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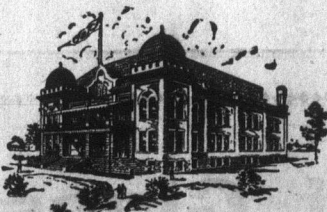
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## GREAT FLOOD AT TRURO

Inhabitants Forced To The Upper Stories Of Their Houses

### RAINED FOR THREE DAYS

Truro, N.S., Dec. 24.—For 24 hours Truro had the greatest flood ever experienced. Three days' rain filled the brooks and rivers all over the country. At 1 o'clock yesterday morning a great mass of ice above Salmon River broke loose and swept down the heavily swollen stream. A blockade occurred at the bridge and backed up the water. The road between the bridge and Bible Hill was covered with three feet of water. The cellars of 20 houses along the road filled, and houses were surrounded so no one could leave them.

Another jam backed up the waters around Stanfield factories and flooded all the houses on Water street. When the jams broke the whole Truro marsh was quickly covered with water, which backed up into the suburbs and surrounded all the houses on Ford street and Park street, forcing the inhabitants to the upper stories. Provisions and furniture were moved up stairs, and fires were extinguished. It rose above the windows and at 2 o'clock, a general alarm was run in to rescue the hundreds of people imprisoned in the upper rooms of the houses, who were removed in boats. The damage is heavy. The waters are subsiding.

### ANTARCTIC DISASTER.

Nine of Crew of Norwegian Vessel Frithjof Perished in Wreck.

New York, Dec. 24.—A despatch from Buenos Ayres to The Herald says: The Argentine steamship Cachalote, coming from the south, has brought here the captain and 26 seamen of the Norwegian steamship Frithjof, which was wrecked during a whaling expedition at South Georgia, in the Antarctic on Nov. 10, nine of the crew perishing. The Frithjof is the vessel that was sent in November, 1903, to rescue the Nordenfjeld Antarctic expedition.

Killed by Fall From Roof. Bradford, Dec. 24.—A fatal accident occurred at Huron street school in course of erection, in which Henry MacKay lost his life. MacKay was working on the roof when he lost his footing, falling headforemost to the ground, a distance of some 45 feet. His neck was fractured. He was a Scotchman, and leaves a widow and family of three small children.

Gordon Rennie Loses a Leg. Toronto, Dec. 24.—With his left foot dangling at the stump of his leg, Gordon Rennie, the 13-year-old son of Robert Rennie of Rosedale was taken to St. Michael's Hospital Saturday morning, when an amputation was found necessary. The boy received his injury while attempting to board an east-bound Bell Line car at King and Victoria streets. An icy step is supposed to have caused his fall.

While attempting to catch on a bob-sleigh, William Campbell, 8 years old, of No. 5 McLean place, fell in front of a second sleigh, loaded with hay. Both front and rear bobs ran over him, breaking his leg.

Asphyxiated in Toronto. Toronto, Dec. 24.—Thomas Petty, a Christmas visitor to the city, was found dead in his room, Nealon House, East King street, Saturday morning. An investigation showed the gas jet to be open. Petty is said to have been a cook in a lumber camp at Bala, Muskoka. He had \$64 in cash and a bank book showing a balance in the Traders' Bank of \$54. An inquest will be held.

Scalded to Death. Guelph, Dec. 24.—John McLennan, a radiator builder, stepped into a tank of boiling water, used for dipping the nickelware at the Taylor-Forbes factory Friday night. The unfortunate man was scalded to the bone, and, although promptly removed, he died early Saturday morning. He leaves a young widow.

### MINE CAGE HORROR.

Drops 100 Feet With Fatal Results—One Man Cut In Two.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—The cage in the Breeze-Trenton Mining Co.'s shaft, 10 miles west of Carlsbad, Ill., dropped Saturday. One man is dead and five probably fatally hurt. The cage had descended 300 feet down the 400-foot shaft when it stuck momentarily and then crashed to the bottom with a noise like an explosion.

William Fritz, at the bottom of the shaft, had his leg broken and was badly bruised. At the bottom of the cage shaft is another hole called a sump. A portion of the debris plunged down into the sump, carrying five of the miners.

August Poppey jumped as the crash came and was cut squarely in two. His body was taken out.

### DARED DEATH TWO WEEKS.

Miner Entombed For 15 Days Rescued by His Fellows.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 24.—Entombed in the bowels of the earth, beneath tons of stone and earth of a collapsed tunnel, L. B. Hicks, the miner, who for 15 days faced death, was rescued last evening by a gang of his fellow-miners who have worked incessantly to save him.

