

FIREMEN RESCUED BY OTHER FIREMEN.

Spectacular \$6,000,000 Fire In New York.

Firemen Driven From Storey to Storey.

Searching For Remains of the Three Lost.

New York, Jan. 11.—With the first streaks of dawn this morning scores of firemen began the task of searching in the ruins of the Parker building, Ninth and Fourth avenues, for the bodies of the three firemen who were reported missing after the calling of the roll of the companies that took part in fighting the spectacular fire that destroyed the thirteen storey building last night, causing a loss variously estimated at amounts reaching \$6,000,000.

Although counted fire proof, the great building burned almost like tinder, the fire in the upper storeys gaining great headway unchecked, as it was far beyond the reach of even the fire department's great water towers.

Sensational rescues were the feature of the fire. Five men who were at work on the top floor of the building were cut off from rescue from below, and sought the roof, on which they stood surrounded against the flames, which had broken through the roof. From the top of an adjoining building several storeys lower than the blazing one, a line was shot up from a mortar, and with this line the beleaguered crew up a stout rope, which they fastened to a chimney, sliding down to the lower roof in safety.

Three firemen were caught in the sixth storey, when a floor below them dropped, and were forced upward to the seventh, and then to the eighth storey of the blazing building. From below it seemed that rescue was impossible, until several firemen, seizing scaling ladders, began to swing themselves up the face of the tottering wall. Climbing to a window ledge the ladder with its great hook was drawn up, and swung to a higher ledge, the men working heroically until their endangered comrades were rescued. Down the smoking wall the men came slowly until they were near enough to the ground to drop into their comrades' outstretched arms. So narrow was the escape for rescuers, as well as rescued, that the ladders themselves were burned where they hung when the firemen dropped from their rungs.

But even the rescue of these men was not complete, for three who went up into the building failed to return. The other three disappeared in the mass of falling concrete and twisted steel beams. It is their bodies that sorrowing comrades were searching for among the smoking ruins this morning. In addition to the missing a score or more firemen were hurt, their injuries ranging from painful bruises to hurts which may prove fatal.

The fire department has been dreading a fire in a skyscraper, and although the Parker building was only thirteen storeys in height the fact of a building about twice that height is easily imagined, even when augmented by the force of the largest engines in the department, was not sufficient to raise the water to a point anywhere near the top of the building.

When the new salt water high pressure pumps are completed, officials say, this fault will no longer be so prominent.

NOT INJURED.

Mrs. James Bicknell In Accident at Toronto.

Mrs. Bicknell, wife of Mr. James Bicknell, K. C., of Toronto, was in a street car accident at the corner of Yonge street and Crescent road, yesterday. Mrs. Bicknell was driving in a carriage when it was struck by a car. She escaped with only a severe shaking up. The coachman also escaped.

A DAY OF SETTLEMENTS AT THE WINTER ASSIZES.

Several Personal Injury Cases Were So Disposed of Without Going to the Jury.

Yesterday afternoon was clean-up day at the Assize Court, and three or four cases were settled without having to go to the jury. It was thought that the action of Kearney vs. Barnes would be a long drawn out fight. It was for \$5,000 damages for injuries received while Kearney was in the employ of Barnes, as a teamster. But shortly after court had resumed, Mr. Nesbitt, counsel for the defendant, conferred with Mr. Logie, the plaintiff's solicitor, and they decided to patch up the trouble for the sum of \$500. His Lordship then dismissed the action without costs.

Roberts vs. the Radial Electric Railway Company, an action for \$5,000 damages for injuries received while walking along the street, and being struck by a

WANT VOTES.

The German Socialist Demand For Manhood Suffrage.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—Order prevails throughout Berlin to-day and there has been no recurrence of the demonstrations of yesterday for manhood suffrage in Prussia. The police, however, are still disposed in force in the neighborhood of the palace and various squares or they are being held in reserve at the station houses. The police do not permit the people to form in groups and consequently it has been impossible to assemble and start a demonstration. Most of the men arrested yesterday were released today.

