

SEVEN MEET DEATH IN FIRE.

Mother and Six Children Burned at New Liskeard.

Housed in an Upper Room of Their Dwelling.

Father Seriously Burned in Attempting a Rescue.

New Liskeard, Ont., Feb. 10.—The following fuller particulars are given of the awful holocaust here: Cut off from all avenues of escape by a sudden burst of flame which converted the upper floor of their home into a roaring furnace in a few minutes, Mrs. Lawrence Haacke and her six children, ranging from a newly-born baby to a girl of eleven, were burned to death about eleven o'clock yesterday morning, while the frantic father and husband made ineffectual attempts to go to their rescue. The fire started from a heated stove pipe near the stair leading to the upper floor, and spread with such rapidity that access to the room where the doomed family were was a rescue were such impossible.

The dead are: Nettie Christiania Haacke, the mother, aged 36. Vera Margaret Haacke, aged 11 years. Mahel Irene, aged 9 years. George Frederick Lawrence, aged 5 years. Clarence Henry, aged 5 years. Anna Evelyn, aged 2 years. The sixth child was newly born.

How Tragedy Occurred.

According to Mr. Haacke's account, he dozed himself at about 10:30, and leaving his family awake, went down stairs to light the wood fires. He started the front room stove first and left it burning to attend to that in the kitchen. To give warmth to those upstairs he closed the door leading to the kitchen. Not a sound did he hear as he sat by the kitchen fire and in a few minutes he arose to look after the other stove. As he opened the door he was met by a cloud of smoke. His first thought was for his children. He rushed to the stairway, but he met with a burst of flame that choked him, stung his hair and burned his face. He cast about for some covering, but realized the hopelessness of the attempt.

An Attempt to Rescue.

There was one window in the upstairs, and Haacke ran outside for a ladder. He called to his brother-in-law, John Fretz, who lived next door, and the two men threw a ladder against the window. The moment the glass was broken the flames roared through the opening as from the crater of a volcano. In less than five minutes afterwards the downstairs floor alone remained.

Removing the Bodies.

When the firemen arrived the work of finding the charred bodies of the victims commenced. The body of the baby girl, two years old, was the first to be recovered, and it was laid on a blanket nearby. The body was very slightly scorched, due to the fact that it was wrapped in blankets when the fire was raging. Then was found the body of the next youngest, a boy 5 years old. It was charred almost beyond recognition.

Mother and Babe Found.

The mother and newly-born babe were the next recovered. The mother's limbs were all burned off. Then came the bodies of a boy and girl, aged 6 and 9 years. The last one recovered was that of the eldest of the family, a girl 11 years old. The seven bodies were all recovered an hour after the first alarm of the fire had sounded.

Burned Like Tinder.

The rapidity of the fire is explained by the fact that the house was shored, in lieu of plaster, by heavy white building paper. It was a storey and a half structure, built entirely of wood, and as dry as tinder. The stove pipe ran through the floor beside a narrow wood stairway, but it was protected from the flooring by a hollow tin drum used regularly for such purposes. The pipe itself was new. At the same time the stove had a powerful draught, and the heat no doubt ignited the paper. The fire must, therefore, have made its first appearance beside the staircase.

The family was bottled up in a close room. It is probable the mother fainted and that the children were suffocated before they realized the situation.

