

DECAPITATED BY GUILLOTINE.

Four Murderers Executed in France This Morning.

An Immense Crowd Enjoyed the Horrible Scene.

Capital Punishment Resumed--Eighteen More Heads to Cut Off.

Bethune, Pas de Calais, France, Jan. 11.—The first inflictions of capital punishment in France for a number of years past were witnessed in this town today, when four murderers were decapitated by the guillotine.

The record of crime against the four men was a long one. Working together, they formed a band which had terrorized northern France and southern Belgium for several years, robbing, assaulting and murdering. When the condemned men were led out of prison cries of vengeance arose from the assembled crowd, and as the knife fell four times in rapid succession the people present did not hesitate to evidence their satisfaction.

The French Parliament recently passed a resolution in favor of the retention of the death penalty in France, and the Cabinet a fortnight ago decided to carry out Parliament's ruling. The law permitting the infliction of capital punishment had been practically a dead letter, for it had been the custom of the President of the republic to commute all death sentences to life imprisonment.

There remain to-day eighteen persons in France under sentence of death, and the guillotine will be used for the executions.

The executions were carried out rather quickly, yet the multitude from the town and the surrounding country, which gathered early last night, was most impatient, and upon the appearance of the condemned began yelling for instant death. The chief upon the guillotine, the most horrible feature of the execution, as one of the condemned men marched defiantly towards the steps of the platform, cries of rage broke from the crowd, which endeavored to break through the lines of soldiers, closely formed around the guillotine. The man brutally repulsed a priest who sought to console him. Shouts of joy burst from the crowd as the knife dropped. The troops immediately after the execution dispersed the crowd, and ended what was regarded by foreign observers as a degrading spectacle, and as suggesting the terrible scenes of the mob's thirst for blood during the revolution.

SHOOTERS HERE

For the Big Tourney Which Opens To-morrow.

Crack shots from various places in the United States and Canada are already here for the big tournament of the Hamilton Gun Club, which opens here to-morrow. Many more will be here before the morning. Among those who had registered at the two leading hotels up to 1 o'clock were:

At the Waldorf—"Buffalo" Smith, Boston; C. Edward Wood, Walter H. Ewing, J. Carruthers, jun., S. W. Drink, Montreal; C. G. Weiss and Ben. H. Elden, Depew, N. Y.; F. G. Morrison and Jos. Wagner, Hickory, N. Y.; A. E. Hookman, of Newark; J. A. R. Elliott, New York; J. H. Hoole and P. W. Wilcox, Buffalo.

At the Royal—John R. Taylor, Columbus, O.; Geo. L. Ginn, New Haven, Conn.; A. E. Callon, New York; D. A. Upton (United States champion), and E. S. Rogers, Cleveland; Walter Stokes and Randall Currell, Nashville, Tenn.; W. B. Darton, Portland; L. J. Squier, Pittsburg; T. C. Sims and C. L. Sims, Little Current.

Wm. McMichael, of this city, who won the two-mile roller skating championship of Ontario, last week, has received and accepted a challenge from J. A. Turner, a New York crack. The race will likely take place at the Britannia Rink within the next two weeks. Turner's manager came to Hamilton this afternoon to complete arrangements.

A meeting was held at the East Hamilton Y. M. C. A. on Saturday, Jan. 9, when the Junior City Basketball League was formed, consisting of six teams, which are as follows: Central Y. M. C. A., Juniors, St. Andrew's, St. John's, East Hamilton Y. M. C. A. No. 1, East Hamilton Y. M. C. A. No. 2, Central School. The games will all be played on the East Hamilton floor on Thursday and Saturday nights of each week, commencing Thursday, Jan. 14.

There will be a contest of the City Hockey League to-morrow evening at 8.30, at J. W. Nelson's, James street north.

Green Corn in Midwinter.

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Surplus clothing stock at values like this: \$15 suits and overcoats, \$9.98, finest \$24 overcoats at \$18; fancy knitted vests, regular \$4, at \$1.98; closing out mitts and gloves at big reductions; ten dozen heavy reindeer buck mitts at 35c, regular 65c; fur lined gloves at \$1.98, regular \$3.50. Frank & Co., 15 and 15 James street north.

Steamship Arrivals.

