

FATAL FIRE AT MONTREAL

Panic Stricken Dancers Jump From Hall on Notre Dame Street

A despatch from Montreal says: A sensational fire took place early on Friday morning during the progress of a dance in a hall in the east end, when a number of people were compelled to jump from a third story window, and a dozen of them were more or less injured, some of them fatally. The hall is on the top floor of a building a few doors east of the City Hall, on Notre Dame street, and the fire started in the basement, the ground floor being occupied as a dry goods store by G. Marsolais.

DANCERS PANIC-STRICKEN.

The crowd of dancers upstairs became panic-stricken by the rush of smoke and flames, and started jumping from the windows before the firemen arrived. One man had both legs broken and another his spine injured. The firemen rescued many by means of ladders. The fire did not amount to much and was quickly extinguished. Many injured were taken to their homes for treatment, on account of which it is difficult to ascertain the exact number hurt.

Arthur Duperrault, a butcher, aged

29, succumbed to the injuries sustained by jumping from the dance hall window.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE.

Arthur Duperrault and a number of friends were celebrating the approaching marriage of Joseph Charbonneau, president of the Barbers' Union, at Lacasse Hall. Charbonneau himself jumped to the street and is in the hospital with a broken leg. Ulric Blanchet is in a serious state with a fractured skull and shoulder.

Injured—Leon Girard, broken back, very critical; Gusave Robitaille, fractured thigh; James Rayette, fractured knee; Hector Thounin, severe internal injuries.

Twelve other victims are at various hospitals, suffering from severe and in some cases dangerous injuries. The scene in the hall when the fire was discovered was terrible. The hall is on the third story in the front of the building, but escape that way was cut off by flames and smoke, and the victims had to jump from the rear, where, because of the slope of the ground, the windows were forty feet from the surface.

The hall is situated at Notre Dame and Gosford streets.

C. E. MALLOCK DROWNED.

Civil Engineer Drowned in Lake of Two Mountains.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Charles C. Malloch, C.E., was drowned at Miles Isles Rapids, Lake of Two Mountains, on Saturday, under peculiarly sad circumstances. He was engaged with a survey party of the Georgian Bay Canal staff taking hydraulic measurements at the rapids. A gasoline launch was used, and Mr. Malloch was tripping the keedge anchor at the end of the day's work, when the cable fouled his leg and he was drawn overboard into the swift current, the weight of the cable and keedge anchor taking him below the surface. It was attempted to send the launch full speed ahead, but the engine "jacked," and the boat was carried half a mile down stream before the machinery could be started. When the scene of the accident was finally reached half an hour later the lifeless body of the young engineer was found in the cable. Deceased was a son of the late Dr. Malloch, of this city, and a nephew of Lady Grant. Mr. Paul Malloch and Mrs. Sandford Smith, of Toronto, are brother and sister.

TROLLEY WRECK KILLED SEVEN.

Fatal Rear-end Collision on a Line in Ohio.

A despatch from Elyria, Ohio, says: Four persons were killed and thirteen were injured, three of whom died, in a rear-end collision on the Cleveland and South-western Traction road here on Thursday evening. The front car was filled with holiday excursionists, nearly all of whom received more or less serious injuries. Within a few minutes ambulances and doctors were summoned and the wounded taken to the Elyria Hospital, where three of the injured subsequently died. Eight of the remaining thirteen had both legs cut off, one lost one leg, and still another had both legs broken. Motorman Fraundt, who was in charge of the car which caused the wreck, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Prosecutor Stevens, charging him with manslaughter.

MEASLES PROVED FATAL.

Twenty-two Deaths from the Disease in Ontario.

A despatch from Toronto says: Measles caused as many deaths as scarlet fever and diphtheria combined in Ontario during April last. The returns from 753 division registrars to the Provincial Board of Health show that 22 cases of the first-mentioned disease, out of a total of 195, proved fatal. Smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria and consumption were also more prevalent than usual. The deaths from contagious diseases numbered in all 275, an increase of 30 over the same month in 1906. Of these, 203 were caused by tuberculosis. From smallpox there was one death among 107 sufferers from it; from scarlet fever, 6 among 225 cases; diphtheria, 16 deaths among 143 cases; whooping cough, 3 deaths out of 27 cases; typhoid, 24 deaths, 153 cases. The total number of deaths from all causes during the month were 2,433, in a population of 2,110,151, a mortality rate of 13.8 in 1,000.

