

HUGE TORCH OF CRUDE OIL

500,000 Gallons Were Burned at Point Richmond, Calif.

AND PART OF GREAT PLANT

Property Loss In Last Night's Fire Was \$500,000, Carl McPherson, a Workman, Was Terribly Burned By Sulphuric Acid.

Point Richmond, Calif., Feb. 8.—A fire which was caused by blazing soot from the chimney falling on the roof of the sulphuric acid plant of the Standard Oil company here destroyed that plant, a tank containing 500,000 gallons of crude oil and damaged other parts of the \$1,000,000 plant last night. The total damage is estimated at \$500,000.

FIRE DESTROYED BROOKLYN FACTORY

And Millions of Dollars Worth of Property In the Heart of Brooklyn Was Threatened This Morning.

New York, Feb. 8.—Many millions of dollars worth of property in the heart of the business section of Brooklyn was threatened by fire which destroyed the five-story factory building of the F. Bischoff Cocoa and Chocolate company this morning. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

MOORE WOULDN'T FIGHT.

As He Claimed Alger Was Overweight Last Night.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Pal Moore of Philadelphia claimed his opponent at the Armory Athletic association, George I. Alger of Cambridge, was overweight last night and refused to go on with the bout. Kid Scala of Spokane, who arrived from the Pacific coast during the day, was substituted for Moore and put up a game fight but lost the decision in twelve rounds.

GODDARD WON AGAIN.

Defeated the Strong Academy Team at Hyde Park.

Goddard seminary's basketball five defeated the strong Lamelle Central academy team at Hyde Park last night by the decisive score of 27 to 17. The victory was the second of the present trip which began at Morrisville the night before when the locals defeated People's academy. Coach Stacy and the members of the team returned to this city today, well pleased with the success of the trip.

LOST ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

R. E. Houghton of Isle La Motte, his daughter, Beatrice, and Miss Buckley, one of the Swanton high school teachers, had a thrilling experience Friday night. Mr. Houghton went to Albany to meet the 7:30 train to get his daughter and lady friend. Upon their return they took the ice near the old brick school house. The south wind began blowing early in the evening and increased with great rapidity, and with about one foot of light snow it soon became impossible to see land in any direction. Soon it was evident that they were lost on the lake in a terrible blizzard.

GOV. MEAD FAVORS CANADIAN TRADE

But He Urged, "Don't Bear Down Too Hard On the Farmers" at Meeting of Governors in Boston.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Ringing with the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada, a message from President William Howard Taft was read over the long distance telephone by his secretary, Charles D. Norton, to the members of the Massachusetts Real Estate exchange, assembled for their annual banquet at the hotel Somerset in this city last night.

SON'S ACCOUNTS QUESTIONED.

Heirs of Cabot Man Want Their Share of \$20,000 Estate.

A hearing was held before Judge Martin in probate court in Montpelier yesterday in the matter of the settlement of the estate of Levi K. Walbridge, who died in Cabot in 1908, leaving an estate valued at about \$20,000. The heirs of the estate claim that Frank Walbridge, one of the heirs, and the administrator of the estate, Marshall Montgomery of St. Johnsbury, have through gross negligence and fraud kept the heirs from receiving their just share of the estate.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Miss Alice Swift, who has been visiting Miss Loretta Miles for the past week, left to-day for her home in Boston. The regular meeting of the ladies and pastor's union will be held in the lecture room of the Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2:30. A short program will be given.

BODY CUT INTO STRIPS

Augustus Greenwood Was Killed by Train

NEAR WOODSVILLE, N. H.

He Was Shoveling Snow from Track and Did Not Hear the Engine Approaching—He Was Well Known in Woodsville.

Woodsville, N. H., Feb. 8.—Augustus Greenwood, 50 years of age and residing on Connecticut street in this place, was instantly killed by a switching engine in the Boston & Maine railroad yards here yesterday. Greenwood was shoveling snow from the track and from around the switch at the time and either did not hear or see the shifter as it approached. He was struck by the cowcatcher and the wheels of the locomotive passed over him, cutting the body to pieces. The engine crew and other employes about the yard picked up the parts of the man's body and placed them in his overcoat. They were removed in an ambulance to his home.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WHEN DRUNK

Alice Bryson, Colored Woman, Was Discovered Before Gas Had Accomplished Its Work.

