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Fire in Ald. Wickett's Tannery Completely Destroyed Building And Caused a Loss of $100,000

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Damage Was Estimated by Mr. Craig, One of the Owners, and is Covered by Insurance---Valuable Machinery and Hides Burned and Four-Storey Building Completely Gutted---Firemen Fought Against Fierce Heat and Some Had Narrow Escapes.

One of the most spectacular and at the same time worst fires to fight which have occurred this year in Toronto, broke out at 11.40 last night in the top floor of the tannery owned by Wickett and Craig, Limited, situated on the Don Esplanade, at the corner of Eastern avenue. Before the fire was extinguished at an early hour this morning, the entire centre portion of the building had been destroyed, and valuable machinery, the entire stock of leather and chemicals were consumed, and a house nearby, occupied by Mrs. Wm. J. Archer, her mother and three children, was threatened with destruction.

The loss will amount to at least $100,000, covered by insurance.

One hundred men will be out of work until the building is repaired.

Policeman Oxland (62) was patrolling his beat on Eastern avenue when he saw the flames burst from the roof of the centre portion of the building. He was on a bicycle, being acting patrol sergeant. He heard the fire whistle at the factory, and as it is blown only in case of fire, he at once went to the nearest fire alarm box, at the corner of Eastern avenue and the Esplanade, and rang in an alarm.

The firemen from Berkeley street station were the first to arrive, and at once it was seen that the fire would be hard to fight. The mansard roof was blazing fiercely, and a general alarm for the sections in the eastern district was run gin. Fire Chief Thompson and Deputy Chief Noble were on the scene a few minutes after the first reels arrived and took charge of the operations.

Started in Chemicals.

The fire started among the chemicals stored on the top floor of the four-storey building, and used for treating the leather before it is tanned.

It spread very quickly. The leather, piled in heaps on the third and fourth floors, was soaked with oil, and thus burned very fast. The flames leaped up the elevator shaft and burst thru the roof in a red glare which could be seen all over the eastern end of the city. The firemen, handicapped as they were by the intense heat, soon were on ladders pouring tons of water into the burning building, at the direction of the chief and his deputy. The flames ate their way thru the roof, and soon the crashing of heavy burning timber warned the firemen that it was dangerous to remain too near the building. Firemen George Ellis of Lombard station was on top of the extension ladder with a line of hose, and to his good work is accountable the fact that the flames did not spread any farther.

Horses Were Saved.

Immediately east of the Wickett & Craig tannery is a city stable, in which forty horses were housed. As soon as the fire was discovered a rush was made by nearby residents and men in the other factories contiguous to the burned building to release the animals, which were all got out safely.

The watchman and engineer in the tannery wakened several people who were asleep in the houses on Eastern avenue, and with their assistance two or three lines of private hose were turned on to the Taylor soap factory, south of the tannery, and the bark and lumber house thus were saved.

The machinery on the third and fourth floors was totally destroyed, or so badly damaged as to be unfit for further use. What is left standing was so badly warped by the heat that it will have to be completely rebuilt, and that portion of it that is destroyed is lying in a useless heap on the first floor, where it fell thru when the third and second floors gave way.

Family Escaped.

When the flames burst thru the roof of the building there was a rush for the open air by Mrs. Archer and her mother, who live in a house not a hundred feet from the building, and directly across the street. Mrs. Archer and her mother were just about ready to retire, and the three children were asleep. Fearing that the flames would jump across the street and set fire to their frame house, Mrs. Archer and some of the neighbors rushed all the furniture out of the rear door and across the railway tracks. The three children, of course, were taken out first. Then the carpet was removed from one of the floors in the house, spread on the cinders beside a row of freight cars, a mattress was placed on top, and upon it the two smaller babies sat calmly eating biscuits, clad only in their night clothes, and watching the flames and smoke as they leaped into the air.

Loss is $100,000.

Interviewed at one o'clock this morning at the factory, Mr. Craig stated that the loss would amount to $100,000, covered fairly well by insurance. The stock and machinery, he said, was worth $300,000, and the damage will amount to $100,000.

Until someone is able to enter the ruins and calculate the damage, it is impossible to say exactly what it will amount to, but judging from the look of the wreck of the building, Mr. Craig was sure that his and Mr. Wickett's loss would reach $400,000.

Luckily there was a fire wall between the south and centre wings of the building, else some very valuable leather and skins also would have been destroyed. The firemen kept the blaze confined to the centre wing, which was completely gutted.

Ald. Wickett at Home.

Ald. S. Morley Wickett, who is the senior partner of the firm of Wickett & Craig, was at the city council until after 11 o'clock, and immediately upon its adjournment he went to his home at Lambton.

DEATH LURKED IN PIPE STEM

Baby Sucked at Father's Discarded Meerschaum and Died From Nicotine Poisoning.

