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CAUGHT AT GIBRALTAR.

Head of the Toronto Branch of the Mafia Arrested.

GUILTY OF NUMEROUS SWINDLES

And Implicated in the Plot to Kill Inspector Hall.

This Sicilian Had Carried on a System of Cheating for Years, and Is Believed to Have Been the Head Centre of the Mafian Society in Toronto—Traced to Gibraltar en Route Home to Enjoy His Ill-Gotten Booty and Taken Into Custody.

The Attorney-General's Department received word yesterday of the arrest at Gibraltar of Augistina Lasita, who is wanted in this city for swindling several wholesale fruit merchants out of sums aggregating $2000. Lasita is a Sicilian by birth and has been engaged in the vending of fruit in this city for eight years past. Among his victims are J. G. Gibson, McWilliam & Everest, Gallagher's and several other well-known importers of fruit.

In company with two brothers, Lasita landed in Toronto eight years ago, fresh from his native isle in the Mediterranean, with little wealth save the threadbare clothing, which was scarce sufficient to protect his limbs from the cold blasts of a Canadian winter, but since that time he has, by frugality and thievery, accumulated a fortune, which would, in his native land, make him the envied of all who knew him, and enable him to live in luxury the remaining days of his life.

The Initial Italian Itinerant.

Of the large number of Sicilian Italians at present in Toronto, Lasita was probably the first to reach here. He enjoys the distinction of being the first itinerant pedlar to shoulder a basket and wander from door to door in the residential district of the city offering for sale bananas, lemons and oranges. He and his brothers were the pioneers in this branch of the lucrative fruit business, and it is not generally known among the housewives, who are the patrons of these people, that few save Sicilians are ever seen struggling beneath the burden of a heavily laden basket. The venture proved highly successful, and at the end of four years Lasita gathered up the profits he had accumulated during that time, amounting to the sum of $4000, and set sail for his home.

Reaching his native place, a little village nestling quietly in a verdant valley within 12 miles of Palermo, he deposited his money in a savings bank, and was then joined in wedlock to a dark-eyed maiden who had awaited his home-coming.

His First Swindling Game.

Before leaving for home, however, he committed the first dishonest act of which he was known to be guilty in business transactions. During the four years of his career as a pedlar he had established for himself a good name among the wholesale fruit dealers, and this good name procured credit for him whenever and wherever it was requested. Taking with him two of his countrymen, Polli and Geobotta by name, he introduced them to the merchants with whom he had dealt, as straightforward, honest men, thus becoming a party to a well laid scheme to swindle the merchants. The merchants fell into the trap and agreed to give Lasita's friends whatever credit they might desire. The scheme was then unfolded to the Sicilian, who were engaged in the retail fruit business, and all agreed to lay aside their scruples and share in the spoils.

The plan was this: Every wholesale merchant had agreed to supply Polli & Geobotti with fruit at two weeks' credit, provided the amount did not exceed a stated sum, usually about $400. Polli & Geobotti then went to their countrymen, and asked each one what amount of fruit he was prepared to take and pay spot cash for. They were to be supplied at half-price, provided the cash was always at hand.

These Sicilians have no secrets among themselves, each placing perfect confidence in his fellow-countryman, thus forming a secret society to which all Sicilians must belong, and of which none but Sicilians are allowed to become members. Many of the sons of Sicily in Toronto entered heartily into the scheme, with the result that in less than three weeks' time Polli & Geobolli had netted more than $4000, bleeding almost every wholesale house in Toronto. Before the dealers were aware of their evil intentions, they had skipped the country and were basking in the suns of their island home.

The Authorities Lax.

This was the first instance in which the trust placed in Italian fruit vendors by the wholesale dealers had been betrayed, and it was possibly the largest sum ever carried off at one time. Despite the fact that the dealers have become wary, they have several times, subsequent to this been swindled of sums ranging from $50 to $200, in exactly the same manner.

The authorities paid no attention whatever to these depredations, and although the men were several times located for them, they refused to take proceedings to have them brought to justice. In one instance a swindler who had been located in Chicago was induced, under some pretext to return to Toronto. The authorities were notified of his presence, but an unseen, though powerful influence, political or otherwise, was soon set to work in his behalf, and the law refused to move, the man as a consequence going scot free.

Returned for Addstional Spoils.

But to return to Lasita. After a honeymoon of three months, he left his young bride comfortably settled in her home and sailed once more for Canadas. On arrival here he repaired to the wholesale houses with whom he had previously dealt to inform them of his intention to again pursue his business as an itinerant hawker, although he feigned great surprise at learning of the dishonesty of his friends to whom he had presumably sold his business. The merchants were of the opinion that he had shared in the plunder, and refused to accommodate him with the desired credit.

