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MRS. ROGERS HAS PAID HER DEBT

Vermont Murderess Twice Reprieved, Hanged Today

STORY OF HER CRIME

All Efforts to Save Her Have Been Fruitless as Governor Bell Refused to Grant Reprieve-Twice has She Faced the Gallows, But Reprieve Came Each Time.

WINDSOR, Vt., Dec. 8.—Mary Rogers was hanged at 1.14 and pronounced dead 16 minutes later.

WINDSOR, Vt., Dec. 8—A telephone message from White River Junction to the prisoner telling her that Governor Bell had declined to grant a reprieve to Mrs. Rogers indicated that the last possibility of interference with the execution of the woman, set for this afternoon had vanished. This was verified a few minutes later by an official telephone massage from the governor to Sheriff Peck. The final arrangements for carrying out the sentence were then made. Aside from the presence of an unusuall number of deputy sheriffs and a large number of newspaper correspondents and telegraph operators, the town of Windsor proceeded with its business as usual today. There was apparently little interest in what was taking place at the prison. Sheriff Peck came from White River Junction on an early train. He seemed considerably affected by the prospect before him.

Sheriff Peck has delegated all the actual work to his deputies, but the law requires him to be present at the execution. At the prison during the forenoon all attempts to gain information concerning Mrs. Rogers' condition were fruitless.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Dec. 8—The conference between Mrs. Rogers' attorneys and Governor Bell for another reprieve for Mrs. Rogers was fruitless.

Although Governor Bell agreed early today to hear what the attorneys for Mrs. Rogers had to say in behalf of a reprieve for the condemned woman, there was no indication that their efforts would prevent the execution, and it was expected that she would be hanged between the hours of one and two o'clock this afternoon. Governor Bell and party arrived here from Chicago by way of Montreal at 3.15 a.m. today. One of her lawyers boarded the train near the Canadian boundary line, and at Montpelier Junction another joined him. They saw the governor for a few moments and he agreed to hear what they had to say at 10 a.m.

When the Montreal express reached here Governor Bell was approached by a number of newspaper men, but to all inquiries he said: "I am going to bed, I have nothing to say."

Secretary Walters stated early today that he had heard of nothing that could prevent the execution.

Early today Attorney Flinn, of counsel for Mrs. Rogers, handed Governor Bell a letter from former Justice Powers of the Vermont supreme court, requesting him to show clemency. Judge Powers argued that the ends of justice would be subserved if another reprieve should be granted. He said that he had travelled throughout the state and was personally convinced that the sentiment of the Vermont people was overwhelmingly opposed to the execution. Mr. Powers contended that some of the new evidence in the case had come to light so recently that it has been impossible to present it before two justices of the state supreme court as the law provides, and expressed the belief that a reprieve of three or four weeks would furnish opportunity for this to be done.

The crime for which Mrs. Mary Mabel Rogers was executed was for the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers, at Pennington (Vt.), Aug. 13, 1902. She was then only 19 years of age. She had been separated from her husband for some time and was desirous of marrying a young man named Maurice Knapp. On the night of the murder Rogers met his wife by appointment in the woods near the Walloomsac river. While caressing him she induced him to allow her to bind his hands, and while he was powerless she chloroformed him. In this she was aided by Leon Perham, a half-witted boy with whose mother she boarded. Another woman, Estella Bates, was present.

After the chloroforming, Mrs. Rogers and Perham rolled the body into the river, where it was found the next day. In order to divert suspicion the woman wrote a note to which she signed her husband's name, giving the impression that he had committed suicide.

Immediately after the murder Mrs. Rogers endeavored to collect her husband's life insurance of $500, and also made arrangements to purchase furniture for the house where she expected to live when she had married Knapp.

A few days after the murder Mrs. Rogers, Perham and the Bates woman were arrested. Perham made a complete confession, and both he and Mrs. Rogers were found guilty of murder in the first degree. Perham was sentenced to imprisonment for life and Mrs. Rogers to death.

Various futile attempts were made to induce the legislature, in which body the pardoning power rests, to pardon or commute her sentence. An effort to pass a law abolishing capital punishment likewise failed, and the legislature also denied an application for a state commission to inquire into her sanity.

Governor Bell twice reprieved her in order that her attorneys might carry the case to higher courts, but the state supreme court denied her a new trial and the United States supreme court declined to interfere.

