

"Fire Proof" Hotel Burns

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Elevator Shaft Conveys Flames to Various Storeys With Great Rapidity.

Many Guests Meet Death in Frenzied Jump From the Upper Windows.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 10.—Eight persons died of suffocation or of injuries sustained in leaping from a "fire proof" hotel building...

Elevator Shaft Caught Fire and burned like tinder. A sheet of flame twenty feet wide mounted the shaft to the seventh floor...

There was so much smoke that the guests the moment the door was opened were compelled to crawl out of the windows to avoid suffocation.

Frantic Cries of "Don't Jump!" from spectators prevailed most of these persons from leaping.

The excitement was so intense that J. B. Pelesinger of New York and Mrs. M. E. Hodges of Minneapolis who were in window ledges near an alley not being encouraged by the crowd...

An Early Account. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 10.—Six and possibly more imprisoned in their rooms is the result of an early morning fire in the West hotel.

The death list up to 10 a. m. was as follows: Capt. John Berwin, fell from upper floor; Thomas Somerville, Springfield, Ill., suffocated in room on 7th floor; Alice Martin, servant, jumped from 7th floor; S. Nicholas, chamber of commerce, suffocated. Two unknown men who jumped.

At noon the known list of dead in the West hotel fire numbered nine, as follows: Mrs. J. B. Hodges, Minneapolis, suffocated; Captain John Berwin, killed by falling; Alice Larson, chambermaid, jumped from seventh floor; W. F. Nicholas, grain merchant, Minneapolis, suffocated; J. P. Pelesinger, of New York, jumped from sixth floor; J. E. Wolfe, Northwest salesman for Sperry & Alexander, New York, burned to death in his room; Clinton Lamme, suffocated; W. E. Magner, Duluth, suffocated. A seventh man who jumped from upper window. The search of ruins continued.

HE BOUGHT ON THE SPOT. A Quick Commercial Transaction at Nanaimo.

A story of one of the quickest commercial transactions heard for many a day, and it did not take place in Victoria either, is told by Robert Evans last night at the Dominion hotel.

SPRAMOTOR advertisement with image of a sprayer and descriptive text.

Mr. Evans' hotel and the following conversation took place. "Say Bob how much do you take for the place?" "Oh, I don't want to sell out particularly," replied the host.

A MINER MEETS DEATH. Another Victim Among the Workers of Earth's Buried Riches.

Ladysmith, Jan. 10.—To be instantly killed by a fall of coal was the sad fate of William Kipling this morning.

New York Legislature

State Assembly Re-Convenes With Large Audience in Attendance.

Ballot Reform and Corrupt Practice Bills Are to Be the Features.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 10.—The New York State legislature convened tonight after a week's recess.

Both houses adjourned early after the reading of the committee list in the assembly. Senator Brackett tried to introduce the Dewey resolution but was forestalled by Senator Raines' motion to adjourn.

Assemblyman Cox introduced a bill to amend the general corporation law. Political Contributions by Corporations. The bill provides that within sixty days after each election every corporation doing business in this state shall file with the secretary of state an affidavit...

Will Be a Misdemeanor which will be punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year and fine of not more than \$1,000.

CHINAMEN WANT MORE PAY. Workers in Comox Coal Mine Go Out on Strike.

Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 9.—A miniature strike was inaugurated at Comox today by some Chinese pushers in Number Four mine for an increase in wages.

PROBING MURDER CASE. Witness for Prosecution in Northport, L. I., Sentenced.

Northport, L. I., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Julia H. Simpson, wife of Dr. Jas. W. Simpson, and daughter of Bartley T. Horner, whom Dr. Simpson is accused of having murdered, was a witness for the prosecution in the examination of Dr. Simpson today.

Thoroughly Democratic

Standard Oil Magnate Declines to Treat Supreme Court Seriously.

Arrogantly Refuses to Consider It Worth While Answering Questions.

Edifying Spectacle of Ajax Rogers Defying Lightning of American Law.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The question whether Henry Rogers can be compelled to tell Attorney General Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri whether the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey owns or controls three companies which are selling oil in Missouri as separate companies will be placed before the supreme court of New York state tomorrow.

