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FIGHTING THE ICE MONSTER.

Twelve Miles in Length and Sixty Feet in Depth.

Powerful Enough to Annihilate the Villages Nearby.

Three Wagon Loads of Dynamite For Niagara River.

Lewiston, April 22.—The ice monster crowding his devastating bulk between the banks of the lower Niagara River, slumbered the night through, heedless of the war which had been declared against him by the state engineers. On his flanks anxious watchmen waited, worried by the southwest squalls which had been driving an endless procession of ice over the falls throughout the afternoon.

But the force of the current evidently ground out a smooth subway for itself beneath the main mass of the floe for the water in the cellar rose only five inches during the night, and receded an equal distance in the early dawn. Unless the efforts of the engineers this morning prove fruitless, it is probable that the greatest danger is past. The ice which plowed the upper banks, uprooted huge trees and pulverized docks and boat houses, is still poised to its lofty level, but the middle line of the surface of the floe has apparently dropped a few feet. The jam is of appalling proportions when actual measurements are taken into consideration. Apparently only a peaceful expanse of dirty ice, mingled with wreckage and uprooted trees, it is nevertheless twelve miles in its powerful length and in many places six feet in its grinding depth. Taken altogether it represents millions of tons and a strength powerful enough to annihilate the four villages along its border if it should start to go out all at once. Another element of horror is its pestilential nature. Mingled with the slushy ice and cast high on the banks is a week's sewage from all the cities along the Niagara frontier. Physicians are warning the people to beware of using the water as it is rank poison. The plan of the State engineers, Henry A. Kunz, assistant superintendent of public works, and Charles A. Tuttle, an expert on high explosives, who yesterday decided on a method of procedure and in the evening obtained the permission of the State to carry it out, is first, to blow off the head of the ice giant, now projecting into Lake Ontario, by a generous charge of dynamite. Other sections of the body of the monster will then be successively separated from the whole and allowed to drift out into the lake. Three wagon loads of dynamite were sent from Buffalo last night for these purposes, and are now safe in (Continued on Page 12.)

KILLED WHILE ASLEEP.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 22.—Rudolph Buel, aged 55, was assassinated at a late hour last night while asleep. The murderer opened Mr. Buel's bedroom window and placed a stick of dynamite on his bed, exploding it with a fuse. Buel was instantly killed. His wife awoke at his side escaped without injury. A posse was immediately formed to search for the assassin. No motive is assigned for the crime.

THANKS EDWARD.

Roosevelt Telephoned the King His Thanks.

Pleased With Welcome by British Cruiser Pandora.

Mombasa, April 22.—Theodore Roosevelt and the members of his party left here on a special train at half past two o'clock this afternoon, for Kapiti Plains station, whence they will be conveyed to the ranch of Sir Alfred Peas for their first shooting trip. The party is accompanied by F. J. Jackson, Acting Governor of the Protectorate. Before leaving Mr. Roosevelt telephoned King Edward thanking him for the message of greeting read by Mr. Jackson at the dinner given in Mr. Roosevelt's honor at the Mombasa Club last night. The King's telegram read:

"I bid you a hearty welcome to British East Africa, and I trust that you will have a pleasant time and meet with every success."

At the dinner last night Mr. Roosevelt paid a tribute to the British people, praising their energy and genius in civilizing the uncivilized places of the earth. He said he was surprised at what he had heard of the progress of British East Africa.

Continuing, Mr. Roosevelt expressed his great pleasure at the welcome given him yesterday by the British cruiser Pandora, whose rails and masts were manned by cheering sailors when the Admiral came into the harbor. He said he believed in peace, but considered that strength meant peace, and he hoped that all the great nations would provide themselves with this means to the end.

DISMISSED.

James MacKay Established His Right to Horses.

Little Minnie, Advance Boy and Dorothy Webb, horses that were on the local track last spring which have the source of much legal red tape, will stay in this country. Mr. J. L. Counsell, who has been acting for James MacKay, owner of the horses, asked for an order dismissing the action of E. T. Lillard, of Frankfort, Kentucky, who wished to obtain possession. Staunton O'Hearn and Morrison are acting for Lillard, and a week ago Mrs. Morrison asked for an enlargement that he might communicate with his client. Mr. Counsell's motion was granted this morning, with costs, because of failure on the part of Lillard to put up security for costs.

