Heart of Business Section of the Town is Wiped Out

Property Loss Will Reach Nearly Three Hundred Thousand

Six Persons Lose Their Lives and Nine Others Are Injured

LENOX, Mass., April 11 .- Six recepte lost their lives, three others were badly burned and property loss of between \$200,000 and \$800,000 was caused in a one of the most pitiable tragedles of fire in the heart of the business section of this town early today. Four busi-

Edward C. Ventraes, aged 41 years, Mrs. Edward C. Ventres, aged 35. Miss Leslie Ventres, aged 12. Miss Alice French, aged 41, book-

Miss Isabel Cook, aged 40, bookkeep-Miss Mary Sparks, aged 26 years, I school teacher.

Injured: Mrs. Catherine Root and her two sons, George Root, Arthur Root, all burned about face, hands and neck. The principal losses were:

Mahanna building, owned by Wm. Mahanna, \$25,000. Wm. B. Bull building and owner's plumbing shop, \$35,0000. Clifford building-\$20,000; James Clifford and Sons, hardware, \$20,000.

John Cutwood, plumber, \$10,000.

Frank Morrier, department store, \$12,-James Casidy, druggist, \$10,000. Joseph Regnier, residence, \$3,000. Mrs. Rose Colbert, residence, \$6,000. Fenwick blacksmith shop, \$2,500 Eugene Talmage, ice stack and small-

were badly damaged but not destroy-

CURTIS HOTEL SAVED.

parties from New York and Boston, from the flames.

from a series of explosions among the turpentine, paints, oils and dynamite stored in the cellar of the James Clif-

ford block, which was a three-story building, shortly after 3 o'clock this seriously ill a few hours before his morning. Smoke rolling into his room death. from a partially covered chimney hole first awoke the man and hastily calling chosen to meet him at Ottawa in rehis brother and mother, they ran down spect to the river valley railway to occupants of the upper floors as they went. A long tongue of flame leaped up the stairs, but the three people dashed down at headlong speed only to find the front door in flames. There home in Chatham last evening and exwas no time to turn back. George and his brother Walter dashed through the flames, wrenched open the front door and with their mother between them, dashed into the street, sustaining the majority of their bad burns in their flight through the doorway.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION:

The Roots had barely crossed the street in their night clothes before there was a terriffic explosion in the Clifford building behind them. This explosion was heard in the surrounding territory for a distance of six miles, shattered windows within a wide radius, caused the fire alarm to ring and in an instant had wrapped the Clifford block in flames

Horace Perrill and his wife, other occupants of the top floor, aroused by the shouts of the Roots and got half way down the front stairs when they saw the flames leaping up to bar their just a lap after Simpson passed him, exit. Three women were below them five miles alone in 2.08.35. Appleby set trying to get through the front door, all the pace, but at the twelfth mile but Perrill saw that the attempt was by this time useless. Keeping his wits looked a matter of a few miles before he rushed his wife through a long corhe threw up the applies. Appleby may ridor to the back stairs where he got out in safety. The other occupants of the block lost their lives when the ex-

plosion, which was followed in sharp succession by minor reports, the interior of the Olifford block was a seething furnace and the flames were licking up the Eddy building on the south. In this block the people had been hurled out of their beds by the explosion or else had been thoroughly awakened and had barely time to make their way to the street in their night clothes. The night air was cold, the temperature being 20 degrees above zero, all the sharp wind from the northwest sendthe inhabitants of the town to the gravity of the situation. With an unquickly sized up their need of immediate help, which was called from Pittsfield, Lenoxdale and Lee. Pittsfield sent an engine and wagon-load of hose and Lee sent an engine and two hose vagons, while Lenoxville sent a hook and ladder. The Pittsfield and Lee apparatus had a mile uphill climb and it was three-quarters of an hour before they reached the fire.

