

NORTH END FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH FROM COAL GAS

Lives of Eleven Persons Endangered By a Defective Stove—Two Children in Critical State for Four Hours.

An entire family of eleven persons had a narrow escape from being asphyxiated by coal gas this morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, of 50 Regina street, a short thoroughfare running east from Colborne street, between Pall Mall and Piccadilly.

Mr. Kelly is an employee of the McClary Company, and has resided in the north end of the city for several years. In addition to himself and his wife, there are in the house Mr. Kelly's five unmarried children, as well as a married son, his wife and two little daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and the married son and his wife occupy rooms on the ground floor, and to this fact alone can be attributed the escape from death of more than one member of the household.

About 4 o'clock this morning, Mr. Kelly, Jun., was aroused by a sound, as if caused by a fall, in one of the upstairs rooms, and when he got up to investigate he detected a very strong odor of coal gas. He aroused his wife and his parents, and on going upstairs he found one of his younger sisters lying on the floor in an unconscious condition. The other children—six in

number—were also found to be in the same state, and all efforts to arouse them were futile. The rooms were filled with the deadly gas.

Dr. Cowen, of Piccadilly street, was hastily summoned, and he soon succeeded in restoring five of the children to consciousness, Beatrice, aged 17, and Lucy, aged 12, were, however, suffering more severely than the others from the effects of the gas, and it looked for a time as if they would not recover. However, after working with them for four hours, Dr. Cowen managed to restore them to consciousness. They will be fully recovered in a few days.

It is supposed that the daughter who was found on the floor upstairs, had detected the gas and got up intending to arouse her parents, but was overcome before she could do so.

The house is heated by an old-fashioned baseburner, and it is believed that the gas escaped from beneath a kettle which had been placed on it.

The parents and the married son and his wife, who slept downstairs, did not feel the effects of the gas in the slightest.

NO ADDITION TO LONDON NORMAL

Class Rooms To Be Rearranged to Meet Requirements of New Teaching System.

A dispatch from Toronto says: It is stated that owing to unavoidable delay in obtaining sites and completing arrangements for the building of four additional normal schools at Hamilton, Stratford, Peterboro and North Bay, respectively, they will probably not be opened until September, 1908.

Meantime the educational department expects to promptly commence the remodeling of the old normal schools, all of which will be enlarged to accommodate twice the present number of students.

The recent visit of Mr. A. H. U. Colquhoun, deputy minister, and Dr. John Seath, superintendent, to London, had, it is understood, to deal with this matter.

The work of reorganizing and enlarging the London Normal School will commence at an early date.

The London Chances.

As stated in The Advertiser a couple of days ago, there will be no addition built to the local normal school. Instead, the classroom will be changed to meet the requirements of the new system of teaching which is to be inaugurated.

Some of the large lecture-rooms will be subdivided into teaching rooms, and teachers in the future, instead of lecturing to very large classes, as in the past, will address classes of about the size of those in the ordinary public schools.

It is not known exactly when the changes will be commenced, as the recommendations of the deputy minister and Dr. Seath must be adopted by the government, before anything can be done.

THROWN FROM RIG

Mr. Wm. Hocken and Daughter Have Narrow Escape From Serious Injury.

Mr. William Hocken, of 428 Horton street, and his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Weir, who resides with him, had a narrow escape at the Burwell street crossing of the Grand Trunk yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Weir was driving her father up town when the horse took fright and began to plunge at the south side of the railway crossing. As a couple of locomotives were shunting across the street at the time, Mrs. Weir attempted to turn the rig around and cross the tracks on another street.

The horse plunged violently, however, and upset the cutter, throwing both occupants out.

Mr. Hocken was severely shaken up and his left arm was injured, but he otherwise escaped unhurt. Mrs. Weir escaped with a shaking up. The horse was caught a block away.

Mr. Hocken is one of London's oldest business men, being 64 years of age. For many years he was engaged in the cooperage business in this city, with Ald. Forriat, retiring from active business in 1901.

His many friends are today congratulating him upon his escape.

CLEVERLY SLIPPED BY THE POLICE

How Men Who Robbed a Tilbury Bank Official Get Clear Away.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 13.—Evidence secured by Provincial Detective Mahoney, in search of the men who stole \$1,500 belonging to the Sovereign Bank from a Michigan Central train between Fletcher and Tilbury, indicates the pair went to Chatham after the robbery and rented a rig, claiming they were oil prospectors. They visited several farmers and when they returned to Chatham the hunt by the police had ceased. They then took a train to Detroit unmolested.

