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DEATH LIST IN THE NEW YORK FIRE REACHES TOTAL OF 141

Cigarette Believed Cause of Fearful Disaster in Shirt Waist Factory—Investigation is Begun — Fearful Scene as Fire-Trapped Girls Seek to Escape

(Canadian Press)

New York, Mar. 27—Eighty-six bodies of the one hundred and forty-one victims of a fire in a ten-story building in Washington Place on Saturday night have been identified. Only sixteen of the bodies were those of men. There are twelve injured in the hospitals.

District Attorney Whitman started an official investigation today to fix the responsibility for the horror in which several hundred shirt-waist makers, mostly Jewish and Italian women and girls were entrapped by fire on the three top floors of a factory. Most of them were employed by the Triangle Waist Company. Some sought escape from the flames by leaping to the street because iron doors that led to the floor below and to safety were said to have been locked. No arrest of any person in connection with the fire has been considered and none will be made until the facts disclosed in the investigation give sufficient evidence for taking this action.

The building department was called on for a report of the burned building and every other department that is in any way concerned will also be required to make a detailed report.

Cigarette the Cause?

Fire Marshal Beers began his official investigation today. It is now definitely known that the fire started on the eighth floor of the building near a window at the north east corner of the building. The fire began under a cutting table in a scrap heap, and is now thought to have been started by a cigarette. Crowds began to assemble early today at the morgue to view the bodies, fifty-two in all, but none was able to identify a relative or friend from among the ghastly row. At least half were unrecognizable and will never be identified by the features. Only a small trinket or a shred of clothing will help to show who the unfortunate one was.

Some of the bodies will probably never be claimed. The victims, living alone in a furnished room, or a little flat may have had no friends and few acquaintances. There are still two girls missing and up to an early hour this morning they had not been found.

Only One Fire Escape

Managers of the Triangle Shirt Waist Company, which occupied the burned floors deny that the iron doors leading to the elevators and stairs were locked. The fact that there was only one fire escape on the building will come in for a careful investigation to determine what city official is to blame.

Borough President McAneny today, in reviewing the investigation made following the recent Newark fire horror, said that the Asch building was not included in the list of those buildings returned as having inadequate fire escape facilities.

"This might well be," said Mr. McAneny, "for the reason that technically, the building appears to conform to the code. The natural conclusion is, or ought to be, that the code should suffer radical amendment."

Relief Fund

Progress has been made by public and civic organs toward offering relief to those who have suffered as a result of the fire. The first contribution in this movement was made by Mayor Gaynor who headed the list with $100, and made an appeal to the citizens of the city for a relief fund. Industrial organs, theatres and civic bodies have also set in motion plans for supplementing the fund.

Fire Chief Croker said today: "I do not desire to say that a more appalling loss of life in office buildings and big stores is likely to come upon New York at any minute, because of the lack of safeguards.

Pedestrians going home through Washington Place to Washington square at ten minutes to 5 were startled by the whizz of something rushing through the air before them; there was a horrible thud on the pavement, and a body flattened on the flags. Wayfarers on the opposite side of the street shaded their eyes against the setting sun and saw the windows of the three upper floors of the building black with girls crowding to the sills. The only fire escape was in a small court yard of the building.

"Don't jump! Don't jump!" yelled the crowd. But the girls had no choice. The pressure of the maddened hundreds behind them and the urging of their own fears were too strong. They began to rain on the sidewalk like peas from a hot skillet.

A thirteen year old girl hung for three minutes by her finger tips to the sill of a tenth floor window. A tongue of flame licked at her fingers and she dropped into a net held by firemen. Two women fell into the net almost at the same moment. The strands parted and the two were added to the death list. A girl threw her pocketbook, then her hat, then her furs from a tenth floor window. A moment later her body came whirling after them to death.

At a ninth floor window a man and a woman appeared. The man embraced the woman and kissed her. Then he hurled her to the street and jumped. Both were killed. Five girls smashed a pane of glass, dropped in a struggling tangle and were crushed into a shapeless mass.

