

WRECKED BY A CLOUDBURST

Texas Town Destroyed and 12 Lives Lost.

Seven Persons Injured in a Chicago Fire—Other Casualties.

Galveston, Texas, July 17.—A cloudburst has wiped out the town of Coleman. Twelve are reported dead. All the streams are high through the unprecedented rains of the past week, and it is feared great damage has occurred along the San Angelo branch of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad.

LINEMEN KILLED.

Antigonish, N. S., July 17.—During a heavy thunderstorm Fred Simpson, a Western-Union telegraph repairer, belonging to Fredericton, N. B., was struck by lightning at Tracadie and killed almost instantly. He was on a pole when the storm-pood burst, and started to come down when death overtook him.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Chicago, July 17.—In a fire last evening at Michigan street and Dearborn avenue, the walls of the burning building fell, burying several firemen and spectators. Seven people were injured. The fire was caused by lightning. Meany, whose back was broken, will die. The fire started in a broom-corn factory and spread rapidly. Suddenly the walls of the burning building collapsed, falling on an adjoining boarding-house, crushing the roof in. Several firemen were carried down with the roof. The inmates of the boarding-house were all rescued. The damage amounts to nearly \$200,000.

BOY'S LEG CUT OFF.

Holly, Mich., July 17.—Chas. Austin, an 11-year-old boy residing between here and Ponton, had his right leg cut off at the knee in a mowing machine. He nearly died from loss of blood before medical assistance arrived.

BATHER DROWNED.

Hamilton, July 17.—While bathing in the bay, near Rogers' coal dock yesterday, Mr. Michael Allan, No. 157 Hugh street north, was caught in the weeds and drowned. Allan was a molder in the employ of Burrow, Stewart & Milne. He was about 57 years of age and leaves a widow and two children.

FATALLY SHOT.

New York, July 17.—Mrs. Natalie Mayer, wife of John Mayer and eldest daughter of the late Thos. Havemeyer, ex-mayor of New York, died in the Mayer mansion on Mountain Side Farm, near Mahwah, N. J., Saturday afternoon. Commander Winslow, U. S. N., her brother-in-law, was shot accidentally fired. Commander Winslow's statement does not tell who held the weapon. An inquest will be held.

JUMP KILLED HIM.

St. Joseph, Mich., July 17.—Fear of being separated from his fellow-crusaders caused Dr. A. Arnston, of Cincinnati, to leap aboard the steamer City of Milwaukee as she was leaving her dock at Chicago, and the exertion brought on an attack of heart disease, from which he died within a few minutes. Dr. Arnston was 33 years old.

SAILOR DROWNED.

Warton, Ont., July 17.—J. Cowell, sailor, was drowned here Sunday night while going to his vessel in a small boat. Cowell was unmarried, and hailed from Damon, Mich.

TWO WOMEN DROWNED.

Mount Clemens, Mich., July 17.—Mrs. R. M. Burr, of this place, in company with several Detroit ladies, went bathing in the Clinton River, near her home. Mrs. Burr got beyond her depth and sank before the eyes of her friends, who were unable to assist her. Battle Creek, Mich., July 17.—Mrs. Earl Brandt was boating on Gogswic Lake with her husband and two children. She was put on her back and her movements capsize the canoe. Mrs. Brandt was drowned, and her husband had a narrow escape.

BULL KILLED HIM.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., July 17.—Patrick Welch, a wealthy farmer at Pelham, was gored to death by a bull on Sunday. The animal has long been the terror of the countryside. During the last few days he had shown symptoms of anger when anyone ventured near his pasture. Mr. Welch, who was 63 years old, but more than ordinarily active for a man of his age, determined to master the beast, and when the bull charged he prodded him with a pitchfork until the animal withdrew. Mr. Welch was much elated over his victory. In the afternoon a storm came up; Mr. Welch went to the pasture to get his cows under shelter, and that was the last seen of him alive. His lifeless body being found an hour later, with the bull bellowing and stamping a short distance away, and tearing up the turf with his horns. Mr. Welch's body had a difficult task to get the body away from the furious beast.

SOME FREAK PLANTS.

There is a plant in Jamaica called the life plant, because it seems almost impossible to kill it. When a stick is cut off and hung up by a string it sends out white, thread-like roots, gathers moisture from the air and begins to grow new leaves. In South America is a flower which can only be seen when the wind is blowing. The plant belongs to the cactus family, and when the wind blows a number of beautiful flowers protrude from little lumps on the stalk.

KILLED AND WOUNDED IN BATTLE.

In the battles of the Franco-German war the proportion of killed to wounded was generally 1 to 4.

ENTERED SUIT

Mrs. Vella McLeod Wants Some of Her Wealthy Husband's Money.

Phil McLeod, of This City, Made Defendant in an Action Following Their Separation.

Mrs. Minnie Vella McLeod, has brought another action against her husband, Phil McLeod, formerly of this city. The Buffalo Courier says: Philip Hugh McLeod, who lives with his mother at 126 Oakland Place, this city, is the defendant in an action brought by his wife, Minnie Vella McLeod, a former actress, against whom he is separated, to recover \$4,300, said to be due her under an agreement entered into by them in May 24, 1899. Justice Kenick has ordered her to file a bond as security for costs, as she is a non-resident.

