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BANG! AND THE STOVE BLEW UP

Serious Explosion in a Hotel Kitchen This Morning

WATER PIPES FROZE

And When Kitchen Stove in Metropolitan Hotel Was Lighted the Explosion Followed--Mrs. C. S. Goggin Had Narrow Escape From Injury.

A deafening report, the crash of breaking windows and woodwork, the loud rattle of kitchen utensils and earthenware, accompanied by a scorching shower from Mrs. C. S. Goggin, aroused the boarders of the Metropolitan Hotel, Charlotte street, at an early hour this morning when the hot water front blew out of the kitchen range.

Mrs. Goggin narrowly escaped serious injury, and about \$100 worth of damage resulted.

Mrs. Goggin, the landlady, went into the kitchen about seven o'clock to superintend the preparation of breakfast. She had no idea that as a result of last night's cold snap the water had been frozen, for she lighted the fire and was engaged in further preparation for the morning meal when, all at once, she was startled by a loud report instantly followed by a shower of stove lids and utensils and the complete wreck of a large kitchen range which was practically new.

So violent was the explosion that the glass in several of the windows was broken, stove lids were hurled to the window sills, portions of the wreck flew to other parts of the room, breaking the crockeryware, splitting the panel of one of the sideboard doors in three pieces, and breaking a quantity of glassware that had been placed inside.

When Mr. Goggin and others in the house, who were startled by Mrs. Goggin's scream, arrived on the scene the kitchen was a wreck. The floor, window sills and table were strewn with portions of the stove, broken dishes and glassware. No fire was not in clearing up the wreck as best it could be done, and a small round heating stove was procured to service the cooking until a new range could be procured.

CIVIC POLITICS IN MONCTON

Only Two Candidates in Field at Present--Work of Reform League--A New Suburb.

MONCTON, Jan. 9--The civic reform and temperance league organized on Monday night last for the purpose of putting candidates in the field for the purpose of securing a council that will more effectively enforce the Scott Act, has so far not met with very good success. The committee appointed to look up candidates have interviewed a number of gentlemen considered eligible for the purposes of the league, but with very few exceptions they have declined to run. The league meets tomorrow night to receive the report of the committee, but it is doubtful if a full ticket can be presented to the meeting.

In the meantime there is talk of the league taking a hand in the selection of candidates. So far only two candidates are in the field and canvassing. These are Dr. C. T. Purdy, for mayor, and Dr. McCusker, for alderman for ward three. The elections take place on the 28th inst., leaving plenty of time for a large crop of candidates to get into the light.

Another suburb is likely to spring up in the western part of the city. Geo. McSweeney, who has recently divided into building lots his farm situated along the Mountain Road, near the new I. C. R. works, has within the past day or two, sold four lots and has many enquiries from others intending to build in the spring. The name of the new suburb which is just outside the city limits, will be "Georgetown."

MERCURY TOOK SUDDEN SLUMP

Drop of 47 Degrees Reported in Last 24 Hours--A Heavy Gale.

One of the worst gales of the season set in yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Between that time and 4 o'clock this morning the average wind velocity was 36 miles an hour, and at short intervals 48 miles an hour was recorded. Yesterday morning rain was falling with the temperature at 40 degrees. Light snow also fell yesterday with falling temperature. The lowest reading this morning was seven degrees below zero, thus making a drop of 47 degrees in the last 24 hours.

Yesterday's New York Herald says: "It was reported yesterday that negotiations were under way for the sale of the New Brunswick Southern Railway, a small, independent line which is owned by the Russell Sage estate, to the Intercolonial Railway, owned by the Canadian government."

CONVULSIONS OF THE EARTH

Much Damage Done by Landslides and Earthquakes

TRAINS ARE STALLED

By a Serious Landslide in Ganjon Pass, California--Earthquake Shocks in Pennsylvania, Baltimore, Sweden and Norway--Considerable Damage Done.