DEADLY FIRECRACKER.

Contained Enough Poison to Kill a Hundred Men.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Phosphorus in a firecracker caused the death of a little lad named Ernest Latimer on Sunday afternoon. The child was playing around home and picked up the cracker and put it in his mouth. A few minutes afterwards he was seized with convulsions, and the doctors were at a loss to understand the case. The post-mortem revealed the fact that he had been poisoned by phosphorus. The firecracker was suggested as the source, and the doctors analyzed the one the child had sucked, making the startling discovery that it contained enough poison to kill a hundred people.

POTATOES GO SOARING.

Supplant Wheat in Interest on Winnipeg Market.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Wheat is no longer king here. While all eyes have been turned upon it, the potato market has been very active, and almost as erratic and excited. For more than a week past deliveries have been small, owing, no doubt, to the rush of spring work, which is usually over by this date. While receipts have been receding the demand has gone up like sky-rockets. Local deliveries have brought 85 cents to 95 cents on the track, for even quite small quantities. Several cars have been brought in from Minnesota, and these cost \$1.05 on the track, and are sold in a jobbing way at \$1.15 to \$1.25. Dealers state that they think the top of the market has probably been reached.

LIVE WIRE CAUSES DEATH.

Engineer at Kenora Power-house Receives Shock, Killing Him.

A despatch from Kenora says: About four o'clock on Friday morning James Brown, second engineer in charge of the power-house, received a shock from a live wire while standing near a switch-board and was instantly killed. His assistant seeing Brown was caught, immediately turned off the switch, when Brown fell back dead. His left hand was badly burned, the current passing through him, coming out at the left leg above the knee, which was also badly burned. Deceased was about 55 years of age.

10,000 MEN ON THE MARCH

The Anti-Dynastic Riots in China Still Continue.

A despatch from Hong Kong says: The anti-dynastic riots continue. An organized and armed division of Triads, 10,000 strong, is on the march. So far foreigners have not been molested. Commercial steamships and gunboats are being used to transport troops to the neighborhood of the disturbances.

It is reported that Sun, former Tao-tai of Nanking, nephew of Grand Secretary Chia Kai Sun, is leading the rebellion. He is well known as a revolutionary, and was arrested at Nanking last January on a charge of conspiring against the Government. Thirteen hundred troops have been despatched for Swatow from Canton, and another detachment from Shuijing will follow.

NOT AGAINST FOREIGNERS.

A despatch from Swatow, China says: A proclamation issued by the Swatow revolutionary society declares that the uprising is not directed against foreigners or ordinary Chinese citizens, but against the Government, the intention of the revolutionists being to attack and burn every yamen and exterminate the officials, with the object of overthrowing the Government.

The missions, with the exception of the German mission at Lienchow, have thus far been unmolested, but the missionaries are abandoning their stations and seeking refuge here.

The local officials take a serious view of the situation, and are urging the authorities at Canton to despatch gunboats here.

Incoming and outgoing Chinese passengers on the Cha Choufu Railroad are searched.

DROWNED ENTIRE FAMILY.

A despatch from Canton, China says: The revolutionists in the neighborhood of Swatow recently captured the entire family of a Chinese Brigadier-General and compelled them all to drown themselves in a well.

REBELS DEFEATED.

A despatch from Canton says: A severe engagement has occurred between the provincial troops and a body of rebels, resulting in a victory for the former. The rebels lost over a hundred men killed, and the Government forces captured the rebel leader, together with a number of flags and a considerable quantity of ammunition.

Two thousand additional troops have been despatched to Chaocow, where the malcontents are active.

The Chinese gunboat Sum Hong, having on board the Fifteenth Regiment of Chinese troops has sailed from here for Swatow, to defend that city against a possible attack on the part of the rebels.

FELL FROM LINER IN A FOG.

Young Englishman on Way to Calgary Loses His Life.

