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FATAL ROW IN CHURCH

One Man Killed, Two Others Seriously Wounded.

IN BLOODY AFFRAY.

A Christmas Tree Entertainment in a Virginian Town Which Ended in a Tragedy—Liquor the Cause.

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 27.—A Christmas tree entertainment at a church in Nolan, a small town north of here, Christmas night, was brought to a sudden close by a bloody fight in which one man was instantly killed and two seriously wounded. The dead man is Everett Thompson and the injured are Nimrod Thompson, (his father) and Mike Duncan.

OTTAWA GETS A NEW CHIEF.

Major Delaronde is Now Head of Police Department --- Political Notes.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—(Special)—Major B. E. Delaronde, of the Fusiliers, C. O. R., has been appointed chief of the Ottawa police force. Several changes in the force will also be made, including the reduction of deputy chief Vizard and the appointment of detective Robillard to be made head of detectives. Delaronde's salary is \$1800.

MONCTON WANTS CHEAPER RATES.

A meeting of the insurance underwriters is being held today, in connection with the application of the city of Moncton for a reduction of the 10 per cent increased rate. Two years ago the insurance rates were raised 10 per cent. The underwriters are insisting that if a new water main would be laid to supply the deficiency on the higher levels, also to give a competent supply on the lower levels, that the 10 per cent. would be taken off.

HAGGARD'S VERSATILITY.

Rider Haggard, whose romance of the crusades, "The Brethren," has just been brought out by McClure-Phillips, will, of course, always be considered a romancer only, by the general public because of the great popularity of his "King Solomon's Mines," "She," etc. But Mr. Haggard's activities are very wide, indeed, and those who look at the list of his works catalogued opposite the title-page of his new book will find him credited with nearly thirty volumes not only of romances but of political history dealing with South Africa, two works on agriculture and country life, "Rural England" and "A Farmer's Year," a book of travel and then the novels and the romances.

DEGREE FOR EARL GREY.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—January 20th has been decided upon as the date upon which McGill University will confer the degree of L. L. D., upon Earl Grey.

SERIOUS CHARGE BY IMMIGRANTS.

Claim They Were Deceived by C. P. R. Officials in England---They Are Stranded in St. John---Immoral Conduct in Steerage is Alleged.

Another Complaint.

Six men who came over from England on the steamship Lake Manitoba are very much displeased with what they claim is gross misrepresentation on the part of C. P. R. officials. The men are, Augustus Bowles, George Eastery, F. Law, Abbott Smith, William Burns and Alfred Munguia.

RAILWAY COMMISSION.

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LOST COAT AND MONEY.

Robert Atchison met with a loss on Saturday evening last, that he is likely to remember for some time. Early in the evening he went into Sam Ritchie's store on North Market street.

CUTLER MOUNTAIN MYSTERY IS APPROACHING SOLUTION.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Charles Nelson of this city firmly believes that the dead woman found on Cutler mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo., was her sister Mrs. Hestia Bouton. The main point upon which the conclusion is based is the peculiar nature of the dental work shown on the teeth of the dead woman. Other circumstances support this conclusion, she says. Mrs. Bouton left Santa Barbara last August for Denver. It is said she travelled in company with a salesman.

TRAFFIC IS PARALYZED.

New York in the Grip of a Silver Thaw Today.

RAIN AND SLEET.

Trains Are Delayed and Trolley Lines Are at Times Practically Tied up---Wires Coated With Ice or Broken.

New York, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet with slight temperature following the recent heavy snow storms have greatly impeded traffic in and about New York.

FREDERICK LIQUOR CASE.

Two Witnesses Heard This Morning and an Adjournment Taken.

Frederick, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Samuel Stastary of the Scotts Bluff, was arrested for shop lifting Friday evening, was discharged from custody this morning. Nobody appeared to prosecute.

BAD FIRE AT BLOOMFIELD.

House and Two Barns Owned by Gilbert Titus Burned Last Night.

Bloomfield, Dec. 27.—(Special)—About 12 o'clock last night the fine residence of Gilbert Titus, was destroyed by fire, the occupants narrowly escaping with their lives.

LATE PERSONALS.

Hon. L. J. Tweedie is registered at the Royal. O. W. Stinson returned this morning from St. Andrews where he was spending Christmas with his parents. W. A. Hornbrook returned from North last night. Colter is critically ill at the city hospital. In Moncton, Her sister is with her from St. John.

AMERICAN IDEAS FOR CANADIAN BUILDINGS.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special)—John McDougall, commissioner of customs, S. W. McMichael, chief inspector of customs, and D. Ewart, chief architect of the public works department, have left for New York. They were to inspect the examining warehouses there with a view of utilizing the best features.

GOES TO MEXICO.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—(Special)—A. E. Donly, brother to Hal B. Donly, proprietor of the Simcoe Reformer, and the liberal candidate for Norfolk at the last general election, has been appointed by the Canadian government as commercial agent in Mexico.

EBEN PERKINS GAINS HIS POINT.

No Extension of Liquor Licenses Will Be Granted by the Commissioners After the First of Next May---Will Enforce the Law.

