

FIRE DAMAGE \$60,000 AT McLAREN'S, LTD.

Hamilton Coffee and Spice Mills Burned.

Firemen Had a Long and Hard Job.

Thomas Bell Had Leg Broken by Nozzle.

A disastrous blaze, which, it is estimated, did between \$60,000 and \$65,000 damage, broke out on Saturday afternoon in the McLaren Coffee & Spice Co.'s building, Macnab street, between Main and King, and it took four or five hours of good hard work to get it completely under. Two employees were at work in the building at the time the fire broke out, but did not know that there was such a thing as a fire in the place. Passers-by were the first to notice the blaze and some young boys ran to Constable J. Duncan at the corner of King and James streets, and told him of the blaze, and he quickly sent the alarm in from the C. P. R. ticket office. A minute or two was lost in transmitting the alarm, but this did not make a great deal of difference, as the fire was close at hand. The blaze completely filled the cellar by the time the firemen arrived, and it is estimated that the fire was going at least 25 minutes before the alarm was sent in. It is thought to have originated in the vicinity of the boiler in the cellar in the northwest part of the building, and from there it quickly spread through machinery and the elevator shaft, till it arrived at the roof and all the floors were in a blaze from top to bottom. A fire wall cut the south half of the building off from the north part, and this saved probably twice as much loss as suffering. In putting the elevator in, however, a space was left open in the fire wall on the top floor, and some damage was done by the fire getting through there. The firm is fairly well insured, and will go on with business at once, as the stock in the south half of their building was practically unburnt and is said to be the most valuable. In the south part of the building there was a lot of alcohol in the extract room, but this was not reached by the fire. There was a steam for the fire to break through the wall. The blaze was fought from every side, and three steamer streams did fine work, two from the new steamer on King street, and one from the old one, which was stationed on Main street. One of the new steamer lines was worked from the roof of the Duncan Lithographing Co., where it had been hoisted outside by a rope, and this was plying through the windows and on the roof, doing great work. After working for almost two hours the roof was passed to the chief and the cold and half suffocated, and all the little time in getting to the ladders and reaching the ground, but the alarm was fortunately a false one, and only the little bit charred embers with it. Between ten and twelve lines were laid in the burning building, and one was operated from the street. There was some trouble with the line on the old steamer, which would not stand the pressure that Engineer Omb and was giving it, and a break took place. It was some time before the first break was discovered, and the firemen lost a lot of time, not knowing what was wrong. Hase jackets were soon applied, however, but not before the crowd in the vicinity had got a good ducking. The crowd was troublesome. (Continued on page 5.)

Burned to Death

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 20.—Samuel Walker, a Beaverdam miner, was burned to death to-day in a fire that destroyed a shanty occupied by Walker and Walter Stonebreaker. The latter was arrested later on a charge of murder. It is known that the men quarrelled last night, and Stonebreaker has several wounds on his head, said to have been inflicted by his companion.

HOME THE PLACE.

Catholics Warned Against Theatre Projects For Hospitals.

The following announcement was made yesterday in all the Catholic Churches of the city: Catholics are hereby warned that projects to raise funds for hospitals or other benevolent works by means of patronizing theatres cannot be approved by the authorities of the church. The Catholic societies of the city should take note of this announcement. Catholic parents are also admonished of the duty of making their homes attractive for their children, and especially of strictly forbidding them to attend public places of amusement, dangerous alike to their health, faith and morals.

BACK AGAIN.

Mrs. Lemieux and Joseph Pope Back Again.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Joseph Pope, Canadian Secretary of States, and Madame B. Lemieux, wife of the Canadian Minister of Labor, returned yesterday on the ship Mongolia from Japan. Messrs. Pope and Lemieux went to straighten out the difficulties between the two countries which arose over the question of Japanese emigration to Canada. Details of their mission are carefully guarded by Pope.

WINTER SPORT.

Bobbing and Tobogganing Enjoyed by Thousands.

Although the recent snow has spoiled the skating on a good many of the inlets and ponds on which thousands of young people were enjoying themselves before it came, coasting and tobogganing made up for the loss of skating on Saturday. Wherever there was a hill or a bunch of merry boys and girls was to be found with their "bobs" and on the mountain side a number of the old flat toboggans were to be seen. On the bay ice boats and skating were indulged in largely. It has been suggested that a toboggan slide be fixed up somewhere near the golf links for a revival of the once popular sport.

Shavers' Supplies.

We carry one of the most complete stocks to be found in the city and can give you the largest variety of razor strops, from which to make your selection. Our stock of razors includes all the best makes, in both the old English styles and the safety razors. Parke & Parke, Drugists.

MIGHT HAVE SAVED LIFE HAD INJURY BEEN KNOWN.

