

TWO PROMINENT MEN PASS AWAY

Joseph A. Magilton and Walter Lane Dead

Former a Familiar Figure in Civic and Business Affairs—Latter a Well Known Contractor

Joseph A. Magilton, county auditor, died at his residence, Adelaide street, on Monday night at ten o'clock after a very brief illness. His death removes one of the best known citizens and one of the most familiar figures in civic and business affairs. Deceased was also a very prominent Mason. On Tuesday, a week ago, Mr. Magilton was about his regular business and in good health.

For the last five years deceased has been permanent auditor of the county accounts and proved himself a careful, independent and honest accountant. He was particularly successful in the collection of taxes, before succeeding Richard Whiteside to this position, he had previously acted as auditor in the chamberlain's office, being the successor of John Russell to this position, and this position he also retained till his death. Deceased also acted as auditor of the school accounts and in various similar capacities.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from his late residence, Adelaide street, the service beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The members of the municipal council have been requested to meet at the county secretary's office at two o'clock to attend.

Deceased was a very prominent Mason, being at the time of his death secretary of the Hibernia Lodge, No. 8, & A. M. He was also past master. The late Mr. Magilton was also secretary of the encampment of St. John, 8th Night Templars.

The late Mr. Magilton was fifty-six years of age. He was a native of this city, but beyond his wife and daughter, he leaves no relatives. Mrs. Magilton was formerly Miss Maria Morgan, daughter of the late Thomas Morgan, a well-known ship-builder. Mr. Magilton had another daughter, Josephine, who studied an extensive musical education, having just completed her course and was showing great promise. Deceased was a man of high character, who took place four years ago, was a great blow to her father.

Deceased was for many years in the employ of Beard & Venning, a prominent city firm of the time. This firm, however, assigned and Mr. Magilton conducted the business for four years under its old name. He has for many years managed a number of sample rooms. For a long time he was book-keeper with Doherty & Foster.

The death of Mr. Magilton has caused a general expression of regret. Deceased had a host of friends and was always regarded as an efficient official. His name was prominently mentioned in connection with the new position of permanent city auditor, which the council is likely to create at no distant date.

WALTER LANE

The death took place on Monday at his late residence, 160 Wright street, of asthma and bronchitis. Deceased was well known through the city and retired about a year and a half ago from active business. The late Mr. Lane was seventy-five years of age, and leaves a widow, seven daughters and four sons, this being the first break in the family circle. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Deceased was a native of Cork, Ireland, but came to the city when only six years of age. Until recently he has been in good health, and has only been confined to his bed for eight days.

Mrs. Lane was a Miss Daisy of Black River. The following are the children: Mrs. W. B. Lockery of Pasadena, California; W. Herbert Lane of Dawson City; Mrs. Avery N. Smith of Fort Lawrence, N. S.; Mrs. James Morrow of this city; H. Vaughan Lane of Holmes, Wyoming; F. C. Lane of the Imperial Oil Co.; Mrs. H. H. Reid, Mrs. Ben. Robertson, Mrs. George Latimer, Mrs. Frank Cheyne and Wm. Lane, an employee of R. H. Green & Co., all of this city.

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MORE TROUBLE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE DEPT.

Foreman John Bond Makes Serious Charge Against Engineer Blake—Consults His Lawyers, and Whole Affair Will be Aired in Court—Enters Suit for Slander.

In spite of the finding of the late investigating committee of the Common Council that peace reigned supreme in the fire department, quite a serious dispute arose on Sunday afternoon between District Engineer George Blake and Foreman John Bond, and the trouble will be aired in the police court. Mr. Bond has retained MacRae & Sinclair to conduct his case and will enter a suit for slander against Mr. Blake.

On Sunday afternoon last Mr. Bond was in No. 4 engine house, sitting behind the stove, discussing with Charles Pearsey, the engineer of that station. Mr. Blake entered the station some time later and it is stated that Mr. Bond reported the matter to Chief Ker, but the chief said last night that he could not speak about the matter just yet, as he had had no official notification of the trouble.

A reporter called on Mr. Blake at ten o'clock last evening to see him in regard to the matter, but Mr. Blake had retired.

A reporter also called on John Bond. Mr. Bond says that he was in the station on Sunday afternoon and that Mr. Blake came in. "For five minutes he cursed me up and down, calling me many polite names. He did not know of the department, anyway, by going into the station and using profane language."

