

GOVERNMENT INQUIRY INTO MINE HORROR.

Number of Victims Will Total Thirty-Two.

A Woman Burned to Death in New York.

\$100,000 Blaze In a New York Factory.

Pittsburg, Dec. 5.—The Federal Government is making an investigation into the disaster at the Naomi mine of the United Coal Co., near Fayette City, 35 miles south of here, where a terrific explosion of fire damp occurred on Sunday night, causing the death of a large number of miners.

Clarence Hall, a geologist in the technological division of the geological survey, reached the mine yesterday, and will remain there to-day, compiling a report to be submitted to J. A. Holmes, chief of the division. This is said to be the first instance in which the Government has made an inspection of a coal mine disaster, and it attracts particular attention, coming, as it does, immediately after President Roosevelt's reference to the great loss of life in industrial pursuits in the Pittsburg district and his recommendation for mine inspection in his annual report.

Two more bodies were reported taken from the mine late last night, making a total of seven for the day, and it is almost positively known there is at least one more in the mine, making the total number of victims 32.

Ink Factory Burned. New York, Dec. 5.—One woman was killed and seven firemen overcome as the result of two fires to-day. Mrs. Annie Linahan, aged 76, was burned to death in a blaze in a five-story brick tenement in East 17th street. Thirty others were rescued from windows and fire escapes.

Illuminating gas nearly proved the death of seven firemen, who were fighting a blaze in a store and office building in William street. The flames had been nearly extinguished, and the men were flooding the sub-cellar when a gas pipe burst. All were overcome. A detachment of police reserves rescued them and carried them to a hospital, where they recovered. The property loss from each fire was small.

New York, Dec. 5.—A six-story factory building, occupied by Ault & Wiberg, manufacturers of printing ink, was destroyed at an early hour this morning. The loss will reach \$100,000. The building was located on the corner of Pearl and Lafayette streets, in the midst of many large factories, and the destruction of the building was a serious loss to the district. Excavations in the street for the laying of salt water fire mains hampered the firemen.

WAS TRIVIAL.

Member of Board Investigates a School Incident.

Mr. Charles G. Booker, a member of the Board of Education, this morning made an investigation at King Edward School of the incident which occurred yesterday, in which Ruby Evans, daughter of Mr. Geo. H. Evans, was slightly burned in the domestic science room. Principal Robinson accounts of the incident. Mr. Booker stated afterwards that there was no danger, and no cause for alarm. Ordinary care would have prevented the accident. The only thing which he or Mr. Robinson could suggest to insure greater safety was to put two gas jets further apart. The pupil remained in school this morning. The trustee speaks most highly of Miss Cullum, the teacher, as an efficient and careful director of domestic science. He also thinks that in the best conducted houses in Hamilton there is a far greater proportion of trivial incidents of this kind than in the schools.

ONE DAY STRIKE.

Moscow, Dec. 5.—On account of the beginning in St. Petersburg of the trial of several socialist members of the second Duma, the workmen and students of Moscow have declared a strike for one day.

TO CONSULT HIS PEOPLE BEFORE GIVING DECISION.

Dr. Nelson Declines to Make Statement --- Minneapolis a Tempting Field.

Rev. Dr. Nelson, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, when asked this morning if his resignation was to be regarded as final, declined to discuss the matter until he met his congregation. It is probable that the pastor will not announce his decision until a week from Sunday. On Sunday morning next he will be at Central Presbyterian Church and, as he remarked himself, it was not usual to make fresh announcements at the evening service. It is regarded, however, as almost certain by many of Dr. Nelson's friends that the decision last night to increase his salary from \$2,500 to \$3,000 will not retain him. The Minneapolis Church, from which Dr. Nelson has received the call, with an inducement of a salary of \$4,000 a year and a free manse, is the Park Avenue Church, situated on the finest residential street in the city. It is a fine brown stone building, with a completely equip-

Mosquito Fever

Mexico City, Dec. 5.—Hereafter the world will know it as "Mosquito fever" instead of Malaria. Delegates to the third international sanitary congress, representing the principal countries of North, Central and South America, after a discussion yesterday, were almost unanimous in directing that the name of the disease should be changed so that the public might know the real cause of the disease, and work in harmony with the sanitary authorities for its extinction as mosquitoes are responsible for malaria and it could not exist but for them.