A FATAL ACT.

Old Man Loses His Life Saving a Woman.

New York, Jan. 11.—Just after saving a woman from death at the Jamaica avenue crossing of the Long Island Railroad in Richmond Hill last night Frank J. McBrien, a wealthy citizen of that place, was killed by an express train.

Mrs. Mary Sheele, of No. 177 Norman street, Brooklyn, was the woman to save whose life Mr. McBrien gave up his own. "Resolved that the City of Hamilton should own and operate the street railway system." The speakers will be four able debaters, Messrs. H. L. Lazier and Charles Peabody, for the affirmative, and Messrs. J. A. Soule and J. R. Marshall for the negative. The debate will be held in the club's quarters and will be open to all, without charge.

RENT STRIKE.

Movement of New Yorkers For Decrease a Failure.

New York, Jan. 11.—Things are as usual in the normal conditions on the lower east side. Tenants are paying their rents, according to agreement, and the alleged strike about which so much has been said is dying. To-day there were a few more evictions. The marshals were busy because they refused to come to any arrangement with their landlords and the landlords had become tired of waiting for the rent. There have been in all about 75 evictions this week and in each case the tenant has found other quarters before his goods were put on the sidewalk and by the work of the marshal he has been saved about \$1 a load or the partial expense of the moving.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

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

TO PROMOTE SOBRIETY.

James Simpson, of Toronto, Vice-President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, an eloquent and forcible speaker, will give an address in Bennett's Theatre Sunday evening under the auspices of the Central Temperance Executive. Mr. Lovell Smith and the mixed orchestra will sing. Mr. Hutton will play a cornet solo. The public cordially invited. Collection at the door.

THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL.

How to Accomplish it at Small Cost.

Lovers of a beautiful home, that combines comfort with good taste cannot afford to pass The Right House. This feature is a special branch to which the management is giving extra care and attention.

CONSERVATORY PUPILS.

The following pupils of the Hamilton Conservatory of Music passed the Christmas examinations: Master Walter Daw, junior theory with first-class honors; Miss Marjorie L. Davis, junior theory with honors, and junior piano, pupils of Miss Peepee; Miss A. Miller, junior theory with first-class honors, pupil of Miss Bartmann; Miss W. Watson, primary violin, pupil of Mr. Arthur Ostler.

Mr. A. Murray

Congratulations from the Times to Alexander Murray, Esquire, Canada's Champion ocean-crosser and Hamilton's sunniest citizen. Eighty-five years young to-day.

FIDDLER'S GREEN.

Fine Programme at the White Brick School.

On the morning of January 9 the members and friends of the White Brick Sabbath school gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Book, Fiddler's Green, Ancaster, for a social evening. The ladies of the neighborhood went with well filled baskets, and treated the school with all that heart and appetite could wish, after which the programme committee furnished speeches, music, recitations and gramophone selections of high order, all present seeming to enjoy themselves in such a way that the evening seemed to pass too quickly. After tendering a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their hospitality in offering their home for the occasion, the crowd dispersed, hoping that Mr. and Mrs. Book may long live and prosper in all their undertakings. The social broke up by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

A PUBLIC DEBATE.

After Which a Debating Section Will be Formed.

A new section is to be organized in connection with the Liberal Club next week. The young men have taken hold of the debating and public speaking idea and purpose making a start on Thursday night, when a public debate will be organized. The debate will be on a subject that is sure to come before the people of Hamilton in a practical way some day. "Resolved that the City of Hamilton should own and operate the street railway system." The speakers will be four able debaters, Messrs. H. L. Lazier and Charles Peabody, for the affirmative, and Messrs. J. A. Soule and J. R. Marshall for the negative. The debate will be held in the club's quarters and will be open to all, without charge.

BROKE THROUGH ICE.

Fishery Inspector Kerr and Chas. Johnston Get In.

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HAS DEMANDED A SCRUTINY.

Stoney Creek Hotelmen Takes Steps Against Local Option.

