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SERIOUS FIRES IN NOVA SCOTIA

Heavy Losses in Lunenburg and Liverpool.

Loss of \$175,000 in One and About \$100,000 in the Other—Parrsboro Also Has a Blaze—Destruction in Winnipeg.

(Canadian Press)
Lunenburg, N. S., Jan. 25.—Fire last night and this morning destroyed the fish storerooms of Angus and Knicker, on the Lunenburg waterfront, and 17,000 quanta of codfish in the building, with a loss estimated by the firm at \$175,000. The fire broke out at nine o'clock last night and, after being brought under control at 2:30 this morning, became serious again at five o'clock with renewed danger to adjoining buildings. The flames were prevented from spreading, however. A vessel moored nearby had a narrow escape.

The firemen of Lunenburg were aided by the departments from Bridgewater and Mahone Bay, the three forces fighting all night in below zero weather.

Liverpool, N. S., Jan. 25.—Four large buildings valued at upwards of \$100,000 were destroyed by fire here early this morning. Two families were forced to flee from their homes and four business establishments were wiped out.

The buildings burned were on the south side of Main street and were known as the Hendry Block, Schman building, Hendry buildings and Robin block.

Parrsboro, N. S., Jan. 25.—The house and its furnishings, owned by A. Scam, valued at \$10,000, have been destroyed by fire here.

Winnipeg, Jan. 25.—Loss estimated at between \$500,000 and \$600,000, most of which is covered, was caused early yesterday by a fire of unknown origin which attacked a Fortage machine business block. The fire was fought under the handicap of a twenty below temperature.

WILL ASK REPEAL OF THE DOG TAX

Decision Arrived at by Kings County Municipal Council—Matters in Connection With Municipal Home Discussed.

(Special to The Times.)
Hampton, Jan. 25.—The Kings County Municipal Council resumed its session here this morning. The finance committee reported that at the July meeting payments of bills to the amount of \$1,947.65 were ordered. This was approved.

Councillor Walton and Councillor Sear seconded a resolution that in the opinion of the council the law placing a tax on dogs should be repealed and a memorial to this effect sent to the government in spite of strenuous opposition the motion carried 10 to 5.

Dr. Gilchrist of Norton, chairman of a committee which went to Fredericton regarding a bill fixing the term of councillors at four years, reported that the government would not pass such a bill, as no other county had applied for it, but would pass it as a memorial to the government. On account of the lateness of the session, however, no bill was introduced.

Dr. Gilchrist asked for an opportunity to refute some statements made yesterday regarding the municipal home. He said that the council had made a grant of \$1,000 for new lights and it was said that the committee which inspected the home wanted to spend the money on the farm, but under the pressure of Dr. Gilchrist the lights were installed, and he thought that there was no reason to excuse him for it.

Regarding the finishing of the rooms, he said that two tenders were received but the specifications were not satisfactory and the tenders were too high for the amount of work mentioned. He and Mr. King were authorized to look after the finishing, which was done by day's work. The reason the cost was more than the amount of the tenders, he said, was because there was more work to be done than was anticipated.

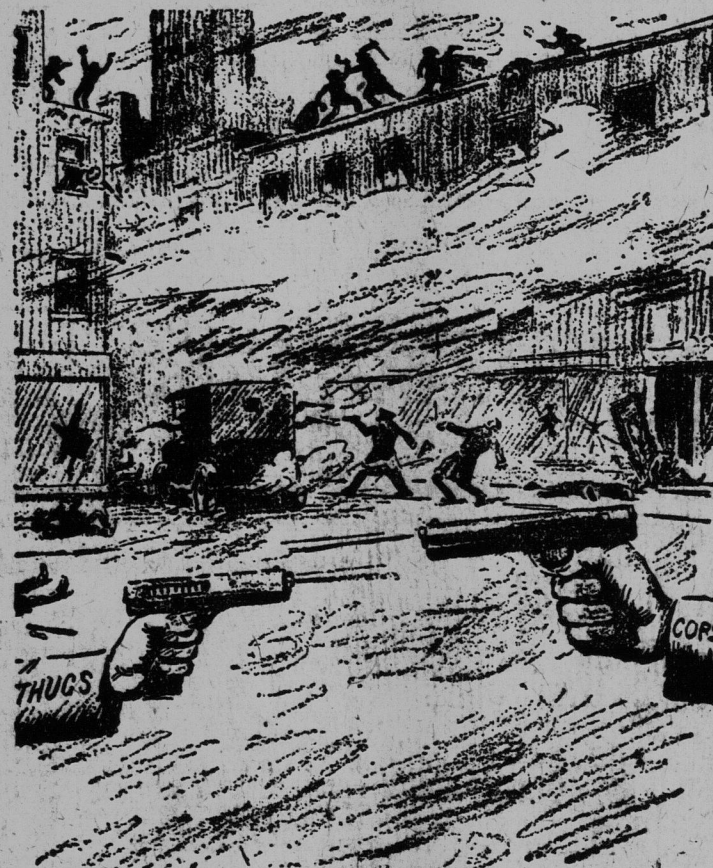
On motion of Councillor McKenna it was decided to ask the General Public Hospital, St. John, to notify the secretary-treasurer of the county more promptly and give fuller details of cases sent from the county to the hospital.