LOS ANGELES, Cal. Jan. 10--A landslide in the Ganjon Pass has blocked the through trains of the Santa Fe, Salt Lake railroad. The Los Angeles Ltd. due here yesterday afternoon, is tied up behind this slide. East-bound trains of both roads were held here yesterday and will leave this morning. On the Southern Pacific a cave-in at Tunnel No. 17, another at the New Hall Tunnel and the trouble at Tehachapi Mountains, effectively tied up the valley line so that it is impossible to say just when it will be open to traffic to San Francisco. On the coast line to San Francisco, a landslide near Carpinteria and trouble of a like nature near San Luis Obispo has blocked travel.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 10--A series of shocks, evidently earthquakes were felt in this section from 4.30 to 5.30 this morning. Buildings shook and the families were awakened and rumbling sounds were heard over an area of about 20 miles.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan. 10--Two distinct and sharp earthquake shocks were felt at several points in Sweden at 1.20 this morning. Despatches received from Arvika, Mellerud and Stromstad report that the rocking of houses at those places caused a noisy exodus of the alarm inhabitants.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Jan. 10--Two severe shocks of earthquake nature fell here at 1.30 o'clock this morning accompanied by rumblings like thunder. Despatches received here show that the shocks were felt in other places in Norway. The disturbances caused considerable alarm but no damage has been reported.

RICHARD WORTMAN DIED LAST NIGHT

He Was a Crack Hockey Player and Well Known Here.

MONCTON, Jan. 10 (Special)--J. W. Wortman, assistant chief auditor of the I. C. R., received a telegram this morning that his son, Richard Wortman, whose serious illness was recently reported, died last night at Smith's Falls, Ont. Mrs. Wortman was summoned a few days ago to the bedside of her son.

Dick Wortman was well known in St. John and Moncton. He was formerly in the Bank of Montreal here, but after being appointed to the post of chief auditor on the staff of the branch at Clitham and other places, he resigned from the service. Recently he had been on the G. T. P. survey. He was stricken with fever recently, from which he died. Deceased was a well known hockey player, being goal keeper for the former Moncton team, and was also a member of the Moncton track club. He is nephew of J. T. Nevins, of St. John, and was about 25 years of age. His death is learned with deep regret by his many friends here.

The body will arrive in St. John on the C. P. R. tomorrow and the funeral will be held from the Union depot to the Church of England burial ground.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Woodstock Man Negotiating for a Lease of the Barker House.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 10 (Special)--T. V. Monahan, of Woodstock, is in the city today negotiating for the purchase of the Barker House, and it is said he has good prospects of being able to make a deal with Proprietor Coleman.

Rev. J. R. Devolite Cowie has been appointed canon of Christ church cathedral, and has also had a substantial increase made in his salary.

The contract for building the Ketchum wharf in Kings county has been awarded to George Appleby.

Three privates deserted from the Royal Regiment here on Tuesday night and are thought to have crossed the border. Sergeant Morgan is absent from the corps without leave, and it is thought he has joined the exodus.

Mrs. R. W. Gregory fell on the sidewalk on Government lane yesterday and injured her knee very badly.

In the probate court letters testamentary were granted in the estate of the late Rosella Moller to her sister, Margaret McAler. The estate values at \$400 real and \$500 personal property. E. S. Ritchie, executor.

WANTED -- A GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply 551 Princess street.

ALDERMAN'S MATES THAT LUDLOW WILL COST WELL OVER \$100,000 MARK

To Date She Has Cost Over \$90,000 and it Will Not Require Much Effort on Her Part to Pass the \$100,000 Mark--Ferry Committee Met This Morning.

THE TROUBLESOME LUDLOW

The regular monthly meeting of the ferry committee was held this morning. Superintendent Glasgow reported that the Ludlow would be ready to go on the route in a day or two and it was decided that she should be put in commission again on the 16th inst. The Otagoqudy will have some changes made to her, a committee being appointed for that purpose.