The late W. C. McLeod, the father of the defendant in this action, was one of the wealthiest men in Western Ontario. He died at Woodstock some years ago, leaving a fortune of \$1,600,000. Of this amount there fell to Philip Hugh McLeod as his share, \$500,000 in cash and a valuable estate in Oxford county.

Shortly after the death of Mr. McLeod the widow moved to Buffalo, where she has since made her residence. It was at her home in Oakland Place that her daughter, Miss Ethel B. McLeod, was married to Dr. F. J. Rayner on June 21.

Young Mrs. McLeod, the plaintiff in the action, during the season of 1893-1894, was with one of Charles Frothingham's companies under the stage name of Minnie Vella De Lorne. Young McLeod met her in New York, and their marriage occurred in Toronto on May 11, 1894. McLeod and his bride first made their home in St. Thomas, Ont., but later moved to London, Ont. In 1897 differences arose between McLeod and his wife. They separated for a time, but a reconciliation was effected, and they re-established their London home. Two years later the young couple parted for good. On May 24, 1899, an agreement of separation was entered into between them under which McLeod agreed to allow his wife to keep all the family jewels, diamonds, plate and lace, which she had in her possession, and to pay her \$4,300 cash to release her dower interest in certain property in Oxford county.

Mrs. McLeod claims she has only received \$280 under the agreement, and she sues to recover the balance. Similar proceedings have been instituted in the Court of Queen's Bench in Ontario. Bartley Dewart, crown attorney for York county, appears for Mrs. Philip H. McLeod in the proceedings which have begun in Toronto.

McLeod denies the claim made by his wife, and charges that she has drawn from the Toronto Trust and Deposit Company upwards of \$23,000, for which the company does not hold his vouchers. He has demanded an accounting of the company, and has brought an action to recover the money which, he alleges, the corporation has wrongfully paid to his wife. This action was begun in Toronto several days ago and has been sent to a referee, who is now trying to ascertain what amount, if any, the company has allowed Mrs. McLeod to draw without her husband's authority.

IN ASHES

Prescott, Ariz., Has a \$1,000,000 Blaze.

Prescott, Ariz., July 7.—Tottering walls and piles of charred and burning debris are all that remain of a large portion of Prescott's business district. Fire which wrought over \$1,000,000 damage started at 10 o'clock Saturday evening, and burned unchecked until 3 a.m. Sunday, when the fire fighters won a considerable distance in advance of the flames and blew up the buildings on the south side of Godwin street, preventing them from crossing that street. The burned district embraces five blocks, in which were located the principal mercantile houses, both banks, both telephone offices, three newspaper plants, four hotels, every saloon and every restaurant except one in the town, besides scores of private residences. To add to the prevailing gloom a high wind prevailed Sunday, sending smoke and burning embers in every direction. The heaviest losers are Bashford, Burmeister & Co., \$250,000.

GIRL THIEVES

Robbed the Till in a Windsor Grocery Store.

Windsor, July 17.—Addie and Eva McLeod, daughters of William McLeod, of 39 Goyeau street, Flossie Downs, of Howard avenue, and Viola Bissett, of Goyeau street, little girls ranging from 9 to 13 years old, were charged before Magistrate Bartlett yesterday morning with being implicated in the theft of money from Dupuis & Valentia's grocery on Goyeau street.

The McLeod girls admitted stealing about \$7 from the till in the grocery. They had gone into the store and ordered some salt, which they knew was in the back room, and while the clerk was getting it they took the money. Grocer Valentia says that the amount was nearly \$50. The girls claimed to have given \$7 to Flossie Downs and \$9 to Viola Bissett. The four girls went over to Detroit and purchased their watches, other articles of jewelry, and candy. One of the watches was found among some bushes on Goyeau street, near the Bissett girl's home.

Magistrate Bartlett fined each of the girls \$5 and ordered that each of the McLeod girls hand back \$10 of the money stolen. The Bissett girl \$9 and Flossie Downs \$7. If the money is not paid within two weeks the girls will go to jail for 30 days.

FOR THE TOILERS

The Dominion Labor Gazette and Its Able Editor and Manager.

The chief editorship and management of the Government Labor Gazette, at Ottawa, has been accepted by Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, M.A., LL.B., of Toronto. His acceptance was felt as a triumph for the cause of the toilers, inasmuch as it is a simultaneous offer made him as assistant to Prof. Tausig, the celebrated professor of political economy at Harvard University. The Gazette is to be published monthly in connection with the new department of labor, which is being established by the bill introduced and carried through the other day by the postmaster-general. It is to be modeled on the British Labor Gazette and similar labor publications, is to contain statistics and other necessary facts of interest to Canadian labor and industries, is not to be the organ of political or partisan opinions, and is to be supplemented by an annual report like that published by the department of labor and commerce. Such publications will be most important additions to the economic literature of the Dominion. Mr. King, although a very young man, has had a brilliant university career, especially in political economy, is a distinguished graduate in arts and law of the University of Toronto, an M. A. of Harvard University, and, next commencement, will receive the degree of Ph. D. the highest distinction given by that, the oldest seat of learning in America.