JURY'S VERDICT

Placing the Blame for Girls Death at Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 5.—The coroner's jury in the case of Blanche Latourne, the 13-year-old girl who was killed by the trunk flyer on Tuesday night, found last night that the child had come to her death partially through her own negligence, and partially through the negligence of the engineer, in not ringing his bell.

BARTENDER SHOT.

Five Shots Fired at the Man by a Saloon Patron.

Tonawanda, Dec. 5.—Tonawanda was the scene last night of a wildly exciting shooting affray. The shooting was the result of an argument over the price of three drinks and James Connell, a bartender at the Oak Hotel, No. 59 Tonawanda street, was the person shot. Five shots were fired at him, but only one took effect. That struck his head, cutting a gash about two inches long in the scalp. One passed through the man's clothes, rubbing against the flesh with sufficient pressure to leave a mark. The third bullet lodged among some coins that Connell had in his pocket, and its course was arrested. One of the other bullets passed through the trousers leg of William Carson, another bartender, and barely missed going into the flesh. Carson's wound is not serious.

CLOSED THE DOORS.

National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City Fails.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 5.—The National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City, Mo., failed to open its doors to-day and is in the hands of a National Bank examiner. The bank is one of the oldest here and is one of the largest financial institutions in the city. The following notice was posted on the door of the bank: "This bank has been closed by order of the board of directors. It is in the hands of James T. Bradley, National Bank examiner, by order of the comptroller of the currency." New York, Dec. 5.—The National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, according to a recent statement, owed depositors \$12,600,000 and owed other banks \$22,800,000.

The Time is Growing Short.

Why not do your Christmas baking now? See the splendid quality of raisins, currants, peels we are offering, none better, none cheaper. Also sweet cider, clarified cider, specially prepared spices, flavoring extracts. See our immense display of Christmas stockings, fancy boxes, Cadbury's chocolates, Tom Smith's crackers in endless variety. Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

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BACK TO ENGLAND.

Miss Yaw's Manager Cancels all American Engagements.

Mr. Vere Goldthwaite, manager for Ellen Beach Yaw and her assisting artists, stated last night that he had cancelled all of Miss Yaw's American engagements, and that the great soprano would return at once to England and the continent, where she had been for nine years up to two months ago. "The theatrical business is very, very bad in America," he said, "and companies are closing daily. Why, in Buffalo on Tuesday night was played to only \$850, and business in Hamilton was only half that. Thousand dollar houses should have ruled in both places. Miss Yaw is a great favorite in England, and she accepted an offer by cable from a London manager at Buffalo. We will sail from New York on Saturday."

THE MAURETANIA

Expected to Break Record for the Eastern Voyage.

Queenstown, Dec. 5.—The Cunard Line steamer Mauretania, which left New York on the afternoon of Nov. 30, on her maiden trip eastward, was 224 miles west of Fastnet at half-past five this morning. It is expected she will reach Queenstown at 6 o'clock this evening, in which event she will establish an eastward record.

NEW MANAGER.

E. LePatourel Goes to Beamsville Telephone Office.

Beamsville, Dec. 5.—(Special)—Mr. B. L. Bauleh, local manager for the Bell Telephone Co., has resigned his position. He had charge of the territory from Winona to Jordan. He was very popular with the large number of subscribers in this territory, especially the fruit growers. His resignation came as a surprise. Mr. Le Patourel, of Hamilton, is the new manager, and has commenced his duties.

BIGAMIST GUILTY.