PLEADS GUILTY

Lad Admits Stealing Watch, But Asks for Another Chance.

Thomas Plumbydyge, the 17-year-old English boy who was recently arrested in Stratford on the charge of purloining a gold watch and chain from Joseph Gates, a Melville farmer, was brought before Judge Macbeth today at the county court house and remanded until Dec. 22, when he will come up for sentence. The story told by the lad is pathetic. It seems that the boy, who is a dwarf for his age, came to this country from England about a year ago accompanied by two older brothers. The trio worked about from farm to farm in the vicinity of Stratford until a short time ago, when the older boys left the locality without notifying the little fellow, who, on account of his short build, was unable to secure wages for his labor. At some places he would receive his board and at other farms, both board and clothes. Recently the boy secured work at the farm of Thomas Gates, in Metcalfe, who agreed to give him his board and clothing for his labor. It seems that last Sunday, Gates told the boy that if he didn't get up earlier and get his work done sooner he would discharge him. Plumbydyge then left the place, taking with him the watch and chain.

The lad pleaded guilty when brought before the judge, and in trembling tones, said that all he wanted was a chance to earn an honest living.

FOR NEW GRAIN CONTRACT

German Bourse Decides to Reject American Corn Certificates.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—In consequence of the international movement among the buyers of American grain, to compel American sellers to change the terms of the standard grain contract, representatives of German, Belgian, Danish, Dutch and Swedish chambers of commerce met on the Bourse here yesterday to consider taking common action.

The conference voted to reject the American corn certificates altogether, and demanded the introduction of a new grain contract, the form of which was discussed and agreed upon.

REICHSTAG DISSOLVED

Refused to Sanction the Supplementary Budget for German South Africa.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The Reichstag today by 178 to 168 votes rejected the supplementary budget for German Southwest Africa, and Chancellor Von Bulow read an imperial message dissolving Parliament.

AT LIBERTY FOR A WEEK

Charles Allsopp Appears on Charge of Assaulting His Wife.

Charles Allsopp appeared at the police court this morning on an old charge of assaulting his wife. He was allowed his liberty for one week on \$50 bail.

James Springer was fined \$5 or ten days for being drunk.

One first-time drunk was allowed to go.

DIES FROM POISON

Kincardine Girl Said to Have Suicided After Quarrel With Lover.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—May Elsie Fitzell, the young girl from near Kincardine, Ont., who drank corrosive sublimate on the night of the 4th inst., after a quarrel with her lover, died at St. Mary's Hospital last night. Her parents are expected here today to take charge of the body.

LIFE FOR PATRICK

Lawyer's Case Dismissed to Give Higgins a Chance to Commute.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The case of Albert T. Patrick, convicted of the murder of William Marsh Rice, and under sentence of death, against the State of New York, was dismissed in the supreme court of the United States, on motion of his counsel, ex-Senator Lindsay, today.

The proceedings were brief, and consisted of a formal motion, immediately followed by the action of the court. It is understood that the court took this action in order to clear the way for Governor Higgins, of New York, to commute Patrick's sentence to life imprisonment.

A STRONG PARTY MAN

Mayor Judd Is So Characterized by the Toronto Globe.

Toronto Globe: It was officially announced yesterday that Mayor J. C. Judd of London has been appointed commissioner to investigate the charges made against Mr. C. R. Van Zant, governor of Toronto Jail. Mayor Judd is a very strong party man and since the advent of the present government has conducted several missions for them, one being the inquiry into the charges made against Mr. S. T. Bastard, formerly commissioner of fisheries. In the bribery inquiry which recently occupied the attention of the Toronto police court, Mr. Judd acted for the crown in the London City end of the case.

LONDON ELECTION CASE

Toronto Young Liberals Protest Against Course Followed by Prosecution.

"Resolved, that this Young Men's Liberal Club, while deploring corruption in elections, desires to record its disapprobation of the Ontario Government in spending large sums of money of the Province in prosecuting a partisan inquiry with the view, if possible, of fastening upon the Liberal party a monopoly in methods of corruption; that it protests against men being dragged away from their homes and businesses by the week and month to be tried for offenses they may be charged with in other courts than the ones established where they reside."

This was a notice of motion given by Mr. H. Dickenson at the opening meeting of the season of the Toronto Young Men's Liberal Club on Wednesday night. Mr. Dickenson wished the motion to be discussed last evening, but it was referred to the executive committee.

ACCIDENT PROVED FATAL

Alex. Murray Dead From Injuries Received by Bursting of Wheel.