A girl on the eighth floor leaped for a fireman's ladder which reached only to the sixth floor. She missed, struck the edge of a life net and was picked up with her back broken. From one window a girl of about 13 years, a woman, a man and two women with their arms about one another threw themselves to the ground in rapid succession. The little girl was whirled to the New York hospital. She screamed as the driver and a policeman lifted her into the hallway. A surgeon came out, took look at her face and touched his hand to her wrist.

"She is dead." He said.

One girl jumped into a horse blanket held by firemen and policemen, the blanket ripped like cheese cloth and her body was mangled almost beyond recognition. Another dropped in a tarpaulin held by three men. Her weight tore it from their grasp and she struck the street, breaking almost very bone in her body. Almost at the same moment a man somersaulted down upon the shoulder of a policeman holding the tarpaulin. He glanced off, struck the sidewalk and was picked up dead.

"Jimmie" Lehana, a traffic squad policeman, dashed up eight flights of stairs when the fire was at its height, braced his shoulders against a barred door and burst it in. He found a score of girls mad with fright. He ordered them down the smoke-filled stairways, but they balked. He used his club and beat them down to safety. Not one of the number perished.

Led by Fire Chief Crocker a squad of firemen stormed the stairways and gained access to the building at 7 o'clock last night. Beams of two searchlights from buildings opposite played on the building, lighting the way of the fire fighters as they ascended to the top floors. Fifty roasted bodies were found on the ninth floor. They lay in every posture, some so charred that recognition was impossible, some with the death agony still on their features. A half dozen were nude, with their flesh hanging in shreds to their bones.

There will be a thorough probing and a fixing of the blame, if blame there be, and it can be fixed. District Attorney Whitiman said:

"If what Chief Croker tells me is correct, then somebody is criminally liable, and whoever it is, whether it be one or a dozen, shall be prosecuted. I never saw anything more horrible in my life."

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, Director of meterological Service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORTS

Temperatures Past 24 Hours.

	Max	Min	Dir	Vel.	
Toronto....	54	40	S.W.	6	Rain
Montreal...	44	38	S.E.	20	Cloudy
Quebec.....	44	28	N.E.	4	Rain
Chatham...	50	26	S.W.	4	Fair
Charl'town.	36	22	S.	4	Fair
Sydney.....	36	18	S.W.	4	Cloudy
Stble Isl'd..	34	28	S.W.	10	Fair
Halifax.....	46	26	W.	4	Fair
Yarmouth..	44	32	S.W.	12	Cloudy
St. John....	40	34	S.	10	Cloudy

Forenoon Bulletin From Toronto.

Forecasts—South and southwesterly winds, mild, followed by rain with gales tonight and on Tuesday.

Synopsis — Fine mild weather prevails throughout the maritime provinces, but a disturbance of some energy now centres over Michigan and is moving eastward, attended by high winds and rain.

To Banks and American Ports, southerly and southeasterly winds, increasing to gales.

Saint John Observatory.

The time ball on customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.59, and drops at 1 p. m. Standard time of the 60th Meridian, equivalent to 5 hours Greenwich mean time.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs, 40
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs, 34
Temperature at noon.. 38
Humidity at noon.. 93
Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 30.07 inches.
Wind at noon: Direction, S.E., velocity, 12 miles per hour; cloudy.
Same date last year: Highest temperature, 38; lowest, 32; clear.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

CHATHAM PEOPLE ON DEATH ROLL

Mrs. Chas. Hawbolt and Michael Hickey Pass Away—Teacher's Pension for John Flanagan

(Special to Times)

Chatham, N. B., March 27—In the convent yesterday, Mrs. Hawbolt, widow of Captain Charles Hawbolt, died, aged 89 years. She was formerly Miss Elizabeth Vondy and in early life attained fame in consequence of her heroic conduct in going down to Middle Island to nurse her brother, a doctor, who had volunteered for service at that place when an emigrant ship was quarantined there with everyone on board down with fever.