Sentenced to Twelve Months in Central Prison.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—(Special)—J. S. Lavergne, alias Leung, was brought here from the Soo last week on a charge of bigamy, pleaded guilty in the Supreme Court to-day, and was sentenced to 12 months in Central Prison. At the end of that time he will be taken to Ogdensburg on a similar charge. He is also wanted in New York for theft of jewels from Mrs. Olive Jewett. Other charges may be preferred against him. Lavergne has a remarkable bigamy record. He lived in Ottawa. Twelve years ago, when employed as a stevedore, he went to Ogdensburg, N. Y., married and lived there until two years ago, when he left for New York, where he posed as a French count. He associated with people of high social position, and finally married again. Lavergne last July came back to Ottawa, where he posed as J. T. Lang, a New York broker. Last September he married Miss Margaret Moran, here, but his money running out, the girl's family became suspicious, and an investigation followed. Lavergne disappeared, being recently caught at the Canadian Soo after months of search.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Police Protection on Mountain Brow Being Considered.

The County Council did little business this morning. Leave was given to bring in a by-law for the appointment of auditors for 1908. It was decided to consider the question of damages at the Webster bridge, where M. Egan and T. O'Dowd were injured, and for which they are suing the county, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The report of the standing committee on the court house and the registry office took up the greater part of the morning. This afternoon the Council will take up the matter of police protection for the residents of the brow of the mountain. Chief Twiss will be present, and will give his views. The Warden's dinner will be held this evening in the Dominion Hotel, and it is expected that a large number of ex-wardens and ex-councillors will be present.

HAL. WALTERS.

Football Player Pummeled and Then Arrested.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 5.—(Special)—Hal Walters, a former noted football player and amateur boxer, is charged with assaulting an actor who appeared at the Grand last evening. Walters was unable to appear in the Police Court. It is said that the actor gave Walters such a pummeling that he was unable to put in an appearance to-day. After doing this the actor gave him in charge.

Unless You See,

You can't conceive the least idea of the magnificence of our tremendous stock of Christmas groceries, novelties, etc. They are all arranged for your inspection, and our selections now. We will put them away for you for future delivery. Another shipment of U-All-No after dinner mints.—Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

STRUCK A STORM.

Brest, Dec. 5.—The British battleship Renown, with the King and Queen of Spain and their infant son on board, returning from a visit to England, was forced to put in here to-day on account of the heavy gale blowing in the channel. Their journey will begin their overland journey from this point.



MR. GORDON MELVIN, The Student-in-Charge, Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, Mountain Top.

IN VERY ACT OF ROBBERY.

Boys Found Rifling Cash Register at J. H. Horning's.

Both Were Given Four Years at Mimico.

John Coffee Was Convicted of Stealing Hand Saws.

Constable Bettles made an excellent capture at 1:35 this morning, getting two boys in the act of going through J. H. Horning's grocery store on John street south, to which place they had gained entrance by breaking in the door glass. William Stokes, Charlton avenue, well-known as a juvenile offender in this city, and Fred Turnbull, Toronto, were the two boys. Both are about 13 years. Bettles was walking past the store when he noticed the plate glass window in the door broken and on investigating heard mysterious sounds in the store. He gained an entrance and quietly approached the two boys who were in the act of rifling the cash drawer. He captured them before they had time to run. The boys pleaded guilty to this morning in the juvenile court, and, considering the facts—record—of Stokes, the Magistrate sent him to St. John's Reformatory at Mimico for the term of four years. Turnbull is suspected of having broken out of Victoria Industrial School at Toronto some time ago and he was sent to Mimico for four years. They both wept a little at the prospect of their long term in a school of correction. One month in jail was given to John Coffee, Bethel, when he pleaded guilty this morning to stealing some hand saws from W. J. McArdle. Coffee has a bad record and has done time before for stealing. Jacob Marcus, charged by James Henry at yesterday's court with a breach of pawnbrokers' license act, was allowed to go this morning as he had arranged the case with McArdle. Coffee has a bad record and has done time before for stealing. Mary Noble, of Grand Rapids, was arrested as a vag, but as she had some money and was on her way to Grand Rapids to join relatives, she was allowed to go. William Harding, Winona, paid \$2 for getting drunk last night.

LAGER DOWN.