Beginning on a limited scale by prompt payments, he restored the lost confidence and gradually ingratiated himself into the good graces of the dealers. Three years and some months passed away and his connections with the swindlers was almost forgotten. From $25 or $50 his monthly credit bills had grown up into the hundreds, but every engagement was met with promptness.

The dealers were warned by those who were in a position to know that Lasita intended leaving for his home some time during the fall, and that he would if opportunity presented itself swindle all he could. None heeded the warning, save James Breen, who had lost $900 in the first deal. Three weeks ago Lasita laid his plans and he laid them well.

The Flight From Toronto.

On Aug. 23, under the fictitious name of Oroco Catataro and in company with a friend who gave the name of Salvatora Zavali, he purchased tickets from Barlow Cumberland direct through to Genoa, by the steamer Fulda of Lloyd's German Line. Previous to this he had secured from several wholesale firms more than $2000 worth of fruit for which he was to settle on Thursday Aug. 30. With the proceeds of the sale of this fruit, and his savings of four years amounting to $5000 or $6000 in all, he sailed for his home expecting to reach there to-day.

Detective Burrows was given the case and, tracing the movements of Lasita prior to his departure, he decided to cable a description of the man to Gibraltar. The result was that when the steamship touched that point on Sunday, Lasita was put under arrest.

A Plot to Kill the Police.

It is now known to the police that contemporary with the outrages committed on the police of New Orleans some four years ago by the members of the Mafia Society, a similar plot was laid in Toronto, with Lasita as one of its prime instigators. Through some hitch in the proceedings the plot did not come to maturity. An attempt was nevertheless made to kill Inspector Hall. The attempt on the inspector's life, as he was patroling a lonely alley in St. John's Ward was a portion of the part the Toronto branch of the Mafia organization was to play.

An officer from thr Attorney-General's Department will leave for Gibraltar immediately to bring Lasita back.

DRUGGED AND ROBBED.

Fell Into the Hands of the Philistines and Relieved of his "Wad."

P. C. Burns yesterday afternoon arrested John Macdonald and William Irwin at 196 Lisgar-street on a charge of drunkenness. But the charge will likely be changed to a more serious one.

On examination of the personal effects of Macdonald, it appears he hails from Montreal and had in his possession a letter from Bandmaster Richardson of the Army and Navy Band, Toronto, asking him to come at once from Montreal as the Band had an engagement at Victoria Park on Labor Day. A pawn ticket also shows that his "horn" was pawned for $1.10 in the city. A bank book was found with entries showing the stranger to have drawn $100 from his savings in the post-office. A big drunk was the result, and he now asserts that his companions, one of whom escaped through the back door when Burns made the arrest, drugged him and stole his money.

The house was empty, with the exception of a sofa, some chairs and a table. Irwin had in his possession a receipt for rent of the house and was supposed to be the tenant.

Instant Death on a Level Crossing.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Matthew Cregan, aged 60, father of Mike Cregan, a former well-known lacrosse player, was instantly killed to-night by being run over by a Grand Trunk freight train on Wellington-street.

A Brakeman Fatally Injured.

Harrisburg, Sept. 3.—Lorne Swackhamer, a brakeman, was run down by an express train Sunday night. The engine broke his legs and inflicted injuries from which he died Monday afternoon.

A Fine Exhibit.

At the fourth annual meeting of the Canadian Mutual Loan and Investment Company, which was held in Toronto on Tuesday last, the affairs of the company were shown to be in a highly satisfactory condition. The statement of profits shows that the dividends amount in all to the sum of $54,881.21, leaving the satisfactory balance of $3,944.35 to be carried forward to credit of profit and loss account. The report draws attention to the steady growth of the business, instanced by the increase of the assets of the company during the year by upwards of $194,000, notwithstanding the general financial stringency. The management is highly deserving of commendation for this excellent showing.

$42,000 Fire From Lightning.

Belleville, Sept. 3.—Haines & Lockett, wholesale and retail boot and shoe store is in ashes. The fire is supposed to have caught from lightning running down the telephone wire. The stock is almost a total loss and the store is completely gutted. The firm place their loss at $42,000. The store was owned by Mr. Haines, senior member of the firm, and both building and stock were insured. Other merchants on either side suffered considerably from water and smoke. W. J. Diamond, law office, over the ruined store, was insured for $350.

Mercier Again at Death's Door.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Ex-Premier Mercier of Quebec is again alarmingly ill. He recovered from his last attack, but has again taken a bad turn and the worst is feared.

Bombardment of Mataram.

Amsterdam, Sept. 3.—The bombardment of Mataram, the capital of Lombok, by the Dutch warships continues. The native garrison of the town have thus far refrained from attacking the Dutch troops, who occupy a position back of the town. The Dutch troops under Captain Lindgreen are surrounded by natives, and another force of the enemy is marching along the river bank toward the capitol.

