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A TERRIBLE AVALANCHE.

Many Houses Buried by a Landslide in Quebec—Between Twenty-five and Thirty Killed, Many Injured.

QUEBEC, Sept. 20.—A large portion of Cape Diamond below the citadel became detached, and sliding down, buried a number of houses beneath a mass of rock and dirt. A number of dead bodies have been taken from the ruins, but the total loss of life is not known. A number of persons, more or less injured, were quickly rescued.

It will be hours before any comprehensive idea of the number of the dead can be arrived at, as some of the houses are under twenty-five feet of debris.

Scene of the Disaster.

At the foot of the cliff is a narrow street which occupies all of the space between the cape and the river. Along the river side of this street were situated the houses which were crushed by the terrible avalanche of rock.

The street is entirely filled with the wreckage and a large force of men are at work clearing it away.

Several families are known to have been entombed and it is feared that all are dead.

Late estimates place the number killed outright between twenty-five and thirty.

Previous Landslides.

In May, 1841, a similar landslide occurred, which destroyed several buildings and killed thirty-two people. From present indications it is feared the loss of life by this landslide will be equally as great.

In 1852 another landslide caused the death of several persons half a mile from the scene of the present disaster.

Six bodies have been taken from the ruins—Thomas Farrell and two of his children, also two children named Burke and one unknown child. Farrell's mother-in-law, Mrs. Allen, and her husband are still in the ruins.

About twenty-five persons have been removed from the debris, very badly injured. Some have broken arms and legs and others are badly crushed and mutilated.

It is now estimated that at least fifty persons are yet under the ruins. The fire brigade and police force are on the ground rendering valuable assistance. All the injured were removed to the marine and fisheries departments, where medical men and clergymen looked after them. The debris covered the road in a solid mass for over 300 feet in length and from fifteen to twenty-five in height.

Cries of "Help! Help!"

It is impossible to say at present how many are dead and wounded. Every one is working heroically and under difficulties, as the night was intensely dark and the electric lights were rendered useless by the landslide.

Cries of "Help! Help!" are heard from beneath the debris, but none can be given.

The Whole Bowlder May Fall.

Very little progress is being made in recovering bodies, owing to the stupendous mass of rock covering the ruins. The body of a woman named Mrs. Berigan has just been pulled out of the debris.

Tons of rocks are falling and it is feared the whole bowlder forming the highest point of Quebec will give way.

VICTIMS OF THE AVALANCHE.

Twenty-one Bodies Buried in Quebec. Still Working in the Ruins.

QUEBEC, Sept. 23.—The funeral of the victims of the recent terrible landslide took place yesterday. Ship laborers, about 100 strong, headed by President Mahoney, led the procession. Then followed the police force bearing costly flowers presented by the city council. Then came fifteen hearses containing the bodies of twenty-one of the victims. The funeral service took place at St. Patrick's church. Father Harden, assisted by Father Welsh, celebrated divine service.

After services the procession descended to Woodland cemetery, where the twenty-one bodies were deposited in vaults.

Some 200 men are actually working at the debris and some more corpses are expected to be found shortly. The anxiety and uneasiness into which the inhabitants of this city were plunged by the catastrophe has not yet subsided, nor will it until all traces of the wreckage have disappeared and the overhanging walls made secure.

Twenty-Two Wrecks at Lewes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The surgeon in charge of the marine hospital at Lewes, Del., writes that there are twenty-two vessels wrecked or stranded on the coast in that neighborhood and laboring men of every trade and calling are reaping a harvest in wrecking the vessels. A number of sick or injured seamen taken from these wrecked vessels are now in the hospital.

Heavy Snow on Mt. Washington.

FABYAN HOUSE, N. H., Sept. 24.—Snow has fallen on Mt. Washington for the last five days and yesterday morning it was eighteen inches deep. No train was run to the summit owing to the depth of snow and the track had to be shoveled out before the trains could make the ascent. This is the first clear day of this month.

A Prize Fighter Arrested for Murder.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—Warrants have been issued against Eddie A. Hern, who engaged in the prize fight with young Jackson in this city Tuesday night, and who died soon afterwards, charging him with murder in the second degree. Warrants will also be issued for all the participants in the affair.

Across the Continent on Horseback.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 20.—E. H. Platt and John Allen, of New York city, have completed their long horseback ride across the continent. They reached this city four months and about four days from the time they left New York.

Snow on Mt. Washington.

CRAWFORD HOUSE, N. H., Sept. 20.—Several inches of snow has fallen on Mt. Washington and the summits here are also covered. It has rained heavily here since yesterday and the barometer fell sharply.

TWO YEARS FOR EVA

Mrs. Hamilton to Pay the Penalty for Atrocious Assault.

DRAMATIC SCENES AT THE TRIAL.

The Judge Pronounces What He Calls a Lenient Sentence—Pleas of the Counsel—The Judge's Charge Against the Prisoner—On Cross Examination Eva Declines to Identify Her Baby.

