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## FIGHT FIRE AND FLOOD

Eighteen Lives Lost Trying  
To Escape From Burning  
Houses

MANY RESCUED IN BOATS

Wheeling, W. Va., March 18.—Eighteen persons are known to have lost their lives in the fire that occurred at the plant of the Warwick Pottery Co., in the flooded district, yesterday.

Because of the water surrounding the burned district, it was impossible for the fire apparatus to reach the scene. The firemen pressed into service all the boats that could be secured and carried the lines of hose to the burning buildings by this means.

They did heroic work, and not only fought the fire, but assisted in rescuing many persons.

All the police that could be spared were rushed to the scene to assist in the work of rescue. The crew of a boat that was moored across the river from the burning buildings was rescued about 100 persons.

The men were offered all kinds of rewards for the work they had done, but they refused to accept them.

Screams for help from those in the buildings could be heard a mile north, where thousands of persons, unable to lend any assistance, watched the blaze.

Had the victims remained in their homes none of them would have met death.

No sooner had the explosion that started the fire occurred than people commenced leaping from the windows into the water. Five of them were drowned by the upsetting of a boat.

Cincinnati, O., March 18.—A stage of sixty-one feet was reached by the flooded Ohio River last evening. Forecaster Bassler has placed the probable crest at sixty-three feet some time to-day. Losses cannot be given, although they are heavy and extensive.

Many thousands have been driven from their homes and the sufferings of the homeless and unemployed will last several days. The Cincinnati administration has asked for authority to issue bonds for \$150,000 for the relief of flood sufferers.

The city suffered a loss of about \$150,000 yesterday in the collapse of the Eighth street viaduct over the railroads of the Mill Creek quarter. Three fifty-foot spans went down.

Huntington, W. Va., March 18.—The Ohio River reached its highest point yesterday afternoon with fifty-eight feet three inches. After remaining stationary two hours, it began to recede slowly. The stage exceeded by six-tenths of a foot the January flood.

Some five hundred homes in Huntington and Central City are surrounded with water. Castlesburg, Colorado and Porterville are flooded. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has not run a train into Huntington since Wednesday.

Beatrides in Main Street. Portsmouth, Ohio, March 18.—One-third of the city is submerged. Thousands of people put in the day boat-riding through the principal streets.

There have been no fatalities and subsequently little actual suffering. The railroads have been the chief sufferers, and dozens of flood-bound passengers are quartered at hotels.

Ice Menaces Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, March 18.—With 30 miles of ice in the Allegheny River, above Parker, Pa., and a drizzling rain throughout Western Pennsylvania last night, local river men are looking forward to another flood stage in this city.

Preparations were being made here last night to prevent any serious damage when the ice gorge arrives here.

It is said that the damage sustained by the railroads will not be fully known for several weeks. Miles of track have been weakened and will have to be replaced. Hundreds of freight cars were swept into the river. The damage sustained by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Pittsburgh and Conneville, Pa., will be enormous.

Wonderland! — A free entertainment of illustrated songs and moving pictures will be given to the children and ladies of the city tomorrow (Tuesday) from 2 to 5.30 p. m.

## WILL WEST KENT LIBERALS NOMINATE A CANDIDATE?

Many are The Aspirants After West Kent Candidature in  
Legislature—McColg May Be Forced To Retire From  
Dominion Nomination—Convention On Saturday

Saturday, March 23, in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium, is the date and place set for the coming Liberal convention. This convention is looked forward to with considerable interest for several reasons, the first of which is expressed in the now trite question: Whom will the Liberals select as their candidate to contest this riding for the Legislature against Geo. W. Sulman, the Conservative candidate who is now conceded by wise ones in both parties to be a winner?

Rumors there are to the effect that no candidate will be selected at the coming convention, as the party at present is far from being a unit on any question, and it is feared that the bringing up of any of the names which have so far been spoken of as prospective nominees will only cause greater dissension in the Liberal ranks. It is the hope of some that the split, or rather split, in the party may later on be remedied, and thus allow of more harmony in the selection of a candidate. Some have even gone so far as to suggest that A. B. McColg may be persuaded to withdraw his claims for the candidature for the Dominion House in favor of a more deserving man and content himself with running for the Legislature, in which he now holds a back bench seat, and thus allow of more harmony in the selection of a candidate. Some have even gone so far as to suggest that A. B. McColg may be persuaded to withdraw his claims for the candidature for the Dominion House in favor of a more deserving man and content himself with running for the Legislature, in which he now holds a back bench seat, and thus allow of more harmony in the selection of a candidate.