Mrs. Hawbolt, who had been a widow upwards of fifty years, had been in failing health for a long time and her death was not unexpected.

Michael Hickey, one of Chatham's oldest merchants, died today, after a few days illness of pneumonia, aged sixty-nine years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters.

John Flanagan has received word from Fredericton that he will receive a teacher's pension. He began teaching in Bartibogue in 1856 and continued in various other places until 1904.

SAY THE WIRE WAS CUT SO THAT METER WOULD NOT REGISTER

St. John Railway Company Men Give Evidence on Charge Against J. G. Sperdakes

The preliminary hearing in the case against John G. Sperdakes, proprietor of a fruit and confectionery store in Charlotte street, on a warrant issued at the instance of the St. John Railway Co., charging him with stealing electricity, was begun at 11 o'clock this morning in the police court. He was defended by J. A. Sinclair and the company was represented by Cyril T. Jones and E. R. Taylor.

John Mathison, lineman for the company, gave evidence that on Friday last he visited Sperdakes' store about 10 o'clock in the morning and found about a dozen lights in the ice cream parlor burning, but the meter was not running. The wire connecting the meter with the lights had been cut and a disconnection ensued. He gave a demonstration, by using small fuse wires, of the method employed in making the disconnection by which the electricity used was not measured in the store. The wire had been cut and hooked so that it could be readily connected or disconnected.

Sydney Wakeham, another lineman with the company, also told of being in Sperdake's premises on Friday. He described a visit to the pool-room of the defendant in Market street, and of having found there conditions existing similar to those Mr. Mathison described concerning the ice-cream parlor in Charlotte street. A disconnection from the meter so that it would not register had been made in the pool-room by cutting the wire. He turned on the lights and saw that the power was not measured on the meter.

Hyal A. Brown, company electrician, gave evidence of having been in Sperdake's store and pool room on Friday, and seeing that electrical fluid was being used without registering. It was possible to allow the flow to run under measure for a while and then to turn it off and run without registration. There were four meters altogether, there being, in addition to those mentioned a light meter in a lunch wagon and a power meter, for all of which the defendant was responsible.

Robert J. Cochrane, line foreman with the street railway, corroborated the evidence given by former witnesses as regards the cutting of wires effecting the registration on the meter. The case was adjourned until 2.30 this afternoon.

VICTORIA PURCHASED

Dr. Currey Says it Means Daily Service Between Here and Fredericton

The Star line steamer Victoria was purchased this morning by Dr. L. A. Currey for the St. John River Steamship Company, owners of the Elaine and Hampstead. This deal will in a measure clear up matters so far as the river situation is concerned for the coming summer.

Dr. Currey said that it was the intention to place the Victoria on the St. John-Fredericton route with the Elaine, running a daily service. A boat will leave here every morning at 8.30 o'clock and Fredericton at 8 o'clock. The Hampstead will be continued on the Gagetown-Fredericton route. This will mean three boats on the main river the first time that such has been the case.

MRS. JAMES PERKINS OF HAMPTON DEAD; AGED 86

Hampton, Mar. 27—There passed away on Saturday evening one of the oldest residents of Hampton in the person of Mrs. Jas. Perkins, who died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Snodgrass. She was eighty-six years of age and had been living in Hampton for the greater part of that time.

Mrs. Perkins is survived by four daughters and three sons; also, twenty grand children and five great great grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Jane Vaughan and Mrs. John Snodgrass, all of Hampton and Mrs. Bailey, of Moncton. The sons are George, William and John, of Hampton. The funeral will be on Tuesday afternoon to St. Paul's church, Lakeside.

J. S. GREGORY TO SUPPLY TIMBER FOR FERRY

The special committee of the common council appointed to arrange for repairing the ferry steamer Western Extension has accepted the tender of J. S. Gregory for supplying the necessary timber. There were two tenders submitted which complied with the terms of the advertisement of the committee. It was decided to accept the tender of Mr. Gregory on the understanding that he should specify the prices for the different kinds of timber, instead of putting the whole material into a lump sum. The figure submitted by Mr. Gregory was $3,400. This does not include any labor, as the repairing will be done by day's work.