Inquest on Young Cummings Will be Held on Thursday Night.

In the case of the death of Joseph Cummings the police had little to say to-day. Much sympathy is felt for the family of the unfortunate victim, and the boyish prisoner, Kirkpatrick, who is being held for the verdict of the coroner's jury, is the subject of both sympathy and pity. The consensus of opinion is not to excuse his act if it is true that he stabbed Cummings as has been described, but to attribute the act to his being overcome by anger in the heat of a fight. The delay in getting medical assistance is attributed to the belief that the cutting was not dangerous, and to the desire to avoid publicity. The wound in Cummings' side, which is the one which caused his death, was not discovered for hours after it had been inflicted. It is believed that if the presence of this wound had been known at first the young man's life might have been saved. No one was allowed to visit Kirkpatrick in the jail except his solicitor and his father till after court on Saturday morning. No charge has yet been laid against the prisoner. The nature of the charge may depend upon the verdict brought in by the coroner's jury on Thursday night. The charge of cutting and wounding which was first laid against him, before Cummings' death, has been scratched off the slate. Coroner McNichol's jury after viewing the remains on Saturday adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock on Thursday night next.

in the police court. The jurors are as follows: John Wilshaw, foreman; Chas. Kemp, Arthur Wright, Richard Cherry, James Robb, James Lamond, John Beck, et al. Richard Bramley, Thomas Lantit, John K. Minchin, Charles H. Knowles, George Lewis, S. W. Shotton, William J. Laing and W. O. Clark.

The Victim's Funeral. The funeral of John Joseph Cummings took place this morning, and was largely attended. The remains were taken to St. Mary's Cathedral, from his parents' residence, 108 Inchbury street. Father Savage conducted mass at the church and Father Weidner officiated at the grave. The pall-bearers were J. Cummings, Miss Bertha Kennedy, wreath, Misses Vera and Edith Pong; gates ajar, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes; sprays, Miss Annie Kavanaugh, Elva Rae, Mr. H. F. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gibb; Miss Annie Hunter, Mrs. Grace and family; star, Mrs. Gurry and Miss M. Roach; sprays, Mrs. and Miss Palmer; crescent, Miss Hannah Kenneley; spray, M. W. J. Nicholson; crescent, Michael Kenneley; spiritual bouquets, Miss Mary Maud Loftus, Miss Mae Smith, a friend, Mr. and Mrs. Loftus, Frank J. McCarthy, Herb Palmer and Mrs. Cummings.



EVELYN THAW.

EVELYN THAW TELLS HER STORY.

Recites the Tale She Told Thaw of Her Stanford White Experiences-- The Public Not Excluded From the Court Room.

New York, Jan. 20.—When the Thaw trial was resumed at 10.20 o'clock this morning Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was called to the stand to repeat her story of a year ago. District Attorney Jerome immediately renewed his motion of last Friday afternoon that the public, including the representatives of the newspapers, be excluded from the court room. He cited a criminal case tried in Monroe County several years ago as a precedent for excluding all persons except those immediately concerned with the trial. Mr. Littleton, for the defence, said he desired to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the court. District Attorney Jerome declared he understood Mr. Littleton to join in the motion when it was made last Friday, and did not quite grasp the change of front.

"I said on Friday," retorted Mr. Littleton, "that I would like to spare Mrs. Thaw from the gaze of the idle curious, but as to all points of legality and propriety I reiterate what I said then, that the matter rests entirely with the court." Justice Dowling said he had consulted all the authorities cited by District Attorney Jerome and could find no warrant under the constitution for excluding the public from a capital case. The harm done by publishing the details of revolting testimony, he added, was more than offset by the safeguard thrown around a defendant by granting him "a speedy and public hearing."

"The court will not exclude any one who conducts himself with propriety," concluded the court. Mr. Littleton then asked Mrs. Thaw to tell of her experience with Stanford White as she told it to Thaw in Paris in 1903, when he asked her to become his wife. District Attorney Jerome at once entered a strenuous objection. He argued the matter at some length.

"Here is a recital of years before the homicide," declared the prosecutor, "and I contend that it does not come within the limits of any precedent that I know of. It certainly does not come within the Wood case, where the man to whom the story was told was so mentally affected that he immediately went off and killed a man. This recital by this witness is too remote. It is absurd on the face of it to say that this conversation three years before accounted for the insanity of the defendant at the time of the killing. Certainly under the widest expansion of the Wood case, we ought to have some scientific testimony adduced to the court—not to the jury—that a conversation of these years' standing could have any effect upon the defendant's mind." Justice Dowling interrupted the District Attorney to say that he found nothing in the authorities fixing a time (Continued on page 5.)

PUT UP JOB, SO THE MAYOR IS TOLD.