When asked as to the original cause of the trouble Mr. Bond said: "It started about four years ago, when Mr. Blake forced me to talk the first glass of liquor I ever drank. He said it was soft drink, and I took it. The story leaked out and he didn't get any credit for his action. Since then he has been very unfriendly and inhuman in his treatment to me. The investigation also had a great deal to do with the trouble. I kept clear of the investigation, as I was not summoned and did not wish to give evidence which would injure any one."

"Mr. Blake attacked me as a private citizen and as a fireman. He said I 'boomed' with the chief, that I was going round soliciting subscriptions for a present to the chief and was always going about with a 'hat'."

"I do not think he is a safe man for me to work under at the present time in the fire department. He treated me badly at the fire on Paradise row on the 12th of November. I met with an accident while hurrying my leg severely. I limped over to the engine house and five minutes later he sent messengers to tell me to come direct back to the fire. When I came he wanted to know if I had been on the ladder on the roof. He asked this in a snarling manner. I said, 'No,' my limb wouldn't permit me, as I was badly hurt, and limped about four weeks afterwards. I was under a doctor's care and received three weeks' leave of absence from the chief on account of my injury, after showing the chief the bruise."

"I have reported the matter to the chief, but this will lie over until the case goes through the court. I will charge him with uttering spiteful and slanderous remarks detrimental to my character and also to my standing. I have been in the department close on to thirty years and never had any charges laid against me. I am on good terms with all the men, and have never been in a dispute with any one. I have always treated and spoke of Mr. Blake as a gentleman."

"The men who are in the station at the time of the dispute are Charles Pearsey, engineer; Michael Finnegan, driver; Alex. Johnson, driver; Thomas Ingram, driver; and Fred Watson, who was behind the stove with me when Mr. Blake entered. These men will be called on by the witness and will also summon some citizens who will testify as to my reputation and standing in the community."

As the result of a dispute in the fire department last night a letter signed by a score of patrons of the I. C. Railway has been addressed to the department of railways complaining of the conduct of Geo. C. Needham of the railway police staff.

The trouble arose over the question of whether a man was smoking in the waiting room or not. Policeman Needham noticing a gentleman with a cigar in his hand approached him and ordered him to stop smoking. The man, who claims that the cigar was unlighted, replied that he was not smoking.

In language simple but forcible Needham replied "You are a liar, you say." When some friends of the man started to explain the matter the policeman, as a spectator described it, flew at them like a bull terrier.

Mr. McVey, who was standing near by, noticed the incident and spoke to Needham, remarking that his language was a little out of place coming from a man in his position. Needham replied that this crowd of tramps had been smoking in the waiting room, and that he knew his duty in a case of this kind. He remarked further that the doctor was no better than the rest of them.

Dr. McVey considered that whether or not the policeman was in the right in the matter of the cigar, his language and conduct were not quite in keeping with his position as a railway official, and decided that the matter should be allowed to drop. Consequently he wrote a letter describing the incident to the station master.

The letter was signed by about twenty of the men who had been incited by the policeman, all of whom established their position as prospective passengers by showing their tickets for various places going to the depot at the meeting of the day.

Speaking to the Sun last night, Dr. McVey said that he did not allow the matter to drop and that he would bring it up at the meeting of the council of the Liberal party on the 27th.

Officer Needham claims that he was simply doing his duty, as he saw a man smoking, and in this he is upheld by one or two people who were in the depot at the time.

AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES

James Bryce Preparing to Leave England. Appointment of Successor to Sir Mortimer Durand Has Not However Been Officially Announced

LONDON, Dec. 24.—James Bryce, the retiring chief secretary for Ireland, who is to succeed Mortimer Durand as British ambassador at Washington, is now conferring with the lord lieutenant, the Earl of Aberdeen, concerning the transfer of his Irish affairs.

Then Mr. Bryce will visit his constituents at Aberdeen, returning later to London in order to close up his residence and hold a final conference with Foreign Secretary Grey concerning Anglo-American questions before sailing for New York. It is hardly probable that Mr. Bryce will again enter the Irish office, as his desk is cleared and papers are being adjusted for his successor.

These preparations for Mr. Bryce's departure for Washington are proceeding although his appointment as ambassador has not yet been officially announced. The delay is ascribed to the fact that Mr. Bryce is a member of the executive for the dissolution of Mr. Bryce's parliamentary service, the latter requirement being due to the fact that a member of parliament cannot resign, the only way of terminating his service being to apply to the chairman of the committee for a crown appointment, which would have the effect of disqualifying him for parliament.