Jan. 9.—Granville—At Halifax, from Liverpool. Empress of India—At Vancouver, from Hong Kong. Sicilian—At Halifax, from Glasgow. Celtic—At New York, from Liverpool. Devonian—At Liverpool, from Boston. Iberian—At Manchester, from Boston. New York—At Southampton, from New York. Kroonland—At Antwerp, from New York. Campania—At New York, from Liverpool. Roman—At Perth, from Liverpool. La Bretagne—At New York, from Havre. Buenos Ayres—At New York, from Genoa. Trinidad—At Philadelphia, from Liverpool. Transatlantic—At Liverpool, from St. John. Rotterdam—At Cape Race, from Rotterdam. Montreal, Jan. 11.—Lake Manitoa passed Eastnet Light, 15 miles west, at noon to-day. Steamer Mount Temple will dock at noon to-day at St. John.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Miss Alvena Prielipp, pupil of Miss Hazel Burton, has passed the primary piano examination of the Toronto University.

—W. Carroll's branch store at Caroline and York streets was burglarized last evening, but little of value was taken.

—Miss Elizabeth Walls, pupil of Sister N. J. Aurelia, St. Joseph's Convent, passed the recent university examination.

—Members of the Fourth Field Battery desiring to play indoor baseball this season will meet at the battery quarters this evening at 8 o'clock.

—Stace Boyd, 122 1/2 James street north, reported to the police to-day that jewelry valued at \$40 was stolen from his house about 6 p. m. last Tuesday.

—Mrs. H. Spence and Miss C. Carleton, pupils of Miss Mae Vorell, passed successfully their primary piano examination with honors at the Toronto University.

—Mr. Campbell Sweeney, manager of the Bank of Montreal in Vancouver, was in town yesterday visiting some of his old friends. Mr. Sweeney has entered his boy at Highfield School.

—Mrs. Emily Thresher and Master Bungie have returned to Yonkers, N. Y., after spending Christmas and New Year's at her parents' residence, 145 East Avenue north.

—Provincial charters have been issued to the Hamilton stamp and stationery capital \$40,000, and the Barton Telephone Company, with head office at the village of Hamon, capital \$10,000.

—Mr. Havis James, of Winnipeg, has been here for the past few days, and has purchased Deltic and Johnny, two fast trotters, and he will ship them to-night.

—Miss Douglas Anderson and Miss Mamie Havill, pupils of Margaret F. Langrill, Mus. Bac., L. M. Tor., have successfully passed the examinations of Toronto University in senior singing and senior piano respectively.

—Mr. L. L. Henderson, of Kingston, has been appointed general manager of the Montreal Transportation Company. He has been connected with the company for twenty-five years, half that time as manager at Kingston. Mr. Henderson is a brother-in-law of Hon. J. S. Hendrie.

—Robert Shaiton, 242 Bay street north, was taken to the City Hospital this morning from the Hamilton Bridge Works. He was suffering with a sprain he sustained while at work. He was helped to lift a heavy article when injured, but is reported to be progressing favorably.

—Mrs. Geo. Anderson, of Minneapolis, the wife of Mrs. Nellie Blanford, of this city, is paying her brother, Mr. W. E. Blanford, a short visit at the old home, 324 Main street east, and will be pleased to see any of her old friends on Wednesday afternoon or evening, January 13th.

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HOT ELECTION.

Chairs, Clubs and Knives at a Friendly Society Meeting.

The office of treasurer of the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company's Employees' Benefit Society must be a much coveted job. On Saturday night the annual meeting was held in the Orange Hall and the election of officers was called for early. Every thing passed off smoothly until nominations for that office were asked for and several names were mentioned. The vote was taken and things looked rather good for one man, but the Italians and other foreigners and the Englishmen were divided. Hot words were exchanged and suddenly a chair was hurled across the room and this started the dogs. Almost every chair in the room was damaged and knives and clubs were used. George Fox, of Gibson avenue, was injured. This cooled the meeting down and Fox was taken over to Dr. Wardell's, across the street, and his head was fixed up and a cut on his neck was sewn up. He was able to go home. The police are working on the case and prosecutions may follow.

MOUNT HAMILTON.

