

# FIREMEN MEET DEATH IN BALTIMORE FIRE.

### Three Killed and Sixteen Injured.

### Portland, Me., City Hall Burned Down.

### Million Loss--700 Persons Escape.

Baltimore, Jan. 24.—Fire early to-day took heavy tolls of the members of the fire department of this city, three being dead and sixteen others more or less seriously injured, including Geo. Houston, chief of the fire department, who is in a serious condition. He has a badly lacerated scalp and internal injuries.

The dead are: Lieut. Frederick Harman, William B. Pugh, an unidentified man thought to be Emil Morrin.

The financial damage is estimated at \$400,000. The blaze, which is the worst that has occurred in this city since the calamity of 1904, started on the third floor of the building on the southeast corner of Holiday and Saratoga streets, occupied by the J. Register Sons Co., plumbers' supplies. Other occupants of the building were the Baltimore Bell & Brass Co., and the Wm. L. Hollingsworth Co., the machinists. Upon these three the heaviest losses will fall. The fire had apparently been burning some time before it was discovered. A strong northwest wind and a very low temperature made the work of fighting the fire more than ordinarily difficult. Incredibly short time after the blaze broke out on the Saratoga street side of the Register building, and without warning, a large section of the north wall of the building fell.

It was this that scattered death and injuries among the firemen who were working close to the building. The rain of bricks also put out of commission an extension ladder truck upon which some of the men had been working. For a time it seemed that the fire would sweep diagonally through the block to Gay street, and a number of people living on that thoroughfare moved their effects. Changes in the wind, however, enabled the firemen to confine the damage, in addition to that already mentioned, to the plants of the E. B. Read & Sons Co., printers, and the Flynn & Emrich Co., machinists, located in a five-story building on Saratoga street, in the rear of the Register building, the Lombard Wagon Co., Saratoga street, opposite the building in which the fire originated, the old City Hall building and the Zion school building.

While responding to an alarm a hose wagon and a fire engine collided, and five of the men on the engine were injured, one of them seriously.

### MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

### Lucky Escape of 700 People From Burning Building.

Portland, Me., Jan. 24.—A fire which caused a property damage of \$1,000,000 early to-day destroyed the City Hall and police buildings and endangered the lives of more than 700 persons. Although known as city hall, the building was divided between city and county offices while the police building sheltered the supreme, judicial and municipal courts in addition to the police department.

The fire was the worst in the state since the great conflagration in Portland in 1866, when the city's business and residential sections were almost completely wiped out.

Death was absent from the fire, a fact considered very remarkable as there was more than 700 members of (Continued on page 10).

### WANTS ALIMONY.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—Deborah Coleman, of Pickering, has issued a writ against George Coleman, of Oshawa, for alimony, and asking that \$10 per week be allowed her till the action comes to trial.

### SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

# CLEVER ESCAPE OF MAN CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

### Supposed to Have Skipped During Confusion Caused by an Explosion.

London, Jan. 24.—A dispatch has been received here from Lisbon saying that Dr. Fernando Lopez, who was connected with the recent conspiracy to blow up Premier Franco with a bomb, made a daring escape to-day from the San Julia prison, a strong fortress at the mouth of the Lagos River.

Because of the high social position of Dr. Lopez permission was given a party of his friends to visit him in prison. This party went to the fortress in a motor car. As the automobile drew up in front of the prison a terrific explosion was heard. The commander of the prison, after a brief investigation, ordered that the party be detained and

### A Fatal Dash

Baku, Trans-Caucasia, Russia, Jan. 24.—In consequence of the accidental killing of some laborers by a locomotive at a suburban station of the railroad here to-day a mob of comrades of the victims surrounded the engine and attempted to lynch the engineer. To escape the fury of the excited workmen, the engineer opened the throttle of the locomotive and dashed through the crowd, killing six and wounding many others.

### LORD DEVONSHIRE.

### Woodman's Costly Gowns For His Best Girl.

Detroit, Jan. 24.—Geo. T. Woodman, alias Lord Devonshire, who on Tuesday evening last married a Miss Scott, of this city, and on Wednesday was arrested on suspicion, will be taken back to Toronto to answer the charge of stealing two hundred dollars' worth of jewelry.