Before this help could reach the town the flames were driving steadily towards the Lenox public library and the Curtis Hotel. When it seemed as if they could not be saved, the wind suddenly swung around into the south-west, driving the flames into the Bull uilding on the north side of the fire. This structure lent added fury to the flames, which next attacked the Mahanna block. The blaze got into the interior of this, but the brick walls turned the flames to the eastward, where the Regnier and Colbert residences with a clump of shops, large and mall, were burned; when the outside help appeared on the scene and by heroic work, aided by the dropping of the wind, kept the conflagration within bounds after it had raged with great fury for three hours. The death of Miss Alice French, was

ford building was at its height a woness blocks, two dwellings and two man was sene to climb out of a flame-Housatonia and Church streets. The and nair apiaze. The new was too rot fire is believed to have started in the for anyone to approach near the structure. Staggering to the versand railing from spontaneous tree. Staggering to the versand railing the woman leaned to the sidewalk said to be the leader of the uprising. landing in a flaming heap within five or six feet of the blazing walls. Some of the horrified onlookers attempted to rush in to drag her out, but the in- the effort of the administration to tense heat drove them back, and not until the flames had practically died out several hours later was the body reached. It was then too badly disfigured for identification until Dr. Chas. Johnson of Pittsfield, a dentist, identified some of the work he had done on the woman's teeth. The other bodies are probably in the cellar of the block, but they cannot be reached that some time tomorrow, when the fire is finally drowned out by the water that the volunteer company and the Lee department have been pouring on the ruins all day.

Murray A. Brown, grocer, \$10,000. Biddy building, Chas. Eddy estate,

FREDERICTON, April 11.- Easter day was fine and clear here, but ex-The residence of Mrs. Theodore Cow- raw wind blowing the entire day. The hig and B. H. Rogers, both on Main services at all the churches were very Kline, 25 years old, and his bride of MONCTON CHIRCH ne adjoining structures, largely attended and the number of three weeks, Ida Branz Kline, aged 21 to have been the largest in that church's history. At all the services A fortunate shift of wind from the northwest to the southwest saved the public library and the fashionable Curtis Hotel, where there were several pits. At the Cathedral, where a spe-parties from New York, and Roston. out, the Dean preached in the morning and Bishop Richardson in the evening. building, in the basement of which the Edward Wilkinson, one of Fredericton's oldest and respected citizens. He came to Fredericton some forty-five years ago with the Royal Artillery and ford and Sons Company, hardware ceased leaves two sons, Charles of Cenhas resided here ever since. The deganized volunteer fire department and this city, and two married daughters aid was called from Pittsfield, Lenox- living in New York. Mrs. Wilkinson The fire was discovered by George Edward, in California last month, mak-Clifford, who lived with his mother and three deaths in the family within a year. Mr. Wilkinson, though in failing health for some time past, was only

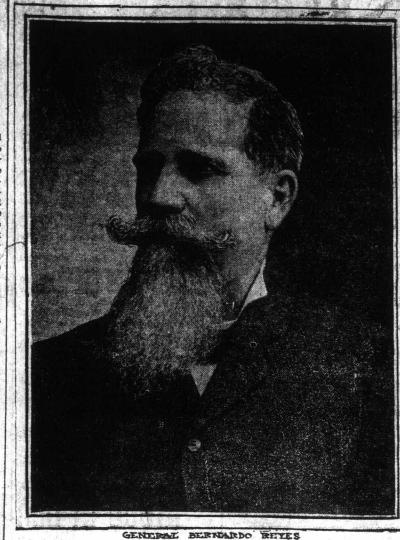
change the time of meeting to Friday next instead of the following Monday. Accordingly the delegates will leave here next Wednesday.

pects to return on Tuesday next. The Easter collection in Saint Dunstan's Church today was the largest on record, amounting to over \$570.

APPLEBY PROVES

TORONTO, April 11 .- Fred Appleby, the English runner of whom so much has been heard from, proved a counterfeit in Saturday's race with the Indian, Fred Simpson, Appleby quitting in the first lap of the sixteenth mile, or reputed importation from the old sed, Within ten minutes of the first exto win the Olympic Marathon.

> CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Charff Hitching



WILLEMSTAD, April 11.-Rumors | have the three-sided treaty between other structures were destroyed in a filled room on to a veranda on the section bounded by Franklin, Main, second floor, with her night clothing and Church streets. The and hair ablaze. The fire was too lot

Evidences of political unrest in the the matter be referred to a national Colombian republic were recorded congress to be elected in July. The govsome three weeks ago as a result of ernment acquiesced, and popular elections have been called.