So soon as the formalities are concluded the official announcement of Mr. Bryce's appointment to the Washington post will be made. His departure of Sir Mortimer Durand's successor is designed to give the latter several weeks in Washington prior to adjournment of congress, thus permitting a renewal of the acquaintance made on the occasion of his last visit, when he was given the privilege of the floor of the House of Representatives and was invited to occupy a seat at the Speaker's desk.

The personal appearance of Mr. Bryce has considerably changed since then. His hair, once grey and well-cut, has now turned white. However, this has not aged him perceptibly, as he continues to display those striking characteristics of intellectual vigor and engaging personality which have given him the reputation of being one of the most agreeable conversationalists in England.

HALIFAX MAN MET DEATH BY DROWNING

HALIFAX, Dec. 25.—The body of William Snow, aged 49, a bricklayer, was found in Cunard's dock today. He fell overboard Monday night, and was a quartermaster of the cable steamer Minia, threw a rope to him he failed to grasp it. There was no outcry at the recovery of the body. It is stated that he was not a drinking man, and there is no explanation to what caused him to go down the wharf. He leaves a widow and two children.

DOMINION LINER MAKES QUICK TRIP

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24.—The steamship Dominion of the Dominion Line arrived here at 2:30 this afternoon from Liverpool via Halifax, having made the voyage in eleven days. The Dominion, in addition to a good sized freight, landed eleven second cabin and 348 steerage at this port. Included in the second cabin passenger list were five English teachers who have come to this country to visit some of the American schools. The steerage passengers left this city during the evening on a special train for Canada and the Northwest.

FORTY MILLION DOLLARS IS THE PRICE ASKED

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—Forty million dollars is the price mentioned by the American syndicate to the Ontario government asking the famous Gileas limit is for sale. The price suggested is only for the section abutting into the Cobourg silviculture area and commonly referred to as the "mineral-wealthy portion." This part of the limit is rich in timber. It has not yet been cleared of timber, the time for men clearing off timber from this portion of the limit, which has area of about three square miles. The rest of the limit is about seventy square miles.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 25.—A long distance telephone message from Scotia, Mass., says that seven persons have been killed in a race clash in that vicinity.

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BAD WASHOUTS ON INTERCOLONIAL

All Trains in Cape Breton Cancelled With Exception of Halifax Express.

SYDNEY, Dec. 25.—Much damage has been done in Cape Breton during the tremendous storms that have been in progress for several days. There are at least half a dozen bad washouts on the I. C. R., and this afternoon conditions became so bad that all the trains with the exception of the Halifax express were cancelled. Both Halifax trains are slowly creeping along at no place running twenty miles an hour.

The entire road is lined with section men, who are carefully watching the track. Buildings in the city have been damaged and considerable damage has been done in many stores by water coming through.

BUSINESS BLOCK BURNED

MILFORD, Mass., Dec. 25.—A loss of about \$15,000 was caused by a fire that practically destroyed Baker Block at the corner of Main and Central streets, here, today. The origin of the fire is unknown. There were several stores and offices in the block. The principal losers are the Crystal Palace, manufacturers and retailers of confectionery; M. J. Reynolds, a news dealer; Sherman Bros., express; R. V. Stanton, barber; N. Y. Higgins, bicycles, and S. I. Cohen, tailor.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

FREDERICTON, Dec. 25.—The engagement is announced of W. C. Clements of New York, formerly of Kingsclear, and Miss Violet Nash, step-daughter of his lordship Bishop Kingston. Mr. Clements is spending Christmas in this city.

H. C. Jewett, the well known horseman, had a bad spill out this afternoon while driving. He received a bad shaking up and his sleigh was considerably damaged.

James Hammond, colored, better known as "Pinkey," got under the influence of his old enemy last night and entering the store of R. G. Lee on Queen street made a disturbance. He was ejected and arrested by the police, but not until after he had given the officers a hard fight. Pinkey is spending Christmas in this city.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.—Nine prisoners escaped from Hamilton county jail today. Among those who escaped were some desperate criminals, including Clarendon Henri, arrested in New York recently for stealing the famous picture "Girl Knitting" from the Cincinnati Art Museum.

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FAMILY HAD CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH

Escaping Gas from Range Near Ended Lives of Parents and Five Children.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Escaping coal gas from a range in a room that served both as a kitchen and bedroom in the basement of the big apartment house at 129 Chambers street came near ending the lives of Abram Goldman and his wife and five children today. The timely call of a neighbor being responsible for the discovery of their condition.

Mrs. Fanny Goldman, 35 years old, the mother, and the children, Hyman, 11; Morris, 10; Elsie, 7; Mary, 4, and Alsa, who is 4, were taken to the Relief Hospital after being attended by physicians.