Mrs. Fitkin May Get the Bounty.

W. A. Clarke, township clerk, has received an acknowledgment of his letter to the Lieut.-Governor, in which he applied for the Queen's bounty for the Fitkin triplets. No doubt the bounty will be forthcoming in the proper time.

Farmers Feeding Hay In Summer Time

Watkins, N.Y., Sept. 3.—Grasshoppers are becoming very numerous in Schuyter County, destroying vegetation at an alarming rate. Buckwheat, potatoes and beans have been destroyed. Oats have been cut green to save them, and cattle are suffering from the lack of pasturage.

The Best Value on the Market.

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Kicked His Wife to Death.

Newark, N.J., Sept. 3.—Edward Mahaffey of Harrison, awoke from a drunken slumber yesterday morning and brutally kicked to death his wife, who was about to become a mother.

Shot Wife and Self.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 3.—Henry Loesch a brewer, aged 58 years, shot his wife yesterday and then killed himself.

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"Kennethene" sold by live druggists, grocers. 246

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The "Empress" Hotel, corner Yonge and Gould-streets, R. Dissette, prop. Large, airy bedrooms, private parlors, excellent table, every convenience. Electric cars pass every few minutes. Rates $1.50 per day. 246

A great boom in hot weather—Adams' Tutti Frutti to allay thirst. Don't allow imitations to be palmed off on you.

Have You Seen This?

The "Fad" Crystal Pen writes one thousand words with one dip of ink. Price 10c. Blight Bros., 65 Yonge-street. 246

"Kennethene" will not injure the finest fabric or most delicate color. 246

FLAMES LICK UP 4000 LIVES

AWFUL WORK OF FOREST FIRES IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

How Hinckley Was Swept Out of Existence—Inhabitants, Panic Stricken, Rushed to Ponds and Rivers Only to Be Trampled—The Charred Dead Lying in Heaps Awaiting Burial.

Pine City, Minn., Sept. 3.—The town of Hinckley has been wiped out by fire and not less than 200 persons perished in the flames.

The fire first struck Hinckley on the east side of the Duluth track and the brave fire fighters for the first time gave up the unequal battle, and already too late in many instances turned their attention to their personal safety. The eastern Minnesota train from the south had just come in and the people of the panic-stricken city flocked to it for safety. A number of box cars were coupled on and filled and covered with men, women and children, nl all there was a motely crowd of about 400 or more people. The train pulled out just ahead of the fire and succeeded in reaching Duluth. This circumstance, while fortunate in a degree that cannot be estimated, has made the confusion greater, for it is not known who escaped in this way, and many people are reported dead who may be in safety. Had not this number of people, largely women and children, left the doomed city when they did, the loss of life would have vastly increased.

A Rush Through a Sea of Fire.

About the same time the accommodation train on the Hinckley and St. Cloud branch left for the latter place with about 25 passengers. Its route lay directly across the path of the fire and their situation speedily became desperate. No one was injured and they pressed on to Pokegama station, a few rods ahead. But a few feet in front of the engine was discovered a gorge 60 feet wide and 40 feet deep where the trestle had been burned away. They succeeded in reaching and clearing about the station and escaped with a few burns and bruises. There are burned along the track, however, four or five people, including Dr. Keley of New Brighton, who had come up to look after his brother.

The total loss of life will never be definitely known. There were scattered along the woods, settlers, clearings and lumber camps, with their watchmen and many persons were undoubtedly burned whose bodies were completely destroyed and who will never be found.

The first good description of the great fire that swept away this thriving village was secured on the arrival of the special to-day. It seemed that forest and peat fires had bee nraging within a short distance of Hinckley for weeks, but no apprehension had been felt by the inhabitants, nad no preparations had been made for emergencies. Saturday afternoon the fire approached, fanned by a strong wind, the smoke grew denser as the day advanced, and it soon became as dark as night. About 4 o'clock the wind changed and the resident sof the doomed town saw the flames were bearing down upon them. As the alarm rang through the streets the people rushed from their homes, and when they caught sight of the red onrushing sea of fire they became panic stricken. The fire shot across the town and the people fled il all directions. The largest crowd of people rushed to Grindstone River, a shallow stream, which it was thought would afford protection from the flames. But the water was too low, and all miserably perished. There the relief parties found the bodies lying in the water and rudely trampled by the flying cattle.

Just as the flames were spreading fiercest a train arrived over the Eastern Minnesota, and 500 people clambered aboard. It was a Godsend to the people, who offered up prayers of thankfulness as the engineer sent the train at a rapid speed away from the burning town and back to safety in Superior.