"God bless you all for standing by me," was all that he could say, but it was enough. There in the caverns of the earth, grim-faced miners wept and an intended cheer stuck in their throats.

Hicks' joy on his release was almost hysterical. He laughed and cried by turns and Dr. Stinchfield, fearing a violent reaction, gave him a mild sedative.

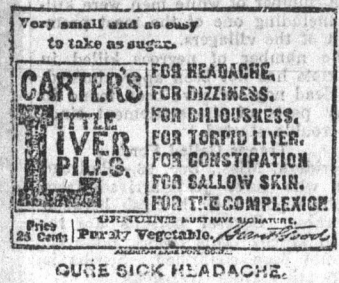
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most hysterical. He laughed and cried by turns and Dr. Stinchfield, fearing a violent reaction, gave him a mild sedative.

"When the crash came," said Hicks to Dr. Stinchfield, "I was working with the other men in the tunnel. There was a roar and a crash of stone and crunching of timbers, and then blackness. Pinned beneath a tram-car, I heard the groans of the dying men. Death came to them and there was silence."

"It seemed days in that dreadful silence, and I talked to myself to keep from going mad. I thought of myself growing weaker and weaker with thirst and hunger. I tried to sleep, but the dreams were worse than the tortures of my waking hours."

"Glad to be free? Yes. And when I get around again I'll give the boys a time in old Bakersfield they won't forget in a year, perhaps."

Hicks, Dr. Stinchfield says, will be entirely recovered within a few days. His physical condition is quite good, considering his confinement, but his nerves are badly shaken.

### STR. STRATHCONA BURNS.

Passengers and Crew Had Close Call When Were Safely Landed.

Port Dufferin, N. S., Dec. 24.—The steamer Strathcona, of the Halifax and Canso Steamship Co., took fire while entering Port Dufferin Saturday night, and became a total loss, with her cargo.

She had 38 passengers on board, who also escaped, as did the captain and crew, though it was a very close call.

The steamer Strathcona left Halifax at noon on Saturday. Her cargo consisted largely of Christmas goods. At 8:30 o'clock when outside Beaver light, fire was discovered under the saloon. It spread rapidly and nothing could be done to stay its progress.

The bow, burning, was turned for Smiley Point, where she was beached, and the passengers and crew safely landed.

The Strathcona was a wooden steamer of 273 tons gross. Her cost, \$35,000, is fully covered by insurance. Both ship and cargo are total loss.

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## PIERCED BY SIX BULLETS

Count Alexis Ignatieff Shot And Killed While Dining

### MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Tver, Russia, Dec. 24.—Count Alexis Ignatieff, a member of the council of the empire and ex-Governor-General of Kiev, Volhynia and Podolia, was shot and killed by an unknown man here Saturday in the refreshment room of the hall occupied by the nobles' assembly.

The assassin fired six bullets from a revolver into his victim's body and then tried to commit suicide, but was seized before he could do so and is now in custody of the police.

All Shots Took Effect. At the moment of the assassination, Count Ignatieff was sitting with other members of the Zemstvo in the refreshment room. The Zemstvo meets in the nobles assembly hall.

Suddenly a young man who had been sitting apart, arose and, approaching the count, emptied the contents of a revolver at him. All the shots took effect, one piercing his heart, and the count died almost instantly.

The murderer, followed by some members of the Zemstvo, fled to an adjoining room, where he turned his revolver, two chambers of which he had reloaded, upon his own breast. One shot missed his body entirely, and the other pierced his shoulder. He was then seized.

Did What He Came to Do. At the moment his pursuers laid hold of him he shouted out, "I did what I came here to do." A card of admission to the Zemstvo bearing the name of Kutikoff was found in his pocket. His appearance is that of a workman.

Ignatieff's Career and Record. General Count Alexis Pavlovich Ignatieff was born in 1842 and entered a regiment of hussars of the guard. In 1863 he was appointed commander of Chevalier Guards and in 1881 he became chief of the staff of the guards corps. In 1885 he became Governor-General of Irkutsk and in 1889 became Governor-General of Kiev, which position he held until 1897.

As a result of the disorders following "Red Sunday," Jan. 22, 1906, Ignatieff was sent by the Emperor to investigate the situation in Southern Russia, and his report on the immediate necessity for granting reforms was one of the chief reasons which induced the Emperor to proclaim the first Russian Parliament.

Had Talent For Intrigue. During the debates preceding the adoption of the parliamentary law of Aug. 6, 1905, Ignatieff advocated the granting of great power to Parliament, but it appears that the success of the repressive measures following the Moscow revolt changed his opinion, for he became the active coadjutor of General Repoff in supporting the repressive policy of Minister of the Interior Durnovo and in the intrigue which resulted in the downfall of Count Witte.