Special to The Toronto World.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., June 17.—A discarded pipe was given as a plaything to a child here today, and an hour later he was dead of nicotine poisoning.

The victim was Harold, aged 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thornfield of New York, who had been spending a few days with Mrs. Thornfield's brother, Harry A. November. While the two wives were rummaging among keepsakes in the attic an old meerschaum pipe was found. Little Harold cried for it, and the mother, having no suspicion of danger, gave it.

Sitting on the floor and clapping his hands, the child imitated his father, inserting the pipe in his mouth and puffing out imaginary smoke. Within ten minutes he toppled over in convulsions, which shortly gave way to coma.

PARTIES PREPARE IN E. MIDDLESEX

Dr. Routledge May Again Be Liberal Candidate—Two Conservatives Already Named.

LONDON, June 16.—(Can. Press.)—Candidates for the vacancy in East Middlesex, in the house of commons, consequent on the death of Peter Elson, M.P., are already being discussed.

It was stated today that Dr. Routledge, whom Mr. Elson defeated by over 600 votes in September, 1911, and who has three times been defeated in the riding, might again come forward as the Liberal candidate. There seems to be a considerable dearth of candidates upon the Liberal side, probably due to the recognized Conservative leanings of the constituency.

Ald. S. F. Glass and Captain Tom Robson are prominently mentioned upon the Conservative side.

Monument to Massenet

ST. ETIENNE, France, June 16.—(Can. Press.)—The City of St. Etienne has decided to erect a monument to honor the memory of Jules Massenet, the famous French composer, who died in Paris last summer. The movement is being supported by some of the best known musicians, artists and statesmen of the French Republic, and copies of the appeal are being sent out by the French city where Massenet was born.

CANADA NOT TO HAVE OPEN DOOR

Countervailing Duties to Be Imposed by United States on Natural Products.

WASHINGTON, June 16. — (Can. Press.)—The much mooted agriculture schedule of the Underwood tariff bill was suddenly upset again by the majority members of the senate members of the committee today, when a motion was made to reconsider action taken earlier in the day approving the free listing of live stock and wheat, subject to a countervailing duty.

The proposal now is to strike out the provision for a countervailing duty and leave cattle, sheep, hogs anr wheat on the free list until restricted. Members of the committee said tonight that this would be done.

The house put flour and meats on the free list, leaving live stock and grains dutiable at ten per cent. ad valorem and ten cents a bushel, respectively.

A Countervailing Duty.

The senate finance sub-committee, soon after receiving the schedule, agreed to equalize the rates and eventually voted to make the raw materials and the finished products all dutiable. No sooner had this conclusion been reached than Senator Simmons and other Democratic members of the senate determined that the problem would not be settled rightly if settled that way.

They were of the opinion that all things that enter into the cost of living should go to the free list.

Senator Simmons communicated this information to the sub-committee and it reconsidered its action, placing all these products on the free list. Later it was announced that the committee would add a countervailing duty clause, which would make the products free only from countries which did not make them dutiable from this country. This would operate against the free entry of live stock from such countries as Canada and the Argentine.

The committee today further enlarged the free list by voting ta take flax, hemp and rami from the dutiable list.

BRUCE'S INJURY RESULTED FROM HEAVY BLOW

Doctors Testify That Man Had Apparently Been Hit Over Head and Body Thrown Into River—Inquest Adjourned to Allow Gathering of Further Evidence.

GALT, June 16. — (Special.)—Altho a coronor's jury still has the case before it with some twenty witnesses to examine, the concensus of public opinion in this community is that Chas. Bruce, whose body was found floating in the Grand River, was a victim of foul play. So strongly are the authorities impressed with the gravity of the case, that William Greer, of the provincial detective department, has been assigned to investigate and was here this evening at the adjournment of the inquest.

The court room was filled to overflowing when Dr. Radford, coroner, opened the proceedings. M. A. Secord acted for Crown-Attorney Bowlby and examined at great length the two medical witnesses who with John Bruce, brother of the dead man, were called, an adjournment being ordered until Wednesday at one o'clock.

Heavy Blow on Head.

Dr. Dakin read his report of the autsopy. He said there were two severe scalp wounds, beneath which was discovered a fracture of the outer shell of the skull, and a cut and contused wound on the right temple. They apparently had been inflicted by some blunt instrument. The testimony as to there being no water in the bronchial tubes, lungs or stomach of Bruce, indicated that either death or insensibility had preceded submersion of the body.

Dr. Virden, associated with Dr. Dakin in the post mortem, corroborated strongly the evidence of the surgeon. In his opinion the man had either been dead or stunned before submersion, and the wounds had been inflicted with some implement wielded with force.

