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LIGHTNING HITS LINER AT SEA

Passengers in a Panic and Captain Knocked Down.

ONE WOMAN DIES OF SHOCK

Preceded by Terrific Crash a Thunderbolt Hits the Teutonic During a Snowstorm.

New York, Dec. 19.—Plowing her way through a snow-beaten sea, the White Star liner Teutonic held no promise of a sensation, and the passengers, awaiting Sunday luncheon, had begun talking of "Jonahs," the result of two alleged murderers being chained together on the ship en route for this country to stand trial for their lives. The sea was not rough and few aboard were sick. There was an air of merriment all over the big craft.

Suddenly through the blinding billows of snow came a terrific flash of light, followed by a crash that brought the pink to every cheek. The lightning had torn the ball, hurling it, black and shriveled, to the deck. The ropes had been cut away and thrown to the deck and the foretruck was gone.

Captain McKinstry, commander of the vessel, was on the bridge when the lightning struck, and was almost thrown from his feet. Quickly regaining physical control of himself he directed all his aides to hurry to the cabins and down into the steerage to allay any sign of panic.

Everywhere white-faced men and women were running widly about, beseeching someone to do something to avert what seemed certain disaster. Dozens of women fainted, and one—Mrs. John Holeman, coming from Belgium to join her husband in New Orleans—sustained a fatal nervous shock dying last Tuesday.

"It must be those two murderers on board," exclaimed those of superstitious turn of mind, and for a few minutes there was serious discussion of the advisability of asking the captain to have Petrovitch Sepanac and Allovar Keofar put adrift in a boat.

"I've followed the sea for many a year," said Captain McKinstry yesterday when the Teutonic arrived, "but my experience of last Sunday afternoon was the most startling spectacular I ever knew. I was on the bridge when, at 1:15 o'clock, the lightning bolt struck the ship, and was nearly blinded."

The body of Mrs. Holeman will be taken to New Orleans for burial.

She was one of the 126 of the Red Star liner Kroonland's passengers brought here by the Teutonic. The Kroonland's steering gear became disabled after leaving Antwerp. She was forced to put in at Queenstown, sending her passengers on by the Teutonic.

HIT THE TEACHER

School Boy Accused of Throwing a Slate.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 19.—At Wolverton schoolhouse near Grimsby, on Wednesday afternoon, J. Driver, the teacher, had an altercation with a pupil named Fisher. The boy became enraged because the teacher chastised him, and picking up a slate, threw it at Driver's head. The frame came off the slate in its flight, and the sharp edge of the slate struck Driver full in the face, inflicting a deep gash from one eye to the shoulder, and severing a couple of arteries. The wound bled fearfully, and it was feared Driver would bleed to death before aid could be summoned. The wound was later sewed up by a doctor, and Driver is now doing well, although he will be confined to the house for a considerable time, and will be marked for life. It is probable the trustee will prosecute young Fisher.

TALKING ELECTION

East Huron Conservatives Convene at Wingham.

Wingham, Ont., Dec. 19.—The annual meeting of the Conservative Association for East Huron was held in the town hall here today. The meeting was called for the annual election of officers.

This business being accomplished, and Dr. Thomas Chisholm unanimously chosen president, short discussion took place as to the selecting of a candidate, and it was resolved to have a general convention called for the purpose, the date and place to be chosen later.

Vigorous addresses were then made by Dr. T. M. Sproule, M. P., and David Henderson, M.P.

Royalty for Ireland

Dublin, Dec. 19.—The evening Herald announced on good authority that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit Ireland during the Punchestown racing week and attend the races. They will not ravel in state.

Gored to Death.

Lyn, Ont., Dec. 19. — A farm hand, named Charlton, aged 65 years, employed by C. J. Gilray, at Glenbuell, was gored to death by a bull in Gilray's barn Thursday evening. Charlton leaves a wife.

Too Realistic.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—In their sword play in "The Adventures of Girard" between James O'Neill and his son James O'Neill, jun., the veteran actor almost severed his son's right hand at the wrist. The keen blade of the sword used by the senior O'Neill caught the younger man's wrist fairly, and with a cry he staggered back into the scenes, where a moment later he fainted in his father's arms. The accident took place at the Olympic Theater in this city.