Another party had rushed for the limited on the St. Paul and Duluth, but as the fire cut off their way in that direction they ran to a shallow pond near by. There they perished. One hundred and five bodies were recovered from the pond b by the relief committee. East of the village there was a stagnant pool of rain water. Over 100 people sought refuge her; and of these only one man is known to have perished. The immense plant of the Brennan Lumber Company was wiped out. With the stables were consumed 90 head of horses.

A reporter boarded the train out of Pine City for Hinckley at 7 this morning. As the train neared Mission Creek the first evidence of the great fire became apparent. The whole country was singed. The telegraph wires were down, and the scene was one of desolation. At Mission Creek a small shanty was the only house left standing. The train proceeded slowly through miles further to Hinckley.

Alongside the railroad track were two score of boxes filled with the bloated and disfigured remains of victims of the fire. The reporter picked his way through the deserted avenues of the village to the cemetery. The rain was pouring down in sheets. At the cemetery, a mile and a half from town, a half-dozen men were digging a trench. A heap of bodies lay on a knoll in the middle of the cemetery. There were 96 naked bodies of men, women and children, scorched, blackened, distorted, bowels and brains protruding, hands clutched in their final agonies, hair singed from heads of old, young and middle-aged, all in a promiscuous heap. In another corner of the cemetery were 45 more bodies covered with quilts. All were interred late this afternoon.

Counted 312 Charred Corpses.

A special correspondent investigating the fire in the towns burned on the St. Paul and Duluth Road counted 312 dead bodies. There are 217 dead at Hinckley, 17 at Sandstone, 22 at Pine City and 56 between Sandstone and Miller, with the interior yet to hear from.

Hundreds of Oxen Burned In the Woods.

Grantsburg, Wis., Sept. 3.—The fires that have been burning here for the past month broke out afresh yesterday, and the entire force of the place was called out to prevent them from burning the village. The heavy fires west of the St. Croix River have destroyed millions of feet of standing pine. Logging outfits and hundreds of oxen have been burned. The hay crop is almost entirely lost.

Nine Towns Wiped Out of Existence.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 3.—So far as heard from, the forest fires, which have shut Duluth off communication with the outside world for over 24 hours, both by wire and rail, have completely wiped out six towns. Hinckley, Minn., at the junction of the St. Paul & Duluth, and Eastern Minnesota railways, population 1200 or 1500; Sandstone, 15 miles north on the Eastern Road, a quarry town, population 1000; Partridge and Mansfield, small stations further north, near the Wisconsin border, population 300 each; Shell Lake and Babinette, Wis., on the Omaha Road, south of Spooner, population 200 each, both lumber towns. Besides these Bayfield and Washburn, Wis., on Lake Superior, from which nothing can be heard, have probably suffered considerably, and numerous little settlements all through the northern parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota. No names can be obtained on account of the interruption to transportation and telegraph facilities.

Two Michigan Towns Flame-Fenced.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 3.—Forest fires in this state are hourly increasing in fury and nothing but heavy rain can prevent widespread ruin. Fires are raging along the entire line of the Michigan Central from Bay City to Mackinaw. Gagetown is surrounded by flames and the people are battling to save the town. Gladwin is also threatened with destruction.

Lumber Yards Burned by Wind-Carried Coals.

Ashland, Wis., Sept. 3.—As a result of the forest fires of Saturday and of yesterday $1,000,000 must be added to the amount of loss sustained this season. It is doubtful whether this sum will cover the entire loss, when the damage to standing pine and logs is estimated. At Washburn coal from a forest fire south of this town lighted on one of piles of lumber on the dock, and soon all was a mass of flames. The flames spread to Bigelow's four docks, and leaped from one dock to the other with great rapidity. The firemen succeeded in stopping the fire.

The Worst Is Over.

Marquette, Mich., Sept. 3.—Railroad officials here say the worst is over along the line of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic. They are already pushing the work of reconstruction. The passenger train, for which so much anxiety was felt yesterday, arrived this morning 27 hours late.

CURIOUS CASE OF MISTAKEN SEX.

Miss Laure Bernard Changes Her Sex and Becomes the Husband of a Friend.

Paris, Sept. 3.—A most curious affair has just happened in the Department of the Basses-Alpes. A young woman of 24 years, Mlle. Laure Bernard, who is well known in the district as having been head of a school for the cure of stammering at Treschatel, near Gap, a few months ago suddenly changed her sex, and has since married one of her friends. It would seem that, despite her certificate of birth, her name and her costume, the young lady was really a man.