LIGHTING ARBITRATION.

Mr. F. R. Waddell and Mr. J. O'Reilly, K. C., made an appointment before Judge Snider this morning to settle the terms of the order in regard to the lighting arbitration, to be held on Monday, April 26. At this meeting which decides how the order must be carried out before the referee, Judge Snider, there is every probability that it will be an interesting session. The order that the city has obtained covers the examination of the company's books, and the terms have to be settled before the parties can go before a referee.

NIAGARA POWER.

Windsor Won't Spend the Money For Local Plant.

Windsor, Ont., April 22.—According to information received by Ald. Shepard, Niagara power is to cost considerably more than the original estimates. While the price will be about \$36 per horsepower from the commission, the municipality will have to expend about \$125,000 for a distributing plant. Mayor Wigle is positive the ratepayers will not indorse any by-law to spend this sum of money, and doubts whether the price at which power would be attractive to consumers.

A Fresh Coat

Of paint will brighten up your home and make it fresh and clean. Japalac on your furniture will renew the finish and give it that bright new appearance. Come in and let us show you color cards. We keep a full line of brushes, kalsomines and Alabastine. Our prices are right. Parke & Parkes, druggists.

WESLEY AND GORE WILL JOIN FORCES.

Methodist Congregations Unanimously Decide Upon Amalgamation in Immediate Future.

Four or five years ago a movement for the union of Wesley and Gore Street Methodist Churches was begun. At first the proposal was not very warmly received, but sentiment in its favor has been growing steadily, and a basis of union has now been unanimously agreed upon. The churches, as is well known, are both situated in the same block, less than 70 yards apart, in an uptown section. Wesley has been occupying its present site nearly 70 years. Before the union a quarter of a century ago Gore was an Episcopal Methodist church. Had the two churches been of the same denomination it is quite certain that they would not have been built side by side.

The union movement has passed all the stages of committee considerations and official board decisions. A practically unanimous support has been given to the scheme. A joint committee, composed of fourteen of the official staff, together with the two pastors, studied out a basis of union, which has been adopted without amendment by the respective Quarterly and Trustee Boards, and endorsed by each of the churches at public meetings held last evening. The unanimity of spirit and judgment, and the absence of all friction, or heated debate, which have marked the several sessions held, were most impressive and satisfactory, and give promise of a

happy coming together of the two congregations.

The present pastors, Rev. Dr. Tovell and Rev. L. Couch, B. A., D. D., are requested to remain as joint pastors for the ensuing year. The Quarterly Official Boards will be amalgamated, and the Trustee Boards also. It is proposed to ask the Conference not only to sanction the union, but also to give to the united church a new name. The name decided on is "The Central Methodist Church." Should the Hamilton Conference endorse this movement the union will take effect early next June.

At a general meeting of the congregation of Wesley Church, last evening, it was moved by S. H. Kent, seconded by W. L. Cummer, that the terms of agreement for the union or amalgamation of Gore Street and Wesley Churches as submitted by the joint committee, and adopted by the Trustee and Quarterly Boards of both churches, be adopted and confirmed by this congregational meeting of Wesley Church.

This was carried unanimously.

At the meeting of Gore Street congregation it was moved by R. J. Howard, seconded by D. L. Williams, that we, the members of Gore Street Church, assembled, having received the report of the joint committee, which has been endorsed by the official boards of the church, do hereby adopt and confirm the same.

This also was carried enthusiastically.

It's funny how some people want their Dominion taxes increased. I never hear

KEEP PUBLIC OUT OF COURT ROOM

That is the Provincial Authorities' Instructions For the Kinrade Inquest To-night--Press Will be Admitted.

Florence Kinrade Not Well, But May be Recalled--Jimmie Baum and Mrs. Eva Fay May be Witnesses To-night.

The Kinrade murder inquest, which was abruptly adjourned five weeks ago, to permit the detectives to make an investigation extending over half a continent, will be resumed to-night. The general public will be barred from the court room in old No. 3 Police Station. This announcement was made this morning. This course has been decided upon at the instigation of the Attorney-General's Department.

