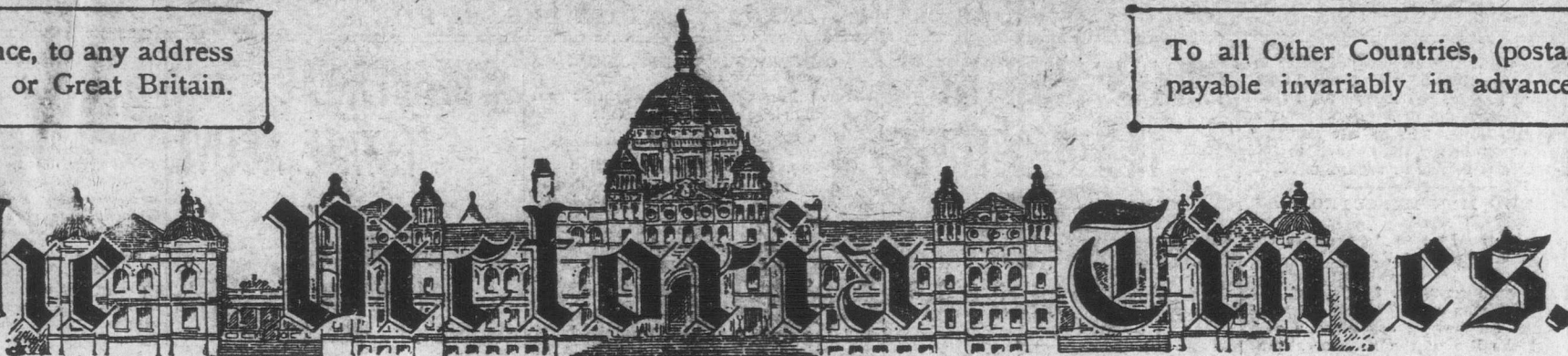


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TWELVE PERSONS PERISHED IN FIRE

Victims Were Guests at Hotel at Shelton, Wash., Which Was Completely Destroyed—Many Injured.

Shelton, Wash., Sept. 5.—Fire of unknown origin in the Webb hotel at an early this morning killed twelve persons and injured a dozen more. For a time the conflagration threatened the entire town, but the volunteer force of fighters did heroic work, removing the dead and injured from the burning building. The identified dead are: Mrs. Mudge, Miss Bailey, Holmes, master mechanic of Peninsula Railroad, Charles Granite, Rabbdan, Holmes was killed by jumping from a window on the second story of the building. The remains of seven unidentified persons have been taken from the ruins. Among the injured are L. W. Ostrander and a man named Brash, of Portland, both of whom were seriously burned. Bailey's saloon and two residences were also destroyed by fire. The property damaged is estimated at \$100,000 mostly covered by insurance. Shelton is the seat of Mason county, and this is the worst disaster that has ever visited it.

UNFOUNDED RUMOR

No Truth In Report of Attempt to Assassinate Emperor Francis Joseph.

Vienna, Sept. 5.—12:30 p. m.—It is reported here that an attempt was made to assassinate Emperor Francis Joseph this morning but that he escaped unhurt. The scene of the attempt is placed at Klagenfurt, a town of Austria, Hungary, about forty miles from Ljubljana. The would-be assassin is described as an Austro-Hungarian laborer, and the time his attempt is said to have been made is 9 a. m.

Vienna, Sept. 5.—It is officially stated that there is no truth in the report of the attempted assassination of Emperor Francis Joseph. An old peasant, carrying a cane, attempted to approach the Emperor for the purpose of presenting a petition, which led to some confusion and the circulation of the rumor that an attempt had been made on the life of His Majesty. Private information on the subject corroborates the official statement that no attempt was made to assassinate the Emperor.

ACCIDENTALLY TURNED ON GAS

TWO WOMEN FOUND DEAD IN TORONTO

Visitors to the Exhibition Suffocated in Their Bedroom—Shepherd Commits Suicide.

