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THREE WERE SUFFOCATED AND MANY OTHERS HURT

In a Tenement Fire in New York This Morning - Panic Stricken People Jumped from the Upper Windows

NEW YORK, April 2.—Three persons were killed and many others seriously and the lives of nearly a hundred persons were endangered by fire in a five story tenement house at 44 Hester street early today. The dead are: Berel Weinstein, his wife, Anna, and their one year old son. They were suffocated in their apartments on the fifth floor.
That more lives were not lost was largely due to the prompt action of three policemen, who, seeing flames in the hall, rushed through the building and aroused sixteen sleeping families. By that time the stairways were a mass of flames and the only means of exit was by the fire escapes. In their attempt to escape scores of scantily clad men, women and children became wedged in solid masses on the fire escapes. There they stood helpless, unable to extricate themselves from the crush and blocking the way of those who had not yet succeeded in getting out of the building. This was the situation when the firemen arrived and began to run up ladders to take down the panic stricken fugitives. The work moved forward slowly. In the meantime the flames had been constantly spreading and the terror among many of the windows and on the fire escapes had passed the point of self restraint. While firemen on ladders and others on the ground were calling out to them that there was no danger and that help would reach them, they began, one by one to jump from the windows. David Miller sprang from a fourth story window and sustained injuries which probably will cause his death. Others who jumped from windows on the second and third floors have broken limbs and were internally injured. Weinstein and his wife and baby were found lying on the fire escape on the top floor of the building after the flames had been extinguished. Apparently they had been overcome by smoke while trying to reach the stairway. The property loss is small.

FATHER MORRISSEY'S FUNERAL HELD TODAY
Great Crowd Attended the Services This Forenoon in Chatham.

LETTER "H" IS HOODOO OF I. O. O. F. LODGE
Four Members Whose Names Begin With It Die in Quick Succession.

QUAKERTOWN, Pa., April 2.—As a result of a strange series of fatalities, Sellersville Lodge, I. O. O. F., is being shunned by men whose names begin with the letter "H."
During the past few months four members of the lodge have died. All had names beginning with "H." They were Charles Hoff, J. Hesse Hartzel, Samuel Haring and Enos Himmelswright. Besides the wife of one of the members having died, the woman whose name began with "H." also died. Several persons who have names beginning with the apparently fatal letter have declined to join the organization, although their names had been proposed for membership. They say they will not until the apparent hoodoo has been lifted from the first letter of their names.

THE GENERAL SLOCUM IS NOW A COAL BARGE
PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 1.—All that is left of the steamer General Slocum which figured in the worst maritime disaster in the history of the country, when she was burned off North Brother Island near New York and over one thousand lives were lost, arrived in this port today as the barge Maryland with 1,200 tons of coal. With her new paint and grim appearance the boat shows little sign of the catastrophe which was enacted in June, 1904. On that date, the General Slocum, loaded with about 1,800 passengers, where in London and children, members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of New York, left her pier in the East River, bound for a day's outing. Before the craft had gone three miles down the river, fire was discovered and a panic immediately ensued. Some were saved, but when the roll was finally compiled it was estimated that over 1,000 had met their deaths.

WANTED BEST GIRL TO SEE HIS CORPSE FIRST
Fredrick Foster, Scranton, Shot by Policeman, Makes Dying Confession.

SANTIAGO, April 2.—The Chilean Government has issued an invitation to all the prominent gun makers to send representatives here to witness the tests which will be made next October. It is the purpose of the Government to introduce a new armament and it is hoped in this way to create interest in the bidding for the equipment.

SEATTLE, Wn., April 2.—The American automobile in the New York Paris race was hoisted aboard the steamship Santa Clara yesterday and sailed for Valdez, Alaska.

