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EARLY MORN HOTEL FIRE "QUEEN'S" AT TILLSONBURG BURNS RESULT IN THREE DEATHS

Nearly 60 Persons in the Hotel and Many Have Narrow Escapes—Three Seriously Injured, One of Whom May Die.

TILLSONBURG, May 20.—(Special.)—Fire which broke out in the Queen's Hotel about 5 o'clock this morning, destroyed the building and caused three deaths and serious injuries to several. A number of others had very close escapes. The casualties were as follows:

DEAD.

Clarence Bernard, 27 Jameson-avenue, Toronto, traveler, killed by fall.

Miss Jessie Gray, milliner of Stayner, killed by fall.

Thos. Wheatley, bartender, burned to death.

INJURED.

Miss Mabel Dunbar, of Buffalo, left arm broken in several places; may have fractured skull, condition critical.

Mrs. John Mero, fractured leg and other injuries; will recover.

Miss Mero, suffering from burns.

The hotel was a three-story frame building on the main street and had about 45 rooms. There were some 60 persons in the place when the fire occurred and it is a miracle that the death list is so small, for there was a fire escape only on one side of the building, and there was no watchman employed.

Most of the guests were aroused by hearing women screaming, one of the domestics who first saw the flames having raised the alarm. But even then the hallways were filled with smoke and flame.

How They Met Death. Mr. Bernard was sleeping on the second floor. It is presumed that he inhaled flame and fell from the balcony to the ground below. His skull was fractured and other bones in his body broken. He died almost instantly. His head and neck were burned.

Miss Gray jumped from a balcony from the third floor and alighted on the sidewalk. She was in a night-dress, which blew up around her head. She arose and carefully arranged the robe about her. Then she fell unconscious and died soon after. Her skull was fractured. She was also burned around the breast.

Wheatley, it is said, had no chance at all to escape from the room he occupied. Fragments of his terribly burned body were found in the ruins late this afternoon, two storeys below the room he had occupied.

Miss Dunbar's home is in Buffalo and she was interested to some extent in the hotel business. She leaped from a second floor balcony and was terribly injured. Her sister arrived here this morning from Buffalo, coming by special train. She is about 30 years of age. The physicians cannot tell until to-morrow the full extent of her injuries. She, with Mrs. and Miss Mero, were removed to Dr. Bennett's private hospital, where they were given prompt and careful attention.

Dr. Bennett is also the coroner. He said to-night that he would not hold an inquest. He considered that the hotel had been adequately provided with fire escapes on the outside and with ropes, for fire escape purposes, in the rooms.

Electric Wire Blamed. The cause of the fire is not known, but John Mero, proprietor of the hotel, blames it on an electric wire. The destroyed building was of frame construction and is said to have been about 20 years old. It fronted on two streets, with a rear entrance on one street. The Michigan Central Railway occupied a portion of the ground floor as a ticket office.

The fire had obtained great headway when first noticed and the fact that all of the dead and injured are suffering from burns shows how quickly the flames spread.

The fire brigade was active and confined the fire to the hotel, being assisted by the still air.

The loss on the hotel is placed at \$20,000, with \$17,000 insurance. The losses to guests will run heavily. Many were travelers, whose samples were damaged by fire and Hewer's dry goods store by smoke.

Experiences of Guests. W. T. A. Proctor, traveler for Austin & Co. wholesale jewellers, Toronto, was awakened by women screaming and found the hall full of hot smoke. He could not reach the front stairs, but by following a woman's screams reached a back stairway and fell down, finally emerging in the case in his pajamas, carrying his coat and vest.

R. M. Overholt, representing A. Bradshaw & Son, Toronto, tried to escape by a covered archway at the back of the building, and found his way blocked. He rushed back, groped his way upstairs and got on to the roof of the next building, whence he slid down a water pipe to safety. He saved some of his clothes, but of course lost his grip.

Miss Mary and Miss Maud Campbell of Kincardine jumped out of a window on the first floor, but were severely cut and bruised, and one of them is quite seriously hurt.

