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DEATH IN THE FLAMES

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Body Blackened and Charred by the Fire—Story of the Accident.

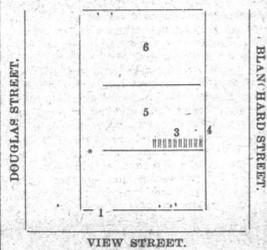
Richard H. Horne was burned to death at 5 o'clock this morning in his little cottage at 34 View street. The fire started while Horne was asleep and he struggled to escape, but fell at the threshold of his bedroom, where the flames completed the work of death commenced by the smoke which suffocated him. His body burned black almost over its entire surface, and charred in places to the bone, tells of the tortures suffered by the unfortunate man. He had been drinking and was very likely responsible himself for the frightful accident. Horne was last seen alive at 2:30 o'clock this morning, when he left the Bodega saloon, at the corner of View and Douglas streets. It is presumed that he went at once to his cottage, which is the third below the Catholic kindergarten on the north side of the street, for he was not seen again. At 4:45, as Officer Kavanagh was patrolling his beat, which is in that locality, he saw flames bursting from the roof of the building, and at once sounded an alarm from box 62. He returned at once to the fire with Sergeant Levin, and while the latter battered in the rear door with a plank he broke open the front door. The building, which is a one-story frame with three rooms, was by that time nearly all ablaze, but the fire was burning fiercest in the front part. There was at that time no indication that there was anyone in the house, and it is supposed that Horne was already dead, for there was not the slightest outcry. The firemen followed close upon the heels of the police and a stream from the chemical put on at once preceded but a few moments another from the hydrant at the corner of View and Douglas streets. The occupants of the adjoining houses on either side made a hasty exit, some by breaking the windows and escaping clad only in their night robes. They had an opportunity of returning and removing some of their effects. The cottage to the east was separated only by a few feet, and at one time the roof was afire, but the blaze was quickly darkened by the big stream. While the fire was still burning at a lively rate in 24 some one suggested that possibly there might be someone inside and Chief Deasy at once decided to attempt an examination. He took a lantern and entering the front room crossed to the entrance of the bed room. As he reached the door his feet encountered some object on the floor. He knew before he examined it that it was the body of a human being, for it gave off that peculiar sickening odor which detected once is never forgotten. A hasty examination satisfied him that the man was dead, and he retired to the street, driven out by the heat of the flames and the choking smoke. The fire soon gave way before its enemy in the elements and a further examination, leading to the

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complete identification of the body as that of Horne, followed.



1—Front door; 2—body; 3—bed; 4—fire started; 5—bed room; 6—kitchen.

The body lay on its side across the threshold of the door as described in the plan of the house given above. The head was toward the street and the limbs were slightly drawn up. Horne groping his way out had simply fallen in the stupor of suffocation. He was partly attired and the shoes and pants remain almost entirely intact. The shirts had been burnt off, but fragments of them remained clinging around the neck and under the body next the floor where the flames could not reach them. Whether Horne had arisen and partly dressed after the fire started or had thrown himself on the bed in his clothes when he retired is a matter of supposition, but the last named idea is perhaps the correct one. The head was very badly burned, being entirely black, and one of the ears was gone. The arms were also blackened and the hands charred. The lower portion of the body was badly swollen in addition to being blackened and blistered. The body presented a horrible sight, and the firemen and spectators stood about it with awe, for there was ample evidence of the torture and pain which Richard Horne had met the worst death that it is man's fate to meet. Chief Deasy believes that the fire started at the edge of Horne's bed either from a lamp, candle or pipe. There was no stove in the house, Horne having sold the one he had a week or so ago. He had been cooking at a grate in the front room, but it was not there that the fire began, as the way the place is burned shows. The bed, which is shown in the rule sketch given above, was almost entirely destroyed, as was about all the furniture in the morning room. The body was later in the morning removed to the morgue to await the action of Coroner Hasell. His keys were found at the front door clinging by the ring to the one with which he had opened the door. He had fallen to, removed them after gaining entrance, and if he was not a very forgetful man, that fact speaks for the condition he was in.