MAY'S LANDING, N. J., Sept. 20.—The second day of the Hamilton trial opened fair and bright. Long before the hour of 10 the court house was filled with spectators, and in waiting for the court to open the proceedings of the previous day and the chances of the wayward prisoner were eagerly discussed.

The most damaging testimony against the defendant was that which was elicited from Mrs. Hamilton under the cross examination to which she was subjected. She was asked where her father lived and where she was born; where she first met her husband, and how she had supported herself, and she answered all these interrogatories with much hesitation and confusion. During this time Capt. Perry was almost continually on his feet raising objections to those questions, but they were all promptly overruled by Judge Reed.

Whose Baby Is It?

When Prosecutor Thompson, in cold measured terms, said: "Where was your baby born?" the woman started, blushed, turned pale and shuddered, but did not answer, while her legal defender jumped to his feet and raised his objections in the most eloquent language. It was indeed the most dramatic occurrence of the trial, but the objection was overruled and Judge Reed said quietly: "The only grounds upon which the defendant can refuse to answer the question is to say that by answering it will criminate her. Does the witness say anything to this, in weak, tremulous tones, Mrs. Hamilton replied: 'I do not say that, but if I answer that question it will damage me greatly.'" Then Judge Reed said: "That will not do. You must answer the question." The prisoner said: "I refuse to answer the question, if I do so it may criminate me in another court."

The next question of the prosecutor proved to be another bomb. She was asked: "Are you the mother of that child?" She did not answer and Judge Reed asked: "Do you refuse to answer the question that it will criminate you?" In very weak tones she answered: "Yes." This practically ended her examination, as the prosecution had scored the desired point.

Capt. Perry's Plea.

Capt. Perry stated that his client did not care to appear in court during the argument and consequently her appearance was waived. This was a serious disappointment to the large and curious audience.

During his argument Capt. Perry, with clearness and emphasis, urged the jury to separate the stabbing case in Atlantic City from the Hamilton developments in New York. They had no connection, Mrs. Hamilton was charged with an assault upon Mary Donnelly. Was the assault in self defense or was it premeditated? That was the issue before the jury. The sensational newspaper reports of the troubles of the Hamiltons were foreign to the case. The jury-men were simply to consider the Atlantic episode and determine whether Mrs. Hamilton acted willfully, with malicious or deadly intent, or struck the blow because she thought her life was in peril through her fear of Mary Donnelly.

Prosecutor Thompson, on behalf of the state, then related the causes that led to the quarrel. The first point he scored was the fact that Mrs. Hamilton reached around her husband to cut the nurse while she was interfering with the intention of stopping the row.

Judge Reed's Charge.

"Call the jury," was the peremptory request of Judge Reed when he resumed his seat at the opening of the afternoon session, and a few minutes later he began his charge. "The whole matter hinges on the plea of the defense," he said, "that the blow was struck in self defense, but when a deadly weapon is used in self defense it materially alters the case." He continued in this vein, dwelling on the fact that the knife thrust was a deadly one, and the only way in which the plea of the defense could possibly be tenable was that the blow was struck to save the defendant's life; that she was in imminent danger and had to deal the deadly blow to save her own life.

The Jury Retires.

The charge was clearly against the prisoner. He set aside all the facts which it was said led up to the cutting. He instructed the jury to give her the benefit of any doubts as to the character of the crime. They might bring a verdict of assault and battery, if they thought her knife thrust was not malicious, but if they viewed the matter from the standpoint that she reached around to stab the nurse, then there was no reason why they should not return a verdict in accordance with the indictment.

Then the jury filed out of the court room in charge of Constable Sims.

The Prisoner Sentenced.

The jury returned to the court room at 3:15. At this time there was another trial in progress, which Judge Reed did not interrupt, but kept the jury sitting there and the audience in suspense for some time.

Mrs. Hamilton entered the court room at 3:25.

The jury returned a verdict of "Guilty as indicted" (for atrocious assault).

The judge then commanded the prisoner to stand up.

In pronouncing sentence the judge said to the prisoner: "You have been convicted of an atrocious assault, but we have taken into consideration the conduct of the nurse and we give you a lenient sentence of two years in the state prison."

Mrs. Hamilton did not attempt to cry, but she was extremely nervous. Mr. Hamilton returned to New York on the evening after the first day of the trial.

Gen. Rosecrans Again Honored.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 20.—Gen. Rosecrans was re-elected president of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland. Toledo, O., will be the next place of meeting and Sept. 17 and 18 the time. The question of monuments to Garfield, Thomas and Sheridan was considered. The Confederate veterans were thanked for courtesies.

A DOUBLE MURDER.

A Jealous Husband Kills His Wife and Mother-in-Law and Attempts Suicide.