Three Killed

Coreydon Junction, Ind., Jan. 20.—Three trainmen were killed and two were probably fatally injured yesterday, when a locomotive of the Southern Railway, westbound from New Albany, plunged from a ninety foot trestle, turning a somersault in the air and dragging with it two freight cars and a caboose. The wreckage caught fire, but villagers quickly extinguished the flames.

BARBERS FEEL IT.

Dull Times Cut Their Receipts in Half.

The barbers are feeling the effects of the dull times. Some of them declare their business has been cut in half during the last month or so, and they say this is general all over the city in their trade. "It is like this," said one tonsorial artist, "when there is prosperity there are men who have their hair trimmed as regular as clockwork. Now men pressed for cash they find they can let their hair go two or three weeks longer without any great inconvenience. Fully half of our customers are doing their own shaving now and it makes a big difference in the week's receipts."

LAYMEN'S WORK

Discussed at Meeting of Ministerial Association.

A resolution was passed at the Ministerial Association's meeting this morning expressing gratification at the work of the School Board which will open, a week from to-day, a school for foreigners at the old Customs building. A report of this was presented by Rev. J. K. Unsworth. English teachers have been engaged and the foreigners will be taught for 50c per month and schooled in the general sciences. Rev. F. H. Gray, of Dundas, was to have given a paper but he was unable to appear, and the meeting was turned into a discussion of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which caused an interesting discussion.

BRASS DUTY.

Strong Deputation Ask That it be Removed.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—A large delegation is here to-day from Toronto, Hamilton, Peterboro and Montreal asking that the duty of 10 per cent. on rolled brass, bar brass and sheet rolled brass be struck off. The duty was put on last session. The Hamilton men on the delegation are Messrs. Ginda, Whitton, Wright, Chadwick and Reid.

FOUR WARSHIPS.

And Haytian Forces to Cope With Revolutionists.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Jan. 20.—The blockade at St. Marie and Gonaives, which are held by the revolutionists, is assured by the presence of four warships at these ports and the disposition of the Haytian forces on land. The Government has despatched numerous troops for the purpose of surrounding the territory now occupied by the revolutionists.

Do You Smoke Cigars?

The Crown cigar is acknowledged by all classes of smokers to be the acme of perfection. It has a fine Havana filler and is sold for 5 cents only at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east. —Louis Perchute, 186 Princess street, was arrested this afternoon at the request of a fellow boarder, who claims that Perchute chased him with a stiletto. Threatening to kill is the charge Perchute will face to-morrow morning.

WANTED PERMISSION TO GO WITH THE U. S. PACIFIC FLEET.

Trouble Between the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Admiralty.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—The conflict which has arisen between the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Admiralty regarding the alleged efforts of Commander Aitchkoff to secure permission to accompany the American battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Evans, on its voyage to the Pacific, has aroused much comment in the local press, partly owing to the impression that prevails here, that this officer was the only one permitted to accompany the fleet, but chiefly as an evidence of the discord existing between the two Ministries. The publication of the correspondence in this affair is regarded at the Foreign Office as a grave indiscretion, tending to discredit Russia in the eyes of the world. There are indications that important persons are back of the campaign being conducted by the Novoe Vremya, as only the highest officials of the two ministries concerned were cognizant of the incident. The Novoe Vremya seems to be acting on a well-thought-out plan. It is turning its guns successfully upon the more liberal members of the Cabinet, the ammunition being furnished by a clique of bureaucrats, who believe that the time is ripe for an effort to restore the old order of things. M. Kaufmann, the former Minister of Education, was the first victim, and was driven out of office. M. Filossoff, the late Minister of Finance, was under fire when he died.

Protich Investigates Case of Foreigners.

May Change Site of New Fire Station.

More Smallpox Cases Under Suspicion.

Relief Officer McMenemy was not satisfied with the information he was able to gather himself about the 119 foreigners who were said to be freezing and starving around the city, and he had Budimir Protich, the well known interpreter, make an investigation. Mr. Protich called on Mayor Stewart at noon to-day, and said he had reason to believe that as far as some of the foreigners were concerned it was a put up job. He said that at some of the houses where it was stated that a large number of men were out of work, as a matter of fact, they were nearly all working, with one or two exceptions. In places where the men are not working, he says it is partly because they do not want to. They made enough money during the summer to keep them all winter. One of the boarding bosses, he declared, told him laughingly yesterday that as long as the city supplied him with coal and provisions he could save all his money. Mr. Protich says that all the men in this house are working except two fellows, who have saved up considerable money and do not want to work during the cold weather. Another man on the list he says paid \$2,000 for a house last summer. The authorities have decided as a result of Mr. Protich's story that they will be careful in dealing out charity to foreigners. In view of the terrible disaster at Boyertown, Pa., at a moving picture entertainment and two recent explosions in Ontario towns, some anxiety has been felt about precautions taken here to guard against fire and panic. Building Inspector Anderson declared this morning that there was little danger of any such trouble here. There are about half a dozen of these amusement places, and he says they are particularly well provided with fire escapes, each one having a rear exit. The moving picture machines, in addition, are encased in boxes, covered with asbestos, and they are practically all equipped with an automatic device, which would prevent more than a foot or so of the celluloid film burning. It is admitted, however, that there is nothing in the building laws governing these places. It is also admitted that the building by-laws in Hamilton are badly in need of revision in this and other respects.