"Mlle." Laure Bernard was born in a commune of the Arrondissement of Embrun, of a most respectable and well-to-do family. One brother was a distinguished naval surgeon, another took holy orders; a sister is a nun, and another is married to a notary in large practice at Gap. It appears that at the time of her birth the question of the child's sex was a difficult one to settle, and the weaker one was chosen. Mlle. Laure was placed in a convent, where she remained till the age of 19 years, receiving an exceedingly complete education.

On leaving the convent she founded at Treschatel a school for curing stammering. She also made tours through the neighboring departments, teaching her methods of cure with great success. As stammering is exceedingly common in that part of France, in a year or two she managed to accumulate a small fortune of 40,000f. With this money and without any assistance from her parents Mlle. Laure, always in skirts, went to Grenoble and studied medicine. Nothing in her outward appearance betrayed that she was of the masculine sex. The face had, perhaps, a certain hardness of feature and the voice was slightly manly in its tone, but on the whole she wore her skirts "as to the manner born." Of beard or mustache there was not a trace.

It is said at Grenoble that when attending the medical school she sometimes wore male clothing. It is very certain that she took great pleasure in female society. It was even on account of this that she threw off the old Adam—or the old Eve to speak more correctly—and entered the state of matrimony. "Mlle." Laure went to Embrun and got the Tribunal Civil to change the register of her birth. Mlle. or M. Bernard will be included in the list of recruits for next year.

MANOLA INSANE.

The Wife of a Former Well-Known Torontonian a Maniac.

The announcement that Marion Manola, the actress and opera singer, has become insane will have a certain amount of local interest. Manola is the former wife of Mr. Moule, who lived at the Arlington Hotel and was employed by a well-known insurance company. Mrs. Moule, or Marion Manola, as she is better known, created a sensation by eloping with handsome Jack Mason of the Tremont Theatre, Boston. The usual divorce suit and subsequent marriage followed, and Manola and Mason have been touring the country since.

The cause of her insanity is attributed to her having been chased by creditors.

HIS NIGHSHIRT IGNITED.

It Caused the Death of Jamaica's Chief Justice.

Halifax, Sept. 3.—Kingston, Jamaica, advices says: The community was startled by the rumor that Sir Adam-Ellis, Chief Justice of this colony, had been burned to death.

His Honor, who had been in delicate health for some time past, rose early on the morning of Aug. 16, and, while standing at his toilet table, his nightdress became accidentally ignited.

Before he succeeded in putting out the flames he was seriously burned about the upper part of the body. His shouts awakened the servant, who, with his valet, was soon on the spot. His Honor, who had lapsed into unconsciousness, shortly after the terrible event passed away in that state. He died a few hours later.

LABOR DAY.

How Many Citizens Observed the New Holiday—Looking at New Styles.

Though Torontonians were supposed to be celebrating Labor Day yesterday, a great many of them might have been found at "Dineens' during the morning and afternoon.

Few were willing to miss seeing the new fall hats, which the firm is now showing. They have the largest stock of silks, Derbys and fedoras in Canada, and every hat bearing their name can be depended upon as being of the latest style and best material.

And the prices!

Hats such as W. & D. Dineen are selling at $2.50 and $3 were never before sold at anything like those prices. They are of the very latest New York styles—There's nothing handsomer to be had.

All the fall styles are in at Dineens'. King and Yonge-streets. Branch 254 Yonge-street.

North American Life Assurance Company

The North American Life Assurance Company has had a successful year's business and improved its position in several particulars in 1893.

There is an increase of no less than $203,000 in reserve from the business of 1892, a circumstance which has a direct bearing on the earning power of the company. The growth of the surplus by over $70,000 is a pleasingly suggestive fact for policyholders in this company.—Monetary Times. 246

20 Lancashire Excursionists Drowned.

London, Sept. 3.—Information has been received from Morecombe, Lancashire, that a pleasure yacht capsized on Morecombe Bay and that the entire party on board, 20 persons, were drowned.

"Kennethene" extracts grease, oil and paint from all clothing. 246

Remember, we are the only organized union plug tobacco factory in Canada and only employ skilled labor. Try our Derby Plug Smoking Tobacco.

IRISHMEN AND THE G. O. M.'S GIFT.

Does the Acceptance of the £100 Endanger Irish Independence?

Dublin, Sept. 3.—The Freeman's Journal publishes a number of letters which passed between Mr. Timothy M. Healy, M.P., and Mr. Bernard Molloy, M.P., on the subject of Mr. Gladstone's recent contribution of £100 to the Irish Parliamentary fund. Mr. Molloy, in opening the correspondence, asks: "Does the acceptance of Mr. Gladstone's subscription endanger our independence?"

In reply, Mr. Healy writes: "Instead of asking Mr. Gladstone to subscribe to the Parliamentary fund, the Irish party ought to provide him a memorial out of the funds on hand. The ingratitude with which Mr. Gladstone has been treated is fitly capped by appealing to him for support."