The work has already commenced, the boat at present being in Rodney slip, but it will be moved to Gregory's blocks as soon as the tides serve.

AN ALL BRITISH SHOPPING LEAGUE

London, March 27—(Canadian Press)—An all British shopping league, which has been organized by the Union Jack Industries League, in order to stimulate interest in British manufactures, was formally opened by the lord mayor at the Mansion House today. The movement has received assistance and support from the king and queen. Their Majesties' coronation robes will be made of British fabrics, and Queen Mary has, in addition, given orders that British silks shall be used in many of her coronation dresses.

SMALLPOX IN ORPHANS' HOME IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Ont., March 27—(Canadian Press)—Two cases of smallpox were found in the Protestant Orphans' Home on Saturday and the patients taken to the infectious disease hospital. Eighty people in the home, of whom fifty-three are children, are quarantined.

"CRIPPEN SHIP" AT THE POINT

Montreal and Lake Manitoba Arrive Today Almost Together

MORE THAN 2,000 ABOARD

Noted British Swimmer One of Today's New Arrivals—Many Changes in the List of Officers on the Montrose—Considerable Ice Was Sighted

Both from Liverpool and with 2122 passengers in all, two C. P. R. liners—the Lake Manitoba, Captain G. C. Evans, and the Montrose, Captain Moscrop—arrived within half an hour of each other at Sand Point this morning. They docked at No. 2 and 3 berths and the former landed her passengers this morning but it was expected that it would be some time this afternoon before those of the Montrose would come ashore.

The Montrose is known as the "Crippen ship" of the fleet, since it was on board her was made the capture of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen who some months ago paid the extreme penalty for the murder of his wife the former actress Belle Elmore. There have, however, been many changes among the officers and ship's company since that occasion. Captain Kendall, who was one of those to detect the much wanted doctor and Miss LeNeve, is not now on the steamer. Captain Moscrop, recently of the Montfort of the C. P. R. fleet, being in command. In fact there are but two now on the steamer who were on board when Crippen was caught, Second Officer Russell and one of the stewardesses.

The steamer had a remarkably fine trip. Though she did not come in contact with any ice she was in wireless communication with steamers which had encountered considerable. The Montrose has 828 passengers, sixty-five cabin and 713 steerage. Captain Moscrop relieves Captain Kendall who in turn has had to relieve Captain Carey of the Lake Erie. The latter, who is well known at this port, and very popular, recently underwent a serious operation from which, however, he is slowly recovering.

Among the passengers is Frederick Kearsley of Lancashire, England, one of the best long distance swimmers in the world, who is going to Montreal with a view to getting on matches with some of the best on this side of the Atlantic during the summer. He will endeavor to get in touch at once with Tom Flanagan the sport promoter. Kearsley is one of the few men who have attempted to swim the English channel. He talked interestingly to a Times reporter and expressed the hope that he would like Canada as he intended to make it his home. He spoke of the prospects of a match with C. M. Daniels the American champion though he felt that as the latter was a short distance man the match might not be suitable. Mr. Kearsley has taken part in three contests at the fifteen mile distance, getting two seconds and a third, and he has competed with the most notable long distance men in England. He is also a polo player of repute. Speaking of his attempt to swim the channel he said that he was seven miles on the way, when, on account of rough weather, he had to be taken into a boat. Mrs. Kearsley accompanies her husband.

The Lake Manitoba passed three large icebergs in latitude 44-10 and longitude 48-41. Considerable field ice was also passed by the Manitoba especially large patches in 45-45 north and 45-40 west. Captain Evans of the steamer remarked that he too had commanded the "Crippen ship" and Captain Moore of the Mount Temple also in port, who was a visitor on board, said that he also had command of the Montrose. The Manitoba has 340 cabin and 1044 steerage pasengers.