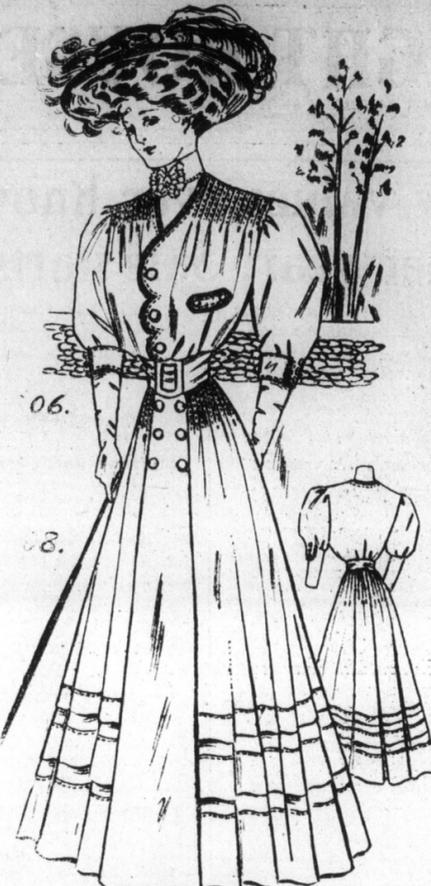
The charred remains were taken to a undertaker's establishment and were forwarded to Toronto on the evening train for interment in the Necropolis.

Another Account.

New Liskeard, Feb. 10.—The mother and six children burned to death and the father badly scorched in a vain effort to save his family from the flames of their burning home is the saddest of the tragedies of New Ontario. About 2:50 yesterday morning Lawrence Haacke, who lives on the north side of the Amie, Evelyn was awoke to get some more firewood, and scarcely had he entered the outdoors when he heard his wife scream. When he rushed back he found the kitchen and the one stair on fire, which he found it impossible to climb. He tried to reach the one upstairs room, where all the family were. They got a ladder, and, breaking the upstairs window they were met by a fierce flame. Haacke tried to get in spite of the flame, but he was beaten back, badly burned.

The silence which soon followed the vain effort of Haacke told its own pitiful tale, and the neighbors who had by this time gathered around knew that the mother and the six little ones had all perished in the flames. The sad work of recovering the charred remains was at once begun with the assistance of the fire brigade. The body of Annie Evelyn was soon found, and was not very much burned. Clarence Henry's body was next reached, but it was very much charred. The mother and a newly-born babe were next found, the mother's lower limbs being nearly burned off. The other bodies were all found almost immediately after, and the seven were got out within one hour of the alarm being given.

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FED PINS TO BABY.

NURSE GIRL'S RUSE TO GET FEW NIGHTS OFF.

Gave the Child Needles, Pins, Matches and Other Things to Make Him Sick—Then His Parents Did the Nursing.

New York, Feb. 10.—Aurelia Lightbourne, a fourteen-year-old colored nurse girl, who is a prisoner in the Nassau County Jail at Mineola, L. I., charged with assault in the second degree, yesterday made a full confession to Assistant District Attorney Goles concerning her reasons for making two-year-old Robert Purdy, her charge, swallow pins, needles, matches and other materials to make the child ill.

"I have been working for Mr. W. A. Purdy, at Rockville Centre," she said. "I had his son Robert in charge. A few nights ago Robert began to cry at night and I had to get up to attend to him. I got tired of this thing. I needed sleep, so I hit on the plan to give him the needles and pins and the other things. That kind of stuff made him sick, and Mrs. Purdy had to take care of him. "It wasn't only because the baby made me lose sleep that I gave him the pins and needles. I'd come to like dances and parties, and 'socials,' and got acquainted with a lot of white folks who liked me. I wanted to go to their affairs, but because Robert needed attention I couldn't get off nights. So by making the boy sick, and making Mrs. Purdy nurse him, I managed to get away many nights. "The Purdy's never would have known I guess, just what was the matter with Robert if a minister hadn't come to Rockville Centre to start a religious revival and get money enough to build a Baptist Church for colored people. The minister converted me, and my conscience bothered me so much that I just had to go to Mr. Purdy and confess that I'd almost killed Robert just to get a few nights off. Mr. Purdy had me arrested."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir.—According to a report in The Times of Feb. 3, Rev. J. K. Easton, of First Congregational Church, has paid some attention to Christian Science in a recent sermon, and, inasmuch as he is reported to have declared that the healing in Christian Science is accomplished by suggestion, my remarks call for reply, in the interest not only of Christian Science, but of the general public who desire to be correctly informed.

