TEN MEN KILLED BY GAS POISONING AT TORONTO PLAN

Consumers' Gas Company Employees Perish While Installing Apparatus.

OTHERS INJURED

City Firemen Wearing Masks and Respirators Rescue Survivors

Canadian Press Despatch Toronto, Feb. 9.—Ten employees of the Consumers' Gas Company of Ontario Alumni. this city lost their lives yesterday af ternoon through carbon monoxide were seriously, if not fatally affected as the result of an accident which occurred while some of the men were DANIEL O'CONNELL, DIES FERGUSON ATTACKS as the result of an accident which ocinstalling a second apparatus in the valve house of the plant for the purpose of increasing the flow of gas in the mains in the event of the pressure becoming weak. Seven of the men, who were rushed to St. Michael's Hospital, were dead when

Brothers Perish.

they reached there.

The dead are: Fred Carev. John Martin, John Cotterell, A. Leadheater and J. Leadbeater (brothers). Archibald Murdock, George Stephens Harry Lonsdale and one unidentified

Two men who were taken to hospital in a critical condition are Hugh Thompson, foreman, and Thomas Wilson. Another of the injured in nospital is Lou Peters, but he will

So far as could be learned, four of the men who met death, the Lead-beater brothers, John Martin and Fred Carey, were engaged in the work in the valve house when the accident occurred. There is a device in the valve which is used to ascerhas been cut off. Either this device failed to work or there was mijunderstanding. In any case, when three of the men had gone into an underground chamber in connec their work they were overcome by a flow of the poisonous-gas courageously went to their rescue and they in turn were overpowered.

A scene of great confusion followed shortly after the accident. The would-be rescuers of the imperiled men were met by a gas screen which it was impossible to penetrate except by members of the fire department who were gas masks, and some of these were badly affected by the About 30 of the gas company's men were overcome or parti-Pulmotors, ambulances and doctors

were hurriedly called into use and ousands of spectators gathered at the scene. Equipped With Respirators.

Men were rescued from death by firemen equipped with respirators and gas masks. The work of taking out the men was exceedingly hazard ous, and some of the firemen were overcome for the time being. Windows were smashed in the valve house, and the insensible employees were taken out into the open air. They were laid on the snow, where physicians, assisted by the police and POLISH CHURCH CHIEF firemen, rendered first aid. When a man was sufficiently recovered to be removed he was walked around or the snow, while those more severely affected were rushed to hospitals. Some were lying on lengths of hose, while others were moved in trucks, private automobiles and ambulances. The spectators were uneasy for fear of an explosion, but none oc-

Chief Coroner Graham, who was early on the scene, will conduct an Chief Constable Dicksor issued directions for an investigation by the police as to whether the gas company provided gas masks and other safety devices for use in such

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GRADUATES OF OUEEN'S REUNITE IN BANOUET

ondon and Western Ontario Ex-Students Gather Together.

resident in London and Western Ontario will attend the annual reunion banquet to he held at Wone' this evening. V. K. Greer, senior inspector of public schools, who is president of the Queen's Alumni of Western University, this morning stated that there were some 264 graduates residing in Western On tario. Of these a large representa-

The speaker and guest of the evening will be Prof. O. D. Skelton, of Queen's University. T. W. Oates, of the London Technical and Arts is scretary of the Western

poisoning, and a number of others were seriously if not fetally affected

Respected London Resident Spent Fifty Years in Service of Grand Trunk.

Daniel O'Connell, 66, an employee of the Grand Trunk for the past 50 years, died at his home, 579 King street, city, last night after an illness of almost a year.

Mr. O'Connell was born in Hamilbrakeman, later becoming a passen-ger conductor. For some years he has had charge of a train running from London to Sarnia, and of late years was conductor on the London,

Huron and Bruce branch this district, and the personal friend of most of the traveling men in the city. About a year ago he retired from the road and had been in failing health since then. He was an active and valued member of the Catholice Order of Foresters and the Or der of Railway Conductors. Mr. O'Connell is survived by his

widow; three daughters, Mrs. William Ogilvie, Miss Irene and Miss Nellie, of this city; and two sons, Frank of Montreal and William of The funeral will be held Saturday norning from his late residence to St Mary's Church , where requiem high mass will be sung by Monsignor Brady at 9 o'clock, after which inter-

ment will be made in St. Peter's Cem-GIVES OUT PERSONNEL

OF AUSTRALIAN CABINET Associated Press Despatch. Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 9 .- The Melbourne Argus says it has learned take steps to return to a license syson reliable authority that the new ten oc to change the present prohibiministry of the commonwealth will the followin: Nationalists-Hon. Stanley M. Bruce, former treasurer; Mr. Pratten; Hon. Mr. Foster, former minister of works; Senator George F. Pearce, former minister of state for home and territories; Hon. L. E. Goom, former attorney-general, and either Gen. Sir Neville Howie o Mr. Chapman. Country Party—Dr. Earle Page, leader; Messrs. Gibson,