The statement was made that the Ludlow had cost up to the present time ninety odd thousand dollars and it is confidently expected that she will soon pass the hundred thousand mark. Improvements were ordered in the lighting on the east and west abutments.

Ald. Lockhart presided and there were present Aldermen Bullock, Tilley, Holder, Superintendent Glasgow and the common clerk.

Salary Increase Asked. An application from Wentworth Lewis for an increase in salary from \$40 to \$50 per month was ordered filed.

Andrew Crawford, fireman, made an application for an increase in salary from \$40 to \$45 per month. Referred to salaries committee.

Superintendent Glasgow said he supposed the committee would want to know when the Ludlow would go on.

Ald. Bullock said the lighting in the west side ferry toll-house was very poor. He moved that an incandescent light be put in the men's lavatory and an arc light placed in the centre of the men's waiting room.

It was also decided to place another light at the head of the east side ferry stairs.

Mr. Holder, Tilley and the superintendent were appointed a committee to make some changes in the Otagoqudy, so that she would fit the flats better.

HIS WIFE WAS IN THE COURT

Magistrate Was Surprised to See Her--Case Against Capt. W. R. Dixon.

Captain Wm. R. Dixon, of 80 Adelaide street, was arrested last night on a warrant of assault, taken out by Miss Lizzy Welch, his sister-in-law. The arrest forms the sequel to a disturbance in John Weldon's saloon, taken out by Miss Lizzy Welch, his sister-in-law. The arrest forms the sequel to a disturbance in John Weldon's saloon, taken out by Miss Lizzy Welch, his sister-in-law.

The police court this morning Capt. Dixon's former wife, who was in the police court this morning. Miss Lizzy Welch at whose instance he was arrested, stated that Dixon had laid hands on her and used her roughly.

The prisoner swore that this was not true and admitted being in the house, saying that he went there to see his wife and was told by Mrs. Welch and her daughter she was not there. He added that when he started for the front room he was told by Mrs. Welch and her daughter she was not there. He added that when he started for the front room he was told by Mrs. Welch and her daughter she was not there.

"Your wife," said his honor, "where is she?" "Sitting over there," was the reply. "That's certainly new to the court. What about your former wife?" "Yes."

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It seems that Mrs. Dixon appeared at the police court about two weeks ago, and stated she understood that her husband's former wife was alive, and asked what she would do.

The Quebec train is five hours late today on account of a heavy snow storm up north.

In the police court this morning, Michael Kelley was fined \$8 and two months for drunkenness.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER. JAMESIEY'S RESOLUTION. Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Jamesiey Jones, has decided that next summer he will pure hase a sand-bank and where he always met her, great both to the city. He will also engage as many teams as he can to have mounded in the city, at which citizens may secure a supply in icy weather, such as prevails at present.

Three falls, four large bumps, a sprained ankle and a lame back were the moving influences in determining our valued friend to adopt this benevolent resolution. "I have done paper down there," said the new reporter proudly.

THE NEW WHARF. Proposed Changes in Specifications Cause Considerable Talk. There is considerable talk about the section of the board of works in changing the specifications of the proposed new wharf. It is claimed that if the intention of the aldermen to build a 600 foot berth and only place cranes on the southern side, leaving the northern side to be erected on piling, is carried out, it will mean that the 600 foot berth that was in the original plan on the southern side, will have to be abandoned, or else when the time comes to build it, that dredging operations would cause the outer lot of piling and the warehouse to sink. It is contended that it would be much better in the interests of the future needs of the port to keep to the original plan and sink cranes on both sides of the wharf, as in the case of the present wharf.

It would cost much more, it is said, to build a 600 foot wharf at any other part of the harbor than it would in the place shown on the original plan.

WILL TAKE UP THE TARIFF. OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 10 (Special)--The tariff will be presented with in the house today. It is likely that all debatable items will be allowed to stand, and those to which there are no objections will be put through first. The principal changes will be where any discrepancies have crept in on the final revision.