Mrs. Rogers was the daughter of Mrs. James Callahan, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

DISGRACEFUL CONDITIONS

Investigation of Philadelphia Hospital Shows Shocking State of Affairs.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 8—The advisory committee appointed by Mayor Weaver at the suggestion of Dr. W. M. L. Coplin, director of the department of Health and Charities, to make an investigation of conditions in the insane department of the Philadelphia General Hospital, submitted a report last night, which shows a condition in the alms house that is characterized as shocking by Dr. Coplin. The report says there are 1,800 patients in the insane department, whereas there are accommodations for only 900. There is an utter lack of clothing and many patients are compelled to remain in bed because they have no clothes to wear. Some have to remain in bed while their clothes are being washed. In one ward 100 patients out of 125 were without underclothing, and night clothes are also scarce. The report also says that the place is so crowded that patients have to sleep on benches and on the floor and that tuberculosis patients are not separated from the other inmates.

CRUEL BOYS SENT TO JAIL

For Torturing a Horse They Get Three Months With a Fine.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 8.—(Special).—Two colored boys, named Hoyt and Nutt, who yesterday pleaded guilty in the police court to a charge of cruelty to a horse, were this morning sentenced by Col. Marsh to three months in jail without the option of a fine. His honor characterized the offence as a most diabolical one and regretted that he could not impose a heavier penalty.

The new Baptist church at Marysville is to be dedicated the latter part of this month.

The I. C. R. authorities have increased the freight rate on coal to this city by sixty-five cents per ton.

Governor Snowball is resting for his home in Chatham this afternoon. He will return about February 1st and occupy Government House for the session.

TRANSPORT IS A LAME DUCK

The Jinsen with 1000 Troops Aboard Broke Her Propeller and is Now Helpless.

CHEFOO, Dec. 8—1 p.m.—Two Japanese army officers who have arrived here in a lifeboat, report that the transport Jinsen, which left Dalny for Japan two days ago with 1000 troops and 300 horses aboard, broke her propeller between Shantung promontory and the Korean coast and is now adrift. The two officers embarked in a lifeboat and came to Chefoo to seek assistance. The Japanese consul here has telegraphed for a man-of-war to rescue the helpless vessel. Some British officers are on board the transport.

WILL VIEW IT TONIGHT

It is now believed that the body of the man found recently in Likely's timber pond is not that of Joseph White. Coroner Roberts received a telegram from Mrs. Jimmo, of Chatham, last evening, stating that her brother left Chatham on Friday, Dec. 1.

W. E. Newcombe identified the body yesterday as that of a man he saw at Torryburn, Thursday or Friday. According to Mrs. Jimmo's statement, White would have been en route to St. John about that time.

Coroner Roberts, when asked today regarding the matter, said that Mrs. Jimmo had wired him that she would be in St. John to view the body this evening.

SHEFFIELD

SHEFFIELD, Dec. 7.—Three inches of snow fell here last night which made good sleighing for the first time this season.

Charles K. Palmer, of the John Palmer Company, Fredericton, shot a big moose at Little River, Sheffield, last week.

Wellington Green, of New Zion, was in Sheffield this week.

Harvey Welton, of Newcastle, was in Sheffield Wednesday on his way to Fredericton for a nurse for his brother Gordon who met with a serious accident on Tuesday while at work in his father's coal mine.

A number of the young people of Sheffield went to Maugerville Wednesday evening to take in the supper and fancy sale, which was held by the Sheffield and Maugerville Sewing Circle.

Lorenzo Briggs, of Lakeville Corner, and Fred Flowers, blacksmith, of Sheffield, went to Fredericton this morning on business.

Percy K. Barker and John Dow Bridges were at Newcastle on Wednesday.

WEATHER IN MONTREAL

(Montreal Star, Thursday).

"Did you ever," said the weather man, "see such a wet, soft, miserable, rheumatiky, grippy, cold-in-the-head winter as this, with the streets full of slush and water dripping and running everywhere on the 7th of December?"

"No," replied the oldest inhabitant, "not since the year of the big wind."

And they both sneezed in unison, and the most ancient resident winced as he felt the twitches of his "roomatiz."

RUSSIAN BOURSE

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—Trading on the Bourse today opened quiet. Russians were firmer on reports from St. Petersburg that the telegraphers' strike is ended. The market was weaker towards the close.