Relief Officer McMenemy on Saturday sent a quarter of a ton of coal to each of the foreign boarding houses on the list supplied him of those said to be in destitute circumstances. He also issued orders for groceries to the amount of \$35. It is pointed out that the city, if it wishes, can deport a majority of these foreigners, as the law provides that if they become a public charge by residing in the country a certain length of time this can be done. In Toronto recently, when a large number of Bulgarians were thrown on the city's hands, prompt measures were taken to have them sent back to their own country. It is likely that the Fire and Water Committee will give instructions on Wednesday night to call for tenders at once on the new fire station to be built in East Hamilton. A site was purchased last year on Sanford avenue, near Barton street. There is some talk of an effort being made to get the city to (Continued on page 3.)

OURSELVES.

From Canada, Jan. 11: Journalism in Canada is nothing if not enterprising. The Christmas number of the Hamilton Times is proof of this fact. The issue is colossal, covering 32 pages printed in colors, and an effective four-page supplement. The contents, too, are seasonable, and leave nothing to be desired. The best talent makes the pages bright and cheerful reading. Hamilton is lucky to possess a journal of such go-ahead proclivities.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

The Herald says it publishes the news. It must mean fake news. The City Hall may be free of debt, but it is not free of dirt. Outside it's black in the face. Dr. Roberts wants the ladies to withdraw their "receiving" days until the smallpox visitation disappears. The reporters may be barred out of the Thaw trials, but their imaginations will supply very spicy reports notwithstanding. So long as it has a city directory the Herald will not want for Mayorality candidates. Don't you think the Sewers Committee should have known not to trespass on Adam Inch's property? The ice on the bay is in that condition now that it would be the easiest thing in the world to get drowned. Keep away. The Mayor shouldn't be too hard on Ald. Farrar. Perhaps he didn't mean what he said. The North End Improvement Society has given the Tory Executive the hint to keep away. The Toronto Mail and Empire is exhorting everybody to jump on the Italdal Railway bill. Anything to get a crack at Hamilton. Mr. Witton must have been quite surprised when he learned through the press that he was the only genuine Tory Mayorally candidate, and that all others were counterfeiters. I don't hear any word of a shortage in natural gas this winter. Japan's Premier says the immigration problem with Canada is practically as good as settled. Mr. Lemieux's mission was not a failure, after all. I thought as much. Young men in the city would look better going up street with a Bible under the arm on Sunday rather than a pair of skates, as some were doing yesterday. Now that things have quieted down a bit Mr. Studholme might get on his feet and tell us what he is going to do this coming session. He'll have to do something this time to hold down his job. The Trades and Labor Council might take a look in at this brick pavement proposition, and see what is behind it. PROF. W. P. SEYMOUR. The great English phrenologist and hypnotist, whose lectures and demonstrations created such a sensation and were so much enjoyed by many citizens sixteen years ago, is again in Hamilton, and will lecture in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of this week. The professor is master of his subject; logical and eloquent; a teacher and author, whose entertainments and lectures never fail to be instructive and amusing. See ad. on another page. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES. To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA

Five Poisoned

Rockdale, Texas, Jan. 20.—Five of the seven members of the family of C. Sauer, a farmer, died of poison yesterday, and the other two are reported to be in a dying condition. Arsenic has been found in the house, and it is believed that the poison was placed in the flour of which bread was made. Sauer and his wife and three of the children are dead.

MRS. RADZYK GONE.

Wept at Mention of Jake Sunfield's Name.

Mrs. Andrew Radzyk, widow of the man for whose murder Jake Sunfield was hanged last month, left for Chicago on Saturday afternoon. Budimir Protich the interpreter, says that before boarding the train the woman cried at the mention of the name of the murderer and remarked that she was not sure she would live very long herself. She made no reference to the crime. A large number of foreigners were at the station to see her off.

A SQUARE PIANO FOR \$30.00.

Heintzman & Co., Limited, No. 71 King east, Hamilton, are clearing out what is pretty much one floor of square pianos at not only \$30.00, but some of them at \$25.00 and again others at \$35, \$40 and \$45, in payments of \$4.00 down and 50c a week.