Killed by Ammonia,

Oakville, Ont., Dec. 19. — Mrs. Hooley, who swallowed ammonia in mistake for mineral water at Oakville house, on Wednesday, died at 6:30 this morning after a great deal of suffering.

BURGLARS AT TILBURY

Carry Off Jewelry to the Value of $2,000.

Tilbury, Ont., Dec. 19. — Burglars visited this village last night. They pried open the door of W. I. Polle's jewelry store and breaking off the door of the safe, carrying away watches, chains, etc., to the value of two thousand dollars. No clue.

A DOUBLE WEDDING

Parson On Honeymoon Weds Two Couples On His Train.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 19. — The Rev. E. C. Beck, pastor of the Methodist Church at College Hill, Madison County, was married to Miss Mary Lackey, and shortly after the ceremony the bridal couple boarded a train for Lexington to spend their honeymoon. To his surprise Mr. Beck found four members of his flock on the same train, bound for this city, on matrimony bent, having already secured their licenses in Richmond. To add a tinge of romance to the wedding the young people allowed the newly-married minister to perform the double wedding on the train, the conductor giving the brides away.

MR. MARTIN NOMINATED

To Represent the North Wellington Liberals.

Arthur, Ont., Dec. 19. — At the convention of the Liberals of North Wellington, held here yesterday afternoon, Thomas Martin, of Mount Forest, was unanimously nominated as the Liberal candidate in the coming Dominion election. Dr. Henry, of Harriston, and Andrew Semple, ex-M.P. for Center Wellington, were also nominated, but withdrew in favor of Mr. Martin. The greatest harmony and enthusiasm prevailed throughout and everyone seemed confident that Mr. Martin would be elected.

CAN'T BE SAVED AFTER 23

A Chicago Minister Proves It By Statistics.

Chicago, Dec. 19. — "There is little chance for the conversion of any man after he has passed the age of twenty-three.

"Some experts have prepared statistics of evangelism which are called tables of expectancy and are much the same as the mortality tables of life insurance companies.

"The spiritual period of girls is sixteen and boys seventeen. This is the giggling and gum-chewing age of girls and the awkward age of boys."

These were the assertions of Dr. William E. Barton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, of Oak Park, in addressing the Fellowship Club, of that suburb. What is to be done with the child spiritually must be done between the ages of twelve and seventeen. To much emphasis cannot be placed on the teaching of a child to distinguish the coarsening influence of such things as the low vaudeville and the penny arcade with its indecent pictures.

SAVED BY COOL HEAD

Switchman Clings to Brakebeam and Escapes Death.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 19. — Though fearfully crushed and having four ribs broken, Martin McGregor, of this city, a Chicago Junction switchman, owes his life to the fact that he retained his presence of mind when death stared him in the face. The engineer of McGregor's train mistook his signal, and instead of moving ahead backed up. McGregor was thrown on his back between the rails and car after car passed over him, each brakebeam crushing him. Hearing the engine approaching and knowing it would kill him, he seized the brakebeam of a car and clung to it until the train stopped. He is at St. Margaret's Hospital in this city and may recover.

THE G. T. P. DEPOSIT

£1,000,000 of Guaranteed G. T. R. Stock as Security.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The following official statement was issued yesterday by the Government: The Grand Trunk Railway Company have deposited £1,000,000 of their guaranteed stock for the carrying out of the agreement entered into last session between the Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific, subject to ratification of their shareholders at a general meeting. Inasmuch as the contract requires cash or Government securities for the deposit, legislation will be required to confirm the acceptance of the securities which have been deposited, though such securities are worth today more than par, and their value is unquestionable.

NEW CONSUMPTION CURE

Successful Experiments With Bacillus From Tuberculous Cow.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19. — Dr. Stephen J. Maher has made known to the medical profession here the details of successful experiments with a sporing bacillus that he isolated from the milk of a tuberculous cow. Dr. Maher has injected pure live culture of this bacillus hypodermically into more than 80 consumptives, and has found the injections absolutely safe and often beneficial, even in the later stages of the disease, and that many apparent cures have followed injections given in the earlier stages.

Three Daring Hold-Ups.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 19. — Three young white men, masked, committed three hold-ups here last night. They first entered the office of the Proctor Coal Company, and after in vain demanding that Bookkeeper Murphy open the safe, knocked him in the head and robbed him. Later they shot and killed Corbin Rowe, white, and rifled his pockets. The third robbery was on Clinch street, where Charles Rogers was shot in the leg. He escaped. The police have no clue.