DR. EDWARD A. PRESTON NOW FACES THE MOST SERIOUS OF CHARGES

"Murder of Edith Floyd Clark" is the Crime of Which St. John Physician Stands Accused---Preliminary Examination Opened in the Police Court This Morning---Dr. W. F. Roberts on the Stand.

Dr. Edward A. Preston, now faces the most serious of charges, that of murder. The charge as read by Judge Ritchie in the police court this morning shows that the prisoner has to answer for a crime more serious than that which was anticipated by the general public.

At 10.35 a. m. the magistrate said "Let Edward A. Preston be brought into court," and many were the queries made by the large crowd present in court as to why Howard D. Camp was not ordered to be brought in also. The charges against the two prisoners are, however, separate and distinct, and although the coroner's jury stated in the verdict that Camp was a party to the transaction in their opinion, yet it is only a matter of conjecture what he will be charged with. It is presumed that Camp's preliminary examination will not take place until the conclusion of the Preston investigation in the police court. If the latter should be sent up for trial, he will be tried in the Supreme court, the second Tuesday in January.

Sergt. Hapwell brought Dr. Preston into court and the prisoner was attired exactly in the same manner as when arrested. He had on dark clothes, a heavy overcoat and a white tie, while in his hand he carried a silk hat.

The prisoner showed this morning the strain under which he is laboring when he took his seat on the prisoner's bench. He then shook hands with his counsel, Scott E. Morrill and B. L. Gerow, after which he nodded recognition to Dr. Roberts, who was present in the court.

Solicitor-General Jones was present to conduct the prosecution, and A. W. Macrae, Camp's counsel, was also in court. Seth Berry acted as the stenographer.

The court then called the name of Edward A. Preston, and the following charge was read to him:—

"The information of complainant, William Walker Clark, of the City of St. John, in the City of St. John, in the City and County of St. John, taken on oath before me, the undersigned Robert J. Ritchie, Esquire, police magistrate for the police district in the City of St. John, at the police office in the City of St. John, this eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and five, who saith that he suspects and believes that Edward A. Preston, at the City of St. John, aforesaid, between the tenth day of November last, past, and the twenty-third day of November last, past, did murder Edith Floyd Clarke, contrary to the statute made and provided, and deponent's reasons for such suspicion and belief are these:—

"That the said Edith Floyd Clarke died on the twenty-second day of November last, and an enquiry was afterwards had before Daniel E. Berryman Esquire, a coroner for the City and County of St. John, as to the cause of her death. Deponent heard the different witnesses give evidence before the coroner, and the jury empanelled to enquire into the cause of death, found that the said Edith Floyd Clarke died at the City of St. John, aforesaid, from blood poisoning, caused by an unlawful act, to wit, abortion, the result of an operation performed by said Edward A. Preston.

W. WALTER CLARK.

Tawen and sworn cefore me, the day and year first above mentioned, at the City of St. John, in the City and County of St. John.

ROBERT J. RITCHIE, P. M.

Judge Ritchie, after having read the charge to the prisoner, requested him to resume his seat, as he had read the charge formally, and there was no plea entered.

Solicitor General Jones then announced that he appeared to conduct the case for the crown, and B. L. Gerow stated that he and Scott E. Morril appeared on behalf of the prisoner.

Dr. W. F. Roberts was the first witness called for the crown. He stated that he was a physician and surgeon during the past ten years in this city. He knew the prisoner, Dr. Preston, during the last ten years he thought. Witness knew that he lived on Sydney street, and was a homeopathic physician. (Mr. Gerow objected, saying that the prisoner's occupation should not be proved that way.) Dr. Roberts said that he knew the prisoner's occupation by the sign, and Mr. Gerow stated that both the sign and proof that he is a homeopathic doctor should be submitted. The court allowed the answer about how the doctor held himself out to the public by his sign.

Dr. Roberts said that he had been in the prisoner's office about four or five years ago, not professionally. He could not say how many rooms were in Dr. Preston's office. Dr. Preston was there at the time. Witness said he knew a young woman by the name of Edith Clarke. He first became acquainted with her on the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 15th, between 3.15 and 4 p. m. in the bedroom of her house on Adelaide street. Her father's name was Robert Clarke, and he was retired from active business. He used to be a truckman.