The arrest of Woodman resulted from a tip that Siegel, the Woodward avenue merchant, gave the police several days ago. Woodman called at Siegel's store and purchased gowns valued at \$300 to \$400 for his bride-to-be, but instead of paying for the gowns offered a cheque on a Toronto bank book. Mr. Siegel kept the bank book and wired to Toronto to find out whether Woodman had funds in the Toronto bank before he delivered the gowns. An answer was returned saying that Woodman was unknown.

### SUB-TARGETS.

### Public Accounts Committee to Meet on Friday.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—(Special)—At the Public Accounts Committee to-day the question of the sub-target which Mr. Foster has in charge, was called up, but as the witnesses were not on hand the meeting was adjourned. F. O. Lewis, of Montreal, representing the Birmingham Small Arms Company, and H. H. Wickwire, Kentville, N. S., were notified to attend, but were not present. It was decided to summon them for Friday next.

### MANLEY BENSON

### Invited to Welland Ave. Church, St. Catharines.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 24.—(Special)—At a largely attended adjourned meeting of the quarterly official board of Welland Avenue Methodist Church, held last evening, a unanimous invitation was extended to Rev. Manley Benson, D. D., of Perth, to become pastor at the conclusion of Rev. D. A. Moir's term in June next. Mr. Moir has accepted an invitation to Morrison Street Methodist Church at Niagara Falls, whose present pastor, Rev. J. Wesley Magwood, was invited to Oakville.

### AGAINST THE CITY.

### Thomas Bell Wants Damages for Breaking of Leg.

Acting for Thomas Bell, Glanford Station, S. F. Washington, K. C., has issued a writ against the city for damages on account of a broken leg his client sustained in an accident at the fire at the Hamilton Coffee & Spice Co.'s premises last Saturday. He was standing opposite the burning building, when a line of hose became unmanageable, and, breaking away, threw the nozzle against Bell and broke his leg in two places.

—Mr. John Kramer, John street north, fell on an icy sidewalk near his home yesterday and dislocated one of his shoulders. He was also badly shaken up. Dr. McCabe was called in to attend him.

### THE THAW TRIAL

### Adjourned Till Monday to Suit Several Witnesses.

New York, Jan. 24.—To-day's session of the Thaw trial was adjourned, at the request of the defence, until Monday morning. A heavy snow storm tied up shipping in the bay and prevented the docking of the steamer Adriatic, on which three physicians, a trained nurse are coming from Europe to testify as to irrational outbreaks of Harry Thaw at Monte Carlo, Paris and London. Another witness, Dr. Binghamam, of Pittsburgh, who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, will not be in the city until to-morrow.

Mr. Littleton in his request stated that he believed the delay would really result in expediting the case, as he would employ the intervening time in preparing the hypothetical question for the suggestions or objections he may have to offer.

### QUEER CASE.

### Hotel Man Charged With Acting as Pawnbroker.

St. Catharines, Jan. 24.—(Special).—A peculiar case came up before Police Magistrate Muoro at Thorold on Wednesday when Norman Lambert, proprietor of the City Hotel, was charged by Arthur Upper with keeping a pawnshop. Upper alleged that a few days previously when he was short of funds he borrowed \$5 from Lambert and gave him a ring valued at \$8 for security with the understanding that on payment of the amount owing the ring should be returned to him. He was, however, unable to get his jewelry back. Lambert swore that Upper sold him the ring for \$1 and called witnesses to corroborate his evidence. The case was accordingly dismissed.

### FOY'S LETTER.

### Caused Postponement of Radial Bill's Discussion.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—(Special).—The adjournment of the discussion of the Hamilton Radial Railway Company bill before the Railway Committee at the Dominion Parliament yesterday seems to have arisen through the fact that the communication bearing instructions to Mr. R. G. Code, K. C., the representative of the Provincial Government, was late in reaching its destination. Two letters were mailed to Mr. Code on Wednesday, one from Hon. Mr. Whitney, Minister, and the other from Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney-General. The former was delivered in plenty of time before the meeting of the Railway Committee. The latter, which contained detailed instructions, was sent by special messenger from the post-office, but not until after the committee had risen. Consequently the counsel for Ontario was forced to ask an adjournment. Hon. Mr. Foy received a notification this morning that his letter had been delayed in reaching its destination.