Dead From Bullet Wounds

CAUSE UNKNOWN

PORTLAND, Me., April 11.-In the midst of preparations for a joyous bered woods tremely cold for this time of year, a master feast the podies of Samuel communicants at the Cathedral is said years, were found dead from bullet wounds on the floor of their room at special Easter music was rendered, and 142 Mancock street, by the girl's aunt all the sermons were appropriate to and cousin, Mrs. David Branz and Abraham Branz. While Coroner James A. Martin decided that it was a case which of the victims did the shooting. The cause of the crimes is not known. was responsible.

his wife entered. During the middle canada. of the forenoon, when the couple had ! not appeared and their assistance was needed in finishing the preparations for the day's festivities, Mrs. David Branz and her son Abraham went upstairs and knocked at the chamber door. There was no response. Becoming alarmed at the continued silence Abraham unlocked the door with a key from his own pocket, and on attempting to push open the door found that against it. Making an opening wide recent international Marathon Derby, enough to allow an observation of the has been matched to meet Alfred two bodies lying on the floor, Calling race at the American League Park on for more help the room was entered. Mrs. Kline was lying on the bed, which The race will take place at night and across her breast, and it was believed the ocasion. by some that this might have been done by her husband, thus hinting that he had done the shooting. Within a few feet of Mrs. Kline's body was her husband's body, partially dressed, as if he had thrown himself down to sleep without removing all his clothing. In the young bride's forehead were two bullet wounds, where two bullets from a 32-calibre revolver nearby had penetrated the brain. From the same revolver a bullet had entered the right temple of Mr. Kline and fractured the after midnight. The members of the family with whom the couple boarded, said that they had heard no shots. A corner's jury viewed the bodies and then adjourned until Tuesday when an inquest will be held. *

dren by his second marriage, which thus cut down Mrs. Kline's share of the inheritance more thon had been expected. Quarrels over this fact, it is said, may have caused the shooting. On the other hand, it is said that Mrs. Kline had suspicions that her husband had another wife in New York city, and some of the girl's relalives claim that Kline might have

done the shooting while enraged at the girl's accusations. Kline came here from New York several months ago. Bride and Groom are Found and with another man had gone into the bottling business on Portland street, under the firm name of Brown Today's tragedies make the second murder and suicide of a young married

couple in Maine within three days. Herbert Nottage, aged 30 years, shot and fatally wounded his wife Lucinda, aged 20 years, at Bingham, and later shot and killed himself to avoid canture by a posse who had trailed him all night through the snow-encum-

MONCTON, N. B., April 11.-The of murder and suicide he did not state | chief feature of Easter services in the The couple had been unhappy together new organ and musical exercise at put up the necessary funds to get their the theories of the relatives of the church being overcrowded in the evening. Prof. Horsfall of Mt. Allison preyoung couple conflict as to whether a sided at the organ during the day and company as he is able, the amount it dispute over money matters or the gives recital on the new organ tomorbride's accusation against her husband row night. Pledges and collections for that he had another wife in New York organ fund amounted to about five hundred dollars.

As a result of a conference held here yesterday with Mr. Thomas, travelling secretary for Canada for the Bro-The bride and groom had been dead therhood of St. Andrews, it was ar-for several hours before their bodies ranged to hold a maritime conference were discovered. The last seen of of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Mrs. Kline was at midnight last night, Moncton next September. Committees when she went up to her room after were appointed to take the matter up. spending the evening in preparations Travelling Secretary Thomas reports der, offers a fine chance for the wouldfor the Eastertide feast. Kline is be- the men's movement in the Church of be Chinese smuggler and many atlieved to have been asleep at the time England growing steadily all through

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 11:-Henr some heavy obstacle had been placed St. Yves, the Frenchman, who won nterior of the room, Abraham saw the Shrubb of England in a fifteen mile Saturday, April 24.

had been made on the floor, in her will be run in the glare of hundreds night clothing. Her hands were folded of electric lights, especially strung for Many experts claim Shrubb is the fastest man in the world at fifteen miles, but those who compared the two men for that distance in the Derby are confident that in St. Yves the English-

man has found his master.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 10 .- President Harry Pulliam of the National Baseball League had undergone a sucskull. Medical Examiner Dr. Frank cessful operation on his left eye. Mr. M. Smith said that the two had prob- Pulliam will remain here several days ably been dead for several hours, fix- and then go to Cincinnati. He does ing the time of the shooting at a little not know when he will be ready for work. He is looking well.

