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FATAL FIRE IN NEW YORK

Several Persons Probably Perished in the Flames

A FIREMAN HURT

Fire Broke Out in Tenement District and Did \$200,000 Damage - Fight in Crowd Watching Fire, Results in Fatal Shooting of a Negro.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A dozen persons injured, forty families are homeless, 2,000 persons were driven temporarily from their homes, fifty horses were roasted to death and property valued at \$200,000 was destroyed today in the worst early morning fire New York has seen in many months.

Several tenement houses at 425, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438 and 440 West 53rd street were badly damaged. Lack of adequate water pressure is said to have been largely responsible for the extent of the fire.

Deputy Chief Binn, who had charge of the fire-fighters, declared that for more than twenty minutes there could not be obtained from the hydrants in the vicinity enough water to supply the boiler of the fire engines.

One of the worst features of the fire was the enormous crowd which gathered in the streets around the burning district, and the attending disorder and lawlessness.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—One of the worst of the fires the fire-fighters of the city have been called on to contend with in some time started in the tenement district on West 53rd street between Ninth and Tenth avenues shortly after 1 a. m. today.

FOUR GREAT NEW STEAMERS

Plans Now Being Prepared for Faster and Larger C. P. R. Steamers.

(Montreal Herald.) The report is current in well-informed transportation circles that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has practically decided to build four new steamers for the Atlantic trade, larger and faster than the Empress of Britain and Empress of Ireland, and to transfer the two latest grey-hounds to the fleet of the Pacific Coast.

A certain amount of official reticence is preserved on the subject, but the fact is, Mr. G. G. Macdonald, president of the company, who has been in conference with the C. P. R. management, and with other important interests in the city, has promptly certain inquiries which have elicited the information that there will shortly be steamship developments on the Canadian Atlantic route that will beat the famous New York liners in point of time.

THE ST. JOHN CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Tuck Makes Interesting Address From Bench at Opening This Morning.

The St. John circuit court opened at the court house this morning. His Honor Chief Justice Tuck presiding. After an interesting address from the bench, adjournment was made till 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

GANS WEARS NOT A MARK

He Says He Will Now Meet "Battling" Nelson or Jimmy Britt.

TONOPAH, Nev., Jan. 2.—Joe Gans was around town last night and bore not the slightest mark to indicate that he had been through a fight. Gans said that he was ready to meet "Battling" Nelson and he will be glad to take on Jimmy Britt.

TOOK THE TIP IN TIME

Soldier Disappeared When His Finger Print Was Taken—Wanted for Murder Now.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 2.—When Geo. W. Deacon who enlisted in Cleveland a few days ago was being examined at the Columbus barracks yesterday he grew agitated while the imprint of his fingers was being taken. Asking to be excused to get a drink of water he disappeared.

FOUR BOYS KILLED

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Elmer Dunn, Clarence Bennett, William E. Casey and William J. all of Newark, N. J., were killed last night by a Lehigh Valley train at South Plainfield, N. J. The boys were stealing a ride on a freight train and stepped off the train directly in front of the Chicago bound flyer.

A COLLEGE APPOINTMENT

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—(Special)—To the department of art in Montreal College, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Hancock to accept a position in Brandon Ladies College, Miss Annie E. Weaver, who was director of drawing in the public school, has just been appointed.

THIRTY PEOPLE KILLED IN AWFUL RAILWAY COLLISION

Passenger Trains on Rock Island Road Smash Together

Cars Caught Fire After the Collision and Many Victims Were Roasted to Death—Horror Due to Carelessness.

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 2.—Rock Island passenger trains numbers 29 and 30 running between Chicago and El Paso, collided head-on early today at Voland, Kansas, 45 miles west of here.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2.—A telephone message from Herrington, Kansas, near the scene of the wreck says that the cars caught fire soon after the collision and that they were burned. Several persons are reported killed. One report places the dead at over 30, but there is nothing to confirm this.

RETURNS FROM TRADE AGENTS

A. W. Donley Reports on Trade With Mexico and W. T. R. Preston is Heard From in South Africa.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 2.—(Special)—Canada's commercial agent in Mexico, A. W. Donley, reports to the department of trade and commerce that 1906 was Mexico's best year both for exports and imports. There was an increase in the exports of thirty-one million dollars and in the imports of over twenty-one million dollars.

AFFILIATION OF COLLEGES

Prince of Wales College, P. E. I., May Affiliate With McGill University.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 2.—(Special)—J. A. Nicholson, registrar of McGill University held a conference here with Premier Peters, members of his government, and the board of education regarding the affiliation of Prince of Wales College with McGill. The latter proposes, by a slight extension in the Prince of Wales first year work to accept it for matriculation and, by a further extension, to have Prince of Wales cover McGill's first and second year in arts and, possibly, by a later extension, the first year in education and faculty of agriculture to be formed next year in connection with St. Anne's.

THE T. EATON STORY AGAIN

Believed This Time That Big Toronto Firm is After Breeze's Corner Property.