Wilson ASSASSINATED BY MONK

Syewart and Atkinson, and Senator

Associated Press Cable. Warsaw, Feb. 9.-The chief of the Russian Church in Poland, the Metropolitan George, was assassinated last night by a Russian monk, Smaragd. The assassin belonged to a group of the clergy which opposed the Metropolitan because of the latter's pro-Polish policies.

METHODISTS CELEBRATE.

On Sunday next the congregation Wellington Street Methodist Church will celebrate the 47th anniversary of the building of the church Rev. Captain Magwood, of the Central Methodist Church, Stratford, will preach at both morning and evening services, and special music and hymns will be rendered by the choir, under the direction of Percy

CVERYBODY'S "spying!" Why not you, too? Keep your eves open for news and win one dollar. It's news that is wanted; something you see, not a funny con-

One dollar awaits "W. H. W.," who contributed the winning item today: A young man run across the market square and break a big glass window of the First Division Court office. He then stood back and started throwing the largest of the pieces at the young ladies inside. Two county constables happened to come along and jumped on his back and held him on the sidewalk until the police arrived.—W. H. W.

A sign in front of a local theatre: "Photoplays, Vaudeville, More To Be Pitied Than Scorned."—J. M. In the "Male Help Wanted" column "Man, married, by the year.

Continued From Page 1.

The interviewer felt in a moment

the question had been pitifully ama-

"The trouble has been," said Mr. Ferguson, "that Mr. Drury and Mr.

have penalized almost to persecution.

They have alienated public opinion and public sympathy. You cannot

successfully administer an act unless

you have public support. My idea

ing that the Conservative leader

should tell just what he would do, provided he rode to Queen's Park

"I understand you have a pretty

well defined temperance policy which

would be guaranteed to remedy exist-

ing evils to the general satisfaction

of everyone," continued the Adver-

Mr. Ferguson tapped his forehead

ance sentiment and temperance re-

form. The truth of the matter is that

the Conservative party has been en-tirely responsible for advance in tem-

perance legislation in the province of Ontarlo. In other words the Conser-

vative party is the temperance party.

You have only to look back over the

records of the various administra-

vance made through the Whitney

government."
"And the next Conservative gov-

ernment would have even a more ad-

vanced policy?"

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson smiled,

Getting back to the questiion of the

Minimum Wage Act. Even for that, they deserved no

credit, according to Mr. Ferguson.
When they tobogganed into office at
Queen's Park, they found awaiting
them in a pigeon hole the Mothers'

Becomes Magnanimous.

Allowance Act all framed up.

and the smile was admission

this. Look at the ad.

said the Advertiser, intend-

would be rather curative masures.

next session in a triumphal car.

Raney have insisted on makin

punitive instead of curative.

administration?"

istration.

A lady walking down Wharneliffe road, wearing spats but no stockings -SLIM JIM

beautiful little girlie, with long fair curls. The little tot was brushing the bald pate of grandpa with a hair brush and trying to divide the imaginary hairs.—C. R. S.

From my doorstep, a cat sitting up in a big maple tree. It had climbed up, but was afraid to come down. tried and tried to coax it down, but

WEIR AGAINST HOIST RECORD OF FARMERS

Brother Raney, when at a distance from Brothers Drury and Raney."
"What was the matter with the Views to House.

In reply to a letter to J. W. Freeborn, M.L.A., for East Middleton and entered the service of the Grand Trunk at the age of 16. He conservative leader's voice as he came to London in 1884 and served explained that everything was the matter with the act and its adminschool attendance act, Dr. George school attendance act, Dr. George to intervene in European affairs; Weir, acting chief attendance officer in this city, this morning received word that his views on the matter were appreciated, and would be presented in the House. Besides writing Mr. Freeborn, Dr. Weir also sent a communication to Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, M. L. A. for London, but as yet has received no reply.

Dr. Weir objected strenuously to the proposal for a five years hoist of the act as advocated by W. H. Casselman, Farmer member from Dundas. Instead, he offered the suggestion, based on his twenty odd years' experience in dealing with children, that the matriculation course made a two years' course, for regular of the empire, and should therefore students, and offered a modification for part-time courses.