The alarm attracted quite a crowd around the building, and the news soon spread around the city that a man had been burned to death. During the morning before the body was removed people kept coming in groups. Later through the day many came to see the place. The news was received with a feeling of horror, for many knew the deceased, and deeply regretted his terrible death. Richard Horne was an intemperate man, and his improvident ways often brought his wife, from whom he had been separated for some time, and their five children, the oldest not yet ten years, to absolute want. They had been aided time and again by the ladies of the Catholic cathedral and other churches and the relief societies. Mrs. Horne is said to be at Nanaimo or Vancouver at present, but that is not known to a certainty. She will be notified as soon as possible. The children are receiving attention from outsiders, and have been so kept for some time, while Horne has existed where he died, practically alone for months. He had known better days, and when he left liquor alone worked industriously and well. He was employed for years by H. Bornstein, the fur and hide dealer, but for some time past had been doing odd jobs. He had been in the hands of the police twice during the last year, the first time for impersonating an officer, being arrested by Constable Redgrave, and the second time for being drunk. He had been assisted in many ways by the Salvation Army, being given food when he had none. Adjutant Archibald made some endeavor to do something with Horne, but did not accomplish much. Some days ago he took a revolver away from him, as he had threatened to kill himself with it. He was then in a very despondent state, having done very little except a small amount of work for the corporation and some odd jobs for some time. It was stated by the adjutant that he had also understood Horne had some time previously attempted to take poison. He was about 38 or 40 years old, and had lived in Victoria for about twenty years. His birthplace is not known, but he was of German extraction. Horne had lived at 34 View street for several months. He rented the house from A. W. Moore & Co., agents for F. C. Smith, owner of the property, who resides in California. The house was insured to the extent of perhaps \$150, and the insurance carried on it was \$200. The value of the contents, which were totally destroyed, is estimated at \$100. The house No. 34 was damaged to the extent of \$25, and is also insured. The insurance is written with the British American Company.

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The meeting that was to have been held in Vancouver last night was postponed to await the decision of the Victoria club. ATHLETICS. Arrangements are nearly completed for Saturday's amateur athletic meeting at Caledonia park. The committee meet to-night, when rules regarding competitors will be settled and final arrangements made for carrying the meeting to a successful conclusion. The prizes, which are on view in Messrs. Chalmers & Mitchell's window in Government street, makes an excellent display and have attracted a great amount of attention. Mrs. Dewdney has consented to distribute them at the conclusion of the afternoon in front of the grand stand. The first race is to start at 1:30 sharp, and as there is a big programme to go through, it is to be hoped that all competitors will be on the ground in good time. The place kick competition will take place to-morrow (Friday) at 3 p.m. in the park with the exception of the final round which will be settled on the following afternoon. It was found necessary to make this arrangement owing to the large number of entries received. Finn's band has been secured and will add materially to the afternoon's enjoyment. The Seattle contingent, which is expected to arrive from the Sound to-morrow afternoon, includes some very speedy men who will probably annex one or more of the principal prizes. Programmes will be printed on Saturday morning with a full list of the entries, prizes, etc. Each man will have a number on his breast corresponding to the number opposite his name on the programme, so that spectators will have no difficulty in recognizing the different competitors. The meeting is being held under the patronage of his honor the Lieut-Governor or Mrs. Dewdney, who has signified their intention of being present during the afternoon. Captain Barnes, R. M. A., will act as starter, with Messrs. F. B. Gregory and W. A. Ward as judges, and Captain C. P. Wolley as referee. The "Ladies' prize," subscribed for by the lady friends of the club, has been allotted to the one mile open to members of the club. It takes the form of a handsome oak salad bowl mounted with silver, and will be keenly competed for. The committee in charge of the sports consists of Messrs. H. B. Haines, J. F. Foulkes, J. M. Miller, E. A. C. Gibson, Q. D. H. Warden, C. G. Skene, J. Fraser and H. E. Macrae, the two last named also acting as honorary secretaries.

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