The death occurred Saturday at Mispec of John Davis, son of Jos. Davis, after three years illness. Deceased was thirty years of age and leaves a Efforts to learn the cause of the wife and two children and two sisters shooting brought out conflicting theo- to mourn their loss. The sisters are Mrs. Kline's father, Jacob Mrs. T. H. Klipatrick and Mrs. Rob Branz, died about six months ago, ert Poley all of Mispec. Deceased was leaving considerable money. Kline, a Forester and a member of Court however, learned after the death of his Fairhaven, I. O. F., of Loggieville, N. father-in-law, that the man had mar- B. He was highly respected by rid the second time and left four chil- | who knew him.

CASE DEVELOPS

Attempt to Bring In More Orientals

BIG PRICE PAID

Maine With Its Sparsely Settled Border Offers Fine Opportunity

That there is a well organized plot on foot to smuggle Chinamen into this country from Canadian points via Maine in large numbers has been brought to the attention of the De partment of Labor and Commerce at Washington and vigorous efforts are being made to stop the smuggling and if possible capture the men who are behind the scheme, says an American exchange.

Within the past five or six weeks, three Celestials have been captured on trains coming to this city and investi gation has practically shown that they were smuggled into this country by some clever men, who saw a chance to get them by the United States offistated that there are over 100 Celes- case of vengeance by Russian revolutials in St. John at the present time, most of whom are only transient residents, and the majority of them would Azeff, the notorious "revolutionary" come into this country in a minute if they could see the chance.

Besides the three men who were captured while trying to make their way to the large cities of this couctry, the government is aware that numerous other attempts of the same kind have been made along the borders of this state and Chinese inspectors have been detailed to closely watch the trains and other avenues of entrance into Maine. A close watch is also being made for the men who are responsible for the smuggling of the Chinks, and if the government agents layh ands on them they will se sev-

erely dealt with. According to government officials, it isn't the Chinamen so much as it is dered the decomposition of the body, the men who assist in smuggling them which was found to have no wounds across the line who are to blame for of any kind. the increasing number of attempts of | The landlady states that on Februingly, when any of the Chinamen are the following day, according to the approached by men, who make a business of smuggling them into this court and took supper together.

ceives anywhere from \$100 to \$600 for the job, according to the desire of the men are willing to take.

It is rare that the smuggled Chinaman pays the price for his safe lardlocal churches today was the dedica- ing in this country, because few of tion of a five thousand dollar new pipe | them have the money to do so. Howthen after the Celestial is safely established in busines, he repays to the interest. Once in one of the large cities of

this country, it is comparatively easy for a Chinaman to live undetected, although he has to keep a close look-out for Chinese inspectors. Every Chinaman who lawfully enters this country has papers which entitle him to esidence in this country. If he does not possess them he is liable to deporta-

tempts are accordingly made to bring the Celestials in. The usual way of bringing the men across the line is in carriages. When safely across trains are taken to their destination. However, more elabora te schemes are taken to get the Orientals across more elabora te schemes are the line and the United States officials have to keep constantly on the vatch to prevent these attempts.



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BODY OF YOUNG MAN IS FOUND IN TRUNK

He is Believed to Have Been - Victim of Russian Revolutionists

ROME, April 10-The discovery of the body of a young Russian in a trunk left in a garret of the Via Frattina has created the deepest excitement. The body lay undiscovered from February 28 until this week. tionaries on a traitor or a spy, but the

suggestion that the corpse is that of agent of the Russian secret police, is discredited, since the body is that of a young man, while Azeff is middle The victim is not yet identified. It is not even definitely ascertained that he

was of Russian nationality, for his cravat and collar bear the name of a firm at Cracow (Austrian Poland.) Nearly all the Russian and Polish colonies in Rome have been required to inspect the corpse, but no one has recognized it. THE VICTIM POISONED.