T. D. Sullivan writes an open letter denying the assertion that the managers are responsible for the circular which has been sent to other members of Parliament appealing for contributions to the Parliamentary fund. Mr. Sullivan advises the committee of the party to meet and issue a declaration explaining the matter and disclaiming any responsibility therefor. He adds "There is no necessity for appealing to English parties."

BRITISH LABOR MEN IN CONGRESS.

The Abolition of the Lords the Main Topic of To-day.

London, Sept. 3.—To-day the 27th annual Union Congress was opened at Norwich, 380 delegates being present from all parts of the country. John Burns opened the Congress with an address. The program contained 120 separate resolutions.

The resolutions dealt with the new Factory bill and called for its extension so as to prohibit overtime to make the "giver-out" of work responsible for the sanitary conditions under which such work is performed.

The Congress expressed the opinion that no others than apprentices and work people who are working at the various trades taught should be allowed to attend the technical classes established in various parts of the Kingdom.

At to-morrow's session President Delve will deliver an address in which he will advocate the abolition of the House of Lords. He will also contend that the hours of women and children employed in factories must be curtailed whatever may happen to the question of 8 hours a day for men. Mr. Delve's speech will end with an appeal for better organization of trades unions.

John Burns, M.P., in an interview at the close of the session said that the Congress would show that old unionism no longer exists and that socialism is triumphant. The rapid extension of machinery and the urgency of the problem involving the unemployed workers induce the most hidebound individualist to adopt any method to deliver the workingman from the shackles that bind him. Both capital and machinery instead of making slaves of the workingmen must become their servants. The members of the Congress of all shades of opinion now desire to co-operate to this end.

Philosopher Veitch Dead.

Edinburgh, Sept. 3.—John Veitch, the eminent philosopher and literary critic, died at Peebles to-day from asthma. He was born in 1829.

Hong Kong Free From Plague.

Hong Kong, Sept. 3.—The port of Hong Kong has been officially declared free from plague.

A New Revolt in Hayti.

Kingston, Jam., Sept. 3.—It is reported that an uprising has taken place in Port au Prince, resulting in severe fighting in the streets. Several of the ringleaders of the outbreak have been arrested and shot, but the revolt is said to be still spreading.

Sunbeams Have Kissed Their Cheeks.

September, the sweetest of Canadian months, is here again. So is the summer girl and summer man. The former is proud of her achievements in the way of mahogany-tinted complexion and bewitching freckles. The summer man feels glad to be back again in time to get some of quinn's new and rich fall neckwear. Monsoon ties are being brought up is a highly significant omen for returning prosperity. Very soon hard times will hardly be a memory. d

Empty Caskets Found in a Buffalo Cemetery

Buffalo, Sept. 3.—The finding of seven caskets, three of them whole and one quite new, together with crosses, floral decorations and headboards in an unfrequented part of Forest Lawn cemetery has given rise to considerable excitement. No such sad sight has been witnessed since the tensive grave robberies, and a rigid examination will be made.

Troops Sent With Relief supplies.

Fort Snelling, Minn., Sept. 3.—Company "G" of the Third United States Infantry has left on a special train for Hinckley. The principal purpose of sending the Federal troops was to furnish tents and blankets to the people of Hinckley. The soldiers are equipped with ammunition and are to do guard duty protecting property and supplies.

The prize winners in the bicycle races use Adams' Tutti Frutti to allay thirst. See that no imitation is palmed off on you.

Jumped From a Train to Death.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 3.—Edward Fahey of this city was run over by a train at Carleton Place Saturday night, and so seriously injured that he died shortly afterwards. In attempting to leap to the station platform from the train as it was entering Carleton Place he slipped and fell under the wheels, and was horribly mangled.

Ask for Dewar's Scotch Whisky as supplied to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

New York Tickets.

Charles E. Burns, tourist agent, is issuing through tickets via Niagara River line to New York over any road, or down one way and back another. Apply 77 Yonge-street, third door above King. d

Take your visitors and friends to see the beautiful Cyclorama of Jerusalem on the day of the Crucifixion, corner Front and York; open daily 9 a.m., 7 p.m. Admission 25 cents. 246

Smoke Derby Plug Smoking Tobacco—5 10 and 20-cent plugs. Made only by D Ritchie & Co., the only organized union plug tobacco factory in Canada.

Local Jottings.

The stock and plant of Household Manufacturing Co., 64 York-street, will be sold to-day at 11 a.m. sharp, also some furniture on the premises. A. O. Andrews will conduct the sales.

The first batch of passengers from Winnipeg since the change in the C.P.R. time table arrived last night, making the trip of 1060 miles in 24 hours.

