HOLOGAUST DUE

Look Out and Upset an Oil Tank

friday, January 17, 1908.

Difficult

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 14.—When nightfall put a stop to the work of recovering the dead bodies from the ruins of the Rhodes opera house, where last night's holocaust occurred, the official roll of victims numbered 167. Whether any more bodies are buried beneath the ruins cannot be positively stated, but it is the belief of those who had charge of the gruesome work that all of the dead have been removed and that the total list of victims will not go above 170.

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It was almost daylight this morning before the flames were extinguished and rescuers were able to enter the ruins and remove the dead. The morner any more bodies are buried

and rescuers were able to enter the ruins and remove the dead. The morning was bitterly cold, and by the time the numbed and exhausted firemen began the task of disentangling the remains the entire ruins were coated with ice and there was danger of the walls falling. The work went on slowly at first, and it was seven o'clock before the first body was reo'clock before the first body was re-covered and removed. Coroner Stras-ser, of Reading, who reached the scene after midnight last night, had and the part of the description of every corpse removed. The bodies were so badly burned, however, that there was little to describe them by, and it is safe to say that not half the victims will ever be identified. The second victim was taken out about second victim was taken out about a half hour after the first, then the work of recovery was rapidly proceeded with.

By noon the rescuers became thorughly exhausted from the cold, and oughly exhausted from the cold, and labor for a time was almost brought to a standstill. Fortunately the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company sent W. W. Kiefer, superintendent of the Reading division, to the scene to see what the company could do, and Mr. Kiefer offered the company's assistance to Coroner Strasser. Chief Burgess Koeheler was unable to furnish men to help, and Coroner Strasser immediately availed himself of the railroad's proffer. Within an hour the company had two carloads of laborers and carpenters on the of the railroad's proffer. Within an hour the company had two carloads of laborers and carpenters on the ground, and the work of recovering bodies moved so rapidly that victims were being taken from the ruins at the rate of two every five minutes.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—Albert Horton, Ottawa, is suing W. F. Maclean to recover \$2,000 alleged to be due under an agreement whereby the plaintiff sold defendant shares of the Toronto World Printing company stock. he rate of two every five minutes.

The Rhodes opera house was locatrine kindes opera house was located on the sacond floor, of a three-story building and the third floor was used for lodge rooms. The entire hall was a large room, about 50 feet wide and 75 feet long. There was a stairway at the front of the building and a narrow exti in the rear of the stage. The fire escapes were hold on both The fire escapes were built on both sides and in front of the building.

So far as can be learned there were about 425 persons packed in the room, most of whom were adults. The nummost of whom were adults. The ber of children present was comparatively small. There were about 65 persons, all local talent, on the stage, were giving a performance of

persons, all local talent, on the stage, who were giving a performance of "The Scottish Reformation."

The entertainment was nearly over, the audience waiting for the curtain to go up for the last part, when something went wrong with the calcium light apparatus, which was perched on a small platform near the front entrance of the building at the back of the audience. The light was in charge of H. W. Fisher, of Carlisle, Pa., and he says a rubber tube slipped from one of the tanks. At any rate there was a loud 'hissing sound, which caused many in the audience to turn their heads in curiosity to see what it was.

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to this time, and nothing probably would have happened if one or more ON "MODERNISM" GROUND of the performers behind the curtain had not been curious to learn what was causing the noise. Who he or they were probably will never be known. Hearing the hissing sound and the slight commotion in the audience, one of the performers raised the curtain from the floor. In front of the curtain, and serving for footlights, was a tin tank perhaps eight feet long, three inches wide and three inches high. It contained coal oil, Raising the curtain, the performer accidently turned this tank over, and it fell to the floor within a few inches of those persons in front, Adam Webster, pastor of the Lutheran church, for the benefit of whose Sunday school the entertainment was being given, tried to pick up the tank, with the assistance of others, but before they could do so the oil flowed out and caught fire. curtain, and serving for footlights, was a tin tank perhaps eight feet long, three inches wide and three inches

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Then came the inevitable cry of "fire." and it would be impossible to accurately tell the rest. Every one says the audience rose en masse, and the impulse was to reach the front door. The seats in the centre hall were of the folding variety, screwed to the floor, while along the sides of the hall were loose chairs. In the scramble to get out many persons fell over the chairs and were never able to regain their feet. Those who did reach the front entrance found it jammed with people who were fighting and shrieking to get out. One of the double doors had been bolted so as to beter enable the ushers to take up tickets. No more the ushers to take up tickets. No more than two persons could have passed this door at one time, and after the first half dozen got through the narrow passage became clogged with the strug-gling mass of humanity. Men, women boys, girls and chairs were tangled up n a solid mass that no one from the putside was able to disentangle. In the outside was able to disentangle. In the meantime some one discovered that there were fire escapes on each side of the building, and dozens made their escape by those avenues of escape and the gallery. The fire bell was rung, and the whole town was aroused and went to the rescue. All this time the flames from the oil tank were creeping toward the terrible mass of people

them to the sides of the building. While the frenzied people were fighting to get down the front steps the calcium light

Killed on Crossing

Ingersoll, Ont. Jan. 14.—Kirk Scram of Thames street crossing last night while attempting to cross in front of a moving freight train.