"Make the high school matricula Mr. Ferguson tapped his forehead significantly, smiling again the smile cordial, but non-committal. "If I but non-committal. "If I but non-committal but non-committal but non-committal but non-committal ance officer, "and there will be some incentive to urge students to do their non-committal but no it. That again is something I am not divulging till the time is ripe. You see, I must discuss a question like late at the age of fifteen, and will dominic see, I must discuss a question like that thoroughly with my Conservative associates before giving it out not be compelled to attend the extra

"Would the Conservative party fully in Detroit and other centers in the United States. The number of incorrigibles was lower, and parents seemed more ready to assist in ents seemed more ready to assist in seemed more tion parcy of the province?" was a questic asked.
"The very reverse," declared the Conservative leader. "The Liberal party claims to have led in tempermaking the ruling successful.

scentified back to the question of the scourging the Drury administration is scheduled to receive at the hands of the Conservative party in the election already casting its shadows, mention was made of the social and moral reform legislation enacted, such as Mothers' Allowances and the Minimum Wage Act

pendent or Independent Conserva-tive?" queried the Advertiser. "Conservative, I should think,"

bearer for the province. He admitted they had passed some sane legislation. He was even magnanimous enough to say, "No gov-

In the "Male Help Wanted" col-umn "Man, married, by the year. Must be experienced farmer."—E.P.M. lest it be frozen.—HUMANE.

Has Promise of J. W. Freeborn. M. L. A., To Present His

Dr. Weir pointed out that this plan was working out very success-fully in Detroit and other centers in Dr. Weir pointed out also that in the case of students who were al-

lowed to work part time, and attend part-time classes, an eight-hour day for work, which must end at not

ernment can exist without doing something to show for all the time it is in office." There was no rural credits for example. It might work out all right but it came near to making even a very genial and optimistic person gloomy to think how near the danger mark Ontario was being run. "Is Sir Adam Beck going back?" asked the Advertiser.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson hadn't talked the matter over with Sir Adam

He understood he was to be in London for the Conservative rally. In fact, he heard something to that ef-"Would Sir Adam run as an Inde-

And then he was claimed by the president of the Kiwanis Club for the luncheon.

NEEDLES

Professor Skelton Stresses Need Secretary Tanner Intimates the Drive German Railway Em-For Dominion To Follow Own Course.

SPEAKS TO KIWANIS

Hon. Howard Ferguson and F. W. Nickle Guests of Local Club.

A tric of distinguished visitors to he city were guests of honor at the joint meeting of the Canadian Club and the Kiwanis in the Tecumsei House at noon today. O. B. Skelton, professor of economics at Queen's University, and chief speaker of the occasion; Hon. Howard Ferguson, leader of the opposition in the provincial house; and F. W. Nickle, M. P. P. from Kingston, both of whom gave short addresses.

policy of her own, instead of slumbering in the delusion that foreign policies were a matter essentially European.
After a significant comment

the muddled management" of Lloyd George, Lord Curzon and Winston Churchill following the looming of the Near East question, Prof. Skel-ton advanced as his conclusion three Churchill following the looming clearly-defined instances in which Canada would consider it her duty

Three Instances. 1. If a real interest of her own is nvolved and could be advanced by intervention. 2. If a clear-cut and momentous moral issue was found. based on realities, and not on interested propaganda; and 3. If the safety of Britain or other parts of the empire were seriously

Professor Skelton dealt mainly with the theme: "Is there only one foreign policy for the whole British empire which must be controlled by ecent statement of Lloyd George and Lord Curzon that by sitting in secure control of the foreign policy share the responsibility, with the additional remark that the agent in foreign affairs was, and must continue to be, the British foreign office. Objects to This.

Objects to This.

"I insist that Canada has never assented to this. It would mean nothing more than a sham control and a very real responsibility to the

which require distinct and individual foreign policies. For example, Can-ada is acting on a foreign policy when she sends a deputation Washington on the coal question, or makes a tariff treaty with France later than 5 o'clock, was the most desirable. This would permit of at least five days' work, and the sindesirable. This would permit of at least five days' work, and the student would not be over-fatigued for regular night classes.

States the construction of the bull that th cordingly, it is only logical to continue along the same course and assert that the Canadian parliament must be the final arbiter as to the extent to which Canada will become involved in the negotiations of and the outcome of the foreign problems of the other parts of the empire.

Ferguson Speaks.

"We need unity and co-operation, optimism and confidence, and one of the best places to develop it is im gatherings like these, of active and wide-awake clubs," Mr. Ferguson said in his brief address. He wound up with an appreciation of Ontario's resources, and the class of men she produces.