Criticism by suggestion, as Mr. Unsworth will doubtless admit, implies the use of the mortal or carnal mind to effect the cure, and yet we have it on the best authority that this "carnal mind is enemy against God." Moreover, while cures may sometimes seem to be effected by this method, it is within the knowledge of every observant person that this method is susceptible of grave abuse. How, then, can such an agency be the channel through which God, or good, sends healing to mankind? Christian Science recognizes but the one Mind—God, the divine One, the divine Mind is neither mortal nor carnal, and it does not suggest, but knows, for it is omniscient.

Mr. Unsworth also appears to have confused Christian Science with new thought and faith cure, whereas it is no way allied to either. To this one, divine Mind there is no new thought, for it is the sole intelligence of the universe, which always was and is, "the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." New thought admittedly employs suggestion, recognizes many minds, and asserts the influence of one mind over another, while Christian Science does none of these things.

Neither is Christian Science to be confused with faith cure, because it is not new mentalistic, on the testimony of many persons, that they have gone to it without faith and yet have been healed. If it is faith on the part of the practitioner that accomplishes the result, why do not the same successful results follow the prayers of Christian ministers of every denomination, since God is "no respecter of persons?"

The fact is that healing in Christian Science involves more than mere faith in God. It involves and includes a demonstrable understanding of the ever-operative principle of Love, as available and as powerful to save to-day as ever it was.

To quote from a recent article by Willard S. Mattox, in the Philadelphia "North American": "Do the exponents and defenders of this healing class seriously contend that Jesus was a hypnotist, and that he healed by mental suggestion or hypnotic treatment? If he did not so heal, and if they are loth to claim that he did, how can it be said that a modern system which employs such methods in any way like 'Jesus Christ's sort of Christianity'?"

The Christian Scientist shrinks from associating hypnotism and mesmerism with his own career. He said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," and he declared, "I can of mine own self do nothing. There is no mental suggestion or hypnotic treatment indicated by these words. The same perfect Mind or intelligent power which Jesus understood and invoked is available to-day, and has been made practical through Christian Science."

Thanking you in advance for the privilege of space in your columns for reply, I am, yours very truly, C. R. Munn.

ANOTHER SHERLOCK HOLMES.

How a Woodstock Storekeeper Detected a Woman Pilferer.

Woodstock, Feb. 10.—A local butcher who has been missing pails of lard from a stall in the market building adopted an ingenious method on Saturday of catching the thief. He placed a pail filled with sawdust on the counter, and through a hole in the bottom and through the counter the pail was connected by a long string with half a dozen bottles. In the middle of the morning the bottles suddenly tumbled to the floor and there at the end of the string with the pail neatly tucked in a basket was one of the most embarrassed women ever seen.

FOUND IN VACANT HOUSE.

Bodies of Japanese Children Victims of Diphtheria.

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—The bodies of two Japanese children were brought to the city from a camp on the Capilano, having died of diphtheria without medical attendance. The children belonged to two families. The bodies were found in a vacant house on Powell street. The health authorities ordered their removal to the hospital morgue. A convention providing for the change of postal matter between the United States and France also was signed to-day at the State Department by Secretary Root and Ambassador Jusserand.



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AN ARBITRATION TREATY.

Signed by Representatives of France and U. S.

Washington, Feb. 10.—United States Secretary of State Root and Ambassador Jusserand to-day signed a treaty providing for the arbitration of any issue that may arise between France and the United States.

The treaty will have to be submitted to the United States Senate and to the French Executive before it can become effective. Meanwhile its provisions are withheld from publication. It is understood, however, that the treaty is drawn in accordance with the recommendation of the late Hague Conference, which, finding it impossible to draft a general arbitration treaty that could receive the assent and support of all of the great powers, adopted a resolution recommending that the various signatory powers unable to make special arrangements between themselves for the settlement of disputes by arbitration.