BELLEFRONTE, Pa., Sept. 23.—Word was sent to District Attorney J. C. Meyer, of Phillipsburg, that Selby Hopkins, of Phillipsburg, shot his wife and mother-in-law and then tried to kill himself, but was unsuccessful. From facts elicited it appears that the family did not live agreeably and some time ago had parted, but lately have been living together again. Yesterday morning Hopkins, who, intoxicated, provoked a quarrel with his wife and becoming violently enraged procured a revolver and shot her dead. He then went up stairs and shot his wife's mother dead, after which he proceeded to an adjoining livery stable, where he shot himself twice in the head, but neither shot will prove even serious.

Jealousy and a belief in the faithlessness of his wife are believed to have been the reasons that incited Hopkins to crime. When arrested a letter was found upon his person written evidently with the thought his attempt at suicide would be successful. In it he charges two citizens of Phillipsburg with being criminally intimate with his wife, and says that he had been hounded to get out of town in order not to interfere with his wife's affections.

He was placed under arrest immediately and confessed the terrible crime. He will be brought to Bellefonte today and placed in jail to await trial at the November court. A medical examination of the man has been made and he is pronounced entirely sane. This will be the second murder trial in Bellefonte within a year, the other being a Hungarian who was acquitted of the murder of Bernard Cassidy.

Hopkins in a Critical Condition.

BELLEFRONTE, Pa., Sept. 24.—W. S. Hopkins, who killed his wife and mother-in-law at Phillipsburg, has not been brought here. He is in a very critical condition, four doctors being now in attendance, and they say he may not live.

Died of a Broken Heart.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 19.—Mrs. Mary Owens died of a broken heart. Four months ago her husband, Owen Owens, cruelly deserted her and their three young children, leaving them penniless. Since then nothing has been heard of him, and the family have subsisted on the charity of neighbors. Two weeks ago one of the children died of fever, and the next day another died. They were buried in the same grave. On the day of the funeral the poor mother fainted, and though she regained consciousness, she continued to sink until death came to her relief. The doctors say she had a great deal of the broken heart alone sent her to eternity. There is great indignation in the mining town over the action of the heartless husband and father.

The Window Glass Trouble Not Settled.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 19.—The window glass wage trouble has not been settled and some interesting developments are expected before many days. Several of the manufacturers and workers are commenting on the matter and there is a great deal of dissatisfaction, which may lead to the dissolution of the manufacturers' association, which has been in existence for many years. Pittsburg manufacturers have an advantage over western glass men, who are compelled to use coal as fuel. Some of the Pittsburg manufacturers must pay \$30 per month per pot for gas, while others pay nothing, as they own their own wells. The latter class, it is claimed, are the ones who urged a settlement.

Violating the Postal Law.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Sept. 19.—The grand jury in the United States court, in session here, Judge Johnson presiding, found a true bill of indictment against George W. Rianhard, Fred and Dietrick Lamode, publishers of Sunday Grit, of this city, charging them with sending obscene literature through the United States mails. It is likely that the defendants will be tried here at this time of court. The basis of this suit is the article published last July concerning George Kiefer, which was dismissed by United States District Attorney Walter Lyon, but recently taken up by the postal authorities at Washington. John J. Reardon will assist the government in the prosecution.

Minister McFarland in Disgrace.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 24.—At a secret meeting of the Butler Presbytery of the United Presbyterian church a committee appointed to investigate charges against Rev. A. B. C. McFarland, who has been one of the leading ministers of his denomination in western Pennsylvania, reported that he had been guilty of drunkenness, gross cruelty to his wife and an attempt to assault a member of his congregation. Final action on the report was postponed until the next meeting. McFarland left his pulpit a few months ago, when his wife left his home and exposed his true character. He is now studying law.

The Welsh Presbyterian Convention.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 19.—Ministers from all parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York, Iowa and Minnesota are present here to attend the tenth convention of the Welsh Presbyterian churches of the United States. The session was opened with public service. Sermons were preached by Rev. John A. Jones, of Oakesh, Wis., and Rev. Richard Humphrey, of Long Creek, O. The session will be continued for several days.

He Was Walking on the Track.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 19.—John Swaine, aged 40, was run over by a passenger train on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad at Plymouth and instantly killed. The body was horribly mangled. Swaine was walking up the track towards the depot for the purpose of taking the train to New York, whence he was to embark for Liverpool, where he intended to join his wife and children.

Scalded His Wife to Death.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 24.—The trial of Luke McGraw, of Hazleton, for the murder of his wife, whom he is accused of having scalded to death in their little cabin two months ago, was called, and a jury is now being selected. The case attracts great interest, and hundreds of ladies are in attendance.

The Carrier Robbed the Mails.

KING GEORGE, Va., Sept. 31.—Virgil Staples, 18 years of age, mail carrier between Port Conway and King George Court House, was arrested for robbing the mails. Deputy United States Marshal Fogar, of Alexandria, made the arrest. Staples was caught by means of a decoy letter.

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