Conflicting Stories.

It is understood that the adjournment is at the request of the provincial officer backed by Mr. Secord.

Meantime, "Coon" Gerrard, the man on whom Bruce's watch was found, is being held on the nominal charge of larceny. Wm. Spain, a witness in the case, is understood to have a story varying from that told by Gerrard in accounting for the possession of the watch. Several witnesses have spoken freely to The World, two of them being young men whom "Coon" Gerrard requested to come with him and help keep a "drunk" from falling into the hands of the police. This man was about at seven p.m. on Saturday. The "drunk' was James Bruce, and he was led away fom the C. P. R. subway after having come down from Preston to a point further down the river.

The intoxicated man had a flask and his companions helped themselves to its contents. What happened afterwards remains to be disclosed

DROWNED IN CHIPPEWA CREEK.

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., June 16.—(Special.)—William Storey, a waiter, was drowned in Chippewa Creek last midnight, when a canoe containing Storey, Bernard Waltz and Gordon Scott overturned. The young men attempted to change places and the crazy craft upset. The body was found today.

DEATH AND HAVOC FROM STORM IN QUEBEC

Huge Shed, Tossed About by Wind, Crushes Man's Life Out at Montreal—Military Camp at Three Rivers is Hit by Small Cyclone.

MONTREAL, June 16.—(Can. Press)—Harold Lindsay, 21 years of age, was crushed to death early tonight when a wooden shed 350 feet long and 20 feet high was blown from its foundations during a fierce wind and hail storm.

The storm lasted for half an hour, and was one of the most severe in recent years, but the damage done to poles and wires was comparatively small. Along the lake and river shore the threatening signals drove all craft into shelter, and no loss of life is reported. The ferry boat plying between the Indian town of Caughnawaga and Lachine was caught in the middle of the river and had to anchor until the storm abated.

MILITARY CAMP SWEPT.

THREE RIVERS, Que., June 16. — (Can. Press)—The City of Three Rivers and the military camp of the Montreal infantry regiments here were visited by the worst thunderstorm in years late this afternoon. More than half the camp was leveled to the ground. Supplies and bedding were strewn about and thoroly water-soaked.

In the town the power wires are down, and no light is promised for two days. The roof of the Dominican Convent was blown off, and many houses suffered similar treatment from the wind, which blew with hurricane velocity.

Snapped Like Matches.

In the camp the evening meal had been spread out on the tables in the mess tent. Almost with the first full blast of wind the tent pegs responded to the strain on the canvas, and ridge poles snapped like matches. The tent collapsed, burying everything beneath it. Altho efforts were made to stem the tide of destruction, the storm had practically spent itself before an organized effort in this direction could be made. The officers suffered most, and were obliged to come to Three Rivers for their evening meal. No injuries of a serious character were reported, altho several of the men were bruised when caught beneath falling tents.

SAVED FROM BURIAL IN POTTER'S FIELD

New York Authors Defray Funeral Expenses of Angus Hamilton.

NEW YORK, N.Y., June 17.—Thru the good offices of Richard Harding Davis, acting with Governor Morris and other authors, the body of Angus Hamilton, stepson of Pinero, the great English playwright, has been saved from burial in the Potter's Field.

Since last Friday afternoon, when the London war correspondent, lecturer and author killed himself in the Hotel St. Louis, his body has remained at the morgue and would have gone to city burial grounds.

The clan of war correspondents and authors got together and a plot in Evergreen Cemetery was picked.

OFF FOR NIAGARA CAMP

The Twelfth York Rangers Marching Down Yonge St. to Take the Boat. Their Mascot is Four Years Old, But Walks Like an Old Campaigner.

SEEKING TO SAVE HIS CHUM YOUNG FRENCHMAN MEETS DEATH WITHIN FEW FEET OF SAND BAR

Harmadous L'Archeveque, Thinking His Companion Was in Danger of Drowning From Capsized Craft, Swam Out to His Rescue and Sank in Seven Feet of Water.

Shouts from his companion, which he mistook for cries of distress, lured Harmadous L'Archeveque, aged 26, to his death at the island sandbar late yesterday afternoon. Bent on rescuing his chum, who he thought wasdrowning, the young man plunged into the water, and calling out, "I am coming," sank.

The chum, not understanding L'Archeveque's words, swam out a little farther. Realizing then that he alone was above the surface, he reached shore and secured assistance. Altho the body was recovered within 30 minutes, artificial respiration methods were applied in vain.

L'Archeveque, Widmer Walker, Arthur Westover and another young man had been rather friendly of late. Employed as metal workers in the same factory and boarding together at the same house, 68 Leonard avenue, L'Archeveque and Walker spent much time together.