It is, however, highly unlikely that any amount of persuasion will be sufficient to curb the yet unsatisfied and vain ambitions of Mr. McColg. It is said that this scheme is being pressed by those who realize McColg's slim chances against such a strong candidate as Mr. H. S. Clements, M. P.

The following comprise a few of the names which will come up Saturday, if a nomination is decided upon:

Ex-Mayor Frank H. Hagan, of Wallaceburg.  
Warden Somers, of Wallaceburg.

Geo. Stephens, ex-M. P., city.  
J. G. Kerr, city.

Dr. Geo. T. McKeough, city.

Other names might be added to this list, but these are the only strong men who, it is understood, will give their consent to stand. In fact Dr. McKeough has repeatedly stated that he would not take the nomination, so that the honors narrow down to the first named four.

Mr. Kerr, when spoken to this morning, stated that he would take the nomination if it was given to him. "I am in the hands of my friends," he added with a smile.

The local Liberal machine has played hog so long with all nominations, that it has been decided that Wallaceburg will have to be given a portion of the riding will eventually go back on the party altogether. At previous meetings of this kind, Wallaceburg has been almost entirely ignored. The local machine "bosses" have shrewdly surmised that the fight against Geo. W. Sulman will prove a losing one anyway, and for that reason the plum might as well go to Wallaceburg. They think that by handing Wallaceburg this lemon they may soothe the soreness at present so evident in that end of the constituency. Thus Wallaceburg will be practically asked to offer the lamb for the sacrifice. For it is now a well known fact that the local machine will not exert itself to any great extent in the interests of anyone outside its own hallowed circle.

It is a significant fact that the party is endeavoring to keep matters pertaining to the coming convention as quiet as possible. Even the party organ, the Banner, has had nothing whatever to say about it. Either the machine is not keeping the Banner in touch with proceedings, or else the party deems it best that the meeting should be kept as quiet as possible.

THE POLICE COURT

Two "noble" ledmen faced Judge Houston in Police Court this morning, on the charge of bearing too much of the white man's burden in the shape of firewater. Where they got their liquor could not be ascertained, and to all questions relative to the matter they made the time-worn reply that "white man bring it from Detroit."

Richard Samson was rounded up on Queen street late Saturday evening. Under the inspiration of much O. B. Joyful, he apparently imagined that he was living in the days of his soap-loving ancestors. He made the mistake of selecting one of the city's main streets as a warpath, and while in the midst of his frolic he was rounded up by the police. His blood-curdling war-whoops had terrified the whole vicinity, many people thinking that someone had gone mad. He was brought to the Police Station in a helpless condition in His Majesty's mail wagon.

This morning he was fined \$2 and costs—6.50 in all, but as he couldn't pay his fine he was sent to jail for fifteen days.

The other Indian—Tom Johnson—has been working for Henry Stevens at Northwood, cutting logs. He came to the city Saturday with \$15 in his jeans, but this morning he hadn't enough to pay his fine of \$1, and the costs, amounting to \$4.

His employer, Mr. Stevens, paid the money over and sent Tom back to work.

Jonasson Carries Gimli. Winnipeg, March 18.—The result of the elections in Gimli are not all in, but with five polls to hear from Jonasson, Liberal, has a majority of 160 over Baldwinson, Conservative, the present member. There was some dissension in the Conservative ranks, and little attempt was made to carry the seat.

The line-up of the House is: Conservatives 28, Liberals 13. The recount in Morris, where Hon. Colin Campbell has only a majority of 2, takes place to-day.

THE HOSPITAL MARCH CLUB

The ladies composing the Hospital March Club intend giving a unique entertainment in the school room of St. Andrew's Church, on Friday evening, March 22nd. The main feature of the evening will be "yarns" spun by twelve gentlemen of the town. A Judge and Jury will decide on their merits. The "Yarn Spinners" are as follows:

Mr. N. H. Stevens, Mr. O. L. Lewis, Mr. W. G. Richards, Mr. R. L. Brackin, Mr. W. E. Gundy, Mr. James Innes, Mr. W. W. Seane, Mr. W. Angus, Mr. Sulman, Mr. F. Stone, Mr. S. B. Arnold, Mr. J. G. Kerr, Judge—Mr. A. C. Woodward. Jury—Mr. Simon, Mr. Geo. Heyward, Mr. Jas. Fleming, Mr. W. T. Shannon, Mr. R. A. Williams and Mr. P. S. Coate. A good musical program will also be given.