SAYS SAVIOUR WOULD REJOICE OVER TORONTO

Toronto, March 27—(Canadian Press)—That Christ would laugh with joy instead of weeping as he did over Jerusalem, were he to stand on the top of the Traders' Bank building and look over the city of Toronto, was the conclusion arrived at by Rev. Byron H. Stauffer, preaching in Bond street Congregational church last night.

Mr. Stauffer took as his subject, "Christ weeping over Jerusalem," and he asked the question, "Would Christ weep over Toronto today?" He thought that Christ would not weep today because he thought Toronto would be invaded by the people of the United States. There was no danger of such a thing happening.

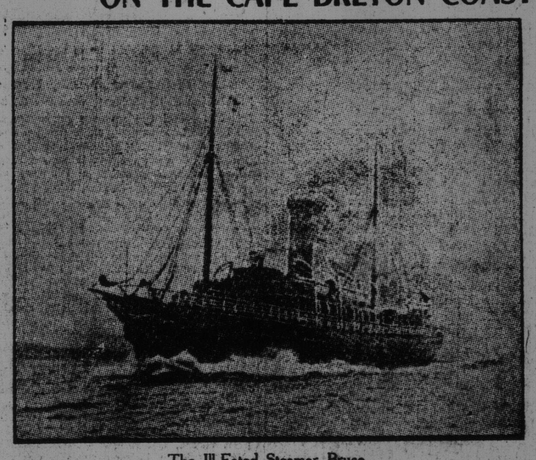
PEOPLE OF NOTE

Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence

Countess Lonyay

Second daughter of late King of Belguim who is seriously ill.

THE STEAMER BRUCE, WRECKED ON THE CAPE BRETON COAST



The Ill-Fated Steamer Bruce

J. G. Burke, travelling passenger agent of the C. P. R. has returned to the city bringing details of the wreck of the steamer Bruce at Cape Breton. He had gone to meet a party of seal hunters on the Bruce, who were to pass through here to Vancouver. Mr. Burke said that the morning was clear and it does not appear why the steamer should be twelve miles out of her course. He and a medical man and the agent of the steamer at Sydney were the first to reach the scene of the wreck, taking a special train to Louisburg and driving twenty-three miles through the woods and along the shore to the steamer.

Arriving at the beach the first boat load were coming ashore. In an effort to release the boats from the davits five men, all seal hunters, were washed overboard and two of them drowned. The hair of one of the men in the water froze so stiff that it came off at the scalp before he was pulled aboard. There were 100 passengers and all suffered from the intense cold. Fires were built upon the beach and around this the eighteen women huddled. Mr. Burke arranged for a special train to take the ship-wrecked people to Sydney.

The seal hunters arrived in the city on Saturday night in a special car. They were in a bad way but will be provided with necessities till they reach their destination.

The latest word from the Bruce is that she is lying on the rocks, her port rail submerged, her head to the northwest and heavy seas washing her decks. A few bags of mail were secured on Saturday, but little else of value could be found.

THE SCHOONER HAROLD J. McCARTY LOST IN SOUTH

Schooner Harold J. McCarty, well known at this port, is ashore at Palm Beach, Florida, and will probably be a total loss. Word to this effect has been received by J. Willard Smith, the agent of the vessel here.

The vessel was bound from Santiago for Brunswick, Ga., to load lumber, and was in command of Captain W. B. Belyea, formerly of this city, but now of Calais, Me. The McCarty was built at Bath, Maine, in 1893. She was 133 feet long, thirty-one feet beam, nine feet hold. She was 251 tons net and 312 tons gross. A fine able vessel, she was one of the best trading out of this port.

SEVENTEEN CARS OFF THE TRACK

Both the Boston and Montreal expresses were late reaching the city this morning, the Boston train being two hours and ten minutes late, and the Montreal one hour and forty minutes late. The cause was a wrecked freight train at Tracy Station.

