

To the Right Little, Tight Little Emerald Isle and Its Sons Wherever Scattered,
The Times Presents Its Best Wishes on This, St. Patrick's Day.

NATURAL GAS SUIT BEFORE THE COURT.

Judge Is Considering Question of Damages.

Barnard Lost the Partnership Case.

Trespass Case Occupied Time This Morning.

His Lordship, Chief Justice Meredith, gave judgment yesterday afternoon, in the Broughton vs. Barnard action, in favor of the plaintiff, Mr. Ben Broughton. On the evidence His Lordship said the defendant, Harry Barnard, was bound not to disturb the equality between the plaintiff and defendant, and that the defendant was bound not to disturb the by-law, by which he and the plaintiff received the same salary from the company. His Lordship also found that the defendant had, in fact, disturbed the plaintiff's position, and that the plaintiff was entitled to a casting vote in the affairs of the company. He also shouldered the costs of the action, which are quite heavy, on Mr. Barnard. Mr. George Blackstock, K.C., for the plaintiff and Mr. James Bicknell, K.C., for the defendant.

The next action tried was that of Kerlin Bros. vs. the Ontario Pipe Line Company, for \$25,000 damages for breach of contract. The plaintiffs came from Toledo, Ohio. The statement of claim by the plaintiffs states that the plaintiffs had an agreement with the defendant company to construct a gas plant in this city. It is claimed by the plaintiffs that when they started to work on the plant, the defendant company refused to allow them to continue, and gave no reason for its action. The plaintiffs now ask for damages for breach of a contract with the company.

The defendant company denies the allegations set forth by the plaintiffs, and states that it did not enter into any agreement with the plaintiffs. It is claimed by the defendant company, that the execution of a contract was never authorized by the directors of the company. The defendants say if a contract ever existed (which it denies) between the plaintiffs and defendant company, it was a limited time contract, and the plaintiffs were not prepared and did not attempt to carry out their part of the contract within the time, and that the plaintiffs, by their conduct, did not intend to be bound by the said alleged contract.

Justice Meredith intimated at the beginning of the action that he did not intend to take up the question of damages, but simply as to the question whether the contract was binding or not. After the evidence had been put in by both sides, it was shown that the plaintiffs had a contract with the defendant company signed by Messrs. Comey and Jonlin, the former president and secretary of the company, respectively, but it was not signed by any of the directors. There is a by-law in the company's statutes to the effect that no contract can be entered into with any company outside the province of Ontario, without that company first securing a license.

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BOARD WILL STICK TO THE CIVIC COAL DEPARTMENT.

City Hall People Still Looking For Promised Visit From Hon. Adam Beck.

The city's fuel department will not be abolished this year at any rate, Mayor Stewart and Ald. Bailey, Chairman of finance, appeared before the Finance Committee of the Board of Education yesterday afternoon, and pointed out that if the schools stopped taking coal under the old arrangement with the Fuel Committee it meant the city would have to give up bringing in hard coal, and that the board after this year would be left at the mercy of the alleged coal combine. The committee decided to continue its old arrangement with the city. It is probable, however, that one or two of the caretakers will be appointed as inspectors, as Chairman Watkins said he had received complaints last year from nearly all the inspectors about the quality of the coal.

The trustees also discussed the refusal of the city to hand over its appropriation monthly. It was agreed that in view of the fact that \$2,000 was set aside in the estimates for interest that the point would not be urged this year, but the city will be given sufficient warning at the end of the year that hereafter the board wants its money monthly. The city's interest is compounded quarterly, while the board's is added monthly. Secretary Foster will see the bank officials and find out if an arrangement similar to that with the city can not be made. It was said the School Board has no power to borrow; that it can only spend money for school purposes and that it is not legal for it to pay interest to the bank or for the bank to accept the money, and that the

No Engagement

Rome, March 17.—A denial is made at the Italian court of a marriage engagement between the Duke of the Abruzzi, a cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, and Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins, of West Virginia. The Duke of the Abruzzi, it was stated, is expected to be in Rome on March 28 to be present at a lecture by the Prince of Monaco on "Oceanography." He is now commanding the battleship Regina Elena, and soon will be promoted to Rear Admiral.



JAMES HUGHES, Toronto, Dominion Director and General Trustee, R. T. of T.

TOOK OVERDOSE.

Ronald McDonald Had a Close Call Last Night.