Cancelled the contract with the Lac du Bonnet Construction company for the erection of the \$40,000 bridge over the Winnipeg river, required for power scheme purposes. The controllers state that the reason given by Mr. Smith for his action is insolvency.

Governor-General's Competition Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 14.—Thirteen amateur companies have so far enter-

Supreme Court of Nova Scotia Up-holds Judgment of Mr. Justice Longley

Calgary, Alb., Jan. 14.—The civic investigation was concluded last night without startling evidence being brought in, and Judge Stuart will hand in his report, with the full evidence, to the city council in the course of a few weeks' time.

Mr. Tucker, the star witness for the prosecution, who claimed that the police arrested parties for stealing from him and then dropped the prosecution, was confronted by the man who stole the goods, who had to admit that he had accepted \$10 from him not to prosecute. This removed the charge entirely from the police, especially as it was brought out in the evidence that members of the Citizens' League who were prosecuting the chief of police knew previous to the trial that Tucker had taken hush money.

E. Ryan of P. J. Nolan & Co., barristers, in summing up for the defense, made one of the greatest speeches ever heard in a Calgary court, and was warmly congratulated by his legal brethren afterwards. Mr. Tucker, the star witness for the

Suit Over World Stock

WITH PASSENGERS

Island Flyer Not Heard From After Leaving Bellingham Monday

Reason for Rejecting Dr. Hanna's Claim to San Francisco Coad-jutorship

Rome, Jan. 14.—Cardinal Gotti, Prefect of the congregation of the Propa-

Paris, Jan. 14.—The regular opening session of the French parliament was held this afternoon, with the usual

Secretary Taft's Denial

st. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—The annual support of the first time in a number of years the Empress did not take part in the ceremony, on account of illness. She was represented by the Dowager Empress.

Winnipeg's Power Plant Winnipeg, Jan. 14.—Cecil B. Smith, he city's chief power engineer, has ancelled the contract with the Lac du

New Westminster, Jan. 14.—Work on the construction of the V., V. & E. line, which had been interrupted

TERRIBLE PANIC ENSUED

amateur companies have so far entered for the Governor General's musical and dramatic competition, which is to be held in Ottawa during the week commencing February 24. A lively contest is already assured.

COAL AND STEEL FIGHT

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Supreme Court of Nova Scotia Upholds Judgment of Mr. Justice

E. line, which is to failure of the British Columbia General Contracting Company, will be resumed on Thursday, outfits and men having been secured to continue the grading and clearing of the proposed line. The work will be done by the Great Northern Railroad Company, it having taken possession of the few implements left on the scene of their late operations by the former contractors.

Investigation Results Unsatisfactorily for Prosecution's Principal Witness

Made Fatal Mistake

Belleville, Ont., Jan. 14.—Charles C.

Ammings is dead from a dose of carbolic acid taken in mistake for whiskey.

NED HANLAN'S SKILL DUE TO ONE WILLIAMS

Toronto Civil Engineer Claimed to Have Figured it Out For Him

ROUGH WEATHER ON NORTH COAST

Vadso Had Strenuous Time in Colon, Jan. 14.—A woman named Mrs. Kitchener, widow of a brother of Viscount Kitchener, of Khartoum, committed suicide in the port of Colon

Jedway and Was Drowned

—Elola Goes North

Mission From Newly Proclaimed Sultan Speaks of the Morocco Situation

with headquarters at Jedway, the growing town on the northern islands.

At Jedway news was learned of a tragedy. W. Doran, a miner, who was hurt while at work in the local mines, here of Alexandra Club while temporarily insane jumped over-board from the small steam launch City of Jedway, used as a ferry craft. Doran, who was being taken to Jedway

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Bell Officials Notified Winnipeg, Jan. 14.—The officials of the Bell telephone system have been notified from the head office at Montreal that the plant is to be handed over to the Provincial Government

Mrs. Kitchener's Suicide

Miner Sprang From Launch at MULAI HAFID'S STRENGTH

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 14.—The Supreme court of Nova Scotia foday uphered coult and steel case, dismissing the appeal Damages for past injuries are awarded the steel company, and a decree will be issued immediately compelling the coal company to live up to it contract of 1903.

