

Many Perish in Awful Disaster at Montreal

Water Tower on Herald Company's Roof Collapses Crashes to the Cellar, Cutting Building in Twain

Smashing of Gas Pipes Starts Fire and Wreck of Structure Bursts Into Flames, Causing Death of Many Employees, While It Is Believed Many Others Are Dying Beneath the Debris Helpless to Make Their Escape.

SEVERAL BODIES OF GIRLS RECOVERED BUSINESS AND EDITORIAL ROOMS SAFE

Montreal, June 13.—John Taylor, manager of The Herald, estimates the number of dead at 30. Financial loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Montreal, June 13.—The Herald Building, Victoria Square, is in flames. Water tower collapsed and several persons are believed to have been killed.

WATER TOWER COLLAPSED.

Montreal, June 13.—The Herald fire started from the collapse of the water tower above the roof. This broke the gas pipes of the machinery and set fire to the debris. Various estimates are given of the dead, some running as high as 40. Many are buried under debris, and probably will be burned to death if they are not already dead. The fire spread very rapidly, and the place was a furnace by the time the first contingent of firemen arrived. It is still burning fiercely, and looks like a total loss to plant and building. The fire made a fierce blaze, and the entire city brigade is already fighting the flames, or on its way to the scene from distant sections of the city. The water tower went through to the basement. It was constructed four years ago when the building was remodelled, and considerable money was spent on it.

CUT BUILDING IN TWO.

Montreal, June 13 (1 p.m.)—William Taylor, foreman of the composing room, who escaped with severe injuries, believes there must have been 50 killed. The collapse of the water tower, he says, practically cut the building in two. Fire started up in all directions immediately after. The fire seems to be under control now, but the whole plant is a wreck. The bodies of several girls employed in the bindery have been taken out of the ruins.

It is said the collapsed water tower was built on the roof without adequate support beneath, and the officials were warned at the time it was erected four years ago it was not safe. It is impossible as yet to get intelligible returns of the dead and injured.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT ESCAPED.

It is said the principal loss of life is in the bindery and job printing departments. These were nearest the path of the collapsed tower. The editorial rooms and business office in the front part of the building escaped, being well removed from beneath the tower. Every available ambulance in the city was hurried to the scene to take away as many of the injured as could be rescued. Cabs were also pressed into service. Victoria Square is a struggling mass of humanity, watching the efforts of the firemen to conquer the fire.

HERALD'S FIFTH FIRE.

Before the first fire arrived the fire was shooting through the roof, and soon spread to all parts of the building. This is the fifth time The Herald has been burned out in 25 years, once being when the building was situated immediately across the street from the present site.

The Herald Building was the property of the Herald Publishing Company, with Mr. J. S. Brierly at its head. The building was purchased several years ago, and a complete modern publishing plant placed in it. It stands in the block on the north side of St. James street, directly opposite Victoria Square.

BURIED BENEATH TANK.

Detective Carrion went into the basement with firemen, and says it is impossible to say how many are buried under the tank. There could not be more than 50, but there probably would be 20 at least. The injured are widely scattered, ten ambulances being engaged taking them away.

Some of the Injured.

Albert Bolduc, arm broken.
William Smith, serious.
William Duddy, serious.
John Dickson, serious.
Hector Leroux, 26 years old, head hurt.
E. Larose, 59 years old, side hurt.
Charles Cross, eyes and face injured.
John Wallace, ankle broken.
Alice Kaiser, face cut.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, Que., June 13.—The Montreal Herald building was destroyed by fire with heavy loss of life. Twelve bodies, most of them charred beyond recognition, have been taken from the ruins. According to the police the death list will be much higher. One estimate places the killed at forty.

The First Dispatch.

Montreal, Que., June 13.—The business block containing the Herald is in flames. Many are reported dead, the estimates ranging from 30 to 40. Later it was stated that the loss of life was estimated at 50.

Twelve Bodies Recovered.

Montreal, 12:20.—Twelve bodies have been recovered. The fire broke out at 11 a.m., and at 11:15 a huge water tank on top of the building fell through to the cellar, five floors, carrying everything down. It was this that caused the loss of life.

The building is located on St. James' street, facing Victoria Square. The fire spread with great rapidity, and by the time the fire apparatus was on hand the entire block was threatened, and it appeared as if the flames would wipe away the heart of the city.

Every bit of apparatus in the city was called into play and the hospitals were advised, when the seriousness of the fire became apparent, to be in readiness to receive the injured. The ambulances were marshaled about the burning block. Several persons were

victims on being moved to the nearby ambulances, which were hurried towards the hospitals as fast as the horses could travel.