Ronald McDonald, who lives with his daughter and son-in-law at 174 Catharine street south, had a narrow escape from death by laudanum poisoning last evening. McDonald's wife died two years ago, and since that time the bereaved husband has been heartbroken, and has been troubled with insomnia to such a degree that he has to take large doses of laudanum and other sleep-producing draughts to get any rest at all. Yesterday afternoon Mr. McDonald's son-in-law was at work, and his daughter was out for the evening. When his daughter returned home she found him sitting at the tea table in a comatose condition, and looking very sick. She asked what was wrong, and he stated he thought it was the effects of a dose of laudanum he had taken. Dr. Rogers was called, and had the unfortunate man taken to the City Hospital, where remedies soon set him right. It is thought that he either took an overdose of the drug or else took too large a dose on an empty stomach. He had not eaten anything all day. McDonald will soon be around again.

THEATRE WRECKED BY STUDENTS

Ann Arbor Star Theatre Attacked--Moving Picture Machine and Piano Smashed--Police Defied and General Riot--Over Twenty Students Locked Up.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 17.—Twenty-two University of Michigan students spent last night in jail, and the Star Theatre was thoroughly wrecked as the result of a riot of students last evening which lasted until nearly 1 o'clock this morning. The moving picture machine and the theatre piano were broken to pieces. Trouble started on Saturday night in a dispute between a forestry student named Kamm, from Kentucky, and Reynolds, the proprietor of the theatre. Some one whistled while the performance was in progress, and Kamm was ordered to leave the place. He got up at once to leave, but it is said that at the door he slapped Manager Reynolds in the face. At this point special Policeman Schlimmer, in the employ of the theatre, took Mr. Reynolds' part,

and is said to have inflicted a scalp wound on the student by a blow of his billy. News of the affair circulated among the students on Sunday, and yesterday, with the result that some of the bolder spirits among the students planned to make reprisals against the theatre management. Last night a procession was formed that went through the district of the student boarding houses shouting "All out for the Star Theatre." College men poured out to join the marchers at every block, and when the procession reached the theatre fully 2,000 men were in line. Crashing glass announced the opening of the attack, as the collegians hurled a brick through a front window of the theatre, and from that moment pandemonium reigned. Windows not only in the Star Theatre, but of adjoining buildings, were shattered by fusillades of rocks, and the students finally attacked the building in "rush" formation and practically tore out the front.

The police were powerless, the students jeering at the officers and stealing their helmets for souvenirs, and when the fire department was summoned to drench the crowd with water, the boys ran away with 100 feet of hose. When the hose was recovered Chairman Millard, of the Board of Fire Commissioners, ordered the firemen to return to their station, declaring no one had any right to call out the firemen for such duty. President Angell, the venerable head of the university, vainly pleaded with the young men, and asked them to disperse, but his words could not be heard twenty feet away in the turmoil. A bugle call sounded at the local armory, indicating that the State militia were preparing to turn out, calmed the rioting students at last, and about midnight the mob began to disperse. It was not until 1 o'clock, however, that quiet was restored. Some of the police and several students were slightly hurt, but luckily no serious injuries resulted.

A LIMERICK.

St. Elizabeth Will Have One For Feast of Blossoms.

The ladies of St. Elizabeth Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, have decided to give a Limerick competition in connection with the Feast of Blossoms, to be held in April. They are to have a novelty department at the coming entertainment, and are taking this novel way to introduce it. They will provide the four lines of the Limerick and invite all who wish to contribute in a small way to the funds of the Feast of Blossoms, to be devoted to the Mountain Sanitarium, to contribute a fourth line. The chapter will give an elegant kimona as a prize and each guess will be accompanied by ten cents, the accumulation of which will go to the funds of St. Elizabeth's branch of the feast. Just now there is quite a keen competition among the ladies of the chapter for the honor of supplying the first four lines. Any member may send in a sample Limerick, and a committee of the ladies will make the selection. The judging of the completed Limerick will be done by representatives of the city papers.

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.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

The 17th of Ireland.
The ladies are wearing emeralds today.
Where's your shamrock?
The French treaty is already getting in its good work.
That job at the canal should provide work for a few.
So the Armstrong faction went down to defeat in the Con. Club fight on Saturday night. It was a case of the Irish on top.
The Toronto doctors must be forgetting about their etiquette.
Well, I am in favor of anything that will make it easier or pleasanter for the firemen. Oh, yes, I hear you say that it is a lousy sort of a life. But it's like going into battle every time the bell rings.
They are said to be good spenders up to \$18,000.
Now, gentlemen, you all know where to find Al. Farrar. No longer a square

deal to every man. He now takes his orders from the Executive Committee.

Wonder if Sir Charles Ross, of Ross rifle fame, is the long lost Charley.

If I were to run for Parliament I would like nothing better than to have ex-Mayor Biggar as my opponent. It would be a snap.

When Whitney wants groceries, dry goods and things for the Hamilton Asylum, he orders the most of them from Toronto merchants.