Firemen Saved Him. Robert McKeown of Stratford, traveling for the Office Specialty Co., lost all his samples, valued at several thousand dollars. Mr. McKeown woke to

Should Be Looked Into

It is a pity that there is not in Ontario a fire marshal who could properly investigate such affairs as that of the hotel blaze at Tillsonburg yesterday.

While the coroner professes himself satisfied that there was adequate protection, it would seem that the building was an old one, and of frame and peculiar construction, with accommodation for over half a hundred guests, there was no system of night patrol thru the corridors, no way of alarming the guests, and an outside fire escape on only one of the three sides of the building.

At least, one guest says he saw no rope fire escape in his room, and he had to stumble thru the smoke-choked corridor, and, more by luck than good management, tumbled down a back stairway.

How many more "firetrap" hotels are there in Ontario, and whose business is it to see that they are made safe? The education department has taken steps to protect the school children: will the license commissioners try to protect the traveling public?

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE IN GREAT BRITAIN SEEMS VERY NEAR

Premier Asquith Announces His Willingness to Support a Measure Based on Democratic Lines.

LONDON, May 20.—Prime Minister Asquith took a long step this afternoon in the direction of encouraging the claims of women for enfranchisement when he replied to an important delegation of radical members of the house of commons, who were deputed to obtain his views on this matter.

He declared that the government intended before the close of the present parliament to pass a comprehensive measure of electoral reform.

He said he was not himself an advocate of woman suffrage, but that he had an open mind, and if an amendment was introduced to the franchise bill favoring woman suffrage on democratic lines, the government would not oppose it.

FOR NIAGARA CAMP: Staff and Brigade Officers and Various Corps.

OTTAWA, May 20.—(Special.)—Military orders have been issued for the militia camps. For Niagara the staff and corps are:

Staff—Camp Commandant, Col. Cotton; C.S.O., Col. Septimus Denison; A.A.G., Western Ontario, Col. Gallaway; senior A.S.C., Col. Laughton, principal veterinary officer, Col. Hall; assistant ordnance officer, Lieut. P. S. Long-Innes; paymaster, Capt. Shanly; musketry instructor, Col. G. Greville; Harston; assistant hon. Capt. W. P. Butcher; sanitary officer, Major C. A. Hodgetts; intelligence officer, Major Van Nostrand; signaling officer, Lieut. R. G. Bruce.

Brigade staffs—First Cavalry Brigade, lieutenant-colonel commanding, Col. C. A. K. Denison; Third Infantry Brigade, Lieut.-Col. H. Bertram; brigade major, Major T. A. McGillivray; 34th, Fourth Infantry Brigade, Lieut.-Col. J. Mason; brigade major, Major J. E. Orr, 77th; Fifth Infantry Brigade, Lieut.-Col. E. A. Cruikshank; brigade major, Major S. C. Newburn, 18th.

The following corps will constitute the camp: No. 2 section, Second Fort-Coe, R.C.E.; Second Field Co., C.E. (city section); Detachment Corps of Guides "C," R.C.R.; No. 2 section, First Cavalry Brigade, "B" Squadron, R.C.D.; G.G.B.G., First Hussars, Second Dragoons, Ninth Mississauga Horse.

Second Artillery Brigade, 4th, 7th and 9th Batteries. Third Infantry Brigade, 12th, 20th and 34th Regiments; composite battalion city corps (eight companies). Fourth Infantry Brigade, 23rd, 21st, 36th and 28th Regiments. Fifth Infantry Brigade, 37th, 39th, 44th and 77th Regiments.

Pleading that he struck T. M. Hall, a passenger in his car, with his fare box in self-defense, Ernest Lawrence, street car conductor, charged with wounding the former, in police court yesterday morning, was allowed to go.