A despatch from Montreal says: An unusually sad fatality occurred on the Leard the Virginian, which arrived in port from Liverpool on Sunday. A young Englishman named Alford, emigrating to Canada with his wife, to try his fortune in the great North-West, fell overboard during a fog, and lost his life, leaving his wife on her way, to a strange land, without friends and destitute. The couple were among the steerage passengers and were intending to go to Calgary. They had their tickets to that place and twenty pounds sterling, the husband carrying these in an inner pocket of his jacket. On the evening of the first day out Alford left his wife to go for a stroll along the deck. She never saw him again. The ship was running in a dense fog, and in some unexplained way he fell overboard. Several hours later the agonized wife, aided to the utmost by the officers, were searching the ship for Alford, but in vain. Two little boys among the steerage passengers told a confused story of having seen him falling into the sea and of being too much frightened to report it. The most sympathetic interest was displayed by the other passengers on board. A collection was made up among them to enable the bereaved wife to either return to her friends in England or to aid her to start the battle of life in Canada, and the proceeds netted 34 pounds.

TO WIND UP PRINTERS.

Motion Was Made for that Purpose at Osgoode Hall.

A despatch from Toronto says: On behalf of the Canadian Newspaper Syndicate, Limited, of Montreal, a motion was made in Chambers at Osgoode Hall on Friday for an order winding up Canadian Printers, Limited, of St. Catharines. The petitioners are creditors to the extent of \$278,750. The liabilities of the company are placed at \$9,000 or \$10,000, while the assets are said to be not more than \$3,000. The company was incorporated in December, 1905, with a nominal capital of \$400,000. Of this only \$2,500 was subscribed and paid up. The directors, each of whom held five shares, are W. D. Woodruff, W. H. Swayze, J. A. Keyes and H. F. Schaedel.

BODY BADLY MANGLED.

T. Williams Threw Himself in Front of an Express Train.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: T. Williams, section man, committed suicide on Thursday by jumping in front of the west-bound C. P. R. express near Rennie, Man. The locomotive struck him and hurled the mangled body one hundred feet into the brush-wood along the track. He had tried to court death in the same manner on the previous day by standing in front of an approaching freight, but the engineer saw him and stopped the train. The body was brought to Winnipeg, where it is held awaiting the Coroner's orders.

SUCCESSION DUTIES GROW.

Five Months' Receipts Double Those for Same Period Last Year.

A despatch from Toronto says: During the month of May the receipts of the Provincial Treasury from succession duties amounted to \$83,885. In the course of the five months of the year, which have elapsed, the province has received \$491,200 from that source, as compared with \$217,486 during the same period in 1906, an increase of \$273,714, or over 100 per cent.

BIG CONCENTRATING PLANT.

Two Million Dollar Company Will Erect One at the "Soo."

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: Backed with a capital of \$2,000,000, ex-Mayor Frank Parry, of the Michigan "Soo"; George Kemp, F. C. Smith and other capitalists, under the name of the Superior Copper Company, will erect a big concentrating plant on the Ontario side of the river, just west of the plants of the Lake Superior Corporation. This new concern will build a railway five miles long from the Algoma Central to Superior Mine, and push the work on the property, said to be worth \$10,000,000. Contracts for the work will be let June 13. The plant, which will have a capacity of 400 tons a day, will be the biggest of its kind in Ontario, and is to be followed in the near future by other big industries. Already several hundred thousand dollars have been expended in developing the mine, and a great stock is on hand ready for shipment.

TWO GIRLS MURDERED.

Bodies Found in Creek by Distracted Father.

A despatch from Springfield, Ill., says: Carrie Lederbrand, 7 years old, and her sister Cora, 17 years old, daughters of Joseph Lederbrand, a farmer, were murdered and thrown into Sugar Creek on Wednesday, and the bodies were found on Thursday night by the girl's father. The girls left home early in the afternoon. Their father became alarmed at their absence, and went to search for them with neighbors. Dr. Duncan found that each girl had a bullet hole in the right temple. No cause has been assigned for the murder, neither is there any clue to the slayer.

UNHAPPY, HE TOOK POISON.

East London Man Drinks Carbolic Acid on Father-in-Law's Lawn.