Gas Started Fire.

It was with the collapse of the water tank on the roof of the building about 10:40 that the catastrophe began. The tank crashed right through from the top floor and landed on the first floor in the business office almost beside the business manager. It is believed that the fire started from the gas in the linotype machines, after the tank had wrecked the floor on which these machines were located. Shrieks filled the air as the bindery girls were caught in the debris.

The outbreak of the flames added to the difficulties. Firemen of the police division responded to a first alarm and as second call brought all the available apparatus, the first duty of the firemen was to raise ladders and save as many as possible on the upper floors.

A Marvelous Escape.

At the very outset twenty people were found so badly injured as to warrant their being immediately removed to the hospital.

MONTREAL HERALD OWNER WELL-KNOWN LONDON MAN WAS IN BUSINESS HERE

James S. Brierly Left This City to Take Over the St. Thomas Journal—Firm Name Here Was Southam & Brierly—Thos. Warren Employed On the Herald.

Mr. J. S. Brierly, owner of the Montreal Herald, is a former Londoner. He was associated with Mr. Richard Southam in a printing business here, known as Southam & Brierly. Later he went to St. Thomas, where he purchased the St. Thomas Journal. This he conducted until some ten years or so ago, when he sold out to Mr. W. Buchanan.

He then went to Montreal, where he took over the Herald. He was most successful with this enterprise, and had placed it on a solid footing. His father was a well-known printer in the early days and worked on The Advertiser nearly half a century ago.

"I knew him well," said Mr. Richard Southam. "He was associated with me in the printing business for some years. Later he went to St. Thomas, where he purchased the St. Thomas Journal. He went to Montreal, where he has been connected with the Herald. He has been very successful, I understand."

Mr. Brierly was born in London. It is understood, and especially of his younger days in the city, as well as his early manhood.

He often visited London, and had a legion of friends here. As soon as it was learned that an accident had taken place at the office, there were many inquiries after the safety of Mr. Brierly.

Londoners on the Herald.

Thomas Warren is another Londoner employed in the Herald. He was in the job department, where the worst of

All the linotype machines fell through, adding to the pile of wreckage in which the helpless sufferers were caught. One peculiar feature is that Stanley Switzer, who was at his machine when the water tank crashed through, fell to the ground floor, and then crawled out, practically uninjured, but terribly frightened.

At noon a strong wind was fanning the flames, which had by this time eaten their way from the upper stories down to the front door near to the spot, where it seems impossible to expect that the sufferers under the debris can be saved from being roasted alive.

Just before noon Inspector McMahon, of the western division of the police force, offered to lead a party to the rescue of sufferers. He called upon several of his men and volunteers, but it was found absolutely impossible to fight their way through the smoke and flames where the cries of the dying could be plainly heard. After making an estimate of the number of people taken out of the building it was calculated at noon that possibly one hundred and fifty persons were inside the building.

VETO TALK MAY COME UP TODAY

Asquith-Balfour Conference Over House of Lords Fight.

WHAT WILL IRISH DO?

O'Connor Intimates That Nationalists Will Not Stand for Wavering.

London, June 13.—The reassembling of Parliament and all the subsequent proceedings therein have been completely overshadowed by interest in the coming conference between the Liberal and Conservative leaders in an effort to reach some solution of the constitutional crisis. The Government has made no official announcement respecting the negotiations, but has allowed it to be known indirectly that ex-Premier Balfour, as leader of the Opposition, will be invited to meet representatives of the Government and confer on the question of the relations of the House of Lords to the House of Commons.

It is probable that Mr. Balfour has already received a formal invitation; anyway he will be there today, when Premier Asquith is expected to make a statement of public business, and to declare the terms of the overture in reference to the constitutional difficulty.

The King's Suggestion. Mr. Balfour will probably reply and a friendly response is taken for granted. The Liberal press announces, and there is no apparent reason to doubt, that he will accept the suggestion.

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SOUTH LONDON MEN ACQUITTED DID NOT CONTEMPLATE THEFT

Joseph Johnston, of Front Street, and John Clark, of Wellington Road, Were Found Not Guilty by Magistrate Love—Men Had Been Drinking and Were Acting Foolishly.

At this morning's session of the police court Joseph Johnston, of Front street, and John Clark, of Wellington road, charged with attempting to break into Boug's grocery store at 12:35 on Sunday morning, June 5, were found not guilty and acquitted.

The accused were represented by Messrs. Ed. Meredith and E. C. Scatcherd.