Mr. Paulin, formerly of Knox Church Mission, preached yesterday morning and evening in Chalmers' Church, Mount Hamilton. He will also preach next Sunday. Although this church decided to give a call to Rev. Mr. Lane, Barton Stone Church, with which it is affiliated, refused to join in the call, and it is not likely that anything will be done this winter in the way of calling a pastor. Mr. Paulin is much thought of by the mountaineers, and last night the church was well filled to hear him preach. The Ladies' Aid of the Church holds a social at the residence of Mrs. Pilgrim this evening.

Mr. Geo. Webb is making fairly good progress in digging and blasting out the trench for the sewer and water pipes. Yesterday's rain was welcome on the mountain, many of the wells being dry. The residents living within the city limits are expecting to have a share of the extra electric lights the city is getting next summer. It's pretty dark up there at times. Still, nobody has yet fallen over the mountain.

They are also in hope that Mr. Webb, by next season, will keep the incline cars running later than they now do. The Jolley Cut improvements are good as far as they go, but it will require much more to make it right. One thing, it will need new sidewalks.

There has been a good deal of building this past season, a number of fine residences having been put up along the brow of the mountain.

HAINS CASE.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Both the prosecution and the defence rest in the Hains case.

Mary Cuthbertson, who has a mania for wandering about and has been arrested, is in Toronto, Woodstock and London, was on Saturday committed to the London Asylum for the Insane.

It is understood that Lieutenant-Governor Forget, of Saskatchewan, whose term of office will shortly expire, will be appointed to the Senate in succession to the late Senator Bernier.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-weekly Times. 50c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

MARRIAGES

WADDELL—MUIR—At Knox Church, Monday, January 11th, 1909, the marriage of Margaret Selma, youngest daughter of Mrs. Robert Muir, Charlton avenue east, to William H. Waddell, D. L. S., was solemnized, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. A. E. Mitchell, the pastor of the church.

DEATHS

BOYES—At the residence of her nephew, J. M. Boyes, 11 West avenue south, Saturday, 9th January, 1909, Miss Betsy Boyes, daughter of the late Captain James Boyes, aged 82 years.

Funeral Tuesday at 2.30 p. m. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

GARDINER—At Belleville, on Jan. 8, 1909, Rev. James Gardner, D.C.L., in his 81st year.

HENRY—At Orono City, U. S., on Monday, January 4th, Margaret Henry, formerly of Hamilton.

Funeral will leave the residence of her sister, Mrs. C. Murphy, 129 Mary street, to St. Patrick's Church, interment to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

LINGER—Suddenly on Monday, 11th January, 1909, Anne, wife of Jesse Linger, aged 57 years.

Funeral Wednesday, at 2.30 p. m., from the family residence, 238 Hughson street north, to Christ Church Cathedral, interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

RICKETTS—At 171 Hunter street west, on Sunday, 10th January, 1909, Susanna, wife of Fred Ricketts, aged 88 years.

Funeral Wednesday at 2 p. m. to St. Mark's Church. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

COUNCIL MADE GOOD START.

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CONDUIT SYSTEM. Very many serious questions must be taken up almost immediately. It is for you to decide if we should go on with the construction of the conduit system for power and light wires in connection with the municipal power and light plant, and also to include the wires of the Cataract Company, the Telephone and Telegraph companies, in accordance with the by-law sanctioned by the people in January, 1908.

Personally, I believe that Hamilton should control its own system in order to be in a position at any time it might be found necessary to protect the people from being overcharged for unpendent lighting, or the users of power from being overcharged.

POWER QUESTION. The power question for pumps, etc., also requires immediate consideration. I understand the city solicitor is preparing an opinion on the subject, which will be before you shortly and I hope you will be extremely cautious before coming to a final decision. I regret to say that the management of the local company, instead of meeting the city in a broad, business spirit in interpreting former contracts, have taken advantage of every legal technicality, however small, causing mistrust and irritation among the citizens.

STREET RAILWAY MATTERS. I hope there will be no further difficulty experienced in getting the Street Railway Company started at the earliest moment in the spring on a new system, such as will not only be suitable for the immediate needs, but also for the increased business that is sure to come. I believe such a policy will repay the company, as it does others. In any event, your duty is to see that the company live up to their agreements by all the means at your command. In this connection, I regret that owing to the rejection by the people of the good roads by-law, difficulty will be found in procuring the necessary money to do the city's share of the road work, but the city must find a way to do its part, and you must determine how best to get the funds.