A despatch from London says: William Austen, of East London, 21 years of age, on Saturday afternoon took a large dose of carbolic acid on the lawn in front of his father-in-law's residence. Young Austen, it appears, has had some family troubles during the year or two in which he has been married, and he deserted his wife a few days ago. On Saturday afternoon he went to her house, with a friend, whom he sent into the house. When he returned Austen was rolling about on the lawn, in awful agony. He was cared for, and is progressing as well as can be expected.

PRAIRIE FIRE IN MANITOBA.

Continues Several Days and Does Enormous Damage.

A despatch from Snowflake, Man., says: A prairie fire, starting on the plateau, caused considerable havoc for a few days, commencing May 24, and continuing on the 25th and 26th. It swept over the prairie west of T. Phillips', and made its way into the woods and along the east side of the river, burning up much timber. By Sunday the fire had not spent its force, and J. White and others had to fight the flames all day. The loss caused by the fire is enormous.

ARRESTED AT GUELPH.

Silbriski Suspected of Complicity in Toronto Exhibition Fire.

A despatch from Guelph says: A man named Silbriski was arrested here on Thursday. He is thought to have been concerned in the fire which destroyed the Toronto Exhibition buildings last fall and in a couple of cases of house-breaking here.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, June 4.—Call board quotations were: Wheat—Ontario—No. 2 red or white, 90c asked, outside; No. 2 spring wheat, 85c asked, outside; 82c bid C.P.R. east; No. 2 goose, 83c asked, outside, 81c bid C. P. R. east.

Peas—No. 2, 82c asked, outside. Oats—No. 2 white, 44c bid, 46c asked outside, 45c asked, Pere Marquette; Manitoba, No. 2 white, 47c asked; No. 2 mixed, 40c bid, outside. Barley—No. 3 extra, 58c asked, September shipment; No. 3, 60c asked outside.

Prices are: Wheat—Ontario—No. 2 white winter, 88c; No. 2 red, 88c; No. 2 mixed, 87 to 88c.

Wheat—Manitoba—Lake ports—No. 1 hard, 99c; No. 1 northern, 97c; No. 2 northern, 95c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 44½c to 45c, outside; No. 2 mixed, 42½c to 43c. Corn—No. 3 yellow American, 62c to 62½c, lake and rail, 62½c to 63c all rail Toronto basis.

Peas—No. 2, 79c to 80c. Rye—71½c to 72c. Barley—No. 2, 53½c to 54c outside; No. 3 extra, 52½c to 53c; No. 3, 51½c to 52c.

Flour—Ontario—90 per cent. patents, \$3.25 bid; no sellers; Manitoba first patents, \$4.75; seconds, \$4.15 to \$4.20; bakers', \$4.05 Toronto. Bran—\$21 to \$22; shorts quoted at \$22 to \$23 outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Supplies are plentiful, with an especially large amount of creamery. Butter, dairy 22c to 25c Creamery, prints 21c to 22c Dairy, prints 19c to 20c Cheese—13c for large and 13½c for twins.

Eggs—Steady at 17½c to 18c. Honey—Pails, 11c to 12c lb.; combs, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per dozen.

Beans—\$1.50 to \$1.55 for hand-picked and \$1.35 to \$1.40 for primes.

Potatoes—Firm; Delawares, \$1.25 to \$1.30, in car lots on track here. Ontario are quoted at \$1.15, but prices are practically nominal.

Ton for No. 1 timothy, and \$11.50 to \$12 ton for No. 1 timothy, and \$11.50 to \$12 for secondary grades, in car lots here. Baled Straw—Steady at \$6.75 to \$7 per ton, in car lots here.

PROVISIONS.

Dressed Hogs—\$9.50 for light-weights and \$9 for heavies, farmers' lots. Pork—Short cut, \$23 to \$23.50 per barrel; mess, \$21 to \$21.50.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11c to 11½c for tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 15½c to 16c; heavy, 14½c to 15c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 11c to 11½c; rolls, 11½c; out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Prices are: Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12½c; pails, 12½c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, June 4.—Provisions—Barrels short cut mess \$22 to \$22.50; half barrels, \$11.25 to \$11.75; clear fat back, \$23.50 to \$24; long cut heavy mess, \$20.50 to \$22; half barrels do, \$10.75 to \$11.50; dry salted long clear bacon, 11½c to 12c; barrels plate beef, \$13 to \$14; half barrels do, \$7 to \$7.50; barrels heavy mess beef, \$10; half barrels do, \$5.50; compound lard, 9½c to 10c; pure lard, 12½c to 13c; kettle rendered, 13c to 13½c; hams, 14c to 15½c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14½c to 15c; Windsor bacon, 15½c to 16c; fresh killed at-tailor dressed hogs, \$10 to \$10.25; alive, \$7.25 to \$7.50.

