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THIRTEEN LIVES LOST IN NEW YORK TENEMENT FIRE. Fatal Blaze Early Today May Have Incendiary Origin. Police Believe It Was Started for Revenge by Friends of Men Charged With Theft--Victims All Italians and Seven Are Children--A Mother's Heroism.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25--Thirteen persons lost their lives and several others were injured early today in a tenement house fire at 100th street and Second Ave. All the dead were Italians. Seven of the thirteen were children. The bodies were found huddled together in rooms on the top floor of the four-story building where the terror-stricken people had been driven by the flames which rushed up from the lower floors. They had been caught and swept down to death before they succeeded in reaching windows which led to the fire escapes and safety. Some had been enveloped in the flames and burned alive. Others overcome by smoke were spared the agonies of death in the flames.

STEAMERS ARE BEING WORKED. Work Going Ahead on the Winter Port Boats--Longshoremen Still Idle.

There was no change in the situation between the longshoremen and the steamship companies this morning. The C. P. R. is working the crews of the Empress of Ireland and the Monmouth and the Donaldson line is working the crew of the Tritonia. The Allan liner Tunisian is being worked by men from the Ship Laborers Society under E. W. McLeod. It is reported that the society is growing in strength and that men from the longshoremen's association who are willing to work for 30 cents are being sought by the men who are working on the Tunisian.

TESTING SANITY OF MRS. BRADLEY. WASHINGTON, Nov. 25--When the trial of Mrs. Annie M. Bradley was resumed today, evidence was presented which would tend to show that she was sane at the time she committed the crime.

POLICE COURT. In the police court this morning, Edward Allan, Leo Livingston, Michael Malone, Frank Kelly, Wm. Baxter and Edward McCristal and one other drunk were fined \$8 each or thirty days in jail.

REGGIE WOULD GUIDE THEM INTO BEST LONDON SOCIETY. NEW YORK, Nov. 25--According to a despatch from Pittsburg, Reginald Spaulding, an Englishman, is under arrest at the central station here on a charge of trying to smuggle Pittsburg society by offering to introduce them into London society.

PATRONAGE COMMITTEE SECEDES THIS MORNING; MR. LANTALUM WINS OUT. The Liberal executive met this morning in Berriman's Hall, and selected the following patronage committee--Thomas Mahoney, J. S. Gregory, A. O. Skinner, A. W. Thomson, J. S. Mahoney, J. S. Mahoney, Thomson and Edward Lantulum, M. P. P.

Where is Pugsley? was the question frequently asked and telephones were kept busy by indignant Liberals who wished to find the minister. Dr. Pugsley, however, was out of the storm centre. Ottawa--and this fact angered the offended ones still more. It seemed to be the general opinion that if the Roman Catholic representation on that committee was confined to Messrs. Mahoney, Doody and Gorman there would be a swift and sudden exodus from the Liberal camp. "Never again will I support this government if Lantulum is not on that committee," one influential ward worker is reported to have said and many more expressed a similar opinion.

JUDGMENT IN GORDON CASE WILL BE GIVEN TOMORROW. The Major Gordon case was resumed in the police court this morning when, after a recess, the case was called on for judgment.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL. Rev. A. B. Cohoe Defends the Sport When Properly Conducted. In the course of a sermon on temperance last evening Rev. A. B. Cohoe incidentally defended college football.

STOP CARS FOR FUNERAL. St. John, N. B., Nov. 25. To the Editor of the Times: Dear Sir: Will you give me space in your valuable paper to ensure if it is the custom of the street railway company to allow their cars to proceed along the route of a funeral procession, changing the bell and rushing along, if not, it should be drawn to their attention, as almost invariably the case, more especially on Sunday, when a car passed a full funeral procession clanging bell and rushing along as if on some special mission.

MINISTERS MEETINGS. The Methodist preachers' meeting held its session this forenoon in Centenary church. Rev. Neil McLaughlin presided. Reports of the churches for the week were received. Mr. S. Howard, who had been visitor to the General Hospital, made a report. Rev. Neil McLaughlin a visitor to the Hospital this week.

NIGHT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. The latest enterprise of the S. A. Evangeline Home is a night school for girls, which has been running for the past two or three weeks, a teacher having been sent from the Salvation Army headquarters, Toronto. The matron of the home desires to thank Dr. Bridges and the members of the local school board for the kindly interest they have shown in the new school for the girls and the blackboard which they have provided. Sessions are held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week.

MONTREAL STOCKS. MONTREAL, Nov. 25--(Special)--The undertone of the stock market continues weak. There were no striking price changes today. Twin City which opened at 72 1/8, went off to 71 on light selling and Rio after opening at 28 1/2 later at 27 3/4. Dom. Steel was steady at 19 1/4, other features of the trading were Sao Paulo, 102; Detroit, 31; Soo common, 7 to 7 3/4; Richieu, 50.