The present convention is believed to be in terms similar to one prepared by Secretary Olney and Lord Pauncefote looking to the arbitration of possible disputes between America and Great Britain, which convention failed of approval by the United States Senate.

A convention providing for the change of postal matter between the United States and France also was signed to-day at the State Department by Secretary Root and Ambassador Jusserand.

Do not get spectacles from peddlers, stores, etc., or even use some other person's. Many eyes are ruined by doing so. Nearly all require reading glasses before 45 years of age, and the lenses after that age need changing every two or three years. Have your eyes examined by J. W. Gerrie, consulting optician and druggist, 32 James street north. Examination free.



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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST

Homestead Regulations

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting land reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homesteaded entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions. The father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or cancellation made personally at any Sub-agent's office may be wired to the Agent by the Sub-agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the party ceases papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of pre-emption or fraud the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim if entry has been granted it will be automatically cancelled. An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homesteaded entry, and only one application for cancellation will be received from an individual applicant. Joint ownership has been dispensed of.

Where an entry is cancelled subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for cancellation will be entitled to prior right of entry. Applicant for cancellation must state in what particular the homesteader is in default.

A homesteader whose entry is not the subject of cancellation proceedings, may, subject to the approval of Deputy Minister, relinquish it in favour of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the duties under one of the following plans: (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by farming on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homesteaded land, and the land will not meet this requirement.

(3) If the father or mother, if the father is deceased or the homesteaded land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homesteaded land, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living on the father's (or mother's).

The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention. Before making application in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty years, or not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measurement. A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,000 x 1,000 feet. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

A least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year of paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$200 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

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HEAD SPLIT OPEN.

MRS. BOOTH, OF TORONTO, KILLED AT CINCINNATI.

Found Dying in Her Room—Believed That She Was Murdered by a Burglar—One Doctor Says the Woman Committed Suicide.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 10.—Death today sealed the lips of two who had cleared the mystery connected with Mrs. Madeline A. Booth, of Toronto, Ont., who was found in the home of Dr. H. H. Hoppe on Sunday with her head split open in three places with a hatchet, which, it was supposed, had been used by a burglar. The woman died without having regained consciousness.

The authorities failed to get into communication with her husband, James R. Booth, who was a contractor in Toronto, in September, 1903, when the couple were married in that city, but who since their separation is reported to have removed to Paul St. Marie. The only address of Booth found in letters among the woman's effects is Earl Grey, Saskatoon, Canada. The case is the most mysterious which the local police have had to deal with in years.

When Mrs. Booth was found lying in a pool of blood in the pantry of the Hoppe home there was not another person in the house and all the doors were locked. Her skull had been crushed like an egg shell. Yet she lived until to-day. Detectives were constantly at her bedside at the hospital, but the vigil was in vain, and now that she is dead the police have not the slightest clue to work on. The hatchet with which the deed was done was found by her side and Dr. Hoppe declared it his belief to-day that Mrs. Booth had wielded the weapon herself, citing the case of a man who drove a nail into his own skull.

Mrs. Booth was a widow when she married Booth, who was her third husband. She is said to have killed a son by her first husband fifteen years ago and was for a time in an insane asylum.

TWO STEAMERS MISSING.

Bluefields and Eagle Point Are Long Overdue.

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—Incoming vessels which covered the same course as that which ought to have been taken by the steamship Eagle Point, thirty days out from London for this city, report that nothing was seen of the overdue steamer, for whose safety much fear is now entertained. The Eagle Point is thirteen days overdue and was spoken on January 23th, when the captain reported a broken shaft and refused assistance. The vessel is commanded by Capt. Lloyd and carries a crew of forty men. Her insurance rates have been increased.

Neither has any word been received of the steamship Blue Fields, now two weeks overdue, running between this city and Jacksonville. It is feared the Blue Fields foundered January 23, when one of the worst storms known for years swept the Atlantic coast. The vessel had a crew of eighteen men.

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