In the box Sergeant Birrell stated that at 12:35 on Sunday morning, June 5, he was going over Wellington street bridge, and saw two men setting on some barrels in front of Boug's grocery store. He saw the men get up and go around to the east door of the store, and Clark got down on his knees and was doing something.

Cross-examined by Mr. Meredith, witness said Clark did not say that they were trying to rouse Mr. Boug up to get some tobacco.

Sergeant Lucas offered similar evidence.

The Defence. John Clark gave his age as 22, and said he lived on Wellington road, immediately behind Boug's store. He knew Mr. Boug very well and deals at his store right along. On the Saturday afternoon he had been drinking in two hotels. Witness swore that he

had the key in his pocket and that he did not take it from the door as the officers had sworn. He also said he and Johnston were trying to rouse Mr. Boug as they wanted some tobacco.

Witness said he noticed the policemen when they were coming over the bridge.

Aubrey Boug gave evidence regarding securing his store when he closed up for the night. When brought by the sergeant to where the men were he said he asked Clark what foolishness he had been up to now, and Clark said, "I know I did wrong. I was only showing Johnston the key."

Had Been Drinking. Joseph Johnston said he had been drinking also. He stated that he and Clark went to the door to get some tobacco. He denied that any key was put in the door.

"I would not like to ruin your prospects by convicting you," the court told Johnston and Clark. "But I must say that I believe the evidence of the officers in preference to yours, and think you would have done better to tell the truth. I think you probably were acting in a manner not uncommon to persons intoxicated, and of a mischievous turn of mind. I do not think you wished to steal. I hope this will be a warning to you to let liquor alone in future."

SIXTEEN CASES ARE ENTERED FOR THE GENERAL SESSION

Time Has Closed for the Recording of Suits—Only One Criminal Case—Fifteen Civil Actions Are To Be Tried.

The time for entering cases for the sittings of the county court and general sessions of the peace has closed. There are sixteen cases to come up, fifteen civil and one criminal. The court is presided over by Judge Macbeth.

The last case to be entered is that of Lawson et al. against Nixon. The plaintiffs, John A. Lawson and John Holland, of the Western Real Estate Exchange, and the defendant is a farmer in Westminster Township.

In June of 1909 the plaintiff instructed the defendants to sell a farm for him on a basis of two per cent commission. The farm consisted of 141 acres, parts of lots 37 and 38, containing 2, Westminster. The farm was sold for \$11,000, and the plaintiffs claim two per cent commission, amounting to \$220.

The defense state that no agreement regarding the payment of two per cent

commission was made in writing. Buchner & Gunn for the plaintiff; Judd & Meredith for the defendant. The list is as follows:

Criminal.

King against Michael Tierney, for alleged indecent assault on two charges.

Jury Cases.

Central Railway, of New Jersey, vs. Harris & Co., junk dealers, 735 York street, for the recovery of 154 brasses valued at \$400 and \$100 for detention of goods. The defendants bought the brass fittings in good faith, but they later turned out to be stolen, and they refuse to give them up, claiming they were bought in the ordinary course of business.

Three other cases of a similar nature are entered. The Baltimore and Ohio Railway (Continued on Page Nine.)

PINKERTON DETECTIVE FOUND A U. S. FORGER IN LONDON

Men Became Friendly and Both Went to Windsor—There the Detective Asked the Alleged Forger to Attend a Theatre Performance in Detroit, Where He Was Arrested.

As a direct result of a chance meeting in this city a short time ago, J. C. Lacey, believed to be one of the shrewdest forgers in America, was placed under arrest in Detroit Saturday night by a Pinkerton detective.

The Pinkerton man had followed his man throughout Texas and Mexico and up through the United States, and finally spotted him here.

The detective at once struck up an acquaintance with Lacey, and played his cards so well that the two got to be fast friends.

For a couple of weeks the Pinkerton man and Lacey stayed around London, and only on Saturday left for Detroit.

The men were getting off the Windsor ferry when the detective placed Lacey under arrest.

The local police state that they received absolutely no instructions regarding Lacey, but that they likely would not have been advised if he was being chased by Pinkerton men.

Where he stopped is not as yet known, as a search of a number of hotel registers fails to reveal the name.

The Detroit News, regarding the arrest, says:

His acceptance of a theatre ticket at the hands of a man who had been his companion for two weeks and who proved to be a Pinkerton detective, was fatal to the liberty of J. C. Lacey, Saturday night. He is charged with forgery, and is said to be one of the cleverest in the country in his line.

Following his arrest as he left the Windsor ferry at the Detroit wharf he was locked up in police headquarters.