He graduated in 1885 at Toronto, was on the staff of the Globe and of the Mail and Empire for a time, was appointed fellow in political economy at the University of Chicago, and subsequently at Harvard, has been a traveling fellow of that university, doing post-graduate work in London, Oxford and Cambridge, in England, and in Berlin, Germany, and other places on the continent. He has been abroad, being associated with the leading economists of the day, and has at the same time been commissioned by the Dominion Government to investigate and report upon certain labor conditions in those older countries.

He has been a member of the Canadian labor union, and has been a member of the Toronto and Montreal press, and has also reported upon it to the government, whose policy in regard to contracts affecting the working classes, has, there is reason to believe, been materially influenced by the facts disclosed by these reports and writings on the subject, both in Canada and in the United States, where he also conducted inquiries for the Consumers' League of Boston, Mass.

Mr. King is a warm friend of the toilers of both sexes, and has used his abilities, as opportunity offered, to help to better their condition. His appointment will be popular with the working classes and labor organizations, to whom he is well known, and who have faith in his ability and honesty, as it will be to all who desire to see a thoroughly competent man at the head of the new undertaking. The Gazette manager has no politics in the party sense. He regards "the game" from a broad, economic standpoint, and will be acceptable to all parties. Mr. King is a son of Mr. John King, Q.C., and a grandson of William Lyon Mackenzie, the tribune of the people in the stormy times of '37, and the leader of the movement for responsible government in Canada. If there be anything in heredity, he ought to have an honest mind and will of his own, a shining virtue in one who has to discharge responsible public duties. The government, and particularly the postmaster-general, who has made the cause of labor his own, are to be congratulated on their establishment of this new department under such exceptionally favorable conditions.

LI AND THE EMPRESS

Story of Their Meeting When One Was a Slave Girl and the Other a Poor Sailor Lad.

[New York Herald.]

Kuan Foy, a scholarly Chinese merchant, and one of the most prominent members of his race in this city, was once a slave of the empress dowager of the Manchu dynasty of the rise of the empress dowager from the lot of a slave girl, and of her first meeting with Li Hung Chang while he was a poor sailor lad on a river boat, and was a man of great power, and the emperor of the city in which she rose to supreme power.

Now, the resident manager of Lu Lung & Co., a large importing firm, Kuan Foy, is a military official, and so far as may be in his own words his story of the empress and the statesman is here repeated:

"Tuen, the dowager empress of China, was once a slave. Her story is strange, and one of the most romantic features of it is that Li Hung Chang, China's greatest man, was at the same time a rough, ignorant sailor lad, earning a living as one of the boats of the Hun Ho, and that to the slave girl fell the chance of rewarding him for a very brave deed. Strange, indeed, that these two who met by chance while both were in obscurity should rise to play two such different and important parts in what promises to be the last scene of the drama of the Chinese empire, or at least of the Manchurian dynasty. The events of the next year point with certain finger to the end."

"Tuen, being a girl child of a Manchurian low grade official, suffered the contumely of Chinese females. However, her feet were not bound, and, owing to a seemingly minor circumstance, the great things in Chinese history for the last fifty years are due. If her feet had been bound she would never have risen from slavery to the rule of the empire."

"A rebellion in her father's Yamen district rendered her family destitute, and, though but eleven years of age, she petitioned her father to sell her as a slave so that her mother might be educated and her mother fed. Her father consented and sold her to the then viceroy of his district, and little Tuen passed away from her family, never to know them again until years later her agents sought out her brother and she took him to live inside the Imperial City, though she could not take him within the Purple Forbidden City. He was made a Manchurian prince and received great estates."

Soon after she was taken into the viceroy's household she heard her master mention an elaborate tunic he had seen at court. She listened to his description of its elaborate embroidery, and twelve months later her child's hands had finished one which was a duplicate by description. The viceroy was astounded and asked her to name any wish she had and it should be granted.

"She hesitated, and then, kneeling at his feet, begged to be taught to read. He told her that it was impossible for a girl to learn to read. She said it was her fault that she had been born a girl, and that the gods had been cruel to her. The viceroy was so impressed

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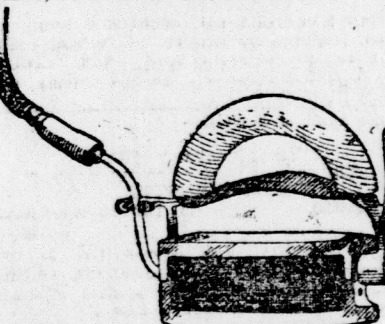
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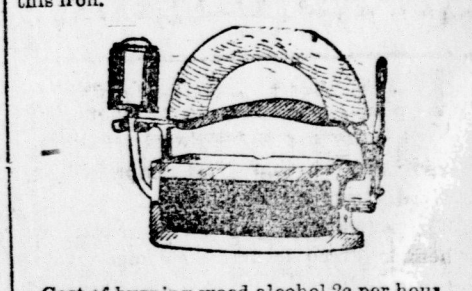


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