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FINANCIAL DEPRESSION EXPECTED TO END SOON. The Banks Strengthened by Heavy Imports of Gold. Prompt Resumption of Normal Banking Conditions is Expected--American Deposits Coming to Canadian Banks--Present Conditions in the Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24--The announcement before beginning of last week's operations, of the government's offer of \$50,000,000 in Panama bonds and of \$100,000,000 in one year 3 per cent treasury notes, the latter in denominations of \$50 and multiples, aroused bright expectations of a decisive stoppage of the currency famine. Hoarders of money, it was thought, would be attracted by an absolutely secure governmental obligation during a period of distrust of usual investment facilities. The good influence of the measure on sentiment waned during the week, principally by reason of the complexities discovered in working out the project. Meaningless fluctuations of gold from abroad continued in a steady stream and large additional engagements continue to be made to arrive at future dates. For the first time during the present movement the Bank of France furnished part of those supplies, the transaction being based on commercial bills of exchange. The new source of supply thus opened up is considered of great importance.

McGOLDRICK WAS SILENT. He Refused to Say What West Side Improvements Committee Did This Morning. A meeting of the west side improvements committee was held this morning to discuss several matters in connection with the west side work. Chairman McGoldrick said only matters of routine were transacted and there was nothing to make public. The chairman said that at the meeting of the board of works tomorrow night he would extend an invitation to the members of the board to go over to the west side on Thursday afternoon and inspect the new warehouse and wharf together with the work on Union street. He wished also, he said, to extend the invitation to all taxpayers who were interested in the work to visit the warehouse at the same time and see what had been done. The members of the committee would be on hand to show them over the new work, and explain what had been done.

RIVER NAVIGATION. Probable That Only Two Boats Will Remain on Route After Today. River navigation is drawing nearer to a close and between Saturday and Sunday two more boats have hauled off for the season. The Majestic finished, Saturday evening and the Champlain came down river from the Belles Bay wharf to lay up the Hampton will go into winter quarters today which leaves only the Elaine, Aberdeen and Sinesmas. It was reported at Indianstone that the Aberdeen would hang up today. The other two having iron hulls can afford to remain running till forced out by ice. The May Queen, it is said, will have a thorough overhaul on the changes being made in the substitution of a coal-burning furnace for the present wood-burning one.

TROUBLE STARTING WITH THE GILL OF GIN ARRIVED. Ten weeks worth of gin--a "hooker" each for three men--punched in the face and a kick on the head, is in short the story of a lively row about noon today in a yard off Murray street. Those who performed were Walter Livingston, "Duke" Williams and "Jimmy" Murray. The latter is carrying a rather ugly bruise on the side of his face and eye, this in spite of the fact that it was through his generosity that the trio were enabled to partake of the cheering cup. Livingston, it seems, was dry and enquired of James for the price of some refreshments. This was forthcoming willingly, and the man with the "hooker" in his throat returned with a gill of gin.

WEST SIDE DREDGING. Complaint was made this morning that the dredge Dominion was not working on the ridge of mud in front of No. 2 crib, but was engaged in digging on No. 3 crib, which was reported finished last week. Government Engineer Scammell, when asked about the matter said that No. 3 crib site was down to grade and he intended notifying City Engineer Peters to that effect today. Mr. Scammell said the presumed the Dominion was dredging out a corner of No. 4 crib site where digging was needed in order to allow the No. 3 crib to be floated into place. As soon as this work was done, which would probably be on this morning's tide, the dredge would resume work on the ridge so that No. 3 could be moved. The site for No. 4 crib, Mr. Scammell said, was almost ready.

George T. Watters. The death took place on Nov. 24th. of George T. Watters, aged 53 years. He was the son of the late George and Henrietta Watters. Besides his wife and daughter, Bertha, he leaves four brothers and six sisters to mourn their sad loss. The brothers are Samuel, William and Horace of Moncton; Frederick, of Halifax. The sisters are Mrs. Darling, of Moncton; Mrs. James Hamilton and Mrs. Annie Jones of Boston; Mrs. John Farkhill, of Chipman; Mrs. Benjamin Fish and Mrs. Alfred Leonard, of this city.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER. A WISE DECISION. The Liberal executive unquestionably pursued a wise course in refusing to have a telephone wire connected with the room where they met this morning to select a patronage committee. As they met at eleven o'clock, the seven selected would desire to go home to dinner. If it were made generally known by telephone that the Liberal executive were in the room, the guard of the office seekers would be advanced, and their families would have to partake of a solitary meal. As a matter of simple justice to sorely tried men, they should be given a few days to settle up their personal business and provide their offices with screens and side-doors before their identity is disclosed. Even a dispenser of patronage deserves some consideration.

Certain skeptical persons denied on Saturday that the site of the new crib had been cleaned up last week as had been reported in the papers. There are always doubting Thomases, who cannot easily be convinced. The very best evidence that the site was cleaned up last week is found in the fact that one of the dredges was busy this morning cleaning it up again. This should satisfy everybody.

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