Alexander Murray, who was so seriously injured by the bursting of an empty wheel at Wortman & Ward's factory on Tuesday, died this morning about 11 o'clock.

Deceased was 54 years old and unmarried. He came to this city in 1870, and had resided with his sister, Miss Helen, at 393 King street, ever since. For seventeen years Mr. Murray was employed as a locomotive engineer on the C. P. R., but left the employ of the railway company about a year ago to take a position with the Wortman & Ward Company, which he held until his death. In addition to his sister Helen, he is survived by four brothers—David, of St. Mary's, Hugh, of Detroit, and Scott and William, of this city. In Masonic circles the late Mr. Murray was active, being a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 80.

CLERGY DEFY FRENCH GOVT.

Public Worship Held in Many Churches Today

ONLY ONE SUBMITS TO NEW LAW

Expelled Papal Envoy Arrives at Vatican and Paints Dark Picture—Pope Greatly Agitated.

Paris, Dec. 13.—There was an impressive response this morning to the clergy's appeal to their parishioners to attend the last masses celebrated outside of the pale of the law. A correspondent of the Associated Press visited a dozen churches, including Notre Dame des Victoires, St. Germain d'Auxerrois (where the signal for the massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day was given), St. Roch, the Madeleine and St. Augustin. Everywhere the front gates were closed, but the worshippers entered through the side portals. The buildings were well filled, in several places there was music, but nowhere was there any attempt to interfere with the services or create disturbances. There were three policemen stationed outside the portals of the churches to prevent disorder, while policemen in plain clothes on duty inside simply noted the infractions of the law, with the object of making reports to the justices of the peace.

Formal charges were entered wherever mass was celebrated, except at the Churches of St. Jean L'Evangile and St. Blaise de Charonne, at Pere Lal Chaise, whose parishioners made application last evening to hold services under the law of 1881. The vicar of St. Blaise de Charonne, who induced by his parishioners to take the step, said: "Whatever the consequences I regret nothing. I am a Frenchman, above everything."

Early dispatches from the departments say that wherever mass was celebrated charges were drawn up and submitted to the justices.

It is officially stated that the letters of Mgr. Montagnini, the expelled secretary of the papal nunciature here, show that the majority of the French bishops favored observance of the law of 1881, and bowed with reluctance to the papal decree. The official statement of the nunciature, however, of the diplomatic correspondence of the nunciature was respected before the rupture between the Vatican and France.

Montagnini at Rome. Rome, Dec. 13.—Immediately after his arrival here today Mgr. Montagnini, the expelled secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris, went to the Vatican and conferred with Papal Secretary of State Merry Del Val, to whom he made a long report on the situation in France. Mgr. Montagnini will be well prepared for a protest to the foreign powers against the action of the French Government.

Mgr. Montagnini then went to the Pope, who was much agitated, and asked for the minute details of the secretary's explosion and of the documents which Mgr. Montagnini presented dark pictures of the situation.

WANT GOVT. CURING HOUSE

Leamington, Dec. 13.—Essex tobacco growers feel they are not receiving as high a price as they should. While the manufactured article has gone up in price the growers are receiving only 7½ cents, and the farmers allege the Empire Tobacco Company is practically the only buyer and controls the situation. As a corrective it is being suggested that the Government should establish a curing house and have an inspector to brand all cured tobacco.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR SLEET.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Snow or sleet in all districts between Lake Superior and the Maritime Provinces, while another cold wave has blown over the Western Provinces, accompanied by local snowfalls.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 42 below—34 below; Atlin, 4 below—2 below; Port Arthur, 12—16; Regina, 34—44; Kamloops, 28—36; Calgary, 6 below; Edmonton, 10 below—6 below; Prince Albert, 10 below—14; Qu'Appelle, zero—4; Winnipeg, 9—23; Port Arthur, 26—34; Parry Sound, 4 below—34; Toronto, 4—36; Ottawa, 2 below—8; Montreal, 2 below—14; Quebec, 8 below—8; St. John, zero—16; Halifax, 20—26.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 36.5°; lowest, 11° above.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, Dec. 13.—8 a.m. Clear, light local rain or sleet.

Friday—Easterly to northerly winds; cloudy, with light snow or sleet; becoming much colder at night.