A NARROW ESCAPE

In responding to a false alarm sent in from box 32, corner of Queen and Gray Sts., at 11.25 Saturday evening, a number of the firemen had a narrow escape from serious injury or probably instant death.

The hose wagon, bearing Fire Chief Pritchard, Driver Johnson, Watchman Coyle and Fireman Potter, almost ran into a shunting C. P. R. freight on the Centre St. crossing. The fire team were so close to the crossing that they had to be sharply turned into the shunting to avert an accident. As it was the firemen look upon their escape as very little short of a miracle. The locomotive used in the shunting was between two freights, and thus there were no danger lights to be seen. The firemen also state that the street lights were out in the vicinity, thus doubling the danger.

This is the second time this winter that the firemen have had a narrow escape at the Centre street crossing.

## JEROME SEES END OF TRIAL

Harry Thaw May Know  
His Fate On Friday  
Next

SEVERE STRAIN ON ALL

New York, March 18.—"Thank God, the end is in sight!"

This was the fervent whisper of District Attorney Jerome at the Thaw trial Saturday, uttered loud enough for the reporters to hear, following a favorable decision by Justice Fitzgerald regarding the Hummel affidavit.

The strain on those attending the trial has been severe. Justice Fitzgerald has shown the effects of it, as have the lawyers, the defence and the district attorney. When Mr. Jerome asked for an additional 15 minutes Friday at the usual hour for adjournment, Mr. Delmas protested, declaring that his endurance had been stretched to the breaking point. He would not consent to another minute of extra session.

Not To Be Drawn. Mr. Jerome did his best to get from Mr. Delmas an estimate on the length of time that would be required to complete the sur-rebuttal, but Thaw's lawyer declined to give any suggestion on this line.

It is generally believed, however, that Monday and Tuesday will see the close of evidence and Wednesday and Thursday will be used in summing up. There is every reason to believe that Friday will put the fate of Harry K. Thaw in the hands of the jury, unless some unexpected development occurs.

Story of Her Wanderings. The sensational affidavit which Mr. Jerome fought so hard to get into the evidence, gives Evelyn Nesbit's story of the wanderings of herself and Thaw on the continent, during which time, according to the affidavit, Thaw beat her several times in an effort to make her swear to a document charging White with having drugged and attacked her when she was a girl of 15. The affidavit also declares that Evelyn Nesbit submitted to the lashings, declaring that White had never wronged her—a sworn statement in direct contradiction to her story on the stand of what she told Thaw in Paris. This may be read in court to-day.

Will Re-Marry Evelyn. An interesting report was circulated to the effect that Thaw, overjoyed at the prospects of an early ending to the trial, is already making arrangements as to what he shall do upon his expected release, for the prisoner is absolutely sure he will be free.

Among other things it is said he will at once investigate whether his marriage is strictly legal under the laws of Pennsylvania, as it has been testified that he was insane at the time he made his will and when he was wed.

To insure legality of his marriage with Evelyn Nesbit, the prisoner, it is said, has decided to go through a second ceremony with her if any possibility presents itself as to annulment of the marriage. Thaw's move would prevent his relatives from forcing an annulment of the ceremony, and it is one of the prisoner's cleverest plans promulgated so far, to make the bonds between him and Evelyn fast.

Would Emigrate Irish. London, March 18.—(C. A. P.)—Giving evidence before the congested districts commission, W. H. Boyd, representing the Irish Landowners' convention, said the Irish peasant who is too lazy to work becomes ignorant of agriculture and he would emigrate the people in shiploads and place them in districts in Canada where land labor can be procured for them. It might be that they would require several years' tuition in agriculture before they would be able to cultivate the land, but his opinion certainly was that emigration was better for Ireland than migration.

The Journal seriously suggests that the Unionists should agree to submit the question of Irish home rule to the arbitration of the colonial conference on the ground that the Colonial Premiers could speak from experience.

John Redmond, at Liverpool, declared that unless there was deep treachery Irishmen were on the eve of getting control of the important Irish affairs. Regarding the education question he said the only fair solution was the Canadian system which Catholics would accept to-morrow.

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