MONTREAL STOCKS. MONTREAL, Jan. 10. --(Special).--There was a notable price alteration in Montreal's market. Trading was light in Montreal Street Railway at 222. Dominion 24 and bonds 80. Rio bonds 78. 800 common 134, Mexican 55, Can. Pac. 194 1/8, Ohio Traction 30, Detroit 51 1/2.

D. J. Seelye arrived on the C. P. R. today. W. B. Howard came in on the C. P. R. at noon.

BUTTER AND CHEESE. MONTREAL, JAN. 10 (Special)--The cheese market was without a special feature today, selling at 12 3/4 to 13. The butter market was a better price, but the sellers are demanding a better price in the butter market was firmer, choice 25 to 25 1/2 and fine, 24 1/2 to 25.

The case of Goggin vs. Whittaker was concluded today in the city court. Judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$16.65. The suit was the result of indebtedness incurred during the time Mr. Whittaker occupied the Palm Garden Cafe.

The clock in St. Luke's church tower is still out of the running and north end citizens are inconvenienced thereby.

Louis J. Slattery returned to St. Joseph's University today.

Dwelling Occupied by Mrs. London Guttered by Flames This Morning. An alarm from Box 132 rung in by Officer Merrick at five o'clock this morning announced a rather serious fire in a house on Chesley street opposite Miller's Mill and occupied by Mrs. London and her son.

Smoke issuing from the roof of the two and a half story building was first noticed by the officer and it was not long before No. 5 fire department was at the scene. The fire burned down to the second story and almost gutted the building. The firemen worked hard and some of them suffered from the cold weather.

It is presumed that the fire originated through a defective chimney but that is not definitely known.

The furniture was insured in the Law Union & Crown Co.

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FIFTY YEARS WEDDED LIFE. Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cowan Will Have Golden Wedding ON TUESDAY NEXT. Many Invitations Issued for the Event--Mr. and Mrs. Cowan's Children, Grandchildren and Friends Will Extend Their Hearty Congratulations.

Tuesday next will be the day on which Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cowan, 18 Cedar street, will celebrate their golden jubilee, and extensive are the preparations that are being made for the celebration of that event.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowan were married in 1857 by Rev. Thomas Connor at Long Island, and their attendants were James W. Thomson and Miss Charlotte Vanwart. Mr. and Mrs. Cowan have had three children, all of whom are living, and they are Mrs. A. L. Slipp, Mrs. Rubin Golding and Mrs. Theodora Vanwart.

The elderly couple have five grandchildren, viz., Walter A. Slipp, A. Stanley Golding, Belle Golding and Cowan Vanwart, and one great-grandchild, Albert W. Slipp, son of Walter Slipp.

Mrs. Cowan's maiden name was Elizabeth Burnham Thomson, and she was born in Indianapolis.

Mr. Cowan is a son of Charles Cowan, who hailed from the north of Ireland. He married Martha Howe Stevens, of Indianapolis. They had fourteen children, twelve of whom were living until recently, when Charles was drowned.

Mr. Cowan, on his mother's side is a descendant of the Loyalists, his grandmother, Mrs. Stevens, being the wife of a Loyalist.

They resided in the city for some time and subsequently went to South Bay, where they owned a large farm of 300 acres and which they enjoyed together until death.

Mr. Cowan, when seen this morning by a Times man, looked hale and hearty and displayed much of the vigour which is characteristic of his countrymen. As regards his life, he stated that he has been 78 years a resident of this city, and was engaged in the business of lumber surveying.

Invitations have been issued for the anniversary and the decorations at Mr. and Mrs. Cowan's residence in honor of the occasion will be of an elaborate nature.

A PRESIDENT DIED THERE. Buffalo Residence Where President McKinley Died Was Burned This Morning. BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 10--The former residence of John G. Milburn on Delaware Avenue, to which the late President William McKinley was taken after he was shot at the Pan-American Exposition and where he died, was very badly damaged by fire this morning.