The Ferris wheel at the Exhibition Grounds, reported as blown down in the Sunday storm, was only in the course of erection. It will be in position by Friday, and when finished will be able to weather any storm.

The steamer City of Windsor is tied up for master's disbursements, and has been sold under mortgage to the National Bank in Detroit. It is now under arrest of the Admiralty Court here.

Ask for Dewar's Scotch Whisky as supplied to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

LABOR DAY A HUGE SUCCESS.

10,000 CITIZENS ATTEND THE PICNIC AT ISLAND PARK.

Addresses by the Lieut-Governor, Mayor Kennedy and J. Lockie Wilson of the Patrons of Industry—The Inaugural Celebration of the New Holiday Proves That It Has Come to Stay.

In right hearty style did the citizens of Toronto celebrate the first Labor Day yesterday. Business at the banks, Government buildings and City Hall was suspended, and many stores were closed. Thousands turned out, wearing badges in honor of the day, and made the picnic at Island Park a huge success.

On the southern side of the boundary the first Monday of September has been for many years a red-letter day in labor annals. In New York and Chicago tens of thousands of brawny workers, gaily uniformed, parade through the streets, and generally wind up the day's proceedings with a picnic and speechmaking.

For their initial celebration Toronto's labor men chose the second part of the program, and carried it out in excellent fashion.

Thousands Visited the Island.

The big boats of the Toronto Ferry Company were crowded to their utmost all day. The wise ones started for the Island early in the day, and escaped the crush that formed as each boat came in. At least 10,000 people are estimated to have been at Island Park during the day.

Sports of all kinds had been arranged, taking in everybody from the toddlers of four to the old man whose hair had turned grey. In the band pavilion the Queen's Own Band and that of the 48th Highlanders discoursed sweet music to the crowds. On the diamond two baseball nines struggled for victory, cheered on by thousands. Then there were little private games and minor picnics all over the grounds.

The Speeches.

At 3 o'clock the crowds gathered around the stand from which the orators were to speak.

When President Tweed of the Trades and Labor Council, as Chairman of the meeting, started the speechmaking over one thousand listeners were there. Among those on the platform were: Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick, Mayor Kennedy, J. Lockie Wilson, Ald. Hallam, Alfred Jury and Charles March.

It was the duty of the Chairman long to explain the meaning of the celebration and call upon the Lieutenant-Governor for a speech. When Mr. Kirkpatrick stepped forward he was greeted with hearty cheers. His Honor made an excellent speech, reviewing the labor legislation that had been granted by the Ontario and Dominion Parliaments. Some of these measures were of great value, especially the Conciliation bill, which had been passed at the last session. (Applause.) The demonstration to-day would help the cause of labor, and the speaker declared that he was heartily in favor of any measures which would aid in accomplishing that end. (Applause.)

Mayor Kennedy said that the time would come when all differences between capital and labor could be settled by arbitration. (Applause.) He gave many examples of men who had risen to eminence from humble station and urged upon the audience the love of country and of the old flag.

Lockie Wilson's Address.

Lockie Wilson of the Patrons of Industry was the next speaker. He said: "I contend that there is a close alliance between the Patrons of Industry and the labor organizations of this land. I understand that for 40 years you workingmen have been asking for your rights. What has been accomplished? A great deal has been done, but nothing that should have. We think labor should have its rightful representation at Ottawa and Toronto. Our interests are identical. What matters it to you or to me what party is in power as it passes laws in the interests of the people? In this great labor movement of ours we want simply justice. We want the laws made more simple. There is a great deal of useless machinery of the law which should be wiped out. We should send to Parliament men interested in simplifying the laws, not in making them imperfect. I say that in the near future the law will be reformed and many of its exorbitant charges done away with. This movement is neither race nor creed but is for all the masses. Let us stand united and we will be victorious. (Loud applause.)

Ald. Jury was the last speaker. He was glad that Canada had at last recognized Labor Day. It was all right to talk about loyalty and the old flag, but a man could not feed his family on that. Labor had enough dignity, it wanted some of the money. (Applause.)

With a vote of thanks to the chairman and three cheers for the Queen and Lieutenant-Governor the audience adjourned to the supper tables and dancing pavilions, where the fun was kept up until late in the evening.

Removal.

Messrs. G. D. Dawson & Co. have removed to No. 16 King-street west, the well-known stand formerly occupied by Quetton St. George & Co., where they will be glad to see all old customers and as many new ones as are pleased to favor them with a call. Established 1870. Telephone 106.

Tournament Week at Niagara.

Tournament week at Niagara-on-the-Lake is the great period of the Queen's Royal season. The tennis begins on Tuesday and continues for the remainder of the week. The program of gaieties includes a tennis ball on Wednesday evening, a grand concert on Thursday evening and a tournament hop on Saturday. 246

Hints To Exhibition Visitors.