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Two women, Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. McEwan, both of Havelock, were found dead this morning in their bedroom at the Osgrade house, the room being full of gas. The women, who were exhibition visitors, evidently had turned on the gas and turned it on again by mistake as the jet was turned on full. Coroner W. J. Greig decided that the cause was accidental death. The two women had never been in the city before and did not understand how to operate gas he said. It is not likely that any inquest will be held. Shepherd's Suicide. Maple Creek, Sept. 4.—Hamilton Miller, a Scotch shepherd, aged twenty-five years, committed suicide yesterday in the Maple Leaf hotel by cutting his throat.

Association Formed. Toronto, Sept. 4.—The Canadian Pharmaceutical Association was organized here today. G. E. Gibbard, Toronto, is president; J. E. Tremble, Montreal, secretary; Mr. Ferguson, Regina, registrar. The object is to keep up the educational standard of druggists.

Old Timer Dead. Remora, Ont., Sept. 4.—John Henry, one of the old time residents, died last evening at 7 o'clock, aged ninety-two years. He was in the eighties during the early days of the C. P. R. construction and was one of the landmarks of old Remora. Yesterday he was apparently in the best of health, but upon returning home he slipped and fell on his own door step. It was not thought of any consequence at the time, but the doctors found later that a clot of blood had formed on the brain from which death resulted.

Woolley Bear Dying. Brandon, Man., Sept. 4.—Reliable information has been received by those who are interested that Woolley Bear, the Indian murderer, who is serving a life sentence in the Manitoba penitentiary, is in a very critical condition, suffering from consumption, and is not expected to live longer than a few weeks. Woolley Bear shot and killed another Indian on the Griswold reservation little over a year ago, and then escaped to the Pipestone reserve. Before being captured he attempted suicide by shooting himself in the breast.

Politicians Indicted. Charges Made in Connection With Alleged Tax Receipt Frauds in Allegheny City. Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 4.—A political sensation was caused here today when it became known that the grand jury had indicted four prominent politicians of Allegheny City in connection with alleged tax receipt frauds in that city. The men indicted are Elliott Rogers, member of the state senate of Pennsylvania, and former common pleas judge of the Allegheny City court; Samuel Grenet, director of the department of superintendents of Allegheny; Wm. Hoggett, member of Allegheny council, and Wm. Lamb, a leading Allegheny politician.

Monument to McKinley. Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 5.—The monument to be dedicated here today in memory of Wm. McKinley was erected by the state of New York on the site provided by the city of Buffalo. It is in the form of an obelisk of white marble 36 feet high and is situated at Niagara Square, the intersection of Niagara and Court streets and Delaware avenue. The obelisk rests upon a pedestal 15 feet high, the base of which is 12 feet above the street level. The whole is surrounded by a tessellated promenade embellished with ornate parapets and balustrades and splashing fountains.

Ended Life Day After Marriage. Grief Over Having to Leave His Bride Caused Sailor to Kill Himself. Annapolis, Md., Sept. 5.—Grief over the fact that he must separate from his wife for a day led Alvin Mauppin, of Clay City, a yeoman in the United States navy, to take his life yesterday.

Coadjutor Bishop of Frisco. Rochester, N.Y., Sept. 4.—Rev. Dr. Edward J. Hanna, of St. Bernard's seminary here, says that he has received no official communication concerning his rumored appointment as coadjutor bishop of San Francisco. There seems to be no doubt, however, that the name of Dr. Hanna is one of those that have been sent to the Pope by the immovable rectors and the counsellors of San Francisco asking for a selection to be made by the pontiff for the appointment.

A WARM RECEPTION

Artist Taken From His Carriage and Dragged Through the Mud By Enraged Villagers.