Retail Trade Notified of the Reduction This Morning.

This morning a representative of the Brewing Association called upon the retail grocers of the city and notified them of the reduction in the prices of lager, which was put into effect at once. Under the recent advance the price was 20 cents for ordinary and \$1 for export lager. The reduction is 10 cents on each—80 cents for ordinary and 90 cents for export, which leaves the price just where it was before the advance.

LIBERAL NIGHT.

Large Crowd Assured at the Savoy Theatre.

To-night is Liberal night at the Savoy Theatre. The show this week is a particularly good one, and is giving great satisfaction. All the boxes are taken, and there has been a large advance sale of seats. Secretary Woodcock, however, has a lot of the best 50-cent seats yet, and those desiring to help the club should get their tickets at the Liberal office, which will be open until 8 o'clock this evening. Tickets bought at the box office do not assist the club.

PASSENGERS SAFE.

The Mount Temple's Passengers Arrive at St. John.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 5.—Passengers of the wrecked Mount Temple have all arrived safely at Halifax. Four hundred and fifty left for their destinations at 4:30 this morning. The remainder will leave some time to-day. They were delayed awaiting the baggage.

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

Hear the jingle of the bells. Get out and buy them. A little more snow, please. Furnace drawing all right! Carry your parcels home. How nice and quiet the children are now. No date fixed yet for the unveiling. Is there to be a new name for the new Central Church? Has Whitney gone back on his promise to do justice to Hamilton? No, you don't muzzle the Times. Three cheers for Christmas cheer. Wait till you get a peek at the peak load. Aid. Farrar is again in the hands of his friends. The Victorian Order of Nurses is doing good work in this city. Lady Aberdeen knew what she was about. Manager William McAndrew is a busy man. I know, but when is he going to invent that leakless tap? Pugsley says Borden can have the name. But Borden would rather be executed. So Whitney has queered the Beach. I thought the Commission was a lemon. A little more snow and some of us would cut a dash with our cutter. Do away with aldermanic slates and tickets. Give us plain, honest government for once, without any clique, lodge or party to please. Ontario breeders are showing the Chicago people how to raise animals that are animals, not scrubs.

DETROIT TRAGEDY.

MRS. GRIFFITH SHOTS DR. ATTRIDGE AND HERSELF.

The Man is at the Point of Death and the Woman Seriously Wounded—Said She Was Betrayed by the Doctor, Who is a Canadian.

Windsor, Dec. 4.—Mrs. James B. Griffith, wife of the manager of the Book-keeper Publishing Company of Detroit, who last night shot and fatally wounded Dr. James A. Attridge, her physician, and then turned the revolver on herself with probably fatal results, in a statement to-day lays bare a story of domestic infidelity and inconstancy from which the tragedy arose.

Dr. Attridge is a Canadian, whose home is near Ridgeway. Twelve years ago he came to Detroit and graduated from the Medical College, and attained a considerable practice among prominent families. According to the story told by Mrs. Griffith, Dr. Attridge was not only her physician, but her lover as well. Several months ago Griffith engaged Dr. Attridge to accompany his wife on a trip of several weeks' duration for her health. Upon their return to Detroit Griffith became suspicious that all was not right, and he immediately abandoned his wife and was shortly to have begun divorce proceedings.

When Mrs. Griffith besought Attridge to marry her in case the divorce was granted the latter, it is said, refused to have anything further to do with her. Then in a fit of jealous rage the shots were fired which will probably blot out two lives. After the shooting, which took place in the private apartments of Mrs. Griffith early last evening, both victims were taken to different hospitals, and while the woman is said to have a chance for life, Attridge is wounded unto death. His aut-mortem statement was taken by detectives to-night.

THEY ONLY LAUGH,

But Italians Say a "Big Bang" Started Fire.