Alleges Irregularities in the Recent Voting.

January 15th Set For Hearing the Application.

Judge Snider received a petition yesterday, signed by Charles J. Siebert, the hotel man of Stoney Creek, asking for a scrutiny of the ballots on the by-law for local option in the township of Saltfleet. In his petition, Mr. Siebert alleges that he has reason to suppose that the by-law did not pass, on the ground that there were not enough votes in its favor. He also alleges that the 60.16 per cent. of the voters who were declared to have voted for the by-law is not right. It is alleged that there were 486 votes for the by-law and 322 against it. Mr. Siebert swears that in Division No. 1 there was a lady, Mary Jane Cooper, who, being supposed to be a widow, was entitled to vote, and did vote, as far as he knew, for the by-law, who is known to be married, and not a widow. In polling Division No. 2 there were two absentees, he says, whose votes were recorded for the by-law. According to Mr. Siebert's statement, the by-law, therefore, could not have passed. His bondsmen are Hamilton Lee and Murray Neil. His Honor has directed that Wednesday, the 15th of January, 1908, in his chambers, be the time to hear the application for the scrutiny, and has also directed that the Reeve, the Township Clerk, and Dr. G. Clark, of Stoney Creek, appear, and give their reasons why the scrutiny should not be granted. If Mr. Siebert is successful in his application for the scrutiny, His Honor will set a date later for the hearing of the evidence.

"SCOTT'S EMULSION"

Promoter A. B. Scott Succumbs to Apoplexy.

New York, Jan. 11.—Alfred B. Scott, promoter of Scott's Emulsion, died of apoplexy at Geneva, Switzerland, on Wednesday, at the age of sixty-two years. With Samuel W. Bowne he organized the firm of Scott & Bowne, in New York, in 1874, which soon became well known in promoting cod liver oil preparations. In 1882 the corporation of Scott & Bowne, Limited, was organized in London. In 1885 Mr. Scott withdrew from the American firm and assumed charge in London. Since then he has resided at Geneva, in a country place called Le Locage, on the shores of Lake Geneva, once the home of Don Quixote.

SMALL COURT.

Toronto Vag Warned to Keep From Hamilton.

Harry Palmer, Toronto, who has appeared as a vag in the Police Court before, was up this morning on a similar charge. He pleaded guilty, but promised to get out of town. Constable Reynolds said he arrested him soliciting alms on the street, and said that the prisoner was supplied with a bunch of shoelaces which he sold when peddling was not good. The prisoner said he had been employed at the terra cotta works and had helped to put up the Hendrie terra cotta fence. He was allowed to go with a warning, and an admonition to absent himself from Hamilton.

ELGAR CHOIR

Will Give a Concert in Toronto Next Month.

It has been practically settled that the Elgar Choir of this city is to go to Toronto about the latter part of next month, and give a big concert in Massey Hall, with Madam Sembrich as the assisting soloist. The club has its work well advanced and its annual concert at home is bound to be the event of the season in its line. To invade Toronto, the home of the Mendelssohn choir, and a centre of high class music, is a bold step for the Elgar, but one which it can take in confidence, as it has already established a reputation that extends all over the country. Toronto's standard of music will not suffer by the visit.

MUSIC RESULTS.

Hamilton Students Successful in University Examinations.

Toronto University examinations in music were held in this city in December, and the results are announced today. They are as follows: Junior theory—Class I—1, Miss E. Howard; 2, Miss P. White; 3, G. P. Farrell; 4, F. H. Tallman; 5, W. S. Daw. Class II—1, Miss L. E. Leonard; 2, Miss A. Miller; 3, Miss Marjorie L. Davis. Pass—1, Miss A. Laing; 2, Miss F. Clark. Senior theory—Pass—1, Miss J. H. Strong. Primary pianoforte—Class II—1, Miss A. Freed. Pass—1, Miss E. B. Shaver. Junior pianoforte—Class II—1, Miss I. Miss P. Leatherdale. Pass—1, Miss L. E. Leonard; 2, Miss R. Smith; 3, Miss Marjorie L. Davis. Senior pianoforte—Pass—1, Miss D. F. Wade; 2, Miss E. Lucas. Junior singing—Class II—1, Miss M. Parkinson. Primary violin—Class II—1, Miss W. Watson.