At first it looked as if the order might include the press. There was a suggestion that the real reason for this move might be that the authorities had some evidence they wished to keep secret for the time being, but Coroner Anderson, who was in touch with the Department this morning, assured the Times that the order was being issued solely at the request of the Crown examiner, George Tate Blackstock, K. C., who was present at the inquest yesterday. The coroner is authority for that statement. This would seem to support the report that Miss Kinrade has not entirely recovered and is broken in health.

Jimmie Baum, the actor-auditor-mechanic, who appeared on the stage with Florence Kinrade in the south, may be a witness to-night. The Crown authorities could not say as to that this morning, but they are reliably informed that George Lynch-Staunton, the family lawyer, has Mr. Baum in Canada, and that he will be called at the request of the family.

Baum was not registered at any of the hotels this morning, and Mr. Staunton was in Toronto. It is believed that Baum is there and will come to Hamilton this afternoon.

A Toronto despatch says that Clare Montrose Wright, the fiance of Florence

hear the witnesses. The offenders in these cases were people who had no business in the room, but who, in some mysterious way, had got in some.

It was planned to avoid this annoyance at to-night's session by having all the tickets issued by the Coroner, Dr. Anderson did issue a number, but as a result of the new arrangement these will not be honored to-night. Only the lawyers, the jurors, the witnesses and newspaper men, who have satisfied the Chief of Police with their credentials, will be admitted.

The inquest to-night may be robbed of one of its interesting features. Florence Kinrade, sister of the murdered girl, who will be recalled before the investigation is closed, may not go on the stand to-night. Coroner Anderson is authority for that statement. This would seem to support the report that Miss Kinrade has not entirely recovered and is broken in health.

The local witnesses who will be examined to-night include Miss Erskine and Miss Wild, milliners, employed by the Stanley Mills Company, who believe that they saw Florence Kinrade in the store on the morning of the murder; a Miss Fagan, who resides on Main street east, near Ferguson avenue, and Luke Copple.

May Call Mrs. Fay.

It was reported this afternoon that Mrs. Eva Fay, the thaumaturgist appearing at Bennett's Theatre, and her manager might be subpoenaed to appear at the inquest to-night. On Tuesday night Mrs. Fay, answering a question about the whereabouts of a revolver, predicted that one would be found under a walk on Herkimer street. A revolver was found there yesterday morning.

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WAS MURDERED IN TORONTO.

Macedonian's Mangled Body Found in Cellar--His Head Was Hacked to Pieces.

Toronto, April 22.—The body of Vani Simoff, a Macedonian, aged about 35 years, was found in the cellar of a house at 16 Eastern avenue, this morning. The man had been murdered with a hatchet. The head was hacked almost to pieces and the body also was hacked. Simoff was employed at the Grand Trunk roundhouse, working at night. He left the round house this morning at 7 o'clock and at 8:30 the body was found by a Frenchman, Harold Stefin. The house where the murder occurred is in the Macedonian colony, and it is said, eight people live in it. As Simoff's watch and a small sum were found in his pockets, and over \$100 in gold was sewn in his clothes, it is evident that robbery was not the motive. It is thought a row occurred soon after Simoff entered the house, but nothing definite has been learned as yet.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

You see there are newspaper jackets as well as the other kind. Ask the police.

It's not too early to get a line on an east end park. Choice spots will soon all be built upon.

I see some of the choirs are being entertained. What about yours? No, I am not a member.

These April showers are fine for flushing the sewers.

Well, it is not likely that these four liquor licenses will be restored next year.

Young men who want to join the horse marines—I mean the horse dragoons—have now a chance to satisfy their ambition. Get up.

How's your boy getting along? Setting a good example to him, I suppose. Or is he just shifting for himself? Do you think that's right?

There would be fewer dogs and cats around town if there were some place where they could be put out of the way without much trouble or fuss.

People ask me what pull Mr. Condon has got. I can't tell. I suppose he keeps hotel.