ART VENDORS LEAVE TOWN

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They brought a number of trunks with them and took a suite of handsome apartments, registering as M. F. Ferry, New York; R. Lee Van Warner, Copenhagen; and E. Levy, New York. The men, save the second, who was young, were of middle age. All were richly garbed and bore an air of culture and distinction.

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Adjournment was made to view the pictures, and about forty 2-foot canvases were displayed. The bunch was boosted as the work of old masters, and their ready true value was set at \$20,000, but the trio declared that they were the only original performers of the sacrifice and offered to slaughter at a third of that sum. They even went so far as to declare that no money need be immediately paid.

The meeting adjourned with the deal unclosed, and yesterday noon Detectives Tipton and Archibald gathered in the three art dealers in the hotel. They were conveyed to police headquarters, where they vigorously protested their innocence of guile, but at a second conference at 3 o'clock they agreed to leave the city, which they did by the next train under promise to cut the town off their calling list.

Asked as to a lot of pictures that they sold a wealthy Toronto man, they declared that the deal was straight, but that her husband objecting to the amount of money spent for which she had issued checks for several thousand dollars, the woman had "raised a holler" and the checks were stopped. They admitted they had made no effort to force payment.

NEW RECTOR. Rev. S. DeKoven Sweatman to Take Charge of St. Martin's.

At a vestry meeting at St. Martin's Anglican Church, Macaulay-avenue, last night, it was unanimously decided to invite Rev. S. DeKoven Sweatman to take charge of the parish. By an arrangement with the archbishop the appointment will take effect at once, for three months, when it will in all probability be confirmed by his grace on his return from the Pan-American congress.

Rev. Mr. Sweatman will have the honor of being the youngest Anglican rector in Toronto. He is a son of W. P. Sweatman, who has been a graduate of Manitoba University, where he won the governor-general's gold medal in 1902. He graduated in divinity at Trinity College in 1904, having won several prizes during his course there. He was curate at St. John's Church for three years and established a splendid record for himself by the success which his energy and untiring devotion won for him. For the past year he has been assistant priest at St. Thomas' Church, where he has been an especial favorite of the younger men of the church.

ELECTION BILL COMPROMISE. New Clause No. 1 Will Be Submitted by Sir Wilfrid.

OTTAWA, May 20.—(Special.)—Pending the completion of negotiations, the government was given a good run with supply this afternoon, the opposition offering no objection to the estimates for the Northwest Mounted Police, and nearly all for civil government being passed.

It is understood that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will meet the views of the opposition by submitting a new clause—number one—for the Aylesworth election bill. It will provide for allocation of lists by judges in such constituencies as are bisected by federal boundaries. The provincial lists are to be left as they are. Clause 17 will be made satisfactory by preserving the secrecy of ballot.

It is hinted that boundary matters entered into the discussion between Premier Roblin of Manitoba and Sir Wilfrid.

CANADA'S TREATIES. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

LONDON, May 20.—In the House of Lords, Lord Haldane charged the government with flouting colonial opinion on the question of preference. Lord Milner said one or two more arrangements like the Franco-Canadian treaty would destroy all our advantages in the Canadian market. Lord Crewe replied to-morrow.

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THREE METERS TESTED ONE FAST, OTHERS SLOW

Gas Company Doesn't Do so Badly in First Day's Round of Official Investigations.

The result of the testing of several gas meters by the city government inspectors, Ormond Higgins, yesterday afternoon, disclosed the fact that the meter of the Wilton-avenue police station registered too fast, to the detriment of the consumer, but two other meters tested proved to be slow. The city was represented by Prof. Angus, S.P.S., and Property Commissioner Harris.

The meter of the Wilton-avenue police station was tested first for 5 feet at one inch pressure, and proved to be under half inch pressure. This meter was last tested in June, 1905.

The meter of E. D. Nield, 122 Ossington-avenue, also proved slow under test, averaging about 3.38 per cent. below. There are about thirty meters submitted by the city for testing.