Detroit, Dec. 12.—Lower Michigan: Thursday—Fair in the south, snow or rain and cold in the north; Friday—Snow or rain; colder; fresh south winds, becoming northeast.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Max. Weather. Calgary 54 18 Clear. Winnipeg 46 18 Clear. Port Arthur 12 16 Clear. Regina 34 44 Cloudy. Toronto 36 44 Cloudy. Ottawa 24 34 Cloudy. Montreal 14 34 Cloudy. Quebec 8 14 Cloudy. Father Point 14 14 Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES. The weather is overcast and dull from the great lakes to the Maritime Provinces, with temperatures about freezing point in Southwest Ontario and below from Eastern Ontario to Nova Scotia. The cold wave now covering the Western Provinces promises to be as severe as the last.

Sympathy With Mr. Hyman.

At a largely-attended meeting of the South London Liberal Club, held last night, the illness of Hon. C. S. Hyman, minister of public works, was alluded to, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"That this meeting of the members of the Liberal Club of South London desires to express its sympathy with the Hon. C. S. Hyman in this season of his illness, and to assure him of its earnest desire for his speedy recovery. It would also express its unabated confidence in his integrity and uprightness as a public man and as the leader of his party in this city, and pledges itself to continue its energetic support in the future."

The resolution was moved by Ald. Armstrong, and was seconded by Mr. George Norton.

Many of those present referred in feeling terms to the popular Minister of Public Works, and all expressed the earnest hope, as in the resolution, that his recovery will be speedy.

KOMOKA SCHEME MAY BE KILLED BY ONTARIO BOARD OF HEALTH

Disapprove of Redmond Pond Water Twice Condemned By Analysts.

If what certain local physicians versed in health matters say is true, the provincial board of health is very likely to upset the water commissioners' apple-cart in regard to the Komoka water supply.

Though it does not appear to be generally known, the provincial board must endorse the city's proposal to go to Komoka for water, or else the votes of the people will amount to nothing. In other words, if the provincial board is under the impression that the water is not fit for domestic use, it has the power to tell the city that, vote or no vote of the people, the water cannot be pumped to the city.

Redmond Ponds Again. A prominent physician is author-

ity for the statement that if the city ever attempts to turn the Redmond pond water into the reservoir or mains, the provincial officers will immediately stop the proceeding.

Redmond pond has been twice condemned by the provincial analyst, but the water commissioners refuse to accept the result of these analyses as final, and keep on telling the people that sooner or later it will be found that Redmond pond water is as good as any now being used by the city.

Analysts Roused

This, it is alleged, has aroused the ire of the provincial analysts, who may be expected to keep a sharp watch on the pond.

It is now recalled, too, that in a report issued after the typhoid fever epidemic in this city, the provincial officer, Dr. Hodgett, cast suspicion on the Springbank supply, intimating that it was possible that it had been polluted by sewage from the city, and also (Continued on Page Eight.)

COMPLETE WORKS IN A FEW WEEKS

Grand Trunk Makes Statement Regarding Improvements West of City.

Assistant Superintendent Gillen, of the Grand Trunk Railway, has written City Engineer Graydon in regard to the complaints of the blocking of Richmond street crossing.

Mr. Gillen says that as far as the offense of Nov. 20 is concerned, he pleads guilty. The trouble was caused by eastbound trains arriving very closely together. One of the trains was a passenger train, and it was not considered desirable to stop west of Richmond street. To have done so would not only have increased the liability of accidents, but passengers would have been likely to get off and would probably have been injured while walking up the yards.

As to the complaint of the 6th inst., when it is alleged that the crossing was blocked for 22 minutes, Mr. Gillen thinks there is some mistake.

The gates may have been down, he says, so that street cars could not pass, but trains did not block the street continuously for the period named.

Mr. Gillen was very reasonable in his statements, and he promised that as far as possible the troubles of the past would not be repeated.

"The new works and the number of work trains engaged west of the city," he says, "are largely responsible for the trains from the west arriving close together. We hope to complete the work between London and Hyde Park within the next few weeks, and beg your indulgence during the interim."

At the Elgin county court, yesterday, a jury awarded the plaintiff, in Gunning vs. the Southwestern Traction Company, \$175 damages and costs for the loss of a horse killed on the company's tracks at Talbotville. The case may be appealed.

LORDS AND COMMONS OPENLY SPLIT BY REJECTION OF EDUCATION BILL

Measure Thrown Out After an All-Day Debate by Majority Vote of 416 to 107.

London, Dec. 12.—The hostility between the House of Lords and the House of Commons has now reached an open stage. The Lower House, after debating the matter all day, tonight rejected all of the amendments of the House of Lords to the education bill, by a vote of 416 to 107, the Irish members voting with the Government. On a motion by Augustine Birrell, president of the board of agriculture, a committee was appointed to draw up the reasons for the rejection of the amendments.

