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THORO INVESTIGATION ORDERED INTO CAUSE OF WALL COLLAPSE

Coroner Elliott Will Open an Inquest To-day and Adjourn For a Week in Order to Allow Time For Calling Scores of Witnesses

Two lives were instantly crushed and 15 people were more or less seriously injured on Saturday morning when the south wall of the Wm. Nelson Company's factory on Gladstone ave., south of College-st., collapsed, and carried timbers, lumber and human beings with it.

As told in the late editions of The Sunday World—the early editions containing a full account of the disaster—the falling on Friday of what is estimated as ninety tons, of hardwood flooring upon the top floors of the building is believed by the city's building inspector to have caused the collapse. Mr. Nelson, sr., would not make a statement, altho he did say that the last addition had not been delivered to him by the contractors. Asked by The World if this would be taken as an admission that he would not take responsibility for the accident, he just shook his head.

The wall broke first at its eastern end and pitched down toward the west where it was met by the wreckage from that section. A score of employees were caught in the avalanche and carried into the basement, where the crumbled ruins closed over them.

Screams and groans followed the collapse. Great clouds of mortar-dust surrounded the place and shut off the view of the havoc wrought by the disaster.

First to the Rescue.

F. C. Collins (75) was standing at the corner of Brock and Dundas-st., when he heard a crash like thunder and turning saw the wall tumbling to the ground. He promptly turned in an alarm to the fire department and then rushed to a nearby house and called for the police ambulances. Owing to it being a private phone the policeman was unable to once secure connection with the station, but as soon as he succeeded, he ran to the scene of the accident and plunged into the work of rescue with the fireman from Brock-ave. All the timbers were lying at different angles across a pit which had been torn thru the basement, and this wreckage had to be removed before any of the victims could be released. When more police and firemen arrived, the constable gave water to those who were pinned under the bricks, and who were pinned under the bricks and timbers.

Chief Thompson arrived soon and took charge of the work, but Collins will work on tonight at the almost impassable barrier, which for 30 minutes defied the efforts of the rescuers.

Two Taken Out Dead.

Mrs. Eva Anderson, a newly-married young woman, was the first to be freed. She was dead. Louis Shine, an Italian, was also dead when the men reached him, but 15 others owe their lives to the valiant efforts of firemen, police and workmen on the building.

Dr. Lawson, a young doctor of College-st., was on the scene shortly after the accident happened, and attended nearly all of the patients. The doctor worked until his hands and face were bleeding and his first aid to the injured undoubtedly saved the lives of more than one person.

William Lemmy, a carpenter, who was working on a fifth story, noticed the wall start to bulge, and jumped three stories at the back of the building to a two-story annex. Both of his legs are broken, but if he had remained on the roof where he was he would have been quite safe.

Several of the workers fainted in the pit but were revived with water and whiskey and went back to the task with renewed vigor. The men tore frantically at the wreckage as feeble groans issued from the bottom of the black hole. Chief Thompson encouraged the men to great efforts and had great difficulty in preventing other willing people from throwing bricks on the workers. Motor and horse ambulances from every quarter of the city rushed the patients to the Western Hospital where H. C. Tomlin, superintendent, had a large staff of doctors and nurses waiting to treat them.

Last night the Western Hospital, where all the maimed victims of the disaster were taken, said all were doing as well as could be expected.

Dr. J. E. Elliott opens an inquest at the morgue at 10 o'clock this morning, which will probably be adjourned for a week so that full evidence of all the circumstances surrounding the disaster may be secured.

Examined Entire Structure.

Men, the city's inspector, took a third man over the Nelson building Saturday afternoon, explaining the deductions which lead to his belief.

ELLIS TO PLEAD SELF-DEFENCE AT HEARING 20,000 WOMEN IN SUFFRAGETTE PARADE

Minden Murderer is Confident That Magistrate and Coroner Will Accept His Statement, That He Killed Porter After Porter Had Fired Two Shots at Him.

By a Staff Reporter.
MINDEN, May 5.—Arthur Ellis is confident that his plea of self-defence will be accepted when he is arraigned before Magistrate Fielding at Lindsay on Thursday or Friday for the murder of Lewis Porter. The inquest will be concluded here on Monday night, and at its conclusion Ellis will be taken to Lindsay by Constable Welch. Provincial Detective Reburn will remain for the inquest and will not be at the preliminary hearing before the magistrate.

Ellis stated in his cell at the lockup here today that he had faith in his plea of self-defence. He denied that the shooting was a result of a family feud, and also denied that he had said to anyone that he expected to be hanged for the crime.