DRAW THE LINE AT BOB GAMEY

N. Renfrew Audience Listers to Conservative Candidate,

BUT COMPELS GAMEY TO DESIST

Halfway Through His Speech He Is Stopped—Meeting Breaks Up in Disorder.

Pembroke, Dec. 19.—The Conservative meeting at Strausman's schoolhouse, in the Township of Alice, broke up in disorder last night. The gathering from the start was inclined to be noisy and grew worse as time went on. The building, which was very small, was packed, and many more were outside struggling to get in. The result was that the speakers were continually interrupted, and the interruptions reached a climax when Mr. Gamey was half way through his story. He had just told about the alleged payment of $3,000 when the uproar became so great that he could not make himself heard. The chairman forced his way to the door and threatened to have the disturbers put in the lock-up, but it was useless, and Mr. Gamey was obliged to bring his story to an abrupt finish. He has apparently received a hint that his language was too rough for North Renfrew, for he was fairly moderate last night. He did say: "I would do it again if I were in the same position, only I would do it a blamed sight better," and at another time: "The Premier of this province is a coward and a hypocrite or he would have gone into the box," but these expressions are mild compared with those earlier in the campaign.

Mr. Dunlop, who was the first speaker, received a good hearing, but Mr. Werdenhammer, editor of the Canudischer Bauernfreund, who was brought from Waterloo, Ont., to address his fellow-countrymen in German, was repeatedly interrupted, and the interruptions reached a climax under Mr. Gamey.

The meeting broke up about 10 o'clock.

TRAPPED IN A BURNING MINE

Two Miners and a Boy Entombed in the Isle Royale Colliery at Houghton, Mich.

Houghton, Mich, Dec. 19. — The Isle Royale mine is burning fiercely, and trapped north of the burning shaft are two miners and a drill boy. About 140 miners, who were working in the two shafts escaped. Air is being sent down into the north drifts, where the fire is burning, in the hope that the imprisoned men may reach a point in the workings to which the gas from the flames cannot reach.

They cannot be rescued, however, until the fire itself burns out, and there is little hope for them.

Both shafts of the Isle Royale are 2,400 feet below the surface, and 1,500 feet apart. They are connected on the tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth levels, and as the natural draft of the shaft is downwards, the majority of the men had no trouble in escaping.

It may be a week or two before the mine can be re-entered so as to reach the entombed men.

CALLED TO ST. THOMAS

The Rev. Dr. Griffith, of Montreal Methodist Church, Invited.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Rev. Dr. Griffith, of Douglas Methodist Church, received yesterday morning a unanimous invitation to accept the pastorate of the First Methodist Church in St. Thomas, Ont., the appointment to take effect in June, 1905. Rev. Dr. Young, who is now pastor of the First Methodist Church, St. Thomas, will come to Montreal to succeed Rev. Dr. Graham, of St. James' Methodist Church, and Rev. Dr. Graham will go to a church in London, Ont.

Dr. Griffith, when seen as to the St. Thomas call, said he had not yet had an opportunity to consider the change, but that he would do so.

Battleship Lost.

London, Dec. 19. — A dispatch to the Daily Mail from its Copenhagen correspondent, says that the battleship Ivor Hvitfeldt was destroyed by fire and sank.

The Durands Aboard.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Cunard Line steamer Lucania, glistening with ice, arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown, bringing 1,852 sacks of Christmas mail. Lady Durand, wife of the British ambassador at Washington, Miss Durand, and Henry White, secretary of the American embassy in London, were on board.

A Riot Averted.

Rome, Dec. 19. — The clerks in the ministry of public works engaged in a demonstration this morning, which threatened to develop into a riot or strike, requiring the intervention of the minister and under secretary before the clerks were pacified. The disturbance was due to the fact that a bill affecting the interests of the clerks in the ministry of public works was not discussed in the Chamber of Deputies.

Left Carnegie $5,000.

London, Dec. 19. — The English will of Mrs. Mary E. Schenley, the benefactress, of Pittsburg, Pa., who died here in November, was filed today. It leaves all the property to her children. The value of the estates is $4,300,000. Andrew Carnegie and other executors of the will are given $5,000 each.

TOWN WANTS THE DUEL

As Inducement Will Give $10,000 to Orphans.