When the heat became so intense yesterday, the two young men left work and decided to go for a sail. Accompanied by Westover and the other man, whose name the police have not secured, they walked to a boathouse on the waterfront. Here they rented a dinghy sailboat.

But even on the water the four men were unable to stand the heat. Someone suggested a swim. They sailed around for a while and then steered for the island sandbar. Not being experts with the sail, the party had shipped a little water and one of them suggested that the boat was leaking.

The four disembarked on the shore at the sandbar. Walker decided to have a swim and also to take the boat out. The other three declined to go in the boat, but L'Archeveque aquiesced in the proposal that they have a swim. Walker stripped off his outer garments and in his underclothes went out in the boat.

Walker Prostrated.

How the real accident occurred is very difficult to determine, owing to the prostrated condition of Walker. He has, however, been able to give meagre details as to the tragedy.

When about 60 feet from shore Walker slipped off the sailboat and began splashing about. In some manner the boat tipped. L'Archeveque shouted, and in his underclothes sprang into the water. He swam 30 feet and sank in 7 feet of water.

Mrs. Maclean, at 23 Western Sandbar, telephoned Captain Frank Ward at the life saving station. Ward despatched the Ruth to Scott street to secure a pulmotor from the Toronto Electric Light Company. He set off at full speed in the Patricia for the sandbar, and arrived seven minutes after receiving the call. The body was recovered by him just as the pulmotor arrived. The victim could not be revived.

The body was removed to the morgue, where an inquest will be held.

Valuable Books Mutilated

CAMBRIDGE, Eng., June 16. (Can. Press.)—Three hundred volumes, many of them valuable, belonging to the library of St. John's College, have been mutilated. Indications point to the suffragettes as responsible for the vandalism.

HYDRO SERVICE TIED UP FOR FIVE HOURS

Trouble on Line Between Dundas and Port Credit Plunged City Into Almost Complete Darkness and Caused Inconvenience to Thousands of Citizens Last Night.

Trouble on the Toronto hydro-electric lines between Dundas and Port Credit plunged Toronto into almost complete darkness last night. A heavy electric storm passed over the country between Niagara and Toronto, and altho the hydro has been remarkably free from breakdowns on account of having every modern appliance for controlling and directing the current, the storm played havoc with the wires at this point and caused a break at 4 p.m., which was not located until about 9.30, the power being turned on at 9.37 p.m.

Many accidents were narrowly averted by motor-car drivers and motorcyclists, and it was only by driving slowly and with great precaution that some drivers did not run into wagons and bicycles which had neither head nor rear lights, and which loomed up in front without warning.

A heavy dray came on to Shuter street, near Church, and gave the driver of a motor-car a scare, as he was almost hitting it, and it was only his quick work in shutting down the power and applying the emergency brake of his car which saved him from a collision.

Hundreds of homes were unfortunate in having to trust to the hydro-electric alone for light, and in many cases lamps which have not been in use for some time had to be resorted to. It was a great detriment and handicap to business men who use the hydro service both for power and light.

Factories Hard Hit.

The greatest inconvenience was caused to the city manufacturers. They were much out of pocket as a result of the service difficulties. When the power went off shortly after four o'clock in the afternoon the entire plants of scores of fatcories in the city were thrown out of commission and work had to be suspended. After a long wait many of the employes were sent to their homes, while others, more eager to put in full time, stood around the machines in the hope that the power would again be turned on.

At this particular season of the year the factories are, as a rule, very busy, so that the trouble occurred at a very inopportune time. Some of the factories were fortunate enough to be able to place their employes on hand work. The larger and more modern manufacturers were absolutely forced to suspend operations.

After business had been practically at a stand-still for five hours and the city streets had been veiled in darkness, the city was flooded with a bright radiance and the hydro-electric once more placed Toronto in a position to take up the train of work where it had been severed.

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GUELPH WITHOUT POWER SERVICE

Tie-Up Followed Severe Electrical Storm—Street Cars, Factories and Newspapers Suffered.

GUELPH, June 16.—(Special.)—One of the severest electrical storms ever known here raged this morning from one to three. In the city the only damage done was to the high chimney at the Raymond Sewing Machine factory, which was struck by lightning and some of the brick work torn out, which crashed thru the roof below. The hydro-electric power which was off intermittently all morning was entirely shut off at 3.30 p.m., stopping street car traffic and many plants from operating, among them the local newspapers, which were not able to print until late in the evening.

The fine large barn of John Laird, in Guelph Township, on the York road, was struck about 2.30 a.m. and completely destroyed by fire. Two calves and a colt were killed, and a great quantity of hay and grain went up in smoke. The damage is only partially covered by insurance.

BERLIN ALSO HARD HIT

BERLIN, Ont., June 16.—(Special.)—Hydro power was off for five hours today and the evening papers were unable to publish their usual editions.