### SNOW STORM.

### Blizzard Strikes New York and Hurts Traffic.

New York, Jan. 24.—The snow storm which swept over the city late yesterday developed into a little blizzard during the night. To-day the city streets were piled deep in places with drifts and street car traffic and the movement of ferry boats and other harbor and river craft was badly hampered. In the suburban districts, where the wind had free play, huge drifts were piled at many points, and street cars and even the trains on the steam roads were seriously delayed. Up to 9 a. m. more than nine inches of snow had fallen, and there appeared to be no immediate prospect of a cessation. The forenoon report of the local weather bureau showed the

Winter in New England. Boston, Jan. 24.—Winter resumed operations in southeastern New England with a northeast snow storm, which began last night and which is still much in evidence to-day. It was the first snow of any account that has fallen in this section since Dec. 14th, an unusually long period of open weather. The thermometer dropped 15 degrees during the night, and the delayed railroads and street car traffic.

A Bad Storm. Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware are to-day in the grasp of real winter weather. Snow has fallen to a depth of six inches and badly drifted in the country. The storm is worse in New Jersey, where railroad traffic is badly crippled.

### ARBITRATOR NAMED

### To Act for Street Railway Union in Theaker Case.

The application of the Street Railway-men's Union for a judicial investigation into the dismissal of John Theaker and five other conductors of the Hamilton Street Railway Co., has been forwarded to the Minister of Labor. In the union names Mr. J. G. O'Donohoe, the labor lawyer, of Toronto, as its arbitrator.

It will be some days before any action can be taken. Organizer Reeves, of the International Union, will leave for his home in Detroit to-night and will not return till the middle of next week.

### A LONG TIME.

Quebec, Jan. 24.—Last evening at the R. C. A. mess at the Citadel Major-General J. G. Wilson was entertained at dinner by his former comrades-in-arms upon the occasion of his retirement as commander of the fortress. Lieut.-Col. Balfour presided. Major-General Wilson has spent 35½ years in military life.

# TO DOUBLE THE CAPACITY.

### Of City Hospital by Adding Another Storey.

### Building of Isolation Wing Has Been Abandoned.

### Beach Waterworks System to be Gone on With Soon.

It looks as though the proposition to build a new isolation hospital, for which the people voted \$75,000 a year ago, is all off and that the present buildings will be enlarged, providing accommodation for twice the number of patients that can be cared for now. Chairman Billings brought the matter up at a special meeting of the Board of Hospital Governors to-day. There are sixteen scarlet fever and ten diphtheria patients in the present wings, he said, and it was absolutely necessary that more accommodation should be provided. Mr. T. H. Pratt, one of the governors, said that another storey could be added to each of the present buildings at a cost of about \$10,000, that would provide sufficient accommodation for another ten years. The Board thought the institution could be maintained much more economically in this way and Mayor Stewart, who was present, felt in line with the idea. He has no doubt that arrangements can be made to sell sufficient of the debentures to provide for the enlarging of the present buildings without issuing the whole \$75,000, and even if this can not be arranged, he says, will provide the money. The governors stated that the agitation for a separate building was started by the Board of Health.

The meeting to-day was really called with a view to seeing if anything could be done to run the city hospital more economically than at present. The governors could not see how it could be done. After a thorough investigation Mr. Pratt declared that everyone employed was needed and that they certainly earned their salaries. "The institution," he said, "is in splendid shape from cellar to garret, and it reflects great credit on Dr. Langrill and Mrs. House, the lady superintendent." The others agreed with him and said that the increased cost was no doubt due to the advance in wages and food. Chairman Billings pointed out that although it cost \$61,000 to run the hospital only \$29,000 came out of the city. While 2,500 patients were being treated each year now compared with half that number ten years ago, it cost the city almost as much to run the institution then.

The question of buying one of the houses on Euclid avenue, used as an annex to the Nurses' Home was discussed. The governors are afraid the rent may be increased when the lease expires. An effort will be made to have the option extended from February 1 to March, so that the Council may have an opportunity to sanction the purchase.

A dozen English emigrants called on Chairman Sweeney of the Board of Works to-day and asked him to ascertain if it was true the shipbuilding yards at Collingwood would resume work next week. They are all shipbuilders out (Continued on page 3.)