HE IS NOT ASHAMED.

Mr. E. D. Smith is not ashamed to have his products critically compared with the more costly imported jams, marmalades, catsup, etc., and he will give them a trial he feels quite sure will be fully convinced. Watch for the demonstrations.

RATES REFUSED.

Liverpool, Jan. 11.—The Cunard Steamship Co. has made a further reduction of \$3.50 in its steamer rates to meet the White Star line's second cut. The Cunard line has also followed the White Star line in its reduction in the second cabin rates.

TO SUCCEED AOKI.

Tokio, Jan. 11, 2 p. m.—It is officially announced to-day that Baron Takahira has been chosen Ambassador to the United States to succeed Aoki.

An Old Established Business.

For over thirty-one years the smokers of this city have been going to peace's cigar store. His long business connection enables him to sell the best goods for the lowest prices at 107 King street east.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

I am glad to see that the grand jury had a good word for the Consumption Sanitarium. The ladies will be pleased.

Our new story next week. Times stories are always bright, clean and interesting. This one is among the best published. Keep a look out for it.

The grand jury is right. Nobody should be in jail who happens to be old and poor.

Mr. Lemieux says that his Jap mission was not a failure. He should know.

Have you noticed that the days are growing longer?

Now if the Tory Executive would stay out of it, there wouldn't be much trouble in settling the chairmanships.

Somewhat ought to move a vote of thanks to the police for the many important captures they are making these days.

I have often talked about a Children's Shelter for the city. Perhaps the grand jury might indict the city for contempt of the law.

Outside newspapers are holding up this city as an awful example of the evil of mixing politics with civic affairs.

When Mr. Zimmerman declares that he wants to see the interests of the city protected before the Radial Railway bill is passed, the Herald pretends to think that he means something else. Perhaps it will yet tell Adam that he did not say what he thinks he said.

What about that resolution of yours that you would be good this year, and not talk back to the missus?

The bay shore and the mountain are now in the race for popularity as summer resorts.

We need independent men for the independent boards, Mr. Mayor.

If the "new blood" has nothing more to crow over than the medical slant and the staff notation, there need not be much jubilation.

Inspector Leake must have known that what he said would leak out.

Ald. Farrar's the doctor.

The police must be gathering in a lot of honor cards for their good work.

WILL HAVE A REST.

Two Weeks' Holidays for Some Blast Furnace Men.

There will be a general shut down of the blast furnace and the steel plant in the east end for two weeks for repairs, in a short time. The biennial blow off of the old furnace will come at the same time. This is the cleaning out of the old furnace for repairs, which takes place about every eighteen months or two years, and it will take about two months to get it running again. The new furnace, which was installed some time ago, will not be affected. It will not be much of a hardship to shut down for two weeks, as for some time the furnace has been running overtime, and the wages have averaged a great deal more than usual for the same time.

FOR Tender and Tired Feet.

Dust British Army Foot Powder into your shoes. It stops excessive perspiration, destroys all objectionable odors, and keeps the leather in the shoes dry. Insist on getting the original British Army Foot Powder, sold in yellow labelled tins, with spiker tops, at 25 cents.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

MASON'S STRIKE.

Havana, Jan. 11.—The strike of masons, which has been going on for several months, was terminated by the employers and the members of the labor union agreeing to appoint committees to confer with Gov. Magoun and arrange the questions in dispute.

TORY CAUCUS HELD IN PRIVATE OFFICE.

CUTTERS' BANQUET.

Custom Tailors Around the Festive Board Last Night.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Custom Cutters' Association, of this city, was held at the Waldorf Hotel last night and about 50 members and guests from out of town were present. There were cutters present from Toronto, London, Brantford and Guelph and a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. Before the banquet started demonstrations were given, practical work being done by Mr. J. Lavery, Toronto; Mr. Bert Ingles, Brantford, and Mr. Alex. Watt, city.