If you wish to test your own gas meter here is a suggestion made to the mayor: Procure a 5-light standard gas meter from the government inspector, attach it to the bracket over your gas meter, as near a window as possible, first having shut off the gas at the meter, turn on the gas to the standard meter. If the latter registers the same as your meter, yours is correct.

TYPOS ELECT OFFICERS. Samuel Hadden the New President—Executive and Delegates Approved.

Samuel Hadden is president of Toronto Typographical Union No. 91. The balloting for election of officers was held yesterday, the polls closing at 7 p.m. The following were elected: president, Samuel Hadden; vice-president, John Chinn, 191.

The voting for the executive committee was as follows, the first five being elected: Duncan McDougall, 32; Geo. Murray, 338; William Kneen, 272; Harold Thompson, 244; T. Stevenson, 233; A. B. Hutcheon, 247; James Gardner, 193; and T. Hopman, 158.

Delegates to International Typographical Union convention at Boston—two to be elected: James Simpson, 333; A. E. Thompson, 288; Duncan McDougall, 182; and James Coulter, 135.

Delegates to Allied Trades Council—three to be elected: T. C. Voden, 439; William Kneen, 366; F. Thomas, 369; and W. L. Auger, 182.

PRaises the Firemen. Toronto Traveler Says the Volunteers Did Fine Work.

W. T. A. Proctor of 428 Jarvis-street had home last night from Tillsonburg in borrowed clothes. He was thankful to have escaped with his life. Mr. Proctor paid high tribute to the work of the Tillsonburg firemen.

"The chief and the ex-chief, too, were on the spot when I got to the street, and they had their ladders raised and got down several people in the block, although some were not in imminent danger. They had five fire streams of water playing and could throw a stream above the burning hotel. The chief and the ex-chief, too, deserve a lot of credit, and so do the men."

FAMILY WORRIES



HEAD OF THE HOUSE: If the foot wasn't so bad, I'd go to the country to-morrow.

Governors-General Never Return.

OTTAWA, May 20.—(Special.)—Senator Macdonald of British Columbia asked in the senate to-day if the government had acted upon his suggestion that former governors-general of Canada be invited to visit the Dominion for the Quebec celebration.

Hon. Mr. Scott, secretary of state, said there was an unwritten law, but one which had never been broken, that a governor-general should never visit Canada after his term had expired. The reason for this was that, coming unofficially, the person would have to take a much lower place than he formerly occupied and give precedence to those whom he ranked above as governor-general.

The government, therefore, had not acted on Senator Macdonald's suggestion.

JUDGE CENSURES JURY WHO DISOBEYED CHARGE

After Being Told to Bring in Verdict of Guilty, They Free Prisoner of Nasty Crime.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., May 20.—(Special.)—"I trust not one of you will ever again be permitted to take a place as a jurymen," said Justice McLeod of the supreme court late this afternoon, in the case of Richard Grey, charged with incest in relations with his daughter, Estella, 16 years old, after he had been declared not guilty.

Grey was acquitted a few days ago of killing his daughter's child, and the evidence in the case finished to-day was strongly against the prisoner and the judge told the jury to disregard absolutely the favorable evidence of the prisoner's wife and son, who he said, swore to anything to save the father, and bring in a verdict of guilty. The jury were out only a few minutes.

CABINET MINISTERS ON STUMP

Objection Taken to Their Mixing in Provincial Politics.

OTTAWA, May 20.—(Special.)—In the house to-day, Mr. Robitaille (Liberal, Quebec) objected to cabinet ministers taking part in provincial campaigns in Ontario and Quebec, and he read some remarks of Hon. Sydney Fisher, to the effect that the politics of Quebec were bound up with those of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. Graham said he was a supporter of Hon. A. G. MacKay and he was proud of it. Further, he would get on Mr. MacKay's platform beside him or behind him.

Replying to Mr. Foster, the finance minister said Mr. Watson, K.C., counsel in the Cassels investigation, would be paid a retaining fee based upon the length of the enquiry and \$100 a day and expenses. No arrangement had been made with Mr. Perron, junior counsel.

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