Witness knew Edith Clarke by sight before meeting her on Nov. 15. Had a call from Miss Reynolds on Nov. 15, whom the witness knew personally for about two months. As a result of what Miss Reynolds said to the witness he went to Miss Clarke's house, and Mr. Clarke was present in the bed-room when he went there. He knew that there were others there, but he did not know who.

The solicitor-general asked the witness to tell everything that Edith Clarke said with reference to her physical condition.

Scott E. Morrill objected to the question. The question was allowed and the witness said that he asked the deceased questions and received the answers. Again the prisoner's counsel objected. The witness said that deceased told him that she had not been feeling well for two weeks, and on the Sunday previous, 12th, she had a severe chill. She complained of a pain in her left lung. That was in the second intercostal space. She had a cough and it hurt her. Witness also stated that the deceased said she was burning up and expectorated considerable when she coughed. She had some headache and pains across her back. Witness said he was in the house between five and seven minutes, and while there he found that her temperature was 103.8, her pulse 122 and her respiration was 32. Dr. Roberts said that he examined the sputum also. Witness said that he wrote a prescription for

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A BIG GOLD STRIKE.

WABIGOON, Ont., Dec. 8 (special)—Information has arrived from Manitou of the most extraordinary strike of gold that has ever been made in that district. The strike occurred at the Laurentian Mine, one mile from Gold Rock, which was recently reopened after the close of litigation proceedings. A couple of shots put in by miners while drifting from the north side of the shaft at the 85 foot level on Tuesday last did the business and exposed gold of untold value.

JOHN REDMOND SENDS A SANGUINE MESSAGE ON IRELAND'S FUTURE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 8.—"Since the time of Gladstone, Ireland never occupied a more powerful position than she does today. The home rule question is absolutely the main issue before the public." This is the message which John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the British House of Commons, and the world over, cabled last night to the North American.

Following is Mr. Redmond's despatch in full:—

"The overthrow of the Balfour government places the Irish cause once more in the forefront of British politics. Five years ago Mr. Balfour came into power with an enormous majority pledged against home rule. Today that majority has disappeared and a prime minister, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, is in office who has declared that the government of Ireland must be placed in the hands of an assembly elected by the Irish people.

"This marks the greatest and most encouraging advance which the home rule question has had in a generation and makes it absolutely the main issue now before the people of the world.

"The defeat of ex-Premier Balfour's attempt at redistributing the parliamentary seats last year with a view of reducing the number of Irish representatives by a process of flagrant "gerrymandering," was really the cause of the final overthrow of the Unionist Tory administration.

"This defeat was brought about, of course, by the Irish party through its representatives. This is not the first time the party has shown its power. We have shown that in the long run no British government which tries to ignore the righteous demand for home rule can long escape defeat. The political future is most encouraging. The great mass of the Liberals will follow the lead of the new premier, and John Morley on the Irish question. The views of these men, as well as their actions, have been consistent. Lord Rosebery's objections will have little weight.

"But the Irish party is alert as well as united. The reliance of Ireland is not upon any British declarations, however plausible or encouraging they may be, but upon her own strength in parliament and the absolute justice of her demands.

"The Irish question, which has lived for a hundred years, holds the field today. The convention just held here was a great representative gathering, strong in purpose and eloquent of the vigor of public opinion.

"United and hopeful, the members of the Irish parliamentary party look with confidence to the Irish race and its sympathizers the world over to sustain them in this crucial fight and to aid them in making the most for Ireland from the present situation.

"In the time of Gladstone, Ireland never occupied a more powerful position than she does today."

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

Union street, Carleton, is still on the brink of startling disclosures. The city fathers hope to head it off, but there is a general feeling that their sins will find them out.

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HIRAM IS IMPRESSED.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam has spent the last couple of days at home studying President Roosevelt's message to congress. There were only about 25,000 words in it, or say twenty-one columns of a newspaper. Hiram read it as a whole, then in sections and then as a whole again. He says it is a very comprehensive document, but might have been improved by some references to the state of the country and the price of hay. Nevertheless, Hiram regards the message as a valuable contribution to the literature with which fires are started in the kitchen stove these cold mornings.

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HAD NOT REFLECTED.

A man who said his name was Wrathful Taxpayer, and that he lived on the west side of the harbor, stopped the Times new reporter on the street this morning and said things.

He said we now had three ferry boats, and the service was no better than it used to be, so far as speed was concerned. The new steamer did not make any more trips than the old ones. Wun Lung and the Quangondy were stalled in Rodney Hospital, and men had to be paid to look after them. The citizen or the team wanting transfer across the harbor had as long to wait as in the days when there was no Ludlow.