Five shots were fired, he says, of which he fired three after Porter had fired at him twice. He was sure that Porter had gone out on the day of the murder with the intention of getting a shot at himself. He said he did not know why he carried the body so far from the road after he had killed Porter, as he could have taken it and sunk it in Gull Lake, nearby. He admitted that he and Porter had had several arguments, but stated that he and his victim were on speaking terms till the last.

Several witnesses have been subpoenaed for the inquest to-morrow night, and Dr. T. A. White will give the result of the post mortem examination. Charles Wood also has been summoned to tell at what time he heard five shots fired.

Several Thousand Men Also Took Part in New York's Huge Demonstration—Society Leaders Marched in Line With Humble Sisters—Heartily Cheered by Crowds.

NEW YORK, May 5.—With more than twenty thousand women and several thousand men in line the Women Suffrage parade which started up Fifth-avenue at a late hour yesterday afternoon was not finished when darkness fell. At the last moment the parade, which was expected to have about 15,000 marchers, was found to be growing rapidly all along the line.

Preparations had been made for the assignment of additional marchers, but not for the number who joined the movement in the last hour of the formations of the various divisions.

There were suffragettes—militant and non-militant—score workers in the campaign and those who were merely sympathetic who marched to combat the idea that "only a handful of women want the ballot."

Line of March Crowded.

The line of march from Washington-square to Carnegie Hall was packed. From the windows, of Fifth-avenue, there flew flags in honor of the occasion, and every window that gave a view of the avenue was a grandstand that applauded as the women passed in review.

The personnel of the parade, aside from the various shades of suffrage belief represented, presented a perfect democracy embracing women from almost every walk of life.

Women from the farming districts marched side by side with women whose names are widely known, and representative of great wealth and proud social distinction, under the banner of sympathetic interest of the New York State Suffrage Association, headed by Miss Harriet May Mills, president, and Miss May Morrison, acting as grand marshal.

Women who represent the riches and the old Knickerbocker aristocracy of New York City marched with the same degree of enthusiasm as the long line of working women and the hosts from the east side.

From Six Suffrage States.

Delegations from the six suffrage states and good sized bodies from ten other states where women are asking for the vote, lent to the parade a national aspect.

From the time the big suffrage army moved from under the arch at Washington-square at 5 o'clock until nearly 8:30 when the army reached Carnegie Hall, after its two and a half mile walk, Fifth-avenue presented a moving picture of brilliant color.

The new-suffrage flag, yellow background with six black stars, representing the suffrage states, flattered gaily beside the Stars and Stripes.

The delicate pale blue silk and silver banners of Mrs. Clarence Mackay's suffrage organization followed behind the hundreds of purple, white and green pennants, banners and flags of the Women's Political Union, under whose direction the parade was arranged.

The deep blue silk and gold banners of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont's Suffrage Society, led by herself, preceded the flags and banners of the East Side women, representing as they did the colors of all nations.

Cheered by Thousands.

In spite of being late Saturday afternoon, Fifth-avenue was thronged the entire marching district with crowds who cheered the suffragists and the brilliant spectacle they presented.

Delegations of Norwegian, Swedish, Greek and Chinese women, garbed in native costume, added to the brilliancy of the march.

From the moment the parade got under way stirring military music accompanied the white-robed army every minute. There were twenty regimental bands and three life and drum corps.

BISHOP OF TRURO DEAD.

LONDON, May 5.—(Can. Press.)—The Right Rev. Charles William Stubbs, Bishop of Truro since 1908, died to-day. He was born in Liverpool in 1845. From 1881 to 1885 he was select preacher at Cambridge; at Oxford in 1888 and 1889-90, and at Harvard University he was select preacher in 1900.

PULLING DOWN A HIGH ONE



BABY FOUND AT MIDNIGHT

Three-Year-Old Child Either Wandered From Home or Was Deserted by His Parents.

Picked up on Queen-st. early yesterday morning, a three-year-old boy is in the Children's Shelter on Simcoe-st., and all day yesterday not one enquiry was made for the child. He was wandering aimlessly on West Queen-st. about midnight on Saturday when found by two policemen, who made enquiries in the vicinity, but could not find the child's parents. They then took him to the shelter, where he arrived at 1:30 a.m. It was thought that his parents would enquire for him yesterday morning, but no enquiries were received all day.

The boy, who looks to be three or four years old, is a stout child, well nourished and healthy. He has a full face, brown eyes and wore a grey sweater edged with blue, black knickerbockers and black shoes and stockings.