Milwaukee, Dec. 19. — The story of the proposed duel between Herr Hoffman and Editor von Schleinitz has so stirred up the inhabitants of the little town of Mayville, in Dodge County, that a society there is making overtures to have the event pulled off at that place.

They telegraphed an offer guaranteeing $1,000 to the widow and orphans of the victim, if there should be any, provided the duel is fought in Mayville. The society says it will provide a park for the purpose and admission shall be free to all spectators. It hopes the offer will be accepted.

Herr Hoffman is in danger of visiting the penitentiary instead of the field of honor. It is reported that the grand jury to morrow will take up the action of Herr Hoffman in sending a challenge. Under the law of the state any person who shall send a challenge and anyone delivering such a challenge shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for from three to ten years. If the grand jury finds on investigation that a challenge was really sent, it is probable that Herr Hoffman and his second, Herr Alexander, will be arrested immediately.

LOOK OUT UNCLE SAM

Colombia Say They May Have To Go to War.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The united Colombian committee here gave out a statement yesterday saying that Colombia would first seek through a commission to induce the United States to recognize Colombia's rights under the treaty of 1846; second, if the commission fails, Colombia will ask for the submission to The Hague court is refused, Colombia will go to war and rely on the Latin republic to come to her aid.

DEATH OF MR. DUNDAS

No One to Blame for Tragic Accident at Ingersoll.

Ingersoll, Ont., Dec. 19.—The inquest held Thursday night on the body of E. A. Dundas, tax collector for North Oxford, who was killed here on the Thames street crossing by a G. T. R. train last Tuesday night, resulted in a verdict of accidental death and exonerates the flagman, local officials, and the train crew. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence to the Banner cemetery.

STEALS PRESENTS FOR HER BABIES

Mother Fearing Sad Christmas for Her Children Takes a Doll From Counter.

New York, Dec. 19.—Because she could not bear to see her little ones go without Christmas presents she could not buy, Mrs. Lena Hegland, a comely and well-dressed woman of 30, awaits trial charged with the larceny of $10 worth of trinkets from a Broadway department store.

When Mrs. Hegland left her home yesterday, she had but a couple of dollars in her purse. She took with her little Otto, aged 6, and her pretty little daughter, Ellen, just 4. The children were full of Christmas and told what they expected Santa Claus to fill their stockings with.

The "wonderland" of the store filled the children with hysterical joy. A small wax doll enchanted Ellen. The mother yielding to the promptings of love, risked all to procure the toy. She slipped the doll under her cape.

A detective stopped the mother as she was about to leave the store.

She broke down and confessed and made restitution, but was carried to the police station. There the sergeant informed her that the statute required him to turn the children over to the Gerry Society, for by her own act she had lost control over them. When the unhappy woman realized what this meant she swooned. Upon recovering she became hysterical.

Hegland called at the station and begged to see his wife. He was permitted a short interview. He seemed dazed. His wife fell upon her knees and craved forgiveness. He kissed her. He attempted to recover his children from the society, but was unsuccessful.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Milder.

London, Saturday, Dec. 19.

Sun rises..7:46 a.m. Moon rises..7:59 a.m.
Sun sets...4:42 p.m. Moon sets...5:52 p.m.

Toronto, Dec. 18—8 p.m.

Very cold weather still prevails from Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere in Canada it is comparatively mild. An inch of snow fell today in Cape Breton Island, but otherwise fair weather has been general in Canada. Since last night a disturbance has developed over the western states, and is moving toward the lake region.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 2 below—4; Victoria, 38—44; Kamloops, 28—30; Calgary, 8—26; Qu'Appelle, 16—26; Winnipeg, 14—20; Port Arthur, 10—20; Parry Sound, zero—22; Toronto, 8—24; Ottawa, 2 below—10; Montreal, zero—6; Quebec, 10 below—2; Halifax, 2—12.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, Dec. 19—8 a.m.

Today—Southeasterly winds; milder; light sleet or rain tonight.

Sunday—Milder and showery.

Temperatures.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	4	2	Clear
Winnipeg	12	12	Cloudy
Parry Sound	12	6	Cloudy
Toronto	26	22	Cloudy
Ottawa	— 8	12	Fair
Montreal	2	— 2	Clear
Quebec	— 4	— 6	Clear
Father Point	6	— 6	Cloudy

The sign — indicates "below zero."