Therefore Mr. Wrathful Citizen was sore at heart and worried in his mind.

The new reporter soothed him by pointing out that the city had been enabled to spend ninety thousand dollars or more, which ought to be regarded as a great privilege, in which all could justly claim a share. Such small matters as individual convenience in crossing the harbor should not weigh against this inestimable privilege of a free people. Indeed there is still a possibility that it may be made an even hundred thousand before the Ludlow is a perfect fit for the harbor.

Mr. Wrathful Taxpayer admitted that he had not regarded the question from this standpoint, and that perhaps he had been somewhat hasty in his judgment.

STOLE THE ARMY'S SELF-DENIAL BANK

Man Who Claims St. John As His Home Is In Trouble.

ARRESTED IN MONCTON

For Stealing Salvation Army Collection Bank from Office of Brunswick Hotel---He Admits His Guilt---When Found, Was Trying to Negotiate Loan.

MONCTON, N.B., Dec. 8—(Special)—A young man travelling under different names was arrested this morning on a charge of stealing the Salvation Army Self-Denial bank and contents from the Hotel Brunswick office. When arrested the young man, who registered at the hotel as John Williams of St. John, and Geo. Murray, was in the bank of Nova Scotia trying to negotiate a $1000 loan.

In the bank he exhibited a document purporting to be drawn up by J. B. Walker, of Bass River, Kent county, transferring to him property to the value of $2500. The document, when examined, bore marks of being a clumsy forgery, and no stock was taken in the story. When taken to the police station the prisoner admitted that he had stolen the Salvation Army Self-Denial bank, and said he and another party had divided the contents, amounting to three or four dollars. Yesterday the prisoner arrived in the city and registered at the Brunswick Hotel as John Williams, St. John. He had no means and was informed he could not be given lodging. Late in the day he appeared at the American Hotel and registered as George Wiliams, and settled his bill this morning with small change. The Salvation Army bank was missed from the Brunswick, and suspicion rested on Williams (or Murray), who was standing about the hotel office. A watch on the young man's movements this morning resulted in his arrest as described. The opinion is entertained that the prisoner is of unsound mind. As near as can be ascertained he hails from Maine instead of St. John. The police authorities are awaiting the return of the Salvation Army captain to town to prefer a charge. The prisoner is about twenty-five years old.

Geo. McKinnon, a young man belonging to Scotch Settlement has been charged in the police court with beating his uncle, Lawrence McKinnon, with whom he had been living. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

THE BIG SIX DAYS GRIND

Nine Weary Teams Still Plugging Away for Honors--The Pace is Slow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Spurred on by the prospect tomorrow night of a $1,500 prize, the six teams which for fifty hours have been one-tenth of a mile behind Bedell brothers in the bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, began a long desperate sprint just before dawn today. When the sprint was over only one team out of the six had made up the lost distance. Root and Fogler being the successful combination. Two other teams maintained their position of one lap behind, thereby keeping within striking distance of first prize money. The three others lost one lap more each. Besides these seven teams there remained three more. They were far behind the leaders when the sprint started and at its close one of them Dorelinger and Dussot, were an even four miles in the rear. These ten teams remained in the race until 9 o'clock today, when Keegan of the Keegan-Logan team, which was well up toward the leaders, was forced to withdraw from the race on account of a sore foot. Achorn, of the Achorn-Downey team then withdrew and the partners of the two retiring riders at once formed a new team under the name of Logan and Downey. This left 9 teams in the race. At 10 o'clock the leaders were 355 miles behind the record. The score at that hour was: Bedell-Bedell and Root-Folger, 1,698 miles, 6 laps; Vanderstuyft-Stol, and MacLean-Moran, 1,698 miles, 5 laps; Downing-Fowler and Lopper-Nollister, 1,698 miles, 4 laps; Logan-Downey, 1,698 miles, 3 laps; Galvin-McDonald, 1,698 miles, 2 laps; Dorelinger-Dussot, 1,694 miles, 6 laps.

SAYS NIAGARA WILL DISAPPEAR

Scientist Avers That in 3000 Years Great Falls Will Cease to Exist.