Ignoramus—Actor Irving's real name was Brodribb.

I still refuse to believe that Mayor Stewart will take that round-the-world trip. I don't believe that he believes it himself now.

They must have a sweet-tooth up at the Asylum. No wonder Dan Reed was shocked.

I notice that Mr. Sealey is already working in behalf of his future constituents. He has been down at Ottawa attending to their business.

Not an Armstrong got even on the House Committee? This carrying of knives will have to be stopped.

I beg to point with pride to the fact that that born vivand, Mr. C. C. Baird, has again returned to public life.

Step a minute until I give one more cheer for poor Old Ireland.

FEAR MASSACRE OF WHITES IN HAYTI

Up to Last Night Twenty-Seven Men Had Been Executed--British and Foreign Warships Arrive--Serious State of Affairs.

Port Au Prince, March 17.—Two foreign cruisers have arrived here, the British Indefatigable and the German Bremen. The Indefatigable came in last night and the German vessel arrived this morning. Their coming was a surprise to the people. The lives of foreigners are not considered to be in danger and to-day the situation is tranquil.

orders there, but beyond this it is practically without advice.

To Uphold Rights.
Berlin, March 17.—The latest official advice concerning Hayti received at the Foreign Office represent the situation there as strained. These communications, however, refer to Sunday evening and nothing has been heard of later developments.

It is declared that President Nord Alexis and Minister of the Interior Leconte, are adopting severe measures not only against natives, but with regard to foreigners. The Foreign Office hopes that the arrival of foreign warships at Port au Prince will serve to improve the situation. It is not known whether there are any

Haytian refugees under the German flag, although it is considered probable that some sought safety at the consulate. The various governments have determined to uphold the principle of the ex-territoriality of their legations and consular buildings, but the question of right of asylum is regarded as an open one which will have to be decided according to the merits of each individual case.

Twenty-Seven Men Executed.
Paris, March 17.—Official despatches received here from Hayti indicate that the situation there is still serious. Foreign Secretary M. Carteron, the French Minister, reports that fresh executions occurred last night, but he does not give

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WAS CARRIED AWAY BY WOMAN'S TEARS.

Damage By Ice

Ogdensburg, March 17.—The ice went out of the Oswegatchie River here yesterday, carrying everything moveable before it. Three vessels belonging to the Ogdensburg Coal & Towing Co. were torn loose from winter moorings and landed on a sandbar in the St. Lawrence River, abreast the city. Another vessel broke its lines and dragged anchor into the St. Lawrence. Ferry steamers have been trying to release the stranded boats.

Back Bencher at Police Court Fined \$50

And Ordered to Jail Till Paid.

Woman Who Soused Bailiff Fined \$20.

The old Police Court heard a pitiful story this morning, when Mrs. Gertrude Bastedo, 152 Picton street east, was charged with assaulting John Littlehales, a bailiff's officer, by throwing hot water over him yesterday morning. She pleaded not guilty to the charge, and elected to be tried by the Magistrate, J. J. Hobson was the first witness. He stated that the house which the defendant tenanted belonged to William Harris, a client of his, and that the defendant's husband had a lease for one year, which expires on April 13 of this year. The rent was \$11 a month, and last month the Bastedos got behind. Harris put the lease into Mr. Hobson's hand and asked him to collect or seize. Mr. Hobson said he attempted to collect, but was unable to get the money, and so put Sylvester Nelson, a bailiff, into possession. Nelson passed a warrant on to his officer, Littlehales, for execution, and that was the last he, Mr. Hobson, knew of the case. Nelson swore to placing the warrant in Littlehales' hands for execution. Littlehales was then called. He said he received a distress warrant from Nelson yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, and went to the house named in the warrant, 152 Picton street east, and knocked at the front door. He got no answer and went to the back door. He found this open and stepped inside. As soon as he got inside he met Mrs. Bastedo and told her his business. She asked to be allowed to read the warrant, but he refused her this privilege, but told her he would read it to her himself. She would not allow him to do this, he claimed, and he started to take a list of the goods. While he was listing the stuff a collector came to the back door and asked for money. Mrs. Bastedo told him to call again. She told the collector that the bailiff was in the house, and he asked her if she had seen the warrant. He heard the defendant tell the collector that she asked to be allowed to see it, but that she refused, and he would not even read it to her. Littlehales said he joined in at this point and said he would read the warrant to her or any one of her friends, but he would not suffer it to leave his hands. The collector then told Mrs. Bastedo to put him on to money. Mrs. Bastedo told him to call again, as well as a number of fake bailiffs going the rounds.