It wouldn't be a bad idea for the newspapers to publish the names of all those present at the inquest to-night in Saturday's society column.

Are the "Don't Spit" signs being lived up to these days? I don't think it.

When the roads are soft and muddy and the travelling bad, don't overload your horse.

Buy your candy on Saturday night.

Jimmie Baum ought to draw a full house. He seems to be a decent chap.

When the whole expense is totalled up I think you will find that the new school readers will be as expensive to the Province as were the old ones.

The G. T. B. management sees good times ahead. We are ready for them.

So the gun story was a Fayke, was it?

The truth of that "hush" money story can easily be tested. The commissioners can do that in five minutes if they think it worth their while.

It's funny how some people want their Dominion taxes increased. I never hear

TOO MANY DIVORCES

Senate Too Ready to Break the Marriage Tie.

Divorces Granted Without Sufficient Evidence Given.

Special Despatch to the Times.

Ottawa, April 22.—A strong plea for greater stringency in the matter of granting divorces was made at a meeting of the Committee on Private Bills to-day by M. J. A. McEwan, the chairman, after pointing out that this session there had been 21 divorce bills before the Senate, as compared with three or four in former sessions, he went on to remark that the action of the Senate in that regard was beginning to be abused. In cases of simple separation of property and body, the Judges of the Superior Court were properly severe, but the Senate was passing bills of absolute divorce without any satisfactory proof of the only cause upon which divorces were granted by the Parliament of Canada. Mr. McEwan said that eminent men in the United States had described the divorce system in that country as a great social evil, and the same state of affairs might come to pass in Canada.

The Private Bills Committee, he continued, should establish the principle that unless there was good evidence of adultery no divorce bill should be passed. Two of the bills which had come before the committee he had not been satisfied that the offence had been proven. In plain terms the Senate was granting divorces on evidence which would not be acceptable to courts as sufficient for separation. Because a man was a drunkard and a gambler, it did not follow that a divorce should be granted his wife. He wished it to be understood that he was speaking not as a Roman Catholic, but on general principles.

MISS ELLIOTT.

Police Have Information That She is in Ontario.

The authorities have not succeeded yet in locating Miss Marion Elliott, but the local police have a clue which intimates that she may be in Western Ontario at present. One story is that she is residing near Goderich. This clue will be investigated as soon as the inquest is adjourned.

Peterson Patent Pipes.

You have missed much of the pleasure of smoking if you have not tried a genuine Peterson pipe. You can buy them in all sizes and shapes at peace's pipe store, 107 king street east.

JAIL BREAKING.

Attempt to Liberate Willie Whitta's Kidnapper.

Mercer, Pa., April 22.—An attempt to liberate James H. Boyle, charged with the Whitta kidnapping, from the Mercer county jail was made last night, according to officials at the jail. That the effort failed was due to the vigilance of Night Watchman Robt. Fruitt, who discovered a ladder resting against the jail directly under the window of Boyle's cell. It was apparently the intention to break the bars from the outside and release the prisoner. Fruitt called the jailors, and the jail was watched closely during the remainder of the night.

HAINS TRIAL.

Five Jurors So Far Chosen to Try the Case.

Commission May Inquire Into Prisoner's Mental State.

Flushing, N. Y., April 22.—Five jurors for the trial of Captain Peter C. Hains, charged with the murder of W. E. Annis, had been selected when the court opened its fourth day of the hearing to-day. The first panel of 1500 residents had been exhausted with the choice of the five jurors. A new panel of a similar number was in court to-day.

John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for the defense, said to-day that while he hoped to avoid the necessity of calling alien witnesses would not arise, several experts for the defense examined the prisoner and reported him insane.

The prosecution still preferred that the question of appointing a commission to determine the defendant's mental condition will arise as soon as the State's case is in and the first evidence of insanity introduced by the defense. Justice Patterson has the authority to stop the trial at that point and order a commission, it is said.

SEIZED VESSEL.

U. S. Boat Caught Within Limit Will be Sold.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., April 22.—It was reported to the Canadian Marine Department this morning that yesterday there had been an American fishing boat seized on the Pacific coast for fishing within the Canadian three-mile limit. The matter has been turned over to the Department of