The baby cannot talk, and all that the authorities at the shelter can get him to say is "Fadder."

Judge Mabee's Condition

Dr. W. P. Caven, with Dr. J. E. Elliott and Dr. Herbert Bruce, issued the following bulletin at 4 o'clock yesterday:

"Judge Mabee has held his own for the last 24 hours. His condition is still critical."

At midnight Dr. Bruce and Dr. Elliott made the following statement:

"At midnight Judge Mabee's condition is somewhat improved, and the outlook is slightly more hopeful."

DENIED JUSTICE SAYS FIRE CHIEF

Guelph Official, Declaring Civic Investigators Prejudiced, Refuses to Testify in Own Defence.

GUELPH, May 5.—"I might say, gentlemen, I have again consulted my solicitor and he refuses to come to the front. I have to leave myself in his hands. I am positively entitled to give my evidence on the floor of a tribunal that is justly gathered, that will take the evidence and draw the evidence forth. There have been breaches of confidence which would never be admitted before a tribunal. I am ready and prepared at any time, when properly called upon to do so, to give my evidence under oath and British fair play."

The above words, uttered by Chief Finch of the Guelph fire department, practically marked the close of a dramatic scene terminating the investigation into the fire department. For three nights previously the enquiry has been going on hearing the allegations which the members of the department were making against their chief in an effort to prove that he was the cause of lack of harmony.

This was done notwithstanding the protest of N. Jeffery, counsel for Chief Finch, who, at the outset, pleaded that the fire and light committee was not the proper tribunal to hear the case, and that the investigation should be judicial. In this he was supported at first by C. L. Dunbar, counsel for the firemen.

Overruled by Mayor.

Mayor Thorp, presiding for the committee, overruled the objections, however, and the men's side of the case was put in. The chief's side was to have been heard last night, but as soon as the enquiry opened, Mr. Jeffery arose and declared that he again demanded a judicial enquiry and would refuse to go on with the enquiry before a committee which, from the evidence of its members, had chiefly prejudged the case to the extent of two months ago coming to the conclusion that they wanted the chief's resignation, and that, too, without hearing his side at all. The same members were now sitting as a committee of investigation, and one of them, Ald. Mahoney, had stated his mind was already made up as to what to do with the chief. Mr. Jeffery urged that a proper tribunal be allowed to try the case, falling which he withdrew from the case and urged his client not to go on.

Mayor Thorp replied that the enquiry would go on. They were not to be bulldozed, he explained that Ald. Mahoney would not have anything to do with the preparation of the report, owing to the position he had taken.

Chief Was Censured.

Chief Finch was asked to go on without comment and was told that he was in the employ of the city, and it was unseemly for him to appear to distrust the fairness of his employees.

Counsel Dunbar said, of course, under such conditions he should dislike to cross-examine.

Finally Mr. Finch uttered the words quoted and left the room.

Mayor Thorp was still persistent, the everyone could see the enquiry was over. Another witness, an ex-fireman, Fox, Jr., first drew attention to these fairly stones in the pages of his book, and Eugene Walter took the symbol, which has the form of a cross, and applied it at the tallman of love.

PRAYED FOR HIS RECOVERY

Rev. W. B. Caswell and His Congregation Joined in Supplication for Judge Mabee.

"Let us pray that Judge Mabee may recover his health. The country can ill afford to lose such a man."

In these words Rev. W. B. Caswell, pastor of Parkdale Methodist Church, in the opening prayer last night, asked the congregation to join in supplication that the doctors and nurses ministering to Judge Mabee might be blessed in their efforts.

RABBI TOOK BODIES OTHER THAN HEBREWS

HALIFAX, May 5.—(Can. Press.)—A new development has transpired regarding the bodies taken from the Fairview Cemetery by Hebrews while the bodies were there awaiting interment.

The Hebrews were required by the authorities to return them to the morgue. This was done. It now appears that the bodies taken were not all Hebrews. Since the order for interment some of them have been identified and it is held that they are not those of Hebrews.

The attorney-general, it is understood, will take steps to secure payment for damages to the coffins in the changes to which they have been subjected. The matter will come up again to-morrow.

A TALISMAN OF LOVE.

Charlotte Walker has a fairy talisman which was sent her by Mrs. John Fox, Jr., who in public life is Fritz Scheer, and which she wears in "The Trail of the Lonecrows Pine." John Fox, Jr., first drew attention to these fairy stones in the pages of his book, and Eugene Walter took the symbol, which has the form of a cross, and applied it at the tallman of love.