The final scene was one of intense excitement. Lord Lansdowne, leader of the Opposition in the Upper Cham-

ber, and many other peers, were in the galleries, and listened to the concluding speeches. Mr. Birrell, who throughout the debate has adopted a conciliatory attitude, repudiated, on behalf of the Government, the idea of being offensive toward the peers.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the Opposition, declared that the Government's action was a challenge to the House of Lords. The method the Government had adopted, he declared, left not the smallest hope for a compromise. Mr. Asquith, the chancellor of the exchequer, with equal heat, reported that if the bill was lost the responsibility for wrecking it would lay with Mr. Balfour.

Amid the greatest excitement, a division was called for, and the members of the House surged into the division lobby. When the vote was announced there was great cheering by the Government members.

HOUSE TALKS OF COAST WRECKS

Officials Criticised for the Recent Disasters.

AID FOR LIFE-SAVING SERVICE

Heroic Prince Edward Island Fishermen To Be Honored by the Government—Mr. Laverne's Bill.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The question of a life-saving service for the sea coast and lakes of the Dominion occupied the attention of the House this afternoon. Mr. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, assured the members that Government were alive to the necessity of the situation, as shown by the fact that the estimates brought down increased by one-third the amount voted for this purpose. The debate centered on the recent wreck, with loss of life, at Souris, P. E. I., and the alleged neglect of the Government officials to promptly respond to the call for assistance. Mr. Brodeur paid a high tribute to the heroism displayed by two fishermen in going to the rescue in the face of a heavy sea, and intimated that their services would be rewarded. With regard to the refusal to send the lifeboat of the Minto by special train, he said that the agent of his department had ample authority to act, but had not done so, as the steamer Stanley, with a lifeboat, was much nearer the wreck, and had been sent to the scene. Several members on the Liberal side held that the officials had been negligent. The loss of life by the foundering of the steamer Regoite was also referred to, and Mr. Brodeur defended Captain Ward of the life-saving crew for regarding the wreck he was engaged in life-saving operations in the harbor. Mr. A. H. Clarke took advantage of the opportunity to call attention to the striking example of devotion to duty shown by the crew of the Pelee life-saving station.

Mr. Laverne's Measure.

Mr. Laverne (Montagny) introduced a bill entitled "an act respecting navigation," the object of which, he explained, was to compel navigation companies to give free transportation to members of the House of Commons and Senate, and to privileged companies offering free transportation to members as an inducement to support bills promoted by them. He understood that the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, which received a subsidy for the transportation of mails, offered free transportation to certain members on condition that they supported the company's bill. The effect of the bill which he now introduced would be to protect members.

In answer to Mr. Taylor, the Minister of Justice said that only questions had been made with regard to delay in delivering judgment in certain cases in Ontario by Mr. Justice Macge, and he had communicated with the judge on the subject.

Answering Mr. Smith (Nanaimo), the Minister of Justice said that only through announcements in the public press were the Government aware that any person was seeking to engage 10,000 Doukhobors in Russia to work in Canada. No person was so acting at the request of the Government.

The Colonial Conference.

The Prime Minister stated that the 15th of April next year had been fixed for the opening of the colonial conference, to which Canada had been invited to send representatives by his Majesty's Government. The Imperial Government had not communicated the questions to be discussed.

In answer to Mr. Monk, the Minister of Finance said numerous delegations had interviewed the Government with regard to the new tariff, but considering the large number of items in the tariff the objections were comparatively small. It is a result of an inquiry on the points raised it was found any industry had failed to receive the greatest possible consideration, or if any mistake had been made, the Government would not be too proud to correct it.

Sir Frederick Borden informed Mr. Monk that the cost of the fortifications at Halifax was \$25,000 per annum and at Esquimaux \$10,000.

IN HIS 93rd YEAR

The Oldest Colored Resident of Chatham Passes Away.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—Thomas Dawson, one of the oldest colored residents of this part of the country, is dead in his 93rd year. He was born in Kentucky during the war in 1812. He came north just previous to the civil war and settled in Chatham, Ont. For the past 50 years he had lived alternately between Chatham and Detroit. His widow, now over 80 years of age, lives in London. A son lives in Chatham and another in Detroit.

PEERS REBELLED

Division Was Taken on the Trades Disputes' Bill.

London, Dec. 13.—Despite Lord Lansdowne's refusal to oppose the trades disputes bill in the House of Lords, some of the Conservative peers rebelled against the decision of the party leaders, and caused a division of the House, with the result that they carried amendments to the measure. The crucial clause, granting immunity to trades unions, was, however, not altered.