### LINE OF DEFENCE FOR KIRKPATRICK.

### WILL LIKELY BE SELF-DEFENCE AND INVOLUNTARY CUTTING.

No Attempt Was Made to Show That There Had Been Negligence on the Company's Part.

It is likely that the line of defence in the case of William Henry Kirkpatrick, who is held in connection with the death of John J. Cummings, will be self defence and involuntary cutting. Mr. Geo. S. Kerr, K. C., counsel for the prisoner, has been to the jail to see his client, and has talked the matter over with him several times. The boy talks calmly and expresses sorrow. Outside he shows no fear or agitation, but his lawyer says that he worries greatly in his cell and sleeps only fitfully. The theory of the defence is that when the larger boy ran at Kirkpatrick and followed him up, trying to strike him, he began to slash indiscriminately, and may have inflicted all the wounds in that way. He is not able to say whether he did or not. The wounded boy was unable to say himself who caused the wound in his side. Three doctors examined last night and agreed that it would have been almost an impossibility to save the boy's life, as an operation that a heavy man would hardly survive was necessary. Mr. F. D. Crover, who was present at the inquest last night, has appearing for the McPherson Company, against which certain papers have imputed negligence, but he did not have to take part in the proceedings, as no effort was made to place blame upon the company.

### PRICE OF COAL.

### May Not Reduce the Price on April 1st as Usual.

New York, Jan. 24.—Anthracite coal interests, according to the Times this morning, are considering the maintenance of anthracite coal at present prices instead of following the custom of recent years and reducing the rates by fifty cents a ton on April 1. An official of one of the anthracite coal roads is quoted as saying that while the plan of reducing the price of coal on April 1 and advancing it ten cents a ton per month for five months following was intended to distribute the production and marketing of coal as nearly as possible over the entire year, it had not had that effect.

### THE MAN IN OVERALLS

### The farmers seem to be solid for Sir Wilfrid.

Better get vaccinated now and get done with it. It's not very sore.

That ward division won't do, Mr. Mayor.

Ald. Allan is still Chairman of the Fuel Committee. But you bet he isn't Tom.

The cemetery will soon be getting too tony for the workmen.

He is a clever man who can tender for the street lighting plant at this stage of the game.

But is it the duty of a Government to obstruct private enterprise?

The Radial Railway bill is causing more excitement than is the Thaw trial.

There is not enough frost in the ground yet to affect John Patterson's park route. But Geo. Wild might keep his eyes on the pegs. You never can be sure.

Our contemporary seems to have run out of a supply of Majority candidates. It might apply at the Con. Club.

The reduction in the Bank of England rate of interest yesterday had no effect on the price of meat or groceries. Even the bakers took no notice of it.

There is another question that is looming up at the City Hall, and that is, Should the Fuel Committee be declared for the general advantage of Canada?

Ald. Howard has not yet tabled his motion for overtime at committee meeting. Perhaps if the cigars were handed round there would be less complaint.

The loss of South Huron and Stantec is accounted for down at the Con. Club by the lack of "grease" for the Tory workers.

Mr. Borden is somewhat of a failure at Torjuring Canada.

If Allan Studholme would quit hobnobbing with the big bugs and come down to the crowd his chances might be better the next time he comes around. Why does he not take his constituents into his confidence and tell them what he is going to do?

### I. O. D. E. NIGHT.

### Next Tuesday They Will Attend Bennett's Theatre.

Miss Jeanette Lewis reports that she has met with some trouble in seeing all the members of the Daughters of the Empire in her ticket selling campaign for the Children's Hospital Fund. So that no one would be overlooked she has mailed to each member two tickets. Her desire is that these tickets should be used on Tuesday night of next week, which is Daughters of the Empire night, but she wishes the members to know that the tickets will be good any night during the seven weeks that she has control of the theatre. She has made arrangements with the Medical Association to take some other night next Tuesday, which had been originally planned, as it was found that there would not be enough boxes for the Regents of the Daughters of the Empire.

### HANDBAG WITH PURSE AND MONEY.

It happens almost every day. Yesterday it was a silk umbrella, the day before a fur stole, to-day a handbag, containing a purse and money. The Times recovered them all. On Saturday last Mrs. Spence, 91 Steven street, lost the handbag and money. She advertised in the Times and in that way reached the finder, Miss Ida Biddle, 228 West avenue north, who restored the property to its owner.