It was stated tonight that all would recover. The mother's condition was found to be the most serious of all, and during the day she lay semi-conscious, but the physicians said she was not dangerously ill.

WAREHOUSE AT FREDERICTON BURNED

FREDERICTON, Dec. 25.—The large two story warehouse, situated on Campbell street, the property of Fred S. Williams, of Marysville, was gutted by fire early this morning. A heavy wind was blowing at the time, but the promptness of the fire department prevented further damage. The building is valued at \$15,000 and the damage is about \$10,000. The lower part was used as a storeroom by Hart, Morison & Co. grocers, and the upper part by Robert Nasan, a blacksmith. The groceries were somewhat damaged by water but most of them were removed without loss. All loss is fully covered by insurance.

BODY FOUND ON ICE NEAR CALAIS

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 25.—The body of John Fitzsimmons, of Calais, was found lying on the ice on the main river near Woodland, on Monday morning where the man had evidently died from exposure to the cold of Sunday night. By direction of coroner Lawson the body was brought to St. Stephen. There was no evidence of foul play, and an inquest was considered unnecessary. Fitzsimmons was forty years of age and unmarried.

CHAMBERLAIN'S HEALTH IS GAINING SLOWLY

LONDON, Dec. 24.—No reply has yet been received from Chamberlain in reply to the query as to his health, but there is no reason to suppose there has been any check in his slow but satisfactory restoration to health. He is spending Christmas in his home in Highbury. Mrs. Chamberlain told a friend a few days ago that her husband was following the development of the Canadian tariff policy, especially as to the possible consequence of the new intermediate tariff, with close attention.

Austen Chamberlain recently, answering one of the innumerable lies of his political enemies, said his father's brain remained as keen as ever.

FRENCH CONSUL ARRIVES

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The new French consul general, Henri August D'Allegre, who has succeeded Kleczkowski, arrived in this city this morning and is staying at the Place Vigor Hotel. He came directly here from New York, which he reached on the French liner LaProvence.

The new consul has had a long experience in the work, having been attached to the French foreign office since 1887.

BANDIT LEADER READY FOR WAR

Much Anxiety as to Whether He Will Fight Sultan's Forces or Not

TANGIER, Dec. 24.—It is reported here that the bandit leader, who has been in control of territory in the neighborhood of Tangier, is actively engaged in arming bands of men, and there is much anxiety here as to whether he will fight the Sultan's forces or not. The bandit leader is under the command of Sid Mohammed Cabbas, minister of war, and is in camp here. They number over 2,000 men and are better equipped than usual with the Sultan's soldiers. The minister of war left a garrison of 2,000 men at Kasr El Kebir, about half way between here and Fez, another garrison of 1,000 men at Ain Delia, while a third garrison of 1,000 men is awaiting instructions at Fez. These forces together comprise the greatest military movement made by the Moroccan government in several years.

FURIOUS HURRICANE SWEEPS BAY OF ISLANDS

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 24.—Inspector O'Reilly telegraphed the fisheries department from Bay of Islands today that a furious hurricane, accompanied by rain has raged for the past twenty-seven hours. The conditions of the fishing are unchanged, the ice in the inlet is partly broken, but fishing is impossible. Of a total of sixty American vessels on the grounds only seventeen have sailed. Seventeen Canadian and local vessels also have left. The men employed on board these latter vessels for the fishing have returned to their homes.

The schooner Mendora, which was driven ashore by the storm, caught fire and was totally destroyed.

THREE MEN KILLED; A DOZEN INJURED

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 24.—Three men were killed and a dozen seriously injured in a wreck on the Sierra Railway yesterday afternoon. A civil engineer and three Japanese were fatally injured. A special train had been sent out to bring in wrecked construction train. On returning the special train ran away down a steep hill. The caboose, containing thirty men, was pushed off on a curve and plunged forty feet to the bottom of a gulch.

ACCIDENT TO SOUTHERN PASSENGER TRAIN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 25.—Southern railway passenger train No. 33, from Washington, was wrecked at Moncrief, five miles north of Jacksonville, today. John Holmes, a negro fireman, was killed. Engineer J. W. Unruh of Savannah scalded by escaping steam, seriously injured, and J. A. Kramer, white, express messenger, and J. E. Ruben, negro, express helper, slightly injured.

None of the passengers were injured. The derailing switch was thrown in front of the fast moving train, which caused the engine to turn turtle and threw the express car from the tracks.

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