Dairy Products—Ontarios, 12½c to 13c; easterns, 12½c to 13c. Receipts of butter this morning were 831 packages. Choice creamery is quoted at

20½c to 21c. Receipts of eggs were 1,840 cases. No. 1 are quoted at 18c to 18½c, and No. 2 at 15½c to 16c per dozen.

Breadstuffs—Manitoba No. 2 white oats are quoted at 49½c to 50c, Ontario No. 2 at 48½c to 50c. No. 3 at 47½c to 48c and No. 4 at 46½c to 47c per bushel. Prices for flour are steady. Choice spring wheat patents, \$5.10 to \$5.20; seconds, \$4.50 to \$4.60; winter wheat patents, \$4.25 to \$4.40; straight rollers, \$3.75 to \$3.85; do., in bags, \$1.75 to \$1.85; extras, \$1.55 to \$1.65.

Hay—There is a fair demand for baled hay. No. 1, \$16 to \$17; No. 2, \$15 to \$16; clover mixed, \$13 to \$14, and pure clover at \$12 to \$13 per ton.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, June 4.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Spring dull; No. 1 Northern, \$1.05; Winter nominal. Corn—Firm; No. 2 yellow, 59½c; No. 2 white, 61c. Oats—Strong; No. 2 white, 50½c; No. 2 mixed, 47c. Barley—Western offered, 82 to 84c to arrive. Rye—No. 1, c.i.f. offered 86c. Canal freights—Unchanged.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, June 4.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, \$1.01 elevator; No. 2 red, \$1.03 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.12 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, \$1.07 f.o.b. afloat.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, June 4.—Trade was brisk on a strong market at the Western Yards to-day.

Exporters' cattle kept in active demand at good prices. Light animals of good quality sold as high as \$5.40 per cwt, and sales were recorded up to \$5.60 per cwt.

Choice butchers', \$5.25 to \$5.50; good loads, \$5 to \$5.30; fair to medium, \$4.50 to \$4.90; cows, \$3.25 to \$4.50 per cwt, according to quality.

Heavy feeders, 1,050 to 1,100 lbs, were higher. Their prices now range from \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt. Good short-keepers sold at \$5 to \$5.10 per cwt. Good stockers were worth \$3.75 to \$4.50 per cwt.

In sheep and lambs trade was quiet, excepting for good grain-fed lambs, which sold at \$6 to \$7 per cwt. Spring lambs were sold at \$3 to \$5 each. The prices of export ewes ranged from \$5 to \$6, and of bucks from \$4 to \$5 per cwt.

Bulls were quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.50 for those of export quality.

Hogs were unchanged. Selects sold at \$7.10, and lights and fats at \$5.85 per cwt.

OLD LADY DROWNED IN WELL.

Mother of Town Treasurer of St. Mary's Meets Tragic Fate.

A despatch from Stratford says: Word was received here on Friday afternoon that Mrs. Long, of St. Mary's, mother of Mr. E. Long, town treasurer, had met with a tragic death by drowning in a well. Friday morning she mysteriously disappeared from her home, and upon a search being instituted by Chief Young she was found dead in the cistern at the rear of the house. The old lady's shawl and spectacles were found near by. It is supposed that she was dipping or reaching for water and fell in. The water in the cistern was about 75 or 80 feet deep, and was well known and highly respected by the citizens of St. Mary's.

METHUEN IS IN COMMAND.

Given Charge of British Forces in South Africa.

A despatch from London says: Among a number of new military appointments announced on Tuesday night is one of unusual interest, that of Gen. Methuen to command the British forces in South Africa. General Methuen's part in the South African campaign did not reflect great credit upon him. He was severely defeated at Magersfontein in December, 1899, and was recalled from Kimberley after his unsuccessful operations before Warrenton in March, 1900.