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bers of Alexandra Club-Business Done

Council of Women

New Westminster, Jan. 14:—At the annual general meeting of the Local Council of Women, held yesterday afternoon and evening off the Local the Loca council of Women, held yesterday afternoon and evening officers for the year were elected, these being: President, Miss L. Davis; first vice-president, Mrs. S. J. Pearce; second vice-president, Mrs. M. Sinclair; third vice-president, Mrs. A. H. Gordon; fourth vice-president, Mrs. John Forrester; fifth vice-president, Mrs. F. O. Canfield; recording secretary Mrs. O. Canfield; recording secretary, Mrs. R. J. Benson; treasurer, Mrs. James

COST OF CANAL

Colonel Goethals Puts Total Amount at Three Hundred Millions— Plenty of Labor

committee on interstate and foreign commerce today had before it Colonel Goethals, U. S. A., chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission, and the

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morrow, the 15th inst., the Bell Telephone system will be transferred to the Provincial government to be operation is regarded as certain.

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IN DIFFICULTIES

Resignations of Two Ministers Are Accepted by the Emperor

PREMIER STAYS IN OFFICE

Washington, Jan. 14.—The house Trouble Caused by Difference of Opinion Regarding Expenditure

Tokio, Jan. 14.—The resignation of the entire cabinet was narrowly averted today.

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The premier, Marquis Saionji, tendered his resignation to the emperor this afternoon at 4 o'clock, but his majesty declined to receive it, while the alternative resignations of Yoshiro Sakakani, minister of finance, and of Minister Yamagata, minister of communications were accounted. munications, were accepted.

Yoshiso Matsura, minister of justice will combine the portfolio of finance, and Keihara, minister of interior, will combine that of communications.

This leaves the cabinet without any new elements, and removes the disturbing putants who have been the disturbing factors for some time past.

The information about the resignation of Isaburo Yamagata as minis-

Thaw's Counsel Pursue Plan of Showing Himself and Family Mentally Deranged

New York Jan. 14.—The attorney for Harry K. Thaw at his trial today began relentiles. Thaw at his trial today began relentiles to help a we interposed in his behalf as a few heart of Stanford White. The work in the Heart of Stanford White. The Work Hilling. Stanford White. The Work Hilling. Grant of Stanford White. The Work Hilling. However, Ohio, university in 1886, and Mrs. Amy Grossett, of San Mateo, Cal., who at dended Thaw as a trained nurse at Monte Carlo in 1897. They both told of the young man's eccentricities and declared his manner was always irrational. Dr. John T. Deemar, of Kittening, Panne of the Thaw family physicians, also the share as were the attending physician and patient, blocked guen of the testimony as to the unsoundness of the draw was not allowed by the court to answer left an impression upon the jury, and the transportation of the station of the individual of the testimony as to the unsoundness of the draw was not allowed by the court to answer left an impression upon the jury, and the transportation of the station of the cating the sacred privilege of the witness and the questions of the individual of the testimony as to the unsoundness of the station of the station of the cating the sacred privilege of the witness and the questions of the station of the cating the sacred privilege of the witness and the questions of the testimony without an express waiver from the patients. Even the nurse who attended the captile that the law compelied him to object to such testimony without an express waiver from the patients. Even the nurse who attended to reduce the appropriations for railroads, and to this Yamagata made an objection. Sakatani thereupon attempted to reduce the appropriations of the cabinet who agreed with him to object to such testimony without an express waiver from the patients. Even the nurse who attended to reduce the patients of the cabinet who agreed with him to object to such testimony without an ex

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Paris, Jan. 14.—M. Groull, the owner of one of the finest art collections in the world, died last night. The pictures in his gallery, which are valued at \$4,000,000, include masterpieces by Turner, Constable and Gainsboro, and almost priceless examples of the French painters of the eighteenth century, such as Watteau. There is much speculation as to the fate of the collection, but it is stated that the bulk of it has been bequeathed to the Louvre.

Standard Oil's Monopoly

New York, Jan. 14.—Qver 90 per cent. of the oil produced in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana and New Mexico is controlled by the Standard Oil Company, according to testimony adduced at the hearing of the goyernment's suit to dissolve the corporation today. Christian Dredger, of the statistical department of the Standard Oil Company, identified statements certifying to the above percentage.

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