An expert examination has established the fact that the victim was polsoned by prussic acid. The poison hin-

this kind. America would be the Mecca | ary 25 a person of some 45 years of age for all Chinamen if they were allowed hired the room. The following day he to come to this country, as they know purchased a trunk, and on the 27th he money is easily earned here. Accord- said he was expecting two friends. On try, with an attractive offer to get | About 8 o'clock the maid met on

them in, they usually bite if they can the staircase the man who had taken the room, with only one friend They The man who successfully smuggles were going out. There was no further Celestial into the United States re- news of the man who said that he was leaving for Fiumicino, near Rome. The lodger spoke German with the Oriental to enter this country. While serving maid, who is a German. He the risks are great, it can be seen that said his name was Vladimir Tarasoff. the long price offers a bait which many | On February 26 the trunk was carried in by a coachman.

NAMED ROMANOFF. organ in First Baptist church. The ever, there are Chinese companies who he called at the boarding house in the for the past two weeks, it is said, and tracted a large congregation, the countrymen into the United States and ly frequented by Germans. On the manuscript of an unfinished work, norning of February 26 he sent for a trunk. Toward noon on the same day : he was visited by two friends. On the costs to get him in, plus a high rate of evening of the following day he ordered a supper, consisting of ham, cheese and wine. At 8 o'clock he returned with a friend. The latter left shortly after- ! ward to fetch another young man. At 9 o'clock Romanoff again went out with another young man, some 30 + promptly attended to. In all + years of age, dark haired and with a | + homes where Baby's Own Tablets +

clares that she did not notice that | + hand for such troubles as indiges- + his room, saying that he was going to | the mother has the guarantee of a * Fiumicino. days by the servant. Two glasses of

200,000 IS THE TOTAL CATCH OF THE FLEET

reservation, the face only being of a

mottled hue.

First of Fleet Reaches St John's Nfl t. With 31,000 Seals

ST. JOHNS, N. F. April 10.-A total catch of approximately 200,000 seals is reported from the sealing fleet, the first of which, the steamer Florizel, arrived here tonight. The Florizel brought a heavy catch of 3,000 seals. She reported that the Beathic has 32,000, the Bellaventure 28,000, the Bonaventure 26,-600, the Eagle 17,000, Adventure 11,000, Bloodhound 10,000, Algerine 8,000, Ranger 6,000, and Yoland 5,000. The renaining vessels of the fleet have small catches, which will bring the total up to about 200,000 seals.

"Why is it, professor," asked the young man with the bad eye, "that when Christopher Columbus discovered this country he didn't settle down and "Doubtless you are aware, my yourg friend," answered the professor, "that

"Yes, sir." "Well, a colon does not riean a full stop. We will return now, young gentlemen, to the consideration of the fes-

Cristoval Colon."

the Spanish form of his name was

FUNERAL NOT

No Mass During Holy Week

NOVELIST'S REMAINS

It is considered certain that it is a Municipalty of Toronto Wanted Crawford's Body Interred There.

> SORRENTO, April 10.-The funeral of F. Marion Crawford, the American novelist, who fied here vesterday, will not be held until Monday for the reason that the chlurch does not permit the celebration of the funeral mass during holy week. The services will be private and simple and they will be held in the Capuin church, to which Mr. Crawford made generous contributions. Mr. Crawford, who was deeply religious, received all the comforts of religion during his last days. The body will be placed temporarily in the chapel of the little cemetery of Saint Agnello until the will has been examined and it is learned whether Mr. Crawford left any wish regarding his last resting place.

A delegation from the municipality from Sorrento, headed by the mayor, went to Sant Agnello today to beg for the honor of having Mr. Crawford's body lie at Corrento. Mrs. Crawford replied that although she appreciated the honor highly, if her husband's body remained in Italy, it must lie at Sant Agnello, where he lived and worked. The mayor of Sant Agnello has issued a manifesto inviting the people to follow the hearse of the "illustrious and honorary citizen who immortalized the