The fire broke out in the linen room and practically consumed everything within the four walls, loss \$25,000 insured. Milburn had recently sold the property to Philip M. Shannon.

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OTHER VICTIM ADDED TO THE LIST IN RUSSIA

LODZ, Russian Poland, Jan. 10--Colonel Patko Andrieff, chief of the Gendarmes of Lodz district, was shot and killed this morning on Poludniowa street. A passing infantry patrol fired a volley at his assassin, but only wounded several innocent on-lookers. The assassin escaped. Lodz district was closed by troops and the police began making a strict search of all the houses fronting upon it.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 10--Vice-Admiral Douboassoff, ex-governor general of Moscow, and at present a member of the council of the empire, has received notification that another attempt upon his life will be made.

AMHERST MAN DROPPED DEAD. J. Edward Smith Suddenly Succumbed to Heart Failure This Morning.

AMHERST, N. S., Jan. 10. (Special).--J. Edward Smith, the father of the well-known farmers, dropped dead this morning while attending to his work at his farm about a mile and a half from Amherst. The deceased, who was 80 years of age, has, since the death of his wife a short time ago, resided with his son. This morning at about his usual time he went to his barn, a short distance from the house, where he was found about a half hour later by his son, who found him lying in the hay dead. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death. He is survived by one son. His second wife, who was a daughter of the late Joseph Chapman, J. P., Point de Bute, N. B., died about a year ago. Mr. Smith was a well-to-do farmer and owned a valuable farm just outside the town limits.

FISH MARKET. Supply is Good--Nova Scotia Lobsters Due to Arrive Today. Eight hundred live lobsters are expected today from Westport, N. S., for a local fish dealer. The New Brunswick lobster season opened on January 6th, but fishermen have not as yet got fairly down to work. It is probable, however, that there will be a supply of New Brunswick lobsters on the market within the next few days.

The general condition of the fish market as regards supply is satisfactory, and, judging from the demand, it behooves buyers to be on hand early.

Prices, which are practically unchanged from last week, range as follows: Cod, 6c; haddock, 6c; cod steak, 10c; halibut, 5c; smelt, 12c; to 15c; hounders, 8c; herring, 20c; mackerel, (large and fine) 25c; lobsters, 12c; fresh salmon, 15c; to 20c; pickled salmon, 12 and pickled trout, 12.

CANTON LA TOUR, I. O. O. F. The officers of Canton La Tour, No. 1, I. O. O. F., were installed last evening by Col. N. W. Brown, assisted by Adjutant, C. W. Segee, as follows: Com.-E. E. Stapler. Lieut.-Geo. A. Pollock. Sec.-E. H. G. Leman. Clerk--James G. Gorrie. Act.-W. R. Sanderson. St. B.--George W. Stephenson. Guard--Fred Long. Sentinel--F. W. Stanton. Picket--E. A. Wright. Speeches were made by Co. Breun, F. A. Wright, W. R. Sanderson and George A. Pollock; songs were given by Messrs. Gorrie, Leman, Long and Segee, and refreshments were served. The evening was most enjoyably spent.

NEWSPAPER MAN BURIED. Ottawa, Jan. 10. (Special).--The funeral of J. A. Phillips, the well-known newspaper man, took place this morning to Beechwood cemetery. There was a large attendance of members of the press, members of the House of Commons and leading citizens of Ottawa.

The press gallery sent a floral wreath as did also St. George's Society and the Conservancy members of the house. Arrived in the coffin was the Union Jack--the flag Mr. Phillips being the author of "The Flag for Me."

Fred B. Jones, the well-known musician, received a genuine surprise last night. He had gone to his home on Pitt street after playing at Keith's and had just tucked himself in bed, when he was surprised to hear strains of music floating up from the parlor, and on getting up and dressing he found the members of the orchestra, of which he is leader, and also the members of Keith's orchestra. It then occurred to him that the occasion was his birthday. The balance of the evening and the early hours of the morning were enlivened with music and a very pleasant time was spent.

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