Burlington, Feb. 8.—Alice Bryson, a middle-aged colored servant in the household of C. P. Mosier of South Willard street, attempted suicide yesterday and wound up in jail, charged with a plain drunk. Mr. Mosier found the woman lying on the floor of the kitchen of his home when he went to lunch. All of the burners of a gas stove were turned on to their limit and one was lighted, leading to the conclusion that an explosion was to be the climax. The police were notified and upon their arrival placed the woman under arrest.

RANDOLPH GIRL WANTED TO DIE

Beatrice Mann, Aged 19, Was Despondent and Turned On the Gas in Room in a Boston House.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Miss Beatrice Mann, the 19-year-old girl found unconscious from gas yesterday morning in a room on Columbus avenue, is the daughter of Mrs. Ida Mann of Randolph, Vt. The family moved to Boston from Vermont a short time ago. The girl is at the city hospital and it is feared that she is dying, but so far as can be learned she has made no explanation of what appears to have been a suicidal attempt.

SUICIDE BY SHOOTING.

Miss Carrie Guevin Until Recently of Montpelier, Disappointed in Love.

The body of Miss Carrie Guevin, who committed suicide in Albany, N. Y., Saturday afternoon, was brought to Montpelier yesterday afternoon and was taken directly to the tomb at St. Augustine's cemetery. The first story of the death gave the cause of death as the result of an operation for appendicitis, but later this was changed to the true story of suicide.

LESS FEES TO PAY.

Under New Law Which Makes Policemen Sign the Warrants.

Rodney McDonald of Granville, pleaded guilty in the city court this morning to a subsequent offense of intoxication and paid a fine, with costs, amounting to \$10.99. He was arrested yesterday afternoon by Chief Sinclair who found him rolling in a big bank of snow at the corner of Main and Pearl streets. This was the first case the officers have had under the new law making them inform officers where arrests are made without warrant. The officers sign the warrants when the prisoner is arraigned and the grand juror is not called in as formerly to sign the warrants.

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BETTER UNDER NO-LICENSE.

Declared Judge Scott In Discussing Barre Local Option.

NEW CLAIMANT FOR MILLIONS

George W. Baker of Concord, N.H., After Mrs. Eddy's Money

NOTICE OF ACTION GIVEN

He Will Ask Court To Intervene In Suit Now Pending, As Brought By George W. Glover and Dr. E. J. Foster Eddy.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 8.—Another complication in the contest over the disposal of the \$2,000,000, the residue of the estate of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of the Christian Science church, is threatened. Attorneys for George W. Baker of Concord to-day notified the superior court of Merrimack county that on Saturday they will file a petition, asking permission for Mr. Baker to intervene in the suit now pending, which was brought by George W. Glover, Mrs. Eddy's son of Lead, North Dakota, and Dr. E. J. Foster Eddy of Waterbury, Vt., against Henry M. Baker, the executor of the Eddy estate.

BOLD ROBBERS STOLE TWO OVERCOATS

From Hall In House of Peter Morrison of Summer Street Yesterday Afternoon—His Tracks Easily Seen.

A bold robbery perpetrated some time during the early part of yesterday afternoon left Peter Morrison, residing at 62 Summer street, minus two winter overcoats of considerable value. From the nature of the theft, it is thought the thief must have been some one familiar with the house and premises. The two coats hung in the front corridor of the house, and when a member of the household left at 2 o'clock both garments were in their places. An hour later it was found that the coats had mysteriously disappeared, while tracks in the heavy snow led to the rear of the house and over to Main street, showing plainly the direction in which the thief had decamped. The house is a double-tenement structure, occupied in part by Charles Bianchi. It is thought that the thief approached and left the building by way of Main street. Although no definite clues have yet been obtained, suspicion points to a person, who, it is believed, may be easily apprehended. The case has been reported to the police.

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SMALL INCREASE IN COST OF SCHOOLS

Reported by School Commissioners in Annual Statement—Recommendations by Them and by School Superintendent.

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Encouraging reports concerning the granite trade prospects were brought back to-day by Secretary Charles H. Wishart of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association, who has been on a month's tour of the middle West in the interests of the association and exhibiting also the display of finished Barre granite which was shown at the Rochester, N. Y., convention. He comes back convinced, too, that the advertising of Barre's great product in this way will prove of great benefit to the industry in general.

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