The Times understands that negotiations in progress for the purchase of the property known as "Breeze's Corner," on Charlotte street and north side of King square, by T. Eaton & Co., of Toronto, for the erection of a big departmental store. The owners of the property declined to discuss the matter, but intimated that an offer for the property was being considered.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

JAMESEV'S MISFORTUNE. When our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Jamesev Jones, left his residence this morning, his feelings toward his fellow man were not warmed by the memory of a happy New Year, and he was warmed by certain generous New Year resolutions. This mood prevailed until he came to the first street crossing, when his resolution not to indulge in any profane remarks received a severe wrench.

THE FERRY LUDLOW WILL BE PUT ON THE ROUTE THIS YEAR. She will also be taken off again this year.

MAGISTRATE RITCHIE AGAIN REFERS TO THE SHEFFIELD ST. DANCES

Sheffield street dances were heavily scored by Judge Ritchie at this morning's session of the police court, when the case against Charles Patterson came up for hearing.

Patterson was charged with being a frequenter of houses of ill-fame, on Sheffield street, kept by Amelia Francis and others; also with being a common vagrant. He was found guilty and sent in for six months without a fine.

It developed in the evidence of Police Sergeant Baxter that Patterson had at one time lived a very different life, but had fallen into his present condition.

NEW LAWS IN FORCE

Reforms in New York Insurance Companies Went in Force on Jan. 1.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The new Armstrong amendments to the insurance law went into effect yesterday. Under them neither the New York Life, the Mutual, the Equitable nor any other company may spend to acquire new business in any one year. Advances to agents, must also cease and the amount of money a company may spend to acquire new business is also limited and this will decrease the life insurance agents' commissions by twenty or twenty-five per cent. Companies must also file reports of their condition on Dec. 31 and must account in detail the amount of money a company is in surplus of collateral bonds. Each policy issued must contain the full contract between insurer and insured so as to guard against tricky policies.

SCHOOL IS PLACARDED

Victoria School Wears Board of Health Card Because of Diphtheria in Janitor's Family

The Victoria School on Duke street has been placarded since Christmas on account of a case of diphtheria. The child of Geo. Oldford, janitor, is the affected one. Mr. Burns, secretary of the board of health, said this morning that if the child had not recovered so that the building could be disinfected in time for the re-opening of the school on Monday next, it would be removed to the hospital and the building thoroughly disinfected. He did not anticipate that the children need be compelled to miss any of the school days.

RAISUL NOT CAPTURED

TANGIER, Jan. 2.—There is no truth in the report that Raisul has been captured. One of his cadies (or chief) was made a prisoner on the charge of sending inflammatory appeals among various tribes inciting them to holy war. This arrested led to the rumor that the bandit chief was in the hands of the government forces.

WEALTH WILL GO TO HER HUSBAND

Believed That Baroness Burdett-Coutts' Will Does Not Provide Large Bequests to Charity.

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INDIAN MISSIONS

BARILLY, British India, Jan. 2.—Yesterday was the last day of the Methodist missionary jubilee celebrations, which began here Dec. 28. The afternoon was devoted to a young people's rally and in the evening a meeting of the Epworth League was held, having been preceded by a procession of 1,600 members with banners and accompanied by music. A consecration service concluded the congress.

The jubilee fund collected in India amounted to \$86,000, and that in America totalled \$102,000.

THIEVING AT SAND POINT

Case Against William Estey Taken up in Police Court This Morning.

The case against Wm. Estey, who was arrested recently charged with stealing a quantity of gin from a C. P. R. car in No. 1 shed at Sand Point, also, some nuts from a bag in the shed, came up in the police court before Judge Ritchie this morning, and after hearing of evidence was adjourned till 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Col. H. H. McLean conducted the prosecution and J. King Inley appeared for the defence. The witnesses were Arnold Rolston, C. P. R. checker; Duncan Sward, P. R. foreman; Detective Cook and Fred Carvell, a sealer, also of the C. P. R. and Police Sergeant Hastings.

The particulars of the case, according to evidence given, are as follows: Car No. 47890 was loaded with liquor and merchandise on Friday, Dec. 29, at No. 1 shed, Sand Point. The goods came from the steamer Lake Michigan. The box containing the gin which was stolen, was numbered 42 and addressed to R. W. & Co. It contained fifteen bottles when full, each bottle being labelled "gin."

Checker Rolston had made an entry for the case in his book. Rolston had seen the prisoner working with the C. P. R. gang. He saw next day that the car referred to had been opened and that part of the cover of case 42 had been pried off, and, on counting the contents found only eight bottles of gin. Shortly after eight o'clock the same day he saw Estey, under the influence of liquor and staggering. He had called the ship's checker and with him examined the case. A cooper was then called from the vessel and the case resealed.

The car was sealed by Carvell, that evening. Foreman Sward remembered the car and saw the case of gin. He broke the seal and entered the car from the platform side and found that the opposite door was opened. He noticed the case of gin, counted the contents and reported to Rolston.