A specific charge against Lacey is that he forged a check for \$150 last April on the Continental Savings Bank, Memphis, Tenn. It was cashed in the Fulton Market, Jonesboro, Ark., Pinkerton men allege, and they assert further that when Lacey fled to the southwest, through Texas and into Mexico, he left a trail of bad paper in various places, one of the banks in Chattanooga, Tenn., suffering most, is said.

From Mexico Lacey was traced through northern states and to London, Canada, where a Pinkerton man sighted him, got in his good graces, and acted as his companion for two weeks. Saturday the Pinkerton man, when the two were just across the river, suggested that they go to Detroit and see a show. The detective had purchased tickets. Lacey consented and as soon as he touched American soil he was nabbed. Detective Reid, of the Detroit police department, making the arrest.

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EDWARD MURPHY DIED IN CHATHAM

Conductor, Who Was Run Over On the C. P. R., Succumbed to His Injuries.

BOTH LEGS CUT OFF

Deceased Was Rushed to a Hospital, But There Was No Chance to Save His Life.

Conductor Edward Murphy, who, as reported in Saturday's Advertiser, fell beneath the van of a C. P. R. work train at Tilbury and had both legs so badly crushed that they had to be amputated, died in the hospital at Chatham late on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Murphy was attended at Tilbury by physicians there, and then rushed with all speed to Chatham. Everything that could be done for him was done, but he was suffering so greatly from the shock of the terrible injuries he had received that the case was a hopeless one.

Left London, Thursday. Mr. Murphy was 50 years old, and had been on the C. P. R. for about ten years. He left London on Thursday, and had intended returning on Saturday evening to his home, with his wife and family at their home, 478 Pall Mall street.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Lillian Murphy, he is survived by three children. The remains were brought to this city, and the funeral will be held tomorrow morning to St. Peter's Cathedral.

Interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery. In St. Mary's Church on Sunday special prayers were offered up for the repose of the soul of the deceased by Rev. Father McKee and the congregation. Father McKee referred feelingly to Mr. Murphy, who was well known to nearly the entire congregation.

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2,000 MEN WILL BE UNDER CANVAS WEATHER IMPROVES FOR CAMP

Rifle Practice Will Be Held at the Cove Ranges On Tuesday—Camp Will Be in Full Swing by This Evening.

All roads lead to London today, and from every branch line around London special trains carrying company after company of recruits. By tonight fully 2,000 men will be under canvas on Carling's Heights, and the big military training camp will be in full swing.

After a day and a half of hard rain the weather man turned off the tap and from present indications the troops will be favored with weather of the most ideal kind for training.

A Bad Time. The advance parties who arrived on Friday and Saturday and completed the work of erecting the tents and making the other arrangements, spent a somewhat unpleasant time owing to the unpleasant weather conditions, but today, with the return of good weather again and the arrival of hundreds of their companions, they are in high spirits and are looking forward with a good deal of pleasure to the time they will spend here.

A Small Camp.

The camp this year will be one of the smallest in the history of London camps, and local authorities say that not more than 2,000 men will train. They attribute this to two reasons, mainly first, the discontent over the efficiency pay order of last year, and also on account of the large number of young men who have gone west.

The training work will commence at once, and the first rifle practice will be held tomorrow on the Cove Ranges. Owing to the small number of men in camp it is expected that this part of the work will be gone into much more thoroughly than it has been for some years before. The recent orders allowing sighting shots will also make for better rifle practice, and military men are looking for a general increase in the scores this year.

Y. M. C. A. There.

The Y. M. C. A. have their usual tent at the camp, where all the men in training are invited to attend and make use of all the things provided. The camp hospital is also fully equipped and ready for any cases that may come in.

While attempting to alight from a belt car, No. 11, at the corner of Dundas and Colborne streets, about 1 o'clock today, Mrs. W. Wilkinson, of Thamesford, ten miles east of London, was thrown violently to the pavement. She was rendered unconscious by the fall, but it is not expected that serious results will follow the fall.

Mrs. Wilkinson was in the city visiting friends. She took the belt car in the eastern section of the city, and rang the bell to stop at Colborne street.

JOHNSTON TAKES OFFICE.

Ottawa, June 13.—Alex. Johnston, of Sydney, recently appointed deputy minister of marine, has arrived to take the office. His predecessor, G. J. Desbarats, now naval deputy minister, will at once begin the work of organizing the new department.

While she was getting off, it is alleged, the car started. She was carried into Dr. McWilliam's office, and Dr. Stevenson was called.

After a thorough examination it was found that she was very badly bruised, but no bones were broken. Her head was contused in several places, but the skull was not fractured.