### A REMARKABLE VALUE-GIVING SALE

### For January's Last Saturday at Right House.

The Right House as usual sets the value-giving pace. Their big advertisement in to-night's paper will be read with intense interest by every thrifty person in Hamilton and vicinity. It carries great news of special bargains and splendid reductions on just the goods that the people are needing right now. Is it any wonder that the Hamilton public turn to the Right House for the best values, the best qualities and the best assortments when such real bargains can be obtained? The greatest sales in the store's history have been in progress during January and the best bargains of these great sales will be offered to-morrow. Get out early in the morning and make good of your share. Read every item of their big ad. carefully and then judge the sale by what there are hundreds of special offerings that are not in the ad at all. A visit to the store is absolutely necessary in order to realize what great savings are possible.

### Saturday Tobacco Bargains.

Cut T. & R. and Old Chese St. British Navy 7c. T. & R. bright plug 10c. Empire Smoking and Bobs Chewing St. Myrtle Navy 25c. King's Navy 7c. at peace's cigar store, 166 King street east.

### Interesting to Music Lovers.

McDonald's music store starts to-morrow a unique sale of first-class English publications at 5c a copy; all very latest popular and piano solos at the same price.

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Prospects for the ice crop are good. The ice is forming rapidly, and a few days like this will ensure an abundant supply for next summer. Citizens have had no reason to complain of the drain upon their coal bins yet, and the cold snap is generally welcomed, although it will be hard on those who are not well provided with fuel and clothing. A good many parts of Ontario got more snow than this section in yesterday's storm.

### FOR ELECTION.

### Three Criminal Cases Come Up Next Tuesday.

Three men were before Judge Monk this morning for election. William Martin, charged with the theft of \$100 from E. A. P. Cooke; Ezra Foster, charged with the theft of a watch from Lee Wong, and William McMullin, charged with attempting to do bodily harm to Nelson Cope, or Copevorn. Mr. George Thomson appeared for Foster and Martin, and Mr. W. E. S. Knowles for McMullin. All elected to be tried by a judge on Tuesday next.

### TO DEBATE TRUSTS.

### Next Subject to be Handled by Liberal Club.

Arrangements have been made for this second of the series of debates of the Liberal Club. It will be held on the evening of Thursday next, January 29, in the regular debating hall in the Club's quarters, in the Arcade. The subject is, "Resolved that trusts are a menace to a country." The affirmative will be led by Mr. J. A. Pablow, and the negative by Mr. F. B. Edmunds. Each will have one regular supporter, after which the debate will be thrown open to all who desire to speak for a few minutes.

### Bain & Adams' List.

Pine apples, marmalade oranges, bananas, green peppers, ripe tomatoes, mushrooms, grape fruit, Boston head lettuce, radishes, spinach, rhubarb, new potatoes, green onions, cucumbers, sweet potatoes, celery, Bermuda onions, asparagus, turkeys, ducks, chickens, pigeons, meckerel, bloaters, ciscos, haddie.—Bain & Adams, 20, 91 King street east.

### RIGHT OF THE DEPUTIES AND POLL CLERKS TO VOTE

### Disputed by Liquor Party in the Local Option Scrutiny at Stoney Creek.

In the new hall at Stoney Creek the scrutiny of the ballot cast in the recent voting on local option was begun before Judge Snider. Mr. Geo. Lanch-Staunton, K. C., represented Mr. Siebert, the Stoney Creek hotel-keeper, who is the petitioner; Mr. Geo. S. Kerr, K. C., and Mr. J. B. McKenzie, Toronto, were for Rev. Dr. Clark, who represents the temperance people, and Mr. S. D. Biggar, K. C., for the township of Saltfleet.

The proceedings were begun with a recount of the vote, and it resulted in one vote being added to each side. The count thus arrived at was:

For. Against.  
Division 1 ..... 171 86  
Division 2 ..... 164 64  
Division 3 ..... 72 46  
Division 4 ..... 60 42  
Division 5 ..... 40 83  
487 321

Majority for local option, 166. Necessary to carry, 455.

In the official count as given out by the returning officer the vote in No. 2 division was 163 for and 64

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