Mr. R. A. Campbell, president, was toast master. Among those who responded to toasts was Mr. J. J. Scott, of Guelph, Secretary of the Custom Tailors' Association of America. He referred at some length to the cutters' convention at Washington next month.

NO DEVELOPMENTS.

Organizer Reeves Went to Detroit to Spend Sunday.

Mr. R. L. Reeves, organizer of the International Union of Street Railwaymen, had a conference last night with the Grievance Committee of the local railwaymen's union, and also with officials of the Trades and Labor Council this morning he left for his home in Detroit. He stated he will return to the city on Monday, to further consider the case of President Theaker, who was dismissed the other day. There have been no developments in the case and the members of the Grievance Committee are back on their cars again to-day, but have asked to be relieved again on Monday.

JAPS' FUTURE

May Have War With States or May Dominate Mongolians.

Rome, Jan. 11.—Deputy Nitti, a prominent politician and Socialist, in an article discussing the relations existing between the United States and Japan and a possible situation which may arise between Japan and Great Britain, said that a war between the United States and Japan would be of great damage to Europe, but would prove a frightful disaster to Japan, which, even if victorious, would be suffocated by poverty by losing her chief commercial market, the United States.

Still, Deputy Nitti argues, with a dense population, surpassing that of Italy, and with an annual birth rate of half a million over her death rate, Japan requires emigration in order to live. If the United States refuses to permit Japanese immigration, he says, Japan must follow the fatal road toward the Philippines as the first step towards Australia and New Zealand, and sooner or later that toward Mongolian conquest.

HAMILTON WON

In Students' Debate at Toronto Last Night.

An interesting debate was held last night in the assembly room of the Harbord Collegiate Institute, Toronto, between representatives of that institute and the Hamilton Collegiate Institute. The subject was "Should the Chinese be excluded from Canada." The affirmative was upheld by Miss Harrison and Mr. Fenton, of Hamilton, and the negative by Miss Leonard and Mr. C. Wood, of Harbord. The judges, Dr. Chant, Mr. MacPherson of the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, and Mr. Morfin of the Harbord staff, decided in the affirmative.

Bain & Adam's List.

Fresh cut spinach, cucumbers, Brussels sprouts, Grimby tomatoes, mushrooms, lettuce, radishes, rhubarb, pineapples, green onions, muffins, crumpets, maple syrup, Malaga grapes, grape-fruit, marinated oranges, turkeys, ducks, chickens, pigeons, haddie, mild cure blosters, mackerel, strip codfish, etc. Prompt delivery.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

DR. NELSON MAKES DEMAND FOR EXTRA \$600 FROM KNOX.

Somewhat Remarkable Development—Special Meeting of Managers to be Held.

Some of the members of Knox Church are quite worked up over the report that Rev. Dr. Nelson has written to the Board of Managers of the church, demanding the payment of \$900, being the difference between \$2,500 a year he received and \$3,000, which he declared he was led to believe by some officials of the church, he would receive. He has, it is reported, quoted letters to show that before he accepted the call to Knox Church, he received missives from members of the church, practically assuring him that his salary would be \$3,000, although only \$2,500 was mentioned in the call.

Will Try to Put Through Complete Slate.

All Present Are Pledged to Secrecy.

Council Meets to Organize On Monday.

The Tory caucus has been held. The members of the council of 1908 who are determined to run things on strict party lines met last night in the office of Burrow, Stewart & Milne's foundry. To-day the Times asked several aldermen who were there, what had been done. They all told the same story—they were pledged to secrecy.

It is stated, however, that a complete slate was arranged and that there is no chance of its being broken. The Tories, with Ald. Farrar, have a majority of one, and the caucus was forced into the position of making every one solid before it could hope to carry anything. The chairmanships will therefore go Tory, and all the appointments will be of the same stripe.