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HERRING SPAWN.

Government May Place Restrictions on Practice of Destroying Same.

In a few weeks the herring will be spawning again and the much discussed question of the destroying of herring spawn will once more come up.

At the recent session of the fisheries commission in this city one of the witnesses testified that the Indians last year destroyed in this vicinity something like twenty tons of herring spawn.

At present there are it is understood, no direct regulations governing the destroying of herring spawn, but it can be readily seen that the effect of this indiscriminate destroying of spawn is bound to have on the herring industry.

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DAVID SPENCER, Ltd. Western Canada's Big Store. FRIDAY THE BIG SALE DAY of the week.

JANUARY SALE LIST FOR FRIDAY. 75 Women's Winter Jackets. Regular \$5.00 to \$12.50. Friday, \$2.50 Each.

100 Hand Bags. In Black, Brown, Navy, Green and Tan. Values, \$1.75 to \$3.00. ON SALE FRIDAY, \$1.25 each.

40 Fur Necklets. White Foxskin, Brown Marmot, Grey Thibet and others. Values, \$2.50 and \$3.50. FRIDAY, \$1.50.

100 Ready-to-Wear Hats. Values \$1.50 and \$2.50. FRIDAY, 25c each. Trimmings \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. All worth at least \$2.50 to \$10.00 each.

IMPORTANT SALE OF MEN'S UNDERWEAR. On Friday we offer for sale 40 dozen various makes of high class underwear, regular values \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$4.50, for per garment... 95c.

THE SECOND BIG JANUARY WEEK IN THE SHOE DEPT.—EVERY DAY THIS MONTH A DAY FOR BARGAINS. All the High Grade Shoes in Ladies' and Men's Shoes up to \$5.00 a pair in lines that we will not stock next season.

Flannelette Underwear. Drawers. Saten Black Skirts. Gowns, silk embroidered, etc. At \$1.75 and \$2.00. For \$1.50. At 75c. For 50c. At \$2.00 and \$2.50. For \$1.50.

500 Bottles Stafford's New Black Ink. FRIDAY, 2 bottles for 5c. Children's Wool Ribbed Drawers. 40 Boxes Pure Linen Note Paper and Envelopes.

25 dozen Linen Towels, Reg. \$1.50 dozen. Friday, 50c each. 20 Dozen White Cotton Huck. 41 White Linen Towels, fringed ends. 50 Dozen White Linen Towels, hemstitched.

White Sheets. Blankets. Pillow Cases. 18 pairs Softed White Blankets, \$4. Princeton, \$2.45. 20 pairs Softed White Blankets, 10-4 Princeton, \$2.75.

Black Dress Goods. 3 pieces Fancy Black Dress Goods, 4 feet wide. Regular \$1.50. FRIDAY, \$1.00. 2 pieces Black Canvas Cloth, Regular \$1.50. FRIDAY, \$1.00.

\$4.50 for Men's Suits, value \$10.00 | \$6.75 for Men's Suits, value \$12.50. A large stock to select from. SHOES AT \$2.50.

Japanese Rugs, size 3 1/2 x 5, regular price \$2.50. Friday, each \$1.00. Hundreds of Victoria's wise buyers have secured \$5.00 shoes at \$2.50 during the January Sale.

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Initial Business Transac First Session of Hou Yesterday.

Premier McBride Makes nouncement Respect Railway Policy.

Few Public Measures Adv—Government's Posit Outlined.

THE local legislature convened at 2:10, the proceedings opened by the reading of prayers by Canon Beaulieu.

Referring to the campaign Mr. Mansfield had with great pleasure in reply to the speaker, and said he did so with pleasure because of the happy circumstances in which the constitution of the province was being framed.

Referring to the financial condition of the province, he said the advantages of the province were being developed, and that it spoke in the by-election.

Coming to the finances of the province, Mr. Mansfield said there was no reason to feel that the province was in a bad way.

Dealing with the question of the railway building, Mr. Mansfield said the government was pursuing a policy, and while he saw two points of view, he thought he was justified in concluding that the government was pursuing a policy.

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