NEW SPRING HAT RESTORES SANITY

Warren Bought It, Under Expert Direction, With Astonishing Results And the Knowing Nurse at the Hospital Gives Some Psychological Sarcorial Advice.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., April 1.—Mrs. Frank Warren, whose husband is a prosperous business man, of this city, six months ago began to show symptoms of nervous depression, and her condition finally became one of settled melancholia. She declined to speak and no efforts of her husband or children could rouse her from her apathy. It was decided that the patient would have a better chance of recovery if she had treatment in an institution, so early in the winter Mr. Warren placed his wife in the Binghamton State Hospital. The physicians were interested in the case and made a special study of Mrs. Warren, but confessed that they had little hope of her ultimate recovery. She maintained her morose and gloomy attitude, and while submitting readily to the directions of doctors and nurses, could be stimulated to no interest in life. Recently Mr. Warren decided to remove his wife to her home, considering that the hospital treatment gave her no promise of results. When he told Mrs. Warren of his intention he hoped to find that the news would cause her to display some emotion, but it did not. When the patient put on her street clothes Mr. Warren noted that she had become a little shabby. "I'll buy you a new hat and a new coat," he said, but Mrs. Warren did not stir from her habit of indifference. "What style would you like?" persisted the husband, but she gave no answer. Mr. Warren appealed to a nurse for information as to the newer modes. She said one found an enthusiastic admirer. "I'll go with you and help pick them out," said the nurse, and the two started for a store. "I ordinarily pick out my wife's hats," explained Mr. Warren, "but she has to do it for me to tell me generally what she wants." The nurse looked up in astonishment and then a light of understanding came into her eyes. She said nothing, however, but when, in the millinery department, Mr. Warren expressed enthusiastic approval of the first hat that the saleswoman passed out she interrupted with a piece of advice. "It's out of style, doesn't suit her face, it's too odd; the color doesn't match her complexion, and it costs too much," she said all at once. While Mr. Warren was recovering the nurse had rejected sixteen hats and picked one out of which she expressed approval after half an hour's deliberation. She followed the same course in the purchase of the coat, and the subject of the bundles, the two went back to the hospital. "Here's your wife," announced Mr. Warren to his wife, as he handed the box, but she did not look up. He placed it in her hands and she mechanically adjusted it to her head. Then, as apathetically, she instinctively moved to a mirror to see if it was on straight. One glance and her face brightened. She studied the effect for a minute, and then, accepting tears of joy, flung herself into her husband's arms. "I'm well again, Frank," she cried. "Something seemed to snap in my head just then, and I was prepared to depart hastily from the city as a result of a series of letters received by her threatening her life and the lives of her children. Guards have been placed about the McCormick home at Bellevue Place, and Lake Shore drive. Mrs. McCormick recently told Mrs. Theodore Thomas that a number of ill-written letters had been sent to her, warning her that the lives of herself and children were in danger. Mrs. McCormick said that the letters had been increasing in frequency and violence.

ROCKEFELLER'S DAUGHTER GETS THREATENING LETTERS

Mrs. Harold McCormick on the Verge of Nervous Breakdown—Threats Against Her Life.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Mrs. Harold McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, is verging on nervous breakdown, and has prepared to depart hastily from the city as a result of a series of letters received by her threatening her life and the lives of her children.

MEET TOMORROW NIGHT TO DISCUSS COLLEGE SPORTS

Dalhousie and Kings Want to Take Part in the Annual Meet.

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SCRANTON, Pa., April 1.—Fredrick Foster, the young man who was shot in the head by Patrolman Oliver Cronwell, while the latter was prowling about the home of his former sweet heart, Miss Ida Rinker, Saturday night, made a dying confession to County Detective M. A. Rafter this morning, in which he states he intended no harm to the girl, but that his plan was to take his own life on her doorstep, "so that she would be the first to see me cold in death." District Attorney O'Brien has taken no action in the case as yet, but it is likely he will do so tomorrow.

PREMIER HASZARD OF P. E. I. ANTICIPATES A BIG SURPLUS

Budget Delivered Last Evening Shows Provincial Finances to be in a Healthy Condition—The Opposition Criticism