RHODES FALLS TO ITALIANS

Capital of Island Yielded, and Later Turks Were Put to Rout.

ROME, May 5.—(Can. Press.)—According to official despatches from Rhodes, capital of the island of Rhodes, which Italian forces seized yesterday, troops were landed some distance from the city. They immediately advanced, driving the Turkish troops before them at the point of the bayonet.

In the meantime Admiral Viale summoned the governor of the city to surrender. The latter replied that he had no means of resistance, and accordingly abandoned the control of the city under protest. He added that he had no power to issue orders to the garrison, which, however, shortly afterwards, retired to a position outside the city. The warships promptly shelled the Turkish soldiers, who withdrew and the Italian colors were eventually hoisted over Rhodes.

The Italians lost five wounded in the brief engagement. The Turks are believed to have suffered heavily. Fifty of them were made prisoners.

LIFEBOATS FOR ALL.

ANTWERP, May 4.—The Red Star liner Lapland started for New York to-day with 3500 persons aboard. There were lifeboat accommodations for all. The Lapland is the ship which brought the survivors of the Titanic's crew from New York to Plymouth.

SIR THOMAS HADN'T HEAD.

MONTREAL, May 5.—Sir Thomas Bait has arrived in Montreal from New Brunswick, where he had been on a business trip, and to-day stated that he had heard nothing of the rumors of his appointment as successor to the late Charles M. Hayes.

TORONTO NEEDS GREAT MORAL ALLIANCE

City's Morality is in Danger, Says Rev. C. O. Johnston, on Account of Men and Women Ready to Betray Innocent, Mislead the Ignorant and Defile the Pure.

"Toronto's Morality" was discussed from the pulpit before a large congregation last night at West Queen Methodist Church, by Rev. C. O. Johnston.

"Toronto's morality is in danger," said the preacher. "Toronto is at present, I believe, the best city in the world, but it will have to look carefully after its character, or it will not only become like other cities, but worse."

"Toronto has been highly favored with many moral privileges, but it is in danger thru abusing its privileges.

"In the multitude of people pouring into the city there are men and women who are ready to betray the innocent, mislead the ignorant, and defile the pure; to buy and sell virtue as a merchandise.

Moral Degenerates.

"Among this multitude are also moral degenerates in whom there is no element of moral decency left. They are morally insane and should be confined with more care than the mentally insane. There are sodden people who have fallen from virtue themselves, who seem to delight most in the fall of others. They use specious arguments, bribes and flattery, make light of marriage, or promise it falsely. They are ready to move earth and heaven in their determination to destroy their victims. Such men are more than thieves.

Who Steals Character.

"The man who steals character is a worse criminal than the common thief. The remedy does not lie alone with the authorities, but also with all citizens who love their homes and their neighbors' welfare. Toronto requires a great moral alliance of all good men and true to wield the sword of Gideon to maintain her present bright character."

ROOSEVELT LAID "BIGSTICK" ASIDE

Colonel's Handling of Harvester Suit Showed He Wished to Be "Benevolent Despot," Says Taft.

BALTIMORE, May 4.—(Can. Press.)—In the closing speech of a fourteen hour campaign trip thru Maryland, President Taft added a new chapter to the history of the Harvester Trust here to-night. Speaking to an audience that filled the Lyric Theatre to the doors, he declared that Col. Theodore Roosevelt did prevent the prosecution of the trust after Geo. W. Perkins, one of its directors, and now a Roosevelt supporter, and asked that the trust be not taken into the courts; intimidated that Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney-general under Mr. Roosevelt, "was mistaken," when he said that he (Mr. Taft), was present at a cabinet meeting which decided against prosecution, and said that the diary of Herbert Knox Smith, head of the bureau of corporations, proved that at the time referred to, he was on a trip around the world.

A Benevolent Despot.

He said that his predecessor's attitude toward the trusts showed clearly that he wished to perfect a benevolent "despotism" that would discriminate between the good and the bad trusts, pointing out how Mr. Roosevelt had changed from his attitude of regarding his entrance into the presidential race as a calamity to that of being an active campaigner for the nomination and insisted that Mr. Roosevelt was striving to make this campaign one in which the man who had little should be arrayed against him who had more.

NO SUCCESSOR CHOSEN.

LONDON, May 5.—(Can. Press.)—A. W. Smithers said to-day that no successor to the late C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk, will be appointed until after he arrives in Montreal. Mr. Smithers will leave here for that city next week.

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