New York, Sept. 5.—Ferdinand P. Ray Earl, an artist who sent his wife to France, her old home, to secure a divorce so that he might marry another woman, received a sorry welcome when he returned to his home in Moore, N. Y., last night after bidding his wife farewell at the steamer. Earl was met by a crowd of villagers as he stepped from the steamer, who at first insulted and hooted him, and then pulled him from his carriage and dragged him through the mud of the village streets. The artist courageously faced his tormentors, exhorting the crowd in an attempt to vindicate himself and then goaded for the instant by the insults of the people, he seized his carriage whip and slashed at the crowd. A man snatched the whip from his hands and bystanders state struck the artist a stinging blow. Further trouble was prevented by the appearance of officers who forced Earl to drive to his home, though he persistently tried to explain his views to the angry crowd.

FIREMEN MEET

Short of Funds. Improvements on Central Georgia Road Have Been Stopped.

Macon, Ga., Sept. 4.—As a result of the reduction in passenger rates and the general condition of the money market so far as railroads are concerned, all improvements have been ordered stopped by President J. H. Hanson of the Central Georgia railway. President Hanson says the railway has not sufficient money to do the work.

TROLLEY WIRE STOLEN

Five Miles of Wire Cut Down and Carried Away by Thieves. Milwaukee, Sept. 4.—The Milwaukee & Northern railway officials today reported to the Milwaukee police five miles of trolley wire between Milwaukee and Cedarburg had been cut down and carried away by thieves. The property is valued at \$10,000 and in addition the company is put to additional expense in re-erecting the wire.

THAW'S TRIAL

Case Not Likely to Come Before the Court Until the December Term.

New York, Sept. 5.—Martin W. Littleton, of counsel for Harry K. Thaw, has again called upon District Attorney Jerome to find out when his client's case would be brought to trial again. Thaw is anxious for his second trial, and is getting feverish over his long confinement in the Tombs. Mr. Jerome told Mr. Littleton that as soon as the court calendar could be arranged the Thaw case would receive due consideration. It is not believed that the trial will come up before the December term.

TREATING THE DUST NUISANCE

California Oil Is Used to Advantage

Private Enterprise Finds a Remedy While City Authorities Are Collecting Data. (From Thursday's Daily.) Within the past few weeks private enterprise has made an experiment, which as it has proved highly successful, its adoption by the city should go far towards allaying the dust nuisance in Chicago. The treatment has turned out far more successfully than even its projector hoped. It has given a solid quality to the avenue. No matter how dry the weather is, there is dust no longer accumulates on the surface, nor does the traffic passing over the ground disrupt it. Only a light sprinkling of oil placed on the roadway, yet has proved that its qualities are of a binding nature, and as far as can be gathered, after several days' test, during a complete topographical survey of the grand duchy to be made. Troops have arrived in Helsingfors and other towns and garrisons in the grand duchy are held in readiness to cope with any emergency.

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STRIKERS FIRE LUMBER YARD

TROOPS CALLED OUT TO ASSIST FIREMEN

Conflagration at Antwerp Threatens to Destroy Lumber and Warehouse District of City.

Antwerp, Sept. 4.—Thanks to the presence of the militia, the evening passed in comparative quiet. The only incident was a setting on fire, by strikers, with use of petroleum, of another lumber yard. The lumber covering 3,000 square yards, is blazing furiously, at this writing, in spite of the efforts of the firemen, reinforced by troops, to extinguish the flames. Regular infantrymen have been told off to guard the petroleum reservoirs.

M. Humbert, minister of labor, called on the burgomaster today and told him the strikers would return to work under the usual terms of the Federation of Labor if the federation would consent to arbitration. The minister hopes that his proposal will bring the strike to an end shortly.

Officers of the militia declared this evening that the strikers were in a dangerous temper, as liquor is being distributed to them.

Still Burning. Antwerp, Sept. 5.—The fire which started in a lumber yard last night, spreading, necessitates the calling out of the troops to assist the firemen in fighting the flames, it is still burning this morning, threatening the devastation of the lumber and warehouse district of the city.

Help had been summoned from Brussels and Ghent.