The wreck occurred at an early hour this morning, about seventeen cars leaving the rails and blocking the main line completely. The Boston express which should leave at 6.50 p. m. did not get away until after 7 o'clock. Wrecking crews were set to work soon after the wreck and after several hours the outgoing and incoming trains were able to get past.

Luckily no one was hurt in the wreck. The express for Halifax, which should get away at 12.40, did not leave the station until after 2 o'clock.

BROTHER OF OTTAWA, M.P. SUICIDE IN LAWRENCE

Louis B. Talbert, Prominent Jeweler, Ends His Life by Shooting

(Special to Times)

Boston, March 27—Louis B. Talbert, a prominent French Canadian jeweler of Lawrence, committed suicide by shooting today. The cause was ill-health. He was a brother of O. Talbert, M. P. for Ottawa.

CHINA BACKS DOWN

Will Agree Unreservedly To Demands Made in Russian Ultimatum

(Canadian Press)

Peking, March 27—China is not prepared to antagonize Russia completely, and as a result of prolonged conferences the Chinese foreign office today assured the Russian Minister M. Korostovetz that China will acquiesce unreservedly today to the demands made in the Russian ultimatum concerning the provisions of the treaty of 1881.

Russia insisted upon an answer before Tuesday. It is generally considered that there was no alternative course in view of China's utter unpreparedness for war.

ITALIAN CELEBRATION

Rome, March 28—(Canadian Press)—The celebration of the jubilee of Italian unity began today with the formal opening of the International Art Exhibition by King Victor Emmanuel. On Wednesday an industrial exhibition will be begun at Turin, where, in 1861, Victor Emmanuel II, grandfather of the present monarch, assumed the title of King of Italy as Victor Emmanuel I.

The celebration is offensive to the Holy See and today some of the less orderly attempted to approach the Vatican. They were met by a strong detachment of police and turned back.

Military Matters

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, March 27—(Canadian Press)—Military orders announce that a provisional school of instruction for infantry is authorized to be held at St. Catharines, Ont, for a period not to exceed six weeks, commencing on or about April 3. Certificates will be limited to ranks not higher than subaltern, and the establishment of a provisional school of instruction in Canadian Army Service Corps duties is authorized for Montreal for a period not to exceed six weeks to commence on April 3.

MONO-RAIL LINE FOR PEOPLE AND FREIGHT

First in Commercial Use Will Be Opened in Germany This Summer

Berlin, Germany, Mar. 27—(Canadian Press)—The world's first mono-rail system for the transport of passengers and freight will open for traffic in Germany this summer. The line, which is being constructed by August Scherl, a Berlin newspaper magnate, will be some twelve miles in length and will run between Bad Homburg in Taurus Mountains and Frankfort-on-Main.

The Scherl system is a combination of a German invention with the patents of the English inventor, Louis Brennan.

SALVATION ARMY CHANGES ANNOUNCED

Brigadier Adby today announced several changes in the staff of the Salvation Army officers affecting this city and province and Nova Scotia. Capt. and Mrs. Adamson will go to No. 1 citadel, Charlotte street; Capt. Bowering to No. 5 Mill street, Ensign Urquhart to Woodstock, Capt. and Mrs. White to Yarmouth, Capt. Spearing and Capt. Kincade to Parrsboro, Capt. Morris to Bridgetown, Lieut. Pace to Freeport, Capt. McKirvey to Sussex, and Capt. Dow to Springhill.

Several cadets from the army training school in Toronto are expected to reach the city this week, and a reception is being planned for them in Charlotte street citadel on Thursday evening.

MAYOR OF BOSTON PUTS BAN ON PERFORMANCE

Boston, March 27—Mayor Fitzgerald has ruled that no further performances of "The Easiest Way," shall be allowed here. It was being presented at the Hollis street theatre.

"This play gives a picture of life which is not proper for the young to see," the mayor declared in a statement. "As there is no restriction of age upon the admission of minors above the age of 14 years," he said, "the audience at the Hollis theatre during the last two or three days included many such persons. This is inevitably the case in a great centre of culture like Boston, to which girls of the best families come from all parts of the country for education in our colleges and conservatories."