In spite of what the police say, the foreigners residing at the Ferguson avenue house where the two fires occurred a couple of days ago are considerably worked up. Several of the Italians told the officers of the fire department that they heard a "big bang" and that the house was immediately filled with smoke and that the fire started from the "bang." The police have put plain clothes detectives to work on the case, but so far results have been nil. A theory advanced by them is that two boarders who were put out of the house and cannot now be found were responsible for the fire. Perhaps they were, but that does not take away the fact that an explosion blew a trap door off its hinges in the second room from the front of the house.

AT THE ALEXANDRA.

The social session is creating quite a stir among the best young people of the city, who enjoy skating, as the programme already printed shows a novel idea for an evening's enjoyment. There are eighteen numbers, out of which there are twelve for couple, three all skates, one all reverse, one ladies' skate and one gentlemen skate. The advance sale of tickets has shown that there is going to be a large crowd on the floor, and in the balcony. Programmes will be issued to the skaters, so that they can keep track of their engagements for this occasion, and can be had at the cloak rooms.

A Smoker's Christmas Present.

A Turkish Hookah or water pipe makes the cleanest and healthiest pipe to smoke. They are used exclusively in eastern countries. Hookahs with single or double tubes are sold at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

POOR TIME TO SELL CITY DEBENTURES.

A Big Time

Tokio, Dec. 5.—5 p. m.—Prince Pu Lin, a special envoy from China in returning the recent visit of Prince Fushimi, of Japan, to that country, arrived here this evening. He was welcomed at the depot by Prince Fushimi, representatives of the imperial household, cabinet ministers, the Chinese minister and hundreds of Chinese students amid much enthusiasm. He was driven to the Shiba palace, where he will be entertained during his visit, which will last a week. Many functions have been arranged in his honor.

FALSE PRETENCES

Charged Against Two Detroit Young Men.

Sandwich, Dec. 5.—C. E. Wright and J. C. Barrow, young Detroit men, arrested in Windsor on the charge of attempting to jump a board bill, due the house Amersburg, were arrested here on the more serious charge of obtaining money under false pretences by means of a picture. Enlargement inducement. The young men have been canvassing Amersburg in the interest of a Detroit concern. The proprietor of the Amherst house claims to be out about forty dollars.

OUT IN THE COLD.

Complaints Made About One of the Dundurn Bears.

The attention of the inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been called to one of the big black bears at the Dundurn Park Zoo. Poor bruin, unfortunately for itself, has a bad disposition, and is so vicious that the keepers cannot allow him in where the other bears are, and as there is no other winter quarters for him, he has to remain in the open cage, exposed to the wintry blasts. Some people think the animal should be killed. The bears' den faces the south, and the poor beasts suffer from the heat in summer time.

JOB FOR PEEBLES.

To be Conservative Club Manager and Organizer.

It was stated on good authority to-day that Charles H. Peebles, late of the firm of Peebles & Holson, and a well known politician, would shortly become manager of the Conservative Club and local organizer. With elections approaching, some one with ginger to drum up enthusiasm is wanted, and the Conservatives think Mr. Peebles is the man. There is said to be an arrangement so that Mr. Peebles' appointment will not interfere with the position of John Pryke, secretary of the club. A salary of something over \$1,000, with a guarantee of a Government job when the elections are over, are mentioned in connection with the new position.

WHERE IS CRONIN?

Relatives in England Are Enquiring About Him.

Relatives in England are inquiring of the police the whereabouts of Daniel Cronin, who for some time near the beginning of the year boarded at 81 Gore street. He is the young man who was mysteriously disappeared, and who was thought to have been drowned. No word ever came explaining the disappearance. William Crowley, 79 Merrick street, has reported to the police that a gold watch and chain were stolen from his room yesterday morning at the above address.

"THE CREATION"

Will be Given in the Drill Hall on 19th.

Arrangements have been made by which the oratorio "The Creation" is to be given in the Drill Hall, Thursday, December 19, two weeks from this evening, is the date. The chorus is in excellent form and so is the orchestra, and an artistic production is assured. Announcement of who the soloists are to be will be made at an early date. The proceeds will go to the Sanitarium for Consumptives. On account of the production of the oratorio "Elijah" in Centenary Church next Monday evening, "The Creation" practice will not be held until Thursday.

SHOULD CANADA HAVE NAVY?

The next Canadian Club luncheon will take place to-morrow evening between 6 and 8 o'clock at the Hotel Royal. F. E. Hodgins, K. C. of Toronto, will address the club on "Should Canada have a Navy or Contribute to Imperial Defence." Mr. Hodgins is a prominent lawyer, a polished and effective speaker, and is fully acquainted with his subject.

Reduced Price Offered For Block of \$50,000.

Several Civic Accounts Already Overdrawn

Report Shows Results of Metering.

The annual report of Engineer McFarlane, of the Beach pumping house, shows an increase of 10 per cent. in water pumped this year as compared with 1906. City Engineer Barrow says he is convinced from this that the agitation raised over the waste of water and the installation of meters has resulted in good and made a big saving. The increase in water pumped last month was 5 per cent. over November of last year. This was the smallest increase of this year. In the spring the increase amounted at times to as much as twenty per cent. After a long talk with Engineer McFarlane, Mr. Barrow says he is convinced that when the electric pumps are installed it will be necessary to keep one of the steam pumps running all the time. Men capable of handling the steam plant would have to be on hand all the time, new rods out, and besides it would take considerable time in case the electric pumps broke down to get the steam plant working, unless one of the pumps was kept constantly in operation.

As soon as City Engineer Barrow heard from Mayor Stewart yesterday that the Brantford & Hamilton Railway Company was using old rails at James and Main streets to connect with the H. G. & B. tracks he went post haste to Traction Manager Green and warned him that the city would not permit the use of anything but new rails. Mr. Barrow says when he got there the rails were gone and he thinks someone must have given the company a tip. The traction manager said the company would be foolish to use anything but new rails. The connection will be made at once and the bricks laid between the tracks, temporarily on sand, the company undertaking to complete the job in the spring. It is anxious to get the connection made so that it can begin a service to Ancaster.

Representatives of the Retail Grocers have asked that consideration by the Finance Committee of the proposition to make 75 pounds the standard weight of a bag of potatoes, be postponed. The committee meets this afternoon, and the subject is on the order paper. The aldermen will deal at this meeting with the request of the London Council asking that Hamilton assist in securing an amendment to the Municipal Act, providing that the municipal Councils be given power to prevent the sale of goods of short weight or measure. The committee will also discuss the Torrens system which Ad. Evans proposes introducing in Hamilton, and will pass a by-law appointing John Bell clerk.

Mr. John Bain, machinist, will not be an aldermanic candidate. He was waited upon and asked to run, but declined.

The City Treasurer's statement, showing the expenditure from the first of the year to date, including accounts now presented to the Finance Committee, gives some idea of the overdraft the city will face at the end of the year. The Board of Works account is overdrawn to the extent of over \$13,000. The Board of Health is nearly \$2,500 behind. The Charity account \$1,000. The Hospital account shows an overdraft of nearly \$10,000. (Continued on page 10.)

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

MANUFACTURERS PLEASED WITH THE WORK DONE BY IT.

Compliments the Government—Asks That a Practical Business Man be Appointed on It—Sir Wilfrid Promises Copy of New Bill.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 5.—(Special).—A delegation representing the Railway Transportation Committee of the Executive of the Manufacturers Association waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. George P. Graham and Dr. Pugsley, in the Premier's office this forenoon. Mr. George, ex-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, addressed the Ministers for the delegation. He said that they must express their appreciation of what had been accomplished through the Railway Commission. By the appointment of the Board of Commissioners the Government had introduced a period into the affairs of Canada in which business interests with grievances against railways could make an appeal and obtain a hearing from a body which had power to remedy grievance and which was a court of last resort. He asked for an enlargement of the Board along the lines upon which the Government is now asking for would be of benefit to the whole business interests of Canada. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that Government was working in the direction suggested by the delegation. No decision had yet been received by the Government as to the personnel of the additions to the commission. As soon as the bill was drafted a copy would be sent to the Manufacturers' Association that they might ascertain what was proposed.