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., April 2.—An estimated surplus of thirty-three thousand dollars was among the satisfactory announcements made by Premier Haszard in the Provincial Legislature last night, in the course of his two hours' maiden speech on the budget. He estimated the revenue for next year to be \$411,381, and expenditures \$378,263. There will be an increase in the income tax as it is proposed to make Dominion Government officials pay up. An increase is also expected from succession duties. The first part of his speech was devoted to a comparison of the records of the two parties. He pointed out that the Conservatives after promising to run the country without taxation went out of power in 1891 after twelve years' rule with a debt of \$12,000, although they drew \$200,000 from the capital at Ottawa, collected taxes for three years and received special grants from Canada. The charge on the Liberals of having to pay interest on Conservative legacies of debt meant half of the present debt of the province. The Premier warmly opposed opposition charges against the educational system, explaining the increases in expenditure for that department by the increase in the number of higher class teachers and other causes tending to greater efficiency of the system. Valuable work done by the agricultural department organized by the present government was referred to by the department of public works, the policy of building steel bridges was introduced with marked success. Total liabilities of the province on Sept. 30th last were \$862,482. Against this are assets including capital at Ottawa of \$934,847. In dealing with the increase of subsidy he pointed out that while the Conservatives in twelve years had only added \$20,000 to the Liberals in seventeen years had added \$400,000, including the \$70,000 secured last year. His speech abounded in many statistical comparisons and was an effective presentation of the government's policy. Mr. Matheson, leader of the opposition, after speaking for an hour, made an adjournment of the debate. He claimed that on July 1st next, \$194,000 would be added to the debt as a result of last year's transactions and that the Liberal promises of surpluses would not be fulfilled. He said the Liberal delegates had made a bad bargain in accepting \$70,000 from the Dominion as the increase of subsidy, as we were entitled to a much greater amount. For every dollar we get the province pays into the Dominion by indirect taxation, ten dollars.

CORPORATION MEDAL FOR ANNUAL COMPETITION

Will be Given by Fredericton Council—Some Practical Subject to be Chosen.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 2.—At a meeting of the city council last evening that body decided to accept the suggestion made by Mayor Chestnut to offer a corporation medal for annual competition at the New Brunswick University on a subject selected by a special committee of the council and Chancellor Jones. The mayor in putting before the council his plan said he would like to see some subject of material benefit to the city or province, such as science or forestry, chosen.

VOICE FROM GALLERY STOPS A FIRE PANIC

Keep Up That Curtain, We Want to See You Put Out Blaze, It Calls.

TOWANDA, Pa., April 1.—"Keep up that curtain, we want to see you put the fire out," cried a stentorian voice in the gallery of Hale's Opera House here last night, when at a performance a quantity of scenery caught fire. A blaze started in scenery in the loft during the second act, and a stage hand to prevent it spreading threw the burning mass on the stage. Scores were ready to rush for the exits when the command to keep the curtain up came from the gallery. Others took up the cry. There was a laugh, some applause and the curtain was again raised. Then the audience sat watching the actors and stage hands put out the fire. After the stage was cleared the play was resumed.

SEAMAN RELEASED AFTER KILLING BRUTAL OFFICER

SAN JUAN, P. R., April 1.—Alexander Dixon, a carpenter on the United States collier Ahrenda, was today acquitted of the murder of Chief Officer Walter Weichert. A jury composed of Americans and Port Ricans brought in a verdict of self-defense. The killing of Weichert occurred on board of the collier last February. Witnesses testified at the trial that Weichert had treated the prisoner in a brutal manner. On one occasion in question, after some words had passed between the two, Dixon swung at Weichert with an axe and completely severed his ear.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At the regular meeting of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society in their rooms last evening a very large number of the members were in attendance. The election of officers resulted as follows: Judge Ritchie, president; John O'Rean, 1st vice president; John Crowley, 2nd vice president; Fred Kelly, recording secretary; Jas. Lee, financial secretary; P. J. Gorman, treasurer; M. J. Nugent, J. O. McWilliams and Matthew O'Neill, trustees. Arthur McHugh, librarian; John Callahan, sergeant at arms. Room committees, as well as musical committees, were also chosen. Lively speeches were made by the newly elected officers. President Ritchie referred to the standing of the old Irish Friends' Society library in the fire of 1877. Subsequently the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society was organized. The new vice president spoke at some length. He alluded to many public men that were brought from Ireland to lecture before the society. He also referred to the rapidly increasing membership of the society and that this augured well for a great future. The other officers also spoke along the same lines. At the meeting it was decided to procure an additional pool table and a new piano.

LATEST WEATHER REPORT FAIR and COLD