C. P. R. Detective Cook also examined the car and box of gin, having removed a bottle, which was exhibited in court. He described the box and marks upon it. Cook also identified the prisoner, who he declared he met. Estey admitted to him he had stolen one bottle of gin. The prisoner told him he had gotten the nuts from a bag also in the shed. Cook, Sgt. Hastings, who found on him the nuts referred to and \$28.05.

Mr. Kelly contended warmly that the sergeant had no right to search the prisoner, but his honor said that these were the orders of the chief of police. Still Mr. Kelly did not agree.

The case stands till 2 o'clock tomorrow to obtain witnesses.

WANT BOXING GAME AGAIN

Mayor Seeks Asked to License Three Round Bouts With Big Gloves.

The mayor is in receipt of an application from L. G. McInerney, for permission to hold a series of "three-round" boxing bouts, in this city. Mr. McInerney points out that large gloves would be used and that no contestant would be allowed to weigh more than five pounds more than an opponent. He says that in the case of the tragic ending of the Northrup-Regan bout some time ago, when Regan died, that Northrup was twenty-two pounds heavier than his opponent and this in a large measure caused the fatality.

STEAMER ON FIRE

Steamer Sairtorr Put into Halifax With Fire Raging in Main Hold.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 2 (special)—The steamer Sairtorr, Capt. Gibson, from Galveston, bound to Liverpool, G. B., with 12,200 bales of cotton, put in here this morning with fire raging in the main hold. The fire was first discovered on Saturday last when the ship was in lat 37 N., lon 67 W., and every effort was made to subdue it by injecting steam, but without success, so the captain decided to come here for assistance.

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YORK COUNTY COURT OPEN

One Criminal Case Claims Attention of the Grand Jury

FREDERICTON'S TRADE

Exports for Last Year Show Good Increase Over 1905—Year's Business in Police Court—A Presentation to a Veteran Orangeman.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 2 (Special) Judge Gregory presided at the York circuit court which opened here this morning. In addition to members of the local bar, H. A. Powell, of St. John, and Solicitor General Jones were present.

The indictment was presented to the grand jury in one criminal case, that of the King vs. William Rowe, charged with committing rape on a girl named Mand King. The depositions showed that the girl had given birth to two children, and the claimed Rowe was the father of both, and actually knew her without her consent. The grand jury is considering the indictment this afternoon.

The following is the civil docket:— JURY CASES: Timothy Lynch vs. Wm. Richards Co., Ltd., J. H. Barry, K. C., files record. Harris Vinsberg vs. Moses Fickler, doing business under the firm name of M. Fickler & Co (two cases), Slipp and Hanson file records.

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The following motion was made in the equity court this morning before Judge Barker:— J. Willard Smith vs. Robert M. Hanson and Mary J. Hanson, his wife. J. W. McCready moves for an injunction restraining the defendants from cutting and pulling away a tree from the premises mortgaged to one plaintiff. An order for an injunction to restrain any further cutting issued.

Howard Stenge, who is probably the oldest Orangeman in the province, having been a member of the order for sixty years, was on New Year's Day presented with a purse of fifty dollars by the local lodges.

The imports to Fredericton for the year ending December 31 totalled \$533,189, and the duty collected amounted to \$28,922.19. In 1905 the imports totalled \$446,206 and the duty \$24,164.00.

The amount collected in fines at the police court last year totalled \$2,541, an increase of \$84.80 over the previous year.

GOOD WORDS FOR ST. JOHN

What Secy. Bliss of York County Thinks of Our Future—Municipal Union Plans.

The mayor has received a number of answers to the circulars he sent out a short time ago, in regard to the forming of a union of provincial municipalities.

Mayor W. Snodgrass, of St. Andrews, approves of the idea and thinks it an excellent move. He says that Northrup was twenty-two pounds heavier than his opponent and this in a large measure caused the fatality.

Mr. Vroom, town clerk of St. Stephen, writes that Mayor Teed, of that place, has been chosen as delegate from that place.

Fred St. John Bliss, secretary-treasurer of York county, acknowledges the receipt of the circular and thinks the formation of such a union would be of great benefit. He closes his letter by saying: "With prosperity, York may add that we have the same shining faith as you, in the future of St. John as the Real Atlantic Port of the Dominion."

LEGISLATURE MUST APPOINT GOVERNOR

Unusual Situation Which Faces the Legislature of New Hampshire.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 2.—The New Hampshire legislature today opened a session of unusual importance, its members being called upon to select a governor and an United States senator to succeed Henry E. Burhan. The failure of any of the candidates for governor at the November election to secure a majority of the popular vote, threw the contest into the legislature. The leading candidates were Charles M. Floyd, the Republican nominee, who led all competitors at the November election and Nathan C. Jameson, the Democratic standard bearer, who ran a few hundred votes behind Mr. Floyd.

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DEATHS. FLEMING—In Fairville, Jan. 1, William Fleming, aged 67 years, leaving a wife, four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Notice of funeral hereafter. —Boston and Chicago papers please copy.