OTTAWA, Dec 8 (Special)—The essence of Manager LaFlamme's report on Niagara Falls has already appeared in this correspondence. The report in full has now been given out. He says that geologists are far from agreeing as to the time taken by the cataract to cut out its bed. Some say 5,000 years, while others of equal high standing say fifty thousand. The computations made as to the rate of the retrocession of the falls are very uncertain. As retrocession advances the lime stone beds increase and therefore the wearing process will be slower. Grabau says that in 3,000 years Niagara will disappear and the great lakes, save that of Ontario, will drain into the Mississippi. LaFlamme says that it is impossible to form any decision as to process of retrocession. At all events he does not think that the Canadian waters are for long years to come apt to suffer greatly from retrocession of the falls wherever be its direction. "There are," he adds, "few scientific problems in which the personal equation plays so great a part."

ANOTHER FATAL BOUT

Californian Laborer Killed in a Fist Fight---His Opponent Arrested.

YREKA, Calif., Dec. 8—Jack McDonald, a laborer at Weed, and champion of the locality, was killed in a fist fight Wednesday night with Sid Roberts. The two men made arrangements for a ten round bout for the gate receipts, and a small purse. From the third round Roberts had everything his own way. In the ninth, when McDonald was all but gone, Roberts swung a vicious left to the back of McDonald's head, dropping him to the floor. McDonald did not regain consciousness, and he died yesterday. The doctor pronounced death due to hemorrhage of the brain. One hundred men saw the contest. Roberts is now in jail.

OTTAWA NEWS

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 8.—(Special). — Lord Grey has notified the secretary of the forestry convention that he will have much pleasure in opening the forestry convention here on January 10th.

The Canadian Pacific Railway intend building a freight depot and steck yards at Janeville, a suburb of Ottawa. The company has purchased a tract of land for this purpose from Robert Cummings.

Some days ago one of the employes of the public works department, Sam Adams, who was clerk of works for the rebuilding of the Ottawa post office, was suspended because another employe made certain charges against him. The case was inquired into yesterday by the minister of public works and Adams has been re-instated, while the man who made the charges remains on the suspended list.

KNOWS NOTHING OF IT

OTTAWA, Dec. 8—(Special)—The Department of the Interior informed your correspondent today that they had no knowledge of the sale by the government of any block of land to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Co., of which Colonel Davidson is one of the heads. The department does not credit the report of the sale.

THE BUTTER OUTPUT

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 8—(Special)—The growth of the creamery butter industry in the northwest is remarkable. In 1897 the output was 473,902 pounds, while the last season it reached 1,034,000 pounds.

BUFFALO HAS A BAD BLAZE

Railway and Dry Dock Shops Burned and Loss is $200,000.

BUFFALO, Dec. 8—The shops of the Union Dry Dock Company and the Erie Railroad's transfer and freight house on Ganson street were destroyed by fire early today, causing a loss estimated at $200,000. The damage to the dry dock company's plant was comparatively small, the buildings destroyed being wooden structures and containing no machinery of great value. Their loss will not exceed $15,000. The Erie freight house was an immense building running parallel with the south side of Buffalo Creek and the north side of Ganson street. It was about 1500 feet in length, and contained an unusually large amount of eastbound merchandise, which has been piling up on account of the car shortage, and the resultant blockade of eastbound freight of all kinds. All eastbound and westbound lake and rail freight over the Erie was transferred there.

Several lake boats anchored along the Erie dock narrowly escaped being caught in the flames. Burning embers from the freight house were carried across the river by a high wind. The towers of Niagara elevators A and B caught fire several times, but the flames were put out before serious damage was done.

ADMIRALTY COURT

In the admiralty court this morning, the case of Benjamin Hatfield vs. the schooner Wandrain was begun before Justice McLeod.

This is an action for damages as the result of a collision which took place in Parrsboro harbor. The Wandrain was in tow of the tug Flushing when she collided with the schooner, Helen M., owned by the plaintiff in this suit. The prosecution called this morning Isaac Crowell, who was the cook on the Helen M. when the collision took place. The case was resumed this afternoon. C. J. Coster appeared for the plaintiff and H. H. McLean for the defendant.

TO COMPETE IN ENGLAND

TORONTO, Dec. 8—(Special)—S. J. A. Sellers of Central Y.M.C.A. Harrier Club left yesterday for England, where he will compete in the English long distance running championships.

At the Main street Baptist church on Sunday evening Rev. Mr. Hutchinson will speak on "The Deity of Jesus."