Mrs. Bastedo, he swore, promptly started to act upon this advice, and told Littlehales to leave, which he refused to do. She threatened to scald him and she still refused to leave, so she threw about four gallons of boiling water at the rounds.

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DR. C. V. EMORY, Hamilton, Dominion Secretary, R. T. of T.

ZIONIST SPEAKER.

Dr. J. Tyor, New York, at Hughson St. Synagogue.

Rev. Dr. J. Tyor, from New York, who is a prominent speaker for the Zion movement, and who is also connected with the Jewish Publication, of Philadelphia, was invited by the Toronto Federation of Zion to deliver a lecture on March 15th, and on his return visited the Hughson Street Synagogue last evening. All seats were occupied and the service was led by Rev. Dr. H. Folger. Mr. Isaac Mintz was selected by the congregation to read the history of Esther and Haman.

In the synagogues on King street and Hunter street services were held last evening. The history of Esther and Haman was delivered by their rabbis, according to the rules of the orthodox church.

ROYAL TEMPLARS' SESSION WAS BEGUN THIS MORNING.

Rev. Wm. Kettlewell Gave Outline of the Insurance Report This Morning.

The sixteenth biennial meeting of the Dominion Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance opened in the court house this morning. When the meeting was called to order there were over 30 of the 40 delegates expected from the different grand councils, and the others are expected by to-morrow morning, when the more important business of the convention will come up. Mr. James Hales, Dominion Councillor, presided and the other officers present were: Rev. H. S. Matthews, Toronto, D. V. C.; Dr. C. V. Emory, D. M. D., Toronto; W. A. Edwards, D. A., Hamilton; J. H. Austin, W. J. Armstrong, Rev. W. Kettlewell, Toronto, Geo. H. Lees, Hamilton; James Hughes, Toronto, Directors.

From British Columbia—Rev. S. J. Thompson, Victoria.

The meeting was opened in the select degree, but was reduced to the Royal degree, to permit the attendance during the session of Templars who wish to attend. The Dominion Councillor then appointed a number of sessional committees. Memorials from various Grand Councils were presented, as well as a number of resolutions from members.

Rev. Mr. Kettlewell, chairman of the Insurance Committee, then gave an outline of the report which will be presented. The policy recommended by the committee being along lines given in last night's paper. He said that the fund is now in nice shape, that the organization should consider the question of term insurance.

The delegates present were: From Ontario—Rev. W. P. Fletcher, Drayton; W. M. McMillan, Hamilton; L. C. Peake, Toronto; Dr. W. Crawford, Hamilton; B. F. Harvey, Toronto; J. A. Copland, Harrison; Rev. W. J. Connor, Toronto Junction; T. J. Shanks, editor Templar, Hamilton; Kenneth McKenzie, Picton, V. J. Ferguson, Toronto; A. B. Spencer, Collingwood; Rev. Robt. Burns, Tweed; Wm. McBride, Alliston; T. H. McCallum, Exeter.

Died Pleading

New York, March 17.—John Maguire, 45 years old, election commissioner of Brooklyn, and a well-known lawyer of that borough, met death suddenly in the county court yesterday, while making a plea for a client on trial for larceny. Death was due to apoplexy, according to the doctors who were summoned.



L. C. PEAKE, Toronto, Member of Dominion Council, R. T. of T.

By Constant Use

Of a good tooth brush and Parke's Thymol Tooth Paste, you can keep your teeth in perfect shape and save your dentist bills. This paste whitens the teeth and is antiseptic, keeping the mouth in a healthy condition. Sold in tubes at 15 and 25c each.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

They Will Never Burn.

Genuine asbestos pipes are light in the month, easily cleaned and perfectly fireproof. They have a patent brush cleaner in the stem, and are sold for 50 cents at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.



F. BUCHANAN, Wingham, Dominion Past Councillor, R. T. of T.

THE 17th IN KINGSTON.

Kingston, March 17.—The Irishmen of Kingston had no public demonstration to-day. The societies this morning attended service in St. Mary's Cathedral, where a sermon of intense interest was preached by Rev. Father Cultinane. To-night Hon. C. R. Devlin will deliver an oration in the Opera House. The weather is blustery and snowy.

ALLOWED TO GO.

No Charge Against Him For Eloping With Girl.

Toronto, March 17.—Thomas McLoughlin, the Kettleby farm hand, who eloped to this city with Margaret Monkman, his employer's sixteen-year-old daughter, and who was arrested last night, as the instance of Miss Monkman's father, appeared in the police court this morning, but was allowed by the magistrate to go, no charge being laid against him.

—Justitia Rebekah Lodge, No. 38, I. O. O. F., will visit Primrose Lodge, of Dundas, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., going by the H. & D. R.