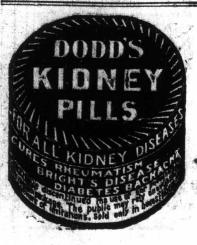
beauties of Italy in his works." Mr. Crawford's physician said today that his patient had died of sudden cardiac paralysis, following extreme weakness resulting from pleurisy. He suffered greatly from asthma, but Later details show that the lodger's seemed to find relief in oxygen. Up name was Romanoff. On February 24 to the last moment, Mr. Crawford wanted to put his papers in order and Via Frattina which is almost exclusive- almost his last act was to read the

THE ILLS OF BABYHOOD AND OF CHILDREN I+

The ills of childhood are many. * ◆ and may prove serious if not ◆ black moustache. The landlady de + are kept there is a prompt cure at + three arrived and only two left. On + tion, colic, diarrhoea, constipation, + leaving, Romanoff gave up the key of | * worms, and teething troubles. And * spend a few days with his friend at sovernment analyst that this medicine contains no opiate or pois-The supper had not been finished, - onous drug. Mrs. R. Hammond, but was eaten during the following + Copetown, Ont., says: "I have + + used Baby's Own Tablets and + wine had been poured from the bot- | ◆ think nothing can equal them for ◆ tle. The body was in a perfect state of - small children. I would not be -· without them in the house for · they saved my little girl's life." + · Sold by medicine dealers, or by · mail at 25 cents a box from The + Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brock- +

PENNSYLVANIA CREW WINS FROM YALE

PHILADELPHIA, April 10,-nI the first boat race between the two universities in 20 years, the University of Pennsylvania eight oared crew defeated Yale this morning by two lengths over the 1 1-2 mile course of the Schylkill River. The crews rowed against a very heavy wind.



DR. SPANG

Ostcopath Who Attended Mrs. McLauchlan Spends Evening on Stand

cells of the Nature of Treatment He Gave Deceased

Describes in Detail History of Case—Did Not Treat for Rheumatism

The intense interest displayed at th w sessions of the inquest into t leath of Mrs. Annie McLaughlan wa no means lacking at the po urt last evening. The large room w taxed to its utmost and every we leep attention.

Dr. Spangler was on the stand an hour and a half and told : nature of the deceased's ailmen also defined to the coroner an the science of osteopathy and ted that he knew he could not registered under the medical act

beferring to the McLaughlan cas doctor described in detail the hisory of the case. He declared he never reated the deceased for rheumatism and called in Dr. Emery to proceed rimself. After Dr. Emery was called Dr. Spangler stated he did not tream he declared lady, but left the case untirely in Dr. Emery's hand.
"Osteopaths believe that Nature's

are superior to medicine," said h. Spangler Dr. Spangler gave his evidence in a raightforward manner, and though blect to a severe cross-examination othing against him was brought out evidence. Such remarkable inerest has not been shown in a case

The other witnesses examined wer harles McDonald and Dr. Murray MacLaren, the president of the Medi cal Council. The evidence is about plete, but the case will be resume spected a verdict will be reached by

LENOX, Mass., April 12.-Mrs. Edward C. Ventres, one of the six victims of the half million dollar fire which swept this wealthy village yesterday, is a native of St. John, and friends here say that she often mentioned having relatives there. Her maiden name was Wilhelmina Leslie. She met Mr. Ventres in Pittsfield, Mass., and married him there more than a dozen years ago. Her one daughter, little Wilhelmina, aged twelve, a pupil in the Lenox school, also met death in the fire. Mr. Ventres himself, a prosperous business man, was a third victim. Today effort is being made to secure the bodies from the smoking ruins of the Clifford block. The heat of the ashes is intense and it is doubtful if the bodies will be recognizable when they are found. The Ventres lived on the second floor of the Clifford block. It is impossible to determine how they became so bewildered that they could not at least get out into the hallway. "Oh, heavens, where is the door," is the only exclamation heard from their apartments. Then an explosion shook the building and those who wanted to aid them were forced to flee for their

IMPORTANT CORNISH DOCUMENT One of the ancient documents at Devizes, instead of being a "charter," as was supposed is, in reality, "letters patent" by James I. under the Great Seal (1609-10), regranting charity lands to the mayor and burgesses of Devizes. The discovery may have important results.

"I'm in a scrape this time for sure bserved the vaccine germ, as the doctor scratched him into the patient's

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