Outside of the pavements mentioned in the good roads by-law, there are many residential streets sadly in need of repair, and several in the newer districts which have never been metalled.

AGAINST OVERDEBT. Attention should be given to these, while the greatest care should be exercised to cut out unneeded expenditures. An extraordinary effort must be made to get rid of the overdraft, and while we must not impede progress, I hope every member will assist in keeping within our means.

It might be well to submit the estimates in detail for publication in the minutes, and consider if it would not be better to require a two-thirds vote of the Council for any deviation therefrom.

NURSES' HOME. It will be necessary to consider again proper accommodation for the nurses at the City Hospital, while at the same time, I am satisfied, that, outside of this, no more money should be expended on additions for hospital purposes on the present site, and you should take up the question of procuring a suitable location for future wants of this kind.

LICENSE REDUCTION. The question of a reduction of licenses has been an issue in the recent elections, and all interests should be carefully considered before coming to a decision.

FAVORS BOARD OF CONTROL. Owing to the difficulty in getting enough aldermen with sufficient time to devote to the administrative part of the business of a large city like Hamilton, I would suggest that we ask the Ontario Government for authority to submit a by-law to the people at the next municipal elections as to the desirability of electing at large a Board of Control of three or four men. These men being elected by the whole city would ensure equal treatment of all sections. In this case a reduction in the number of aldermen might be desirable.

I might say, I will at all times endeavor to give any member all the information at my command, and I hope each chairman will do the same with the members of his committee, so that we may have the utmost confidence in each other, with a view to working together to produce the best possible results for our city.

SLATE GOES THROUGH. The slate of chairmanships and the striking committee arranged at a caucus last week went through without a break, although an effort was made by Alderman Morris to have another striking committee appointed. It was intimated on Saturday that if Ald. Ryan did not take his seat, Mayor McLaren would be in a position to dictate, as it was said the Council was divided, ten to ten. As a matter of fact, Alderman Ryan was not required to insure the distribution

HABIT

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of chairmanships as arranged, for, by Saturday night, there were fully fifteen aldermen prepared to back up the action decided upon.

When it came time to appoint the striking committee Alderman Peregrine moved that it be composed as follows: Aldermen Peregrine, Allan, Cooper, Jutten, Gardner, Crerar and Guy.

Several aldermen cried "carried," but Alderman Morris arose with an amendment and had the distinction of making the first division in the new Council.

This amendment was that the committee comprise the men who headed the polls in the different wards, Aldermen Milne, Crerar, Forth, Allan, Gardner, Jutten and Cooper.

Mr. Morris said he had no objection to the committee named by Alderman Peregrine, but he thought the one he had named would be more representative of public opinion, and in the second place it would be a more independent committee.

"Evidently the electors considered the men who headed the polls as the most representative," he said, "and I think this important matter should be left in their hands."

Discussing independence, Ald. Morris said, "We know that in the past party politics have played an important part in arranging chairmanships and committees. This year the electors have said in no uncertain tone that there must be a stop to this, and that party politics must be dropped from municipal affairs. (Applause.) Look at the figures. They are convincing. Thirteen independent aldermen have been elected and only eight party candidates. The votes totalled 10,634 for independents and only 5,908 for party men. I think these are good reasons why my amendment should be adopted."

Alderman Peregrine took issue with Ald. Morris, and pointed out that two years ago Aldermen Loss, McLaren and himself were elected to the council for the very purpose of settling party politics out of municipal business. The committee named was representative of Conservatives, Reformers and the citizens' campaign candidates. He held that members who had been in the council were not qualified to arrange the committees, but those recently elected.

Mayor McLaren appealed to the council to drop the word "party" in discussion this year.

Only four aldermen supported the amendment. They were Morris, Milne, Ellis and Wright. The original motion carried.

CONGRATULATES NEW MAYOR. On behalf of the Council, Alderman Peregrine congratulated the new Mayor. He said: "I desire to offer you the heartiest congratulations on your election. It was evident from the time you became a member of the council that you were destined to reach a very high place in the estimation of the people. I am sure your platform was one that commended itself to the electors, as the returns show. We are sorry to part with old faces, some of whom have been in the city for many years, and went down in the battle of ballots or resigned. In their place have come up a lot of new men, probably men of stronger calibre than we have had in years."