To see and enjoy the Exhibition properly—go early, wear loose shoes; but above all, get up your strength and nerves to be able to hold your own in the crush, by taking "Manley's" Celery Nerve Compound, with Beef, Iron and Wine."—It never fails. All druggists sell it. 246

Cracked a Safe for $40.

Alexandria, Ont., Sept. 3.—Burglars entered the store of Hodgson Bros. & Co. of this town at an early hour yesterday morning and blew open the safe, which contained about forty dollars, one gold watch and two silver ones.

Toronto Brewing and Malting Co.'s ale, our own bottling, 65 cents per dozen pints and 90 cents per dozen quarts, all other ales 75 cents per dozen pints and $1.20 quarts. William Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

Smoke Derby Plug Smoking Tobacco—5, 10 and 20-cent plugs. Take no other, Union make.

Personal.

Mr. Joseph Lugsdin of the firm of J. & J. Lugsdin, hatters and furriers, Yonge-street, and who resides at 627 Ontario-street, is dangerously ill at his home with cancer of the liver.

Mr. A. J. Tipping, city traveler for the J. D. King Co. (Ltd.), accompanied by Mrs. Tipping, have left for a short holiday, intending to visit the Thousand Islands, Montreal and Quebec.

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81'S DARK DAY RECALLED.

The Haze Which Hangs Over the Country Attributed By Scientists to the Forest Fires.

The peculiar haze noticeable in the sky all over the country for the last week or so has been a matter of great interest to meteorologists, and many experiments have been going on in different observatories of the country to determine its cause and nature.

The Weather Bureau officials have been making observations of this phenomenon, and yesterday "Old Probs" remarked:

"There is what may be called the Indian summer dry haze. Just what is the cause of it it is a little difficult to determine. Similar conditions have been noticed in the past, notably on the 'dark day,' in 1781, which was due to a dense condition of the atmosphere, probably caused by smoke.

"There was another 'dark day,' known as 'yellow day,' in 1881, which extended from Ontario to the Atlantic coast. The smoke was so dense in 1781 that many persons thought the 'day of judgment' had come. The gas was lighted in the streets of Toronto at midday in 1881.

"The murky atmosphere that has been noted in Ontario is of a very different character from that to the eastward, as that is much lighter. It is probably caused every year by a settlement of dust or smoke particles. The air is generally quiet, and there are no conditions which would precipitate the particles causing the haze or carry them to other regions.

Due to Forest Fires.

"The condition swest of the Lakes are unquestionably due to forest fires, just as in 1781 and 1881. The forest fires this year, however, have been much more serious than usual, owing to the drought that has existed. The atmosphere has been very dry, and extends to enormous heights. The smoke is not so dense in any one place, but when you get a glimpse through a grrat thickness, it appears quite so.

"The theory advanced that the present haze is caused by the earth passing through the tail of a comet is entirely erroneous. The material in the tail of a comet could not possibly produce such an effect as that. This is a condition purely terrestrial. The stars can be seen through the densest tail of a comet. In fact, it has been believed that the material of the tail of a comet is something light, without substance."

A gentleman who has made a special research into this smoke phenomenon, said:

"I began to receive reports of forest fires and large areas of smoke early in July. There is every reason to believe that al of the smoke haze that now covers the country is the result of the diffusion of smoke of burning forests and crops.

First Storm Will Disperse It.

"A comparatively little fire will make a large quantity of dense smoke, unless it is widely diffused by strong winds, in which case eth smoke become alike the thin haze of the Indian summer. But it so happens in this present season Canada has experienced rather high temperature and light, variable winds, so that the smoky haze has not been carried away to a great distance. It has, therefore, at the present time an average density greater than usual. It will doubtless all be cleared away by the action of the first general storm that sweeps over the country.

"The extensive area of smoky atmosphere that now prevails over the country is a sign that something is wrong, that some duty has been neglected, and that the forests in which we are all interested have been unnecessarily sacrificed."

SYSTEMATIC CAR ROBBERIES.

Six Arrests In Buffalo—Plunder Worth $1000 Recovered.

Buffalo, Sept. 3.—To-day the police arrested five women and one man, principals in a gang of car burglars who have been operating for a considerable time. The police also got hold of a portion of the plunder, valued at over $1000. One of the women said: "We have been robbing the cars for months. Every morning we would get up at o'clock we go to the yards and steal all we can. All the folks on the street do."

At every house watched there were tons upon tons of coal, all of which had been stolen. Coal was heaped up in every corner. The houses on Erie side were like little palaces. The carpets, rugs, bedding and clothing were of the most elegant and expensive kind. The women did all the stealing. There are dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, meats, carpets, bedding, silverware of the most expensive kind