The obnoxious drumhead court-martial law under which hundreds of radical terrorists have been executed during the last few months, was worked out at a special conference, of which Count Ignatieff was a member, and to him the revolutionists attribute the authorship of this measure.

Since M. Stolypin has been Premier the count has been several times reported as intriguing with other members of the so-called camarilla to oust M. Stolypin and to induce the Emperor to dispense entirely with the lower House.

Revolutionists Shoot Police. Kostroma, Russia, Dec. 24.—While a squad of police, headed by Police Capt. Preobrazhansky, were entering Saturday night, a lodging-house suspected of harboring revolutionists, several men opened fire with revolvers on the police, killing the captain and mortally wounding a policeman. The revolutionists escaped.

### EMASCULATED.

How the Ruling Party in Russia Gets Rid of Brainy Democrats.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—Prof. Paul M. Mulikoff, president of the Constitutional Democratic party, who has been slated to become the floor leader of the party in the next Parliament, has been declared ineligible to election to the Lower House because he has not the necessary residence qualifications.

Prof. Serge A. Mourontseff, who was president of the last Lower House, and a number of other former members, have been debarred, not only from the standing as candidates, but even from voting in the elections.

Administrative measures against the Constitutional Democrats are being sharpened as the date of the elections draws near. They are not permitted to hold meetings, and printing establishments have been forbidden, under very severe penalties, to publish their literature.

### Revising Cuban Laws.

New York, Dec. 24.—A despatch to The Times from Havana says: Governor Mazon Saturday signed a decree appointing a commission of Americans and Cubans to revise the municipal, electoral and judiciary laws.

A new party is being formed to boom General Garcia Velez for the presidency.

Dreadnought Second. London, Dec. 24.—The contract for the battleship Superb, the third of the Dreadnoughts to be laid down this year, has been awarded to the Armstrongs of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The tender for the hull and machinery, tender for the hull and machinery, exclusive of the guns and armor, amounted, it is understood, to \$3,300,000.



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## District.

### CROTON.

Mr. Percy is having an addition put to his barn. James Logan is having a slaughter house built for his butchering business.

Taylor Vance has his beautiful residence completed.

Bliton Leeson delivered hay at the Thamesville market last week. James Tweedle was a Thamesville visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Christner will visit friends at St. Mary's during Christmas week.

James Paul had a horse drowned. It got loose on the south side of the river and ran down where they ford

the river in the summer and tried to cross county line between Camden and Dawn Townships.

The band practiced on Saturday night.

Mr. Jonas Christner was a Thamesville visitor Thursday.

The reeveship of Camden will be hotly contested this year.

Mr. S. E. Peters has a fine stock of Christmas candies on hand.

Alfred Mills has been drawing hay to Dresden.

John and Thomas McCutcheon were Dawn visitors one day last week.

Their is considerable chicken and turkey stealing going on in Camden, Dawn, Euphemia, Zone, Howard and other townships.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Boylan, Dawn Mills, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Peters Wednesday evening.

Mr. Houston is improving.

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### DARRELL.

Benjamin Agar is home again after a rather serious illness in the General Hospital.

Morice Abraham is suffering from blood poison in his hand.

Shenton Holmes, of Chicago, was visiting his relatives and friends at Darrell last week.

Prayer meeting was held at John Kennedy's on Friday night. A large number attended.

George McKinley, Jr., was in the city on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Isaac Brown is better this week.

Miss Hazel G. Agar has returned after a two weeks visit at her aunt's, Dr. Agar, of Chatham.

Miss May Abraham spent Saturday and Sunday in Detroit.

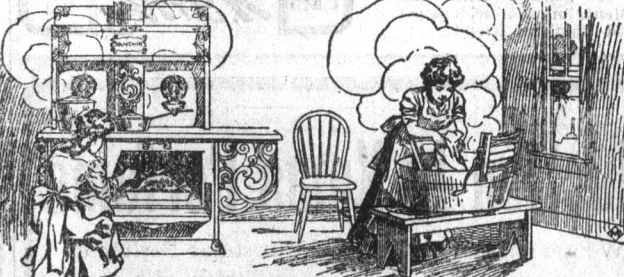
Harry French has returned home after a three months stay out West with his brother Melvin.

Miss Verna Duncan is expected home at Christmas to spend her holidays.

Miss Clara French spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Sam Duncan.

Friday evening prayer meeting will be held at Mr. Fred. Agar's at eight o'clock sharp.

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