Mr. Langfan stated that the work on the temporary bridge of the company at Saskatoon was being carried forward with energy and there was no doubt that it would be ready in ample time for the opening of the line in October. Work was also proceeding rapidly on the permanent bridge of the C. P. R. The excavation for the depot in Saskatoon was completed, and the building would be virtually completed before the time of the opening of the line for traffic in the fall.

New Chinese Ministers. Peking, Sept. 4.—The Dowager Empress has appointed Yuan Shi Kai to be a member of the board of foreign affairs, and a grand councillor of the court. He recently held the post of minister of agriculture. Yuan Shi Kai has been consulting with Her Majesty.

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COKE SHORTAGE ON MAINLAND

Due to Labor and Transport Troubles

A. J. McMillan, Manager of Le Roi Mine, Interviews Provincial Government on Situation.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A. J. McMillan, manager of the Le Roi mine, Rossland, is in Victoria, and this morning had an interview with members of the local government with respect to the coke shortage.

Mr. McMillan was inclined to be reticent, when seen by a reporter, saying that he had come to discuss the matter with the government and did not wish it to be understood that he was trying to force the situation.

Speaking of the matter generally, he said that for some months past there had been a certain amount of coke shortage in the interior of British Columbia, owing mainly to two causes. First, there were unsettled labor conditions prevailing in the earlier part of the year at the collieries along the Crow's Nest, and afterwards in the metalliferous mines throughout the interior. "The result was," said Mr. McMillan, "at certain times during this year none of us have been able to get sufficient coke, whereas there have been periods when some of the large smelter companies have requested the Crow's Nest Company not to send them full supplies of coke ordered."

Other difficulty affecting the situation is want of cars and locomotive power on the railways. The shipments of coke to United States smelters have had practically nothing to do with the question. The Northport smelter, which is just over the line in the State of Washington, has received more than half the coke exported to the United States smelters, treating practically nothing but Le Roi ores. If all the balance of the coke exported to the United States, amounting to thirteen or fourteen thousand tons, had been kept in British Columbia it would have been sufficient to keep one more furnace going in one smelter. And as seven smelters, including that at Northport, are engaged in the interior treating of B. C. ores, this would have afforded practically no relief at all.

If the export of coke to the United States smelters were absolutely prohibited, the effect would be, Mr. McMillan said, that the Northport smelter would have to close down at once, and this would mean the closing down of the Le Roi mine, and the throwing out of employment of over 300 men in that city.

Mr. McMillan said there was no truth in the report that the people of the interior were opposed to the export of coke. "Men," he said, "are naturally opposed, as I would be myself to coke being sent to Montana smelters in large quantities so long as local smelters wanted the coke. But the coke is not going to Montana in any considerable quantity, and the people of the interior practically all look upon the Northport smelter as a British Columbian establishment, and would be highly inclined to see that the government do not prevent it getting as much coke as it requires."

"I observe," he continued, "that press dispatches assert that resolutions have been passed by the Rossland miners' union and others, asking that no coke be allowed to go into the United States. What the miners' union has asked is that the government do prevent it getting as much coke as it requires."

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TRADE POLICY OF AUSTRALIA

The New Tariff Is Drastically Protective

Commonwealth Government Desires to Encourage Home Industries--Relations With Canada.

Montreal, Sept. 4.—J. P. Knight, of Sydney, N. S. W., is visiting Montreal in an effort to increase the trade relations between the Dominion and the Commonwealth, which he thinks should be considerably improved by the new tariff which provides for a pretty strong general preference for the products of all parts of the British empire into the island colony. The new tariff, however, Mr. Knight stated, is not merely frankly, it is drastically protective, in some instances the duties being higher than under the tariff heretofore. It cost too much to lay the goods down at Sydney with freight and duty paid.

"The policy adopted by the Deakin government," he said, "is that Australia does not want to import anything that can be produced there, and that duties should be fixed to prevent such importation. But if it is necessary to import anything, then we would prefer to import it from the other countries of the empire, and therefore the duties are so arranged as to give a decided preference."

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