Ald. Peregrine spoke feelingly of the absence of City Messenger Smith, who had probably not missed an inaugural Council meeting in fifty years. His illness was such that he would probably never be able to serve the city again.

The Council, on motion of Alderman Peregrine, passed a resolution of sympathy with the aged city messenger.

THE LADIES PRESENT. Some of the ladies present included: Mrs. John Tope, Mrs. George C. Elliott, Mrs. C. E. Hopkins, Mrs. J. H. McNelly, Mrs. A. E. Wickins, Miss Wickins, Miss M. Goodfellow, Mrs. T. W. Jutten, Mrs. John Forth, Mrs. F. Avis, Mrs. Studholme, Mrs. Dr. Hopkins, Mrs. Silas Hopkins, Mrs. Catharine Hopkins, Mrs. George H. Lees, Mrs. William Lees, Mrs. Albert Pain, Miss Richter, Miss Gertrude Gardner, Mrs. George Buckingham, Mrs. A. J. Wright, Mrs. S. Beatty, Mrs. J. D. Forbes, Mrs. William Anderson, Mrs. G. H. Milne, Mrs. W. H. McLaren, Mrs. W. Davenport, Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Hopkins, (Stoney Creek), G. T. Goodrew, Miss Kate Hopkins, Mrs. W. C. Thomson, Mrs. John I. McLaren, Mrs. William Hendrie, Miss Caroline Hope Crerar, Miss Margaret J. Frid, Miss Ruth F. Malcolm, Mrs. J. M. Peregrine, Mrs. Hugh Sweeney, Mrs. Norman Clark, Mrs. W. H. Nichols, Miss Florence Nichols, Miss C. Duncanson, Miss Anderson, Mrs. R. S. Fraser, Mrs. W. G. Thompson, Mrs. George J. Guy and Mrs. R. L. Smith.

THE COMMITTEES. The striking committee met immediately after the Council, and took less than an hour to arrange the committees and chairmanships. The chairmen are as follows:

Finance—Peregrine. Board of Works—Allan. Fire and Water—Clark. Sewers—Jutten. Allan, Anderson. House of Refuge—Anderson. Harbor—Guy. Court House—Farmer.

The committees are as follows: Finance—Peregrine, Hopkins, Cooper, Farmer, Crerar, Guy, Lees. Board of Works—Allan, Sweeney, Robson, Jutten, Allan, Guy, Farmer. Fire and Water—Clark, Milne, Lees, Morris, Gardner, Hopkins, Anderson. Markets—Gardner, Forth, Cooper, Peregrine, Ryan, Appleghat. Sewers—Jutten, Allan, Anderson, Wright, Morris, Appleghat, Crerar. House of Refuge—Anderson, Wright, Ellis, Milne, Forth, Sweeney, Morris. Harbor—Guy, Jutten, Ryan, Appleghat, Gardner, Hopkins, Crerar. Court House—Mayor, Farmer, Wright, Robson, Crerar, Ellis.

It will be noticed that Ald. Wright,

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Follow zero. Eastern States and Northern New York—Partly cloudy and much colder tonight and Tuesday with probably cold wave and snow in north and west portions to-night; fresh northwest winds.

Western New York—Snow flurries and cold wave to-night; Tuesday colder and fair except snow near the lakes; fresh northwest winds.

The Board of Trade of Vancouver has sent a protest to Sir Wilfrid Laurier against the poisoning of American fishermen in the waters around Queen Charlotte Island.

Preparations are being made in Toronto for the Laymen's Missionary Congress, which it is hoped, will be attended by 3,000 delegates.

Tuesday

\$11.00

The big selling at \$15.00 for Suit or Overcoat on Saturday cleared up pretty well our \$20, \$22.50 and \$24 lines—and well it might. Men who know clothing values know that every garment on Oak Hall tables are worth all and more than we mark them; so when it comes to choosing a Suit or Overcoat at about half price there isn't much time lost.

To-day the price is \$12 for what are left and to-morrow \$11. Plenty of \$15, \$16 and \$18 lines to choose from and a few better lines.

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