BANK STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—A reduction of more than \$77,000,000 in the total assets of Canadian banks for December 1921, as compared with the previous month, together with a corresponding reduction of more than \$80,000,000 in the total liabilities is shown by the monthly bank statement covering December, issued today by the department of finance.

Total liabilities of Canadian banks in December 1921 were \$2,472,250,424, against \$2,541,336,278 in November 1921, and \$2,778,208,547 in December 1920. December 1921 assets were \$2,746,732,606 as compared with \$2,824,139,507 in November 1921 and \$3,056,959,469 in October of the previous year.

THE BATTLE OF NEW YORK



—Harding, in the Brooklyn Eagle.

FRACTURED VERTEBRAE COMBING HAIR

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Helen Victory, of Schenectady, a student nurse at the Good Shepherd Hospital here, is confined to a bed in that institution with a fractured vertebrae, suffered while combing her hair Saturday night. She had her head in an inclined position and while passing the comb through her hair twisted a vertebrae in her neck out of position.

DOWN NOW TO LESSER PROBLEMS

Arms Conference is Nearing the End.

Final Adjournment Within a Week Possible—Some Important Matters were Cleared Away Yesterday.

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, Jan. 25.—The word of the arms conference appeared to be moving rapidly toward conclusion today as the Paris East committee having disposed of the Siberian question at the same time that a virtual agreement was being reached on the sole remaining issue of the naval reduction plan, met again to begin the final wind-up of lesser problems.

Yesterday's high speed developments were regarded by some of the delegates today as having cleared the way for final adjournment of the conference possibly within a week.

Satisfaction was expressed in both Japanese and American quarters today over the outcome of the Siberian discussion which ended by adoption in the Paris East committee yesterday, of a brief resolution, proposed by Secretary Hughes, providing that the Japanese troops from Siberia be withdrawn.

The secretary expressed "special gratification" with the Japanese pledge against territorial designs in Russia, while reiterating the hope of his government that Japan would find it possible to carry out "in the near future" her expressed intention of withdrawing troops from Siberia.

Settlement of the Pacific fortification question by substituting for the British plan of defining a latitude and longitude boundary for the status quo zone the Japanese suggestion that the islands to which the prohibition against future fortification is to apply, be specifically listed, left only its formal approval in text by the Japanese government needed to finally complete the naval treaty.

EQUIVALENT OF WHISKEY IN CIGARETTES?

Toronto, Jan. 25.—A Globe special from Chicago says: "Furfural is the new wallop in cigarettes, says Lucy Page Gaston. She says an analysis shows there is sufficient furfural in one cigarette to deliver a jolt equal to two ounces of whiskey."

Because of this furfural with its attendant and pleasant punch, the use of cigarettes is increasing at an alarming rate, even among girls in small country towns.

The introduction of this poison may express the passion for the cigarettes.

TWO MEMBERS OF CREW OF GLOUCESTER FISHING VESSEL DROWN

Liverpool, N. S., Jan. 25.—The Gloucester schooner Corinthian arrived here this morning and reported the drowning of James Gardner of Dorchester, Mass., and Avery Goodwin, Publico, N. S., two members of her crew. They were drowned when their dory overturned while they were fishing on the Brown's Bank.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbush, