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## MME. NORDICA THREATENED.

**Gives Up Her Concert Engagements to Return to Europe.**

New York, Jan. 7.—Mme. Nordica has decided to forego further concert engagements in America this season, and will sail for Europe on Friday. The change in Mme. Nordica's plans is said to be due to the alleged receipt by her of threatening letters. Mme. Nordica will spend the remainder of the winter in the Riviera.

## DAIRYMEN MEETING.

**Favor Provincial License and Inspection System.**

Belleville, Jan. 7.—Judging by the applause which greeted the suggestion the members of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association are in favor of a Provincial license and inspection system, for sanitary purposes, for cheese factories. The subject was laid before the convention by Mr. J. A. Ruddick, head of the dairy division, Ottawa, in the form of a resolution passed at a conference of inspectors and instructors last November, and will be discussed later. Mr. Ruddick referred to similar legislation in Denmark and Wisconsin, which might form a pattern. The proceedings also included the address of the President, D. Derbyshire, Brockville, and a speech by Hon. John Dryden, looking forward to greater achievements for the dairying industries, delivered at a public meeting last night which filled the opera house. There are over four hundred members in attendance.

## KING EDWARD'S NAME.

**Alamanch de Gotha's Ruling Regarding the King.**

London, Jan. 7.—The Almanach De Gotha for 1904 pronounces judgment in the controversy which has reigned for years on the subject as to whether Edward the Seventh was the seventh Sovereign of the so-called Hanoverian dynasty of Great Britain or of the House of Saxe Coburg-Gotha. The Almanach decides in favor of the latter view, and those who claim King Edward as a ruler of the Hanoverian line may now take a back seat.

In a word, the British Empire is no longer subject to sceptre of the Guelphs, but to that of the Wettins, and it is Wettin that must now be regarded as the patrynomic of King Edward and all the members of his family.

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## EXITS WERE LOCKED.

**Startling Evidence at Chicago Fire Inquiry.**

Chicago, Jan. 7.—By their own evidence, given to-day before Munro Fulkerson, who is conducting the fire department investigation into the Iroquois Theatre horror, the proprietors of the theatre showed that a worse condition of affairs existed than had heretofore been thought possible. Will J. Davis, Harry J. Powers and Thomas J. Noonan, active managers of the Iroquois, pleaded ignorance of any precautions taken to prevent loss of life by fire at their theatre. They admitted failure to instruct employees in fighting fire, and failure even to provide suitable appliances for use against the flames. Their statements were corroborated by the testimony of twenty employees of the theatre, none of whom had ever been told his duty in case of fire. Noonan admitted to-day that eleven of the theatre exits were locked and bolted. Two of these exits leading to the front of the theatre on the ground floor, were locked, three additional exits on the north side of the ground floor were bolted, three exits on the north side of the theatre from the first balcony were bolted, and three exits on the north side of the second balcony were bolted. The greatest loss of life from the fire was in the first and second balconies, where hundreds of people were suffocated through inability to get out, or were trampled to death while trying to do so. Had the exits in each balcony been available, according to Inspector Fulkerson, the loss of life must have been greatly diminished.

From figures obtained from Noonan to-day it became evident that almost one in every three people who attended the matinee lost their lives, the percentage being a trifle over 31 per cent. The theatre seated 1,606 people, and, in addition to these, 236 had been admitted after all seats were sold, making a total of 1,842 people in the theatre, of whom 591 were killed. Of these 588 were killed in the balconies. On the balconies were 889 persons.

## CAR BARN MURDERERS.

**Trial of Chicago Desperadoes Has Commenced.**

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The trial of the car barn burglars, Marx, Neidermeier and Van Dine, the young desperadoes who are charged with nine murders, began before Judge Kerstens to-day. Among those present was the mother of Neidermeier, who has been familiarizing herself with court methods by attending a murder trial conducted by another Judge. The specific case called was that of the murder of Frank W. Stewart, clerk in charge of the money at the car barn office.

The first step taken by the defence was a motion to seek delay in behalf of Van Dine on the plea that it had failed to secure the attendance of Dr. James C. Ross, by whom Van Dine was employed. It is said that the physician will testify that Van Dine is insane.

Judge Kersten over-ruled the motion and ordered the defendants to proceed to trial at once.

## Municipality of Raleigh

Take Notice that the Municipal Council elect of the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh will meet in the Township Hall, on Monday, the 11th day of Jan. 1904, as per statute, for general business.

A. E. ROBINSON, Clerk.

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## FREIGHT SHEDS BURNED.

**LUMBER MILLS FIRE AT CLYDE FORKS, ONT.**

**Loss $10,000—Destructive Fires at Sault Ste. Marie, Burlington and Belmont, Man.—Blazes at Montreal, Goodwood and Guelph.**

Guelph, Jan. 7.—About 9 o'clock Tuesday fire was discovered on the second floor at the rear of Geo. Williams' store. It is supposed to have started among empty boxes. The damage by water is considerable. His loss is fully covered by insurance. The building, owned by Mr. Geo. Skinner, is only slightly damaged.

**A $9,000 Blaze.**

Winnipeg, Jan. 7. — At Belmont village Tuesday night Brinkworth's general store and Frank Williamson's implement warehouse, with their contents, were totally destroyed by fire. The loss is $9,000, which is partly covered by insurance in the Phoenix of Hartford, Northwestern and Liverpool, London & Globe.

**Lumber Mill Destroyed.**

Kingston, Jan. 7.—The new mill of the Clyde Forks Lumber Co. at Clyde Forks, on the Kingston & Pembroke Railway, was last night totally destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown. A carload of hay for use in lumber shanties was also consumed. The loss is about $10,000, with light insurance. The owners are Jerome Thompson, Wm. Avery, M.P., Sharbot Lake, and George Gray, Clyde Forks.

**Bad Blaze at Burlington.**

Burlington, Jan. 7.—About 2 o'clock yesterday fire destroyed the barber shop and residence owned and occupied by George Noyes, situated in the centre of the Traders' Bank block on Brant street. Thos. Lepatourel's drug store on one side and a butcher shop owned by L. J. Rusby on the other side of the barber shop were badly damaged by smoke and water. The Bell Telephone wires, which are in the drug store, were cut off also. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will be covered by insurance.

**At Sault Ste. Marie.**

Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 7.—Fire yesterday destroyed three double houses, the property of the Steel Company, in Tagona. It started in the half of one occupied by a family named Romaine, the other two being vacant. Most of the household effects were saved before the fire department reached the scene, but the houses were totally destroyed.

**G. T. R. Freight Shed Burned.**

New Hamburg, Jan. 7.—The Grand Trunk Railway freight shed here was totally destroyed by fire last night. The fire was first observed about 11 p.m. Flames were seen issuing from the western end, part of which was used as a temporary ticket office, the station being destroyed by fire last July. The freight house was filled with goods, and the loss will be heavy.

**Blaze at Quebec.**

Quebec, Jan. 7.—At 12.30 o'clock yesterday an alarm called out the brigade to a fire that had broken out in the boot and shoe store of Mr. Lessier, corner of St. John and St. Ursule streets. After considerable work on the part of the firemen the blaze was subdued, but not before the store was badly damaged by fire and water, as was the millinery store of Miss Forrest. Smoke did a considerable amount of damage to the stock of the Slade Electric Company, and the effects of Dr. Guilbault.

**Other Fires.**

Goodwood, Jan. 7.—About 3 o'clock yesterday a fire broke out in the stables of the Forsythe Hotel. The entire sheds, stables and buildings in connection with the hotel were consumed, together with a large supply of hay and wood. There is a small insurance on contents. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—The Laurie Engine Company's patent storage building was gutted yesterday, involving a loss of about $15,000. The contents were composed largely of valuable patterns, some of which cannot be replaced without great difficulty. The foundry suffered slightly from water and smoke.

Windsor, Jan. 7.—Fire was discovered in the basement of the Pelissier Street School Tuesday forenoon, and several hundred children vacated the building in record time in response to an alarm of fire. The damage was light.

## COME EVEN IN WINTER.

**Immigrants on the Way West Pass Through Montreal.**

Montreal, Jan. 7.—About five hundred immigrants from the C. P. R. steamer Lake Champlain, at Halifax, passed through Montreal last night on the way westward. C. P. R. officials say that the number of newcomers this winter is largely in excess of former years. It is estimated that fully three hundred have come in since November 1. They are mostly from the British Isles, but there are some Germans and Scandinavians. The fear of the Canadian winter seems to be diminishing.

## BRITISH EMIGRANTS.

**Details of Their Movements During the Past Twelve Months.**

London, Jan. 7.—The following is a statement of the number of emigrants going to Canada during December: English, 1,025; Irish, 40; Scotch, 102; foreigners, 1,595. During the previous twelve months the emigrants were: English, 48,341; Irish, 2,605; Scotch, 10,349; foreigners, 38,418. The totals to Australia and New Zealand were 12,626, while South Africa received 62,643, and the United States 251,676.

## MUST STAND BY JAPAN.

**SIGNIFICANT UTTERANCE OF LONDON PAPERS.**

**Germans Supply Russians With Coal and Gunners at Kiaochua—Determination of Japan to Fight Unless Russia Gives Way.**

London, Jan. 7. — A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Tokio says:—"All the Russian warships recently at Vladivostock are reported to have sailed, probably for Port Arthur.

"Russia's reply has not yet been received by Japan. There is a strong, widespread tendency to doubt the reports of the alleged conciliatory character of the reply."

A Cabinet meeting has been called for this week, probably for Saturday. The summons was unexpected, Premier Balfour and other Ministers having arranged for a fortnight's absence from London.

London, Jan. 7.—There are indications this morning that nothing definite has developed in the far east, and that nothing is likely to develop until the end of the week. The first important act, according to the Tokio correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, is that an urgency meeting of the Japanese Cabinet has been called for to-day, and the second is that the members of the British Cabinet have been notified to assemble on Saturday. The meeting of the Japanese Cabinet has almost certainly been called for the purpose of considering the reply of Russia to the last Japanese note, and it is equally certain that the meeting of the British Cabinet will be for the purpose of discussing the attitude of Great Britain in the light of the Russian reply.

Editorials in this morning's papers are almost unanimous in admitting that even if the war should be confined to Russia and Japan, Great Britain cannot possibly see Japan crushed, and, in the event of Japan suffering a severe naval defeat, Great Britain would be compelled to go to her assistance.

The Telegraph asserts the Cabinet will be compelled to consider also the limits of British neutrality in the event of a Russo-Japanese war.

Some of the papers urge that a plain indication of Great Britain's intentions would be most effective in averting war.

The Morning Post asks: "What has the Government done by way of preparation for war on a great scale in 1904?"

The London Daily Mail wants Russia notified that "under no circumstances will Great Britain permit the Russian Black Sea fleet to pass the Dardanelles," and urges the Admiralty to "see that the navy is quite ready for emergencies."

The Shimoneska, Japan, correspondent of The Daily Mail, telegraphing under date of January 6, says that the Germans at Kiaochau are supplying the Russians with coal and gunners, and that Admiral Alexieff's adjutants are offering large sums to induce British and American gunners to desert and go to Port Arthur. The correspondent adds that Prince Adalbert is reported as predicting that the whole province of Shan Tung will become German territory.

## NEW TUNNEL PLAN.

**Latest Proposal Regarding the Detroit River.**

Detroit, Jan. 7.—The latest step in the direction of removing the obstacles now encountered by the railroads in crossing the river came last night in the form of a petition to the Council from Charles H. Fisk, patent attorney, for a franchise to build a tunnel across the Detroit River. Mr. Fisk proposes using what is known as the McBean system, which is, in brief, building through the river. With this system, instead of tunnelling under the river, the course for the tunnel would be dredged out, and it would be constructed therein. In this way it would not be necessary to go so deep and would not be so expensive in construction. The tunnel is to contain double tracks in two separate tubes of solid steel, each tube twenty-three feet outside diameter and nineteen feet inside diameter. Mr. Fisk claims to have ample capital back of him, and the Detroit Tunnel Company will shortly be organized.

## ARRESTED AT WOODSTOCK.

**William Cole Charged With Attempt to Wreck Train.**

Woodstock, Jan. 7.—Wm. Cole, a young farmer of East Oxford, was arrested here by Chief Detective Day of the G.T.R., charged with placing an obstruction on the G.T.R. east of Woodstock on Saturday last, in an attempt to wreck the morning express. Fortunately the obstruction was discovered by the sectionmen in time to avert an accident.

**To Wind Up "Soo" Companies.**

Toronto, Jan. 7. — The latest developments in the "Soo" troubles are orders of Mr. Justice Teetzel, granted on December 20th, for the winding up of the Lake Superior Power Company, and on January 2nd for the winding up of the Algoma Steel Company and the Algoma Commercial Company. These orders were granted on the consent of the boards of the respective companies, and with the object of securing a liquidator favorable to Speyer & Co. There are still pending similar applications by creditors, who are attacking Speyer & Co.'s claims, to wind up the subsidiary companies.

Conductor Frost and Engineer Mark of Stratford and Engineer King of Windsor were arraigned at St. Mary's on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Fireman Allen.

## THE LONDON FIRE.

**HOW CHIEF ROE MET HIS DEATH UNDER THE WALL.**

**Injured Firemen Doing Well—The Loss Will be Over $70,000—Building Said to Have Been Weak—New Fire Engine.**

London, Ont., Jan. 7.—Fire Chief John A. Roe was killed and four firemen injured in a fire which broke out here at 1.30 yesterday in the establishment of Sterling Bros., a four-story building covering a quarter of a block of space. Building and contents are a total loss, and the money loss will be over $70,000. The fire completely gutted the warehouse. The whole of the south wall facing York street fell outwards and carried the four men on ladders with it. The men were carried into the Dominion House, a hotel near the fire. The chief was buried under the debris. The fire spread to Gorman & Eckert's large spice mills, and for a time the firemen seemed helpless to extinguish the fire. The place was a roaring furnace, and the efforts of the firemen were confined to preventing it from spreading. Those seriously hurt were Fireman John Swanwick, Frank E. Robertson, Seccombe, and Robinson.

It is estimated that Sterling Bros. lose about $20,000 on the building and $50,000 on contents. Gorman & Eckert, next door, dealers in spices, find their stock badly damaged by smoke.

The O. J. Bucke Company of Chicago, in the same building with Gorman & Eckert, dealers in chewing gum materials, are also heavy losers.

The injured firemen have been removed from the long ward in Victoria Hospital, and have been given private accommodation at the city's expense.

Frank E. Roberton of the South London hall had his arm so badly shattered that he will probably lose it. John Swanwick of the East London station is suffering from severe injuries to his head and limbs. Firemen Roberton and Swanwick were taken to the hospital. Seccombe, who was not so dangerously injured, preferred to be taken home.

Death came to Chief Roe while he and his men were working on the south wall on York street. It is thought to have been due to an explosion, as a report was heard, and the wall fell out above the second story. The aerial truck was at work at the west end, and the chief had ordered a ladder east of him to be taken down. The chief took hold of a line of hose held by a couple of the men, saying, "Give them a hand with the ladder there, boys." Those were his last known words, for the men had scarcely got out of the way, when a large portion of the wall fell with a crash, and Chief Roe was crushed to death. He was on his knees when found, his body bent backwards, and with his face upwards. When taken from the debris, it was found that his head was crushed in, death having evidently been instantaneous.

The new steamer for the fire department was delivered this afternoon by the Canadian Engine Company, and placed in the central fire hall. In regard to the delay in handing the machine over to the city, Mr. George Pritchard, Secretary-Treasurer of the company, stated that it was not the fault of the company, being due mainly to the city's delay in giving the order for it and the subsequent disturbances among the machinists. Foreseeing this, he says, the company offered to place at the service of the city some time ago a smaller steam and chemical engine, to be used until the new machine was completed. This offer was refused, and it was not until to-day that the steamer was handed over.

It is claimed that no permit should have been issued for a building of the stamp of the Sterling warehouse. The long wall of 100 feet or more on York street had nothing to support it when once the joints and flooring were burned, and the cornice was formed of heavy brickwork, instead of metal, which pulled the wall over when the supports were burned away. The statement has been made that the water pressure was weak, and that the fire made great headway in consequence. This the firemen deny, and they claim that the pressure was good.

## DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

**Forty-three Men Killed on the Cruiser Wallaroe.**

Sydney, N.S.W., Jan. 7.—Forty-three persons have been killed by the explosion of the boilers of the British cruiser Wallaroe.

The Wallaroe, which was proceeding to Hobart, signalled Montague Island, 230 miles south of Sydney, reporting the disaster, but giving no details. The Wallaroe is returning and is expected here to-day.

The Wallaroe is a third-class cruiser of 2,575 tons, used for Australasian trade protection. She was formerly the Persian, was built at Elswick in 1889 and carries a crew of about 200.

**G. T. R. Switchmen at Montreal.**

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Officials of the Switchmen and Trainmen's Union, who are expected to arrive from Cleveland in a few days, will consult here with the Grievance Committee of the G. T. R. switchmen and trainmen. Several grievances are said to be entertained against the company, and the men feel that they should be laid before the company in a formal manner.

## HOCKEY.

YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

O. H. A. Intermediate.

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| Stratford | 12 | Guelph | 3 |
| Markham | 10 | Uxbridge | 3 |
| Picton | 6 | Peterboro' | 2 |
| Bracebridge | 5 | Gravenhurst | 3 |
| Exeter | 5 | St. Mary's | 2 |
| Buck's Falls | 4 | Parry Sound | 0 |

O. H. A. Junior.

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| Western A. C. | 14 | Waverley | 4 |
| Cobourg | 4 | Peterboro' | 2 |
| Barrie | 4 | Alliston | 2 |
| Ingersoll | 8 | Listowel | 5 |
| Meaford | 12 | Collingwood | 4 |


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