HONORS FOR RAILWAY MEN.

Reported that C. M. Hays and D. McNicoll Are to be Knighted.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Rumor has had that both Charles M. Hays, General Manager of the Grand Trunk, and D. McNicoll, general manager, of the Canadian Pacific, are to be knighted on January 1st.

NEW CANON CREATED.

The Brother of the Late Bishop of Huron Adds to His Honors.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Right Rev. Dr. Sweatman, Anglican Bishop of Toronto, has just constituted Rev. Arthur N. Baldwin, rector of All Saints church, a Canon of the Diocese of Toronto. Canon Baldwin is 64 years old and is the younger brother of the late Bishop of Huron, Right Rev. Maurice Baldwin.

THE DUBLIN JARVEY.

(Vance Thompson in December Outing.) The Dublin Jarveys are not what you would call good whips. They drive, as unattractive people say, like the devil; they cut around corners fearfully enough and go slashing up and down hills; but nine out of ten of them drive with a loose rein. They talk to the fare and the little horse runs on, doing the best he can and following his own dauntless will. I lay no fault upon the Jarveys. They would call good whips. They are, as unattractive people say, like the devil; they cut around corners fearfully enough and go slashing up and down hills; but nine out of ten of them drive with a loose rein.

WEDDINGS.

Moore--Hall. A quiet wedding took place Saturday night, at the home of Henry Hall, Short street, when his daughter Mabel, was united in marriage to George E. Moore, paper ruler in Schofield Bros. The bride was prettily gowned in white voile, and was attended by her sister Miss Alberta Hall, while the groom was dressed in a white tuxedo. The young couple will reside at 31 Carleton street.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast--Winds increasing to gale from east and south; sleet or rain to night and Wednesday. Syracuse--A storm of great energy moving across the Middle West, heavy rains are probably all along the Atlantic coast. Local Weather Report at Noon, Dec. 27th. Highest temperature during past 24 hours narrow - 24. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours - 16. Temperature at noon - 18. Humidity at noon - 94. Barometer readings at noon sea level and 32 deg. fah 30.22 ins. Velocity calm. Snowing.

RUSSIA DISTURBED BY A RED CROSS SCANDAL.

New York, Dec. 27.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Kiev, dated December 26 says; Owing to the wholesale misappropriation of Red Cross funds and material which has been exposed to public sympathy, no one will subscribe to the fund. It is announced officially that a complete and thorough re-organization will be made. At the same time a loud outcry has been raised against the commissary department for having culpably failed in its duties.

AGREES TO SERVE.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Admiral Baron Von Spaun, of the Austro-Hungarian navy, who, at the opening session in Paris, Dec. 23, of the international commission to inquire into the North Sea incident, was unanimously elected the fifth member of that body has agreed to serve on the commission.

CHILDREN CREMATED.

Four Little Ones Burned Before Mother's Eyes

IN A FARM HOUSE.

Frantic Parents Saved From Similar Fate by the Efforts of Friends --- House Was Burned to the Ground.

North Bay, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The farm house of Mr. Lafrance, situated a short distance from Calverton, was totally destroyed by fire with all the contents.

CHINESE ENVOY TO INVESTIGATE.

Has Started for Thibet to Look Into the Conditions There.

Tien Tsun, Dec. 27.—Shao Kiao, agent of Tien Tsun, has this morning en route to Thibet, to investigate conditions there. Shao Kiao, who was educated at Yale College, was formerly secretary to Yuan Shai Kai, viceroy of the Li province. He is conversant with foreign affairs and is considered anti-foreign although jealous of Chinese interests. He was commanded in the latter part of September to proceed to Thibet and was created a metropolitan officer of the third rank. He was also promoted to the military rank of lieutenant general.

REFORM IN RUSSIA.

Moscow, Dec. 27.—At the meeting of the Moscow Zemstvo today in the presence of a great audience resolutions of confidence and congratulatory nature were passed on the appointment of Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky as minister of the interior, and at the prospect of closer relations and mutual confidence between the government and the people. The Zemstvo then voted \$150,000 for the construction of school houses to mark its satisfaction. It is reported that Chief of Police Trofop, who took an active part in the suppression of a recent student demonstration is also to be sent to the front.

RECEIVED BY LORD CURZON.

Calcutta, Dec. 27.—Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, received Prince Inayatullah, son of the Amir of Afghanistan, with great ceremony at noon today in the throne room at the government house. Both the viceroy and the prince were attended by brilliant staffs. The scene was most effective and the prince was evidently delighted with his reception.

NEW C. P. R. STEAMERS.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—The Canadian Pacific Railway company has decided to place two new steamers, each 550 feet long, with a speed of 19 knots, in the Oriental trade in conjunction with the three Empress liners operated by the company. The steamers are being built by the Fairfield on the Clyde.

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The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Thurston of Pagan Falls will bear with regret the death of his youngest daughter, which took place at 4:20 o'clock this morning. The little one had been ill only a short time and nothing serious was anticipated. The babe was but a month old.