"We showed up well in the war; we survived the struggle of wartime the Conservative standard better than any other nation, and it's the same spirit we need today to solve the problems of civil life." Mr. Nickle's address was a brief flash of humor, which put the two associations assembled in a decidedly good humor for the more weighty ssues of Prof. Skelton's speech.

GERMAN FIRMS CANCEL ORDERS RECEIVED U.S

mporters State Shipments Must Be Insured Against War

he United States with Germany has been affected only slightly by the Ruhr occupation, according to Arthur Dunning, secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin, and affected only slightly by the to other American commercial officers here. However, many orders placed in Germany by American firms last year for delivery within the next few months have been cancelled, while other American importers have cabled over that they would make good on their orders only in the shipnents were insured against

United States go by way of Hamburg r Bremen, and the actual Ruhr block ade has lasted only about a week, German trade with the United States has not been affected so far," said Mr. Dunning. "In a few weeks or months the situation may be entirely changed. Manufacturers with whom Americans have contracts will be either entirel without coal, or will have to buy coal in Great Britain, which will cost them far more than the Ruhr coal they use ordinarily. As a result the prices of goods will go higher, and they will be unable to fill their contracts."

GERMAN "SCISSORS" CLUBS FOR OFFENDING WOMEN

Associated Press Despatch.
Eiberfeld, Feb. 9.—"Scissors clubs" are being organized throughout the recently occupied Eiberfeld zone. They are composed mostly of youths, and their object is the clipping of the hair of grown associating with the f women associating with the occupa-ion troops. The German women are onarently as stubborn in their resist ce as the men, as no case

TO PRESENT COMPLETE EXTENSIVE MANOEUVRES ENTERTAINS SOCIETY OF WALLACEBURG COLLEGIATE ESTIMATES OF FRENCH IN THE RUHF

Total Will Exceed That of Last Year.

Complete collegiate estimates will be presented at this afternoon's Special Cable to The London Advertises meeting of No. 3 committee. These along with all other estimates already discussed will be gone thoroughly into at a special session of the board to be held Monday. While the Ruhr are evidently not engaged no accurate figure as to what total in dividing the district into two parts amount the complete estimates of the board of education for the year would reach were forthcoming from Secretary W A Tanner, he intimated it tary W. A. Tanner, he intimated it

would be safe to say that the total

least 40 per cent

"This is partly accountable through the strain on the collegiates, necessi tating additional teachers, and ro and equipment," offered the secretary
"The attendance at Central Col-Prof. Skelton's address dealt graphically with the necessity of a recognition by the Canadian people that Canada was continually and project are without with the addresser are people to the continued. "and the prospects are without with the addresser are people to the continued of the prospects are without the prospect are people to the continued of the prospect are people to the continued of the prospect are people to the property of the vigorously engaged 'n a foreign that, with the adolescent school attendance act functioning properly the increase will continue to be

> Mr. Tanner thought that some fur ther cuts in the interest of economy mgiht be made at the special session Monday. All members of the board would be present, and some had in-dicated their intention to advocate economy "to the last ditch."

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Obituaries

GEORGE H. FLANNIGAN. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon of George H. Flannigan, from his home on lot 15, concession 5, of London Township. The interment was made in the Webster Cemetery, the service being taken by Rev. William Lowe of St. John's Church, who preached the very beautiful and expressive services. tiful and expressive sermon.

Joe McDougall nothing more than a sname control and a very real responsibility to the dominions. It practically means H. Flannigan (junior) of Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. James J. Flannigan Mr. and Mrs. James J. Flannigan giving the British foreign office a blank check for two or three years.
"We must effect a recognition of ters, the wholesale butchers of the of the Vincent

262 OTTAWAY AVENUE.

ployees From Switch Houses.

BY CARL D. GROAT.

Berlin, Feb. 9-Extensive French troop manouvres are in full swing in the Ruhr Valley, according to des-patches from Essen and other cenby a line running north and south, which would isolate Essen and cut

the Bakay switch yards and thence would be safe to say that the total spreading westward beyond Bakay. would eclipse last year's total by at Others marched eastward, occupying nore switch yards.

A third group went toward Wann

and Gelsenkirchen. In every case the French drove the German railway employees from stations and switch

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last evening, being assisted in serv-

ing by Mrs. Jack Caughey. After-

and the officers elected for the years

President, Mrs. C. Baughman; first

vice-president. Mrs. Chas. Reid: sec.

ond vice-president, Miss Ida Heatha

secretary, Miss Lucy Robinson; as-sistant secretary, Mrs. J. Caughey: custodian of bazaar work, Mrs. J.

eral Weygand threatened to inflict.

A complete cessation of passenger railway traffic throughout the Ruhr

Valley is reported. There were no further reports today of labor upris-

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