THE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW.

Douglas Clinch arrived home on the Montreal express this morning from New York, where he had been attending the New York Sportsmen's Show. He says the show was a great success, and the New Brunswick exhibit would send many New York hunters down to New Brunswick this fall.

TEN MILLION TO SEE THE SPECTACLE

Canada and Other Colonies to Send 100,000 to the Coronation

ALL ENGLAND ASTIR

Ceremonies Leading up to The Day of The Great Event—High Prices for Seats on Route of Procession Likely to Tumble

London, Mar. 27—With the coronation less than two months distant all England is astir with preparation for the celebration. Brilliant pageants are being organized.

Leading up to the climax of Coronation Day there will be many imperial and royal ceremonies. On May 12 King George and Queen Mary will drive to the Crystal Palace to open the Festival of the Empire, which is to be an imposing exhibition of the greatness of Britain's imperial resources and a demonstration of the wonderful progress made in commerce, art and craftmanship.

In addition to the coronation ceremonies on June 22 there will be the royal progress through the streets of London on June 23, the naval review off Spithead, the next day, the gala performance at the opera on June 27, and the service in St. Paul's on June 29. Then will come the visits to Ireland and Scotland, to be followed by a journey to Carnarvon for the investiture of the Prince of Wales on July 13. More than 30 miles of London streets will be traversed by the king and queen during May and June and it is estimated that the coronation and its attendant spectacles will be witnessed by ten million spectators.

It is believed that there will be at least 150,000 visitors from the United States this season that 100,000 more will come from Canada and the British colonies.

London, March 27—The usual stories are going the rounds as to the extravagant prices being charged along the route of the coronation procession. Some certainly have already been booked at remarkable figures, but in every case they are for very rich people who do not care what they pay so long as they get a good view of the great show.

At the present time would-be lettors of seats refuse to bargain, but the chances are that before the day set for the coronation prices will come down, as they have always done on the occasion of such big pageants. It would be well for intending visitors to wait before booking. There were cases where seats that had been held at $50 each went for as many shillings on the morning of the late king's funeral.

WOMAN FOUND DROWNED; A CASE OF SUICIDE

Miss Huntbach Was 75 Years Old and Eccentric; Suspicious Death of Toronto Woman

(Canadian Press)

Ingersoll, Ont., March 27—Boys hunting muskrats found the body of Miss Johanna Huntbach in a stream a short distance from the outskirts of the town on Saturday evening. The body apparently had been in the water since Monday last, which was the last time, so far as known, that she was seen alive. Coroner Neff gave it as his opinion that it was a case of suicide and deemed an inquest unnecessary. Miss Huntbach, whose home is in Norwich, was seventy-five years old. She was eccentric.

Toronto, March 27—The death of Mrs. Joseph Henry has aroused the suspicions of the police and an inquest will be held. The woman was found dead in her bed by her husband when he awoke in the middle of the forenoon. There was a large cut over her left eye and there were bruises on her body. Her husband says that she received the bruises by falling down stairs.

STAR LINE MATTERS ALL EXPLAINED

Judge McLeod Dismisses Hearing Which Has Been Going On

The adjourned hearing in the matter of the Star Line S. S. Co. came up before Mr. Justice McLeod this morning. The auditor appointed by the court to examine the books and accounts of the company, reported that all matters not before quite plain to him had been explained by J. Willard Smith. His honor dismissed the hearing, as all matters for which the order had been given had been satisfactorily explained to him.

TONIGHT'S MEETING IN PROTEST AGAINST ROYAL COMMISSION

Much interest is being manifested in the indignation meeting which has been called for this evening in the assembly rooms of the Nickel Theatre, under the auspices of the Citizens' Committee to protest against the action of the common council in asking the provincial government to appoint a royal commission to draft a charter for the city of St. John.

All citizens who are interested in the government of the city are invited to attend and an invitation is also extended to the women tax-payers. Addresses will be delivered by prominent citizens.