WEATHER NOTES.

The temperature was below zero again this morning throughout Quebec and in Eastern Ontario, but in Western Ontario it has risen considerably, and the outlook is for milder weather in both provinces. A disturbance now approaching the great lakes is likely to bring rain in some districts.

Local temperatures: Friday—Highest, 27°; lowest, 18°.

LEO'S FORTUNE GIVEN TO PIUS

Gotti, to Whom It Was Confided, Has Produced It.

NINE MILLIONS IN BANKNOTES

Over One Million Found in Wall of Late Pontiff's Chamber by a Workman.

Rome, Dec. 19. — According to the Tribuna, the Vatican had sudden wealth poured into its coffers yesterday. For some time sums, which were known to be possessed by Pope Leo, were looked for without result, the search toward the end becoming somewhat feverish.

Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, accompanied by one of the late Pope's secretaries, drove up to the Vatican today, and, getting out, hurriedly began tugging at a heavy object in the carriage. Assistance was offered, but it was firmly refused, and the two carried the mysterious object to the apartment of Pope Pius.

Intense curiosity was aroused by the action, as it was believed to have some relation to the missing wealth. It soon became known, however, that the bag contained $9,000,000 in bank notes.

When Cardinal Gotti entered the presence of the Pope he sank to his knees and pointing to his burden, said: "Your holiness, the lamented Leo just before his death confided to me the money which I now lay at your feet, saying that if I succeed him I was to use it as I thought best, but that if another took his place, I was to turn the money over to him after a period of four months had elapsed. This I now do in the presence of Mgr. Marzolini, who has been the only other person to share the secret. The Pope was much affected.

The Tribuna goes on to relate just about the time this scene was being enacted in the papal apartments, an electrician, while removing the hangings in the late Pope Leo's chamber in order to get at the electric light wires, found in a hole in the wall several bags which were carelessly tied. These bags when opened were found to contain $1,850,000 in gold.

HUSBAND HUNT OUT IN INDIANA

Fifty Prospective Brides Will Be Placed on Public Inspection.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—A bargain counter in wives is the novelty announced by Mrs. Julia E. Work, superintendent of the State Industrial School at Plymouth. She has fifty rosy-cheeked young women on her hands, and she doesn't know where or how to find husbands for them.

"I am going to take my girls out West, where men are plentiful and women are scarce," said Mrs. Work, "and open my matrimonial bargain counter. I have the finest, prettiest, healthiest lot of model housekeepers ever offered for public inspection—not a remnant in the lot. They can cook, wash, iron, dust, darn, knit and sew. Nothing in the housekeeping repertoire from butter cakes to Battenberg, is beyond them.

"When I strike the West, the girls will be placed on public inspection."

JURY COMPOSED OF WOMEN

First Instance in the History of the United States.

Chicago, Dec. 19. — For the first time in the history of the United States, so far as local records show, a jury composed of six women sat on a case before Judge Honore, in the juvenile court yesterday here. The jury passed on a petition to have Mary McGann, 8 years ald, declared a delinquent and placed in an institution. The mother of the girl, Mrs. Ann McGann, declared that her child had been with her all her life and would die if taken away from her.

The jury sympathized with the mother and returned a verdict that mother and daughter should be sent to Dunning.

The verdict was concurred in by a jury of six men in order to make the verdict legal.

JAPAN SENDS ULTIMATUM?

A Sensational Dispatch From Tien Tsin Startles London.

London, Dec. 19. — The report from Tien Tsin that Japan had sent an ultimatum to Russia is not confirmed from any source up to 6 o'clock this evening. It is regarded as impossible that such important news should first come from Tien Tsin.

FIGHTING THE ICE

The Hutchinson Has Almost Reached Clear Water.

Detroit, Dec. 19.—The steamer J. T. Hutchinson, which left Sandwich on Thursday, on the last stage of its record-breaking trip through the ice, from Lake Superior to Buffalo, was sighted at Point Pelee at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A messenger from Colchester, Ont., says that the Hutchinson and the ice-crushers, Pleasure and Promise, passed there at 9:30 o'clock, and were then making about three miles an hour through the ice. The weather is soft and favorable, and it is thought that the steamer will soon reach clear water.

A SENSATIONAL RUMOR

Compulsory Military Training for Great Britain.

London, Dec. 19. — The Daily Mail this morning publishes an unconfirmed statement that the war office is preparing a scheme for the compulsory military education of all males between the ages of 18 and 22 years.

WHIPPED YANKEE BOAT

Cunarder Again Runs Away From American Flyer.

London, Dec. 19. — The Cunard Line steamship Campania, which sailed from New York, Dec. 12, at 1:13 p.m., and arrived at Queenstown yesterday at 11:33 p.m., easily won this week's mail race. Her letters were distributed by the first delivery this morning, while the mails of the American Line steamer St. Louis, which left New York, Dec. 12, at 11:10 a.m., or two hours and three minutes before the Campania, were only delivered at 1:30 this afternoon.

COMING TO CANADA

Intending Emigrants Are Booking for Next Spring.

London, Dec. 19. — Intending emigrants to Canada are already booking passages for March, April and May, 1904. The Dominion emigration commissioner in London, is in receipt of a letter signed by 22 Englishmen. They were passengers on the steamer Bavarian, returning to England to visit their friends. Their epistle refutes the letters that have appeared in the English newspapers from dissatisfied emigrants, and it carries weight, as most of its signers have been in Canada for from ten to twenty years.

WILLIE'S PRESENT "BUSTED"

The Timid On an "L" Train Rushed to Get Out.

New York, Dec. 19.—A fat woman carrying two grips, a bag of candy, and a big round object concealed in a paper bag, sat down in a cross seat of a northbound Six avenue "L" train yesterday afternoon at Fourteenth street beside a small nervous woman, opened the bag and took a large mouthful of candy.

At Eighteenth street there was a sharp explosion and nothing but bits of thin rubber remained of the round paper bag and its contents.

The thin woman turned ghastly white, leaped to her feet and fell over the fat woman. Several persons, two men among them, started for the door, crushing into people boarding the train. A small boy, caught in the crowds, squeeled for mercy.

Above the fat woman's voice was heard.

"Don't be scared. It was only a rubber balloon I was taking home for Willie's Chirstmas. It busted. My, but wouldn't Willie cry his eyes out if he only knew."

STARVED FOR HER BABES

A Mother Gives Her Share of Food to Children.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19. — Mrs. Geneva Flaherty, of Duluth, while on her way to Mauston, Wis., her brother's home, died on a Northern Pacific train here yesterday, as it was entering the city. The coroner's verdict was that death was due to starvation and exposure. Mrs. Flaherty was accompanied by four children, whose ages range from 15 months to 10 years. Her husband is in the Duluth jail on a charge of non-support, and it was while struggling against ill-health and poverty to provide food for her children that she starved herself to such an extent that death followed.

CHRISTMAS TREES BURNED

Syndicate Destroys Thirty Carloads to Raise the Price.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Frightened at the prospect of an overstocked market and a serious financial loss, the Christmas tree syndicate here late Thursday afternoon decided upon the destruction of thirty full carloads of spruces and pines that were lying in the West Philadelphia yards of the Pennsylvania railroad, thereby cutting the supply in half.

At dusk this evening a locomotive started out of the switchyard with a string of fifteen cars. These were run to a dump some distance from the city, where they were saturated with oil and the torch put to them. A second string of cars was afterward taken to the same place.

Altogether 4,000 trees were consumed between dusk and midnight. There are now in Philadelphia about 3,000 trees to supply a normal demand of 5,000.

GOLD IN CAPE BRETON

The Discovery of Immense Deposits Confirmed.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19. — The discovery of immense deposits of gold, silver and copper ores at Cheticamp, Cape Breton, is confirmed by the provincial mines department. One of the beds of ore is over 300 feet wide, and continuous for a mile. Dr. Gilpin, head of the department, expressed the opinion that from present indications the ledge of ore is among the largest in the world.

Beethoven's Death Chamber.

Vienna, Dec. 19.—The project for the preservation intact of Beethoven's death chamber and other rooms of his home, which is about to be demolished, has been abandoned owing to structural difficulties. The Beethoven committee, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lord Napier and others proposed to incorporate the rooms into a museum, to be erected on the site of Beethoven's residence.

HOLOCAUST IN SOUTHERN SCHOOL

Seven Are Dead and Seventeen Seriously Injured.

LEAP FROM BURNING BUILDING

No Fire Escapes and Wild Stampede Ensues at Alarm of Fire—Is a Colored College.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 19. — Seven are dead and seventeen seriously injured as the result of a fire that broke out last night in the woman's dormitory of the Walden University.

The dead: Stella Addison, Port Gibson, Miss.; Adele Christian, Greensboro, Ala.; Sallin Dade, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Mattie Lee Moore, Huntsville, Ala.; Lulu A. Terry, McMinnville, Tenn.; Nannie C. Johnson, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Cora Bryant, of Cleveland, Miss., who was sick in bed on the fourth floor, is missing. It is supposed she perished, as all efforts to find her have been ineffectual.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 19. — Walden University, a colored institution, is burning. Students, male and female, jumped from windows.

From 25 to 40 killed and injured.

Later.—Three dead bodies have been removed from under the windows, where they fell. It is feared there are many more in the burning building.

The number of injured is estimated at 50, and every ambulance in the city has been brought into requisition.

The fire broke out in the Tennessee Central College for Young Women, a department of Walden University. The building was four stories high and was occupied by about 60 students. It had no fire escapes, and a wild stampede followed the alarm, the inmates jumping from the windows in droves, the south side of the grounds under the windows being literally lined with the injured. The greatest confusion prevailed, and it is impossible to secure any tangible details.

THE DAILY LYNCHING

Negro Hanged and Body Riddled With Bullets.

Natchez, Miss., Dec. 19. — Girard Smith, a negro has been hanged in Vidalia, La., for the murder last September of Benjamin Rapport, a Hebrew peddler at Fairview.

Before ascending the gallows he confessed to the murder of two negroes, but declared he was innocent of the crime for which he was to be hanged.

Ripley, Tenn., Dec. 19.—A mob of about 100 men last night took Joseph Brake, a negro, from the county jail here and hanged him to a tree nearby. The negro had been arrested for the killing of Chester Connerm, a prominent young white man at Asport. The leaders of the mob were masked. The negro's body was riddled with bullets before being cut down.

THE TARIFF ON OIL

Producers Opposed to a Reduction of Two Cents a Barrel.

Petrolea, Ont., Dec. 19.—A meeting of crude oil producers and manufacturers was held here last night, which was largely attended by oil men from Sarnia, Glencoe, Oil Springs, Bothwell, Dutton, London and Toronto, and surrounding country. John D. Noble was appointed chairman.

The question was discussed on a motion to grant consent of producers here for the Government to reduce the duty on crude oil from 5 cents per barrel to 2 cents.

Messrs. Jenkins and Fairbank moved and seconded the motion, and spoke at some length.

Mr. John Kerr moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. J. E. Armstrong, that the motion does not voice the views of the crude oil producers of Canada upon the tariff question, and that the committee be hereby discharged.

The meeting was in session from 8 p.m., until 1 a.m., and the question was thoroughly discussed from the standpoint of the Imperial Oil Company, and from the standpoint of the producer, and at 1:30 a.m. a ballot was taken on the amendment, which was declared carried by a vote of 62 to 54.

Wreck of a Limited.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—The New Orleans limited, a passenger train on the Illinois Central, which left here at 9:40 o'clock, last night, was wrecked near Church Station, St. Claire County, Illinois. The fireman was killed, and the engineer and several passengers were injured, but none seriously.

Suicide at Attwood.

Stratford, Dec. 18. — Mrs. McConnell, daughter of Mrs. Alex. Forrest, Attwood, committed suicide on Thursday morning by hanging herself with a towel in the cellar. Deceased had not been well for some time and was subject to fits of despondency. Coroner Phillips, of Listowel, was summoned, but he deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Fire Engine Starts Fire.

New York, Dec. 19.—Dashing at full speed in response to an alarm of fire yesterday, engine No. 112 threw sparks into an open window at No. 114 North Sixth street and set the house on fire.

While the tenants were streaming from the first burning building, the blaze at No. 114 was discovered and the panic of its occupants added to the general confusion.

Half of the fire fighters confined their attention to the original blaze while the others carried a line of hose to the other house.

Slept Twenty-Four Days.

New York, Dec. 19. — After having slept for twenty-four days, the nine-weeks-old daughter of Mrs. Louis Slate, of Third avenue awakened yesterday. The sleep was natural, respiration being regular, and the pulse strong during the long period of unconsciousness. The child is fat and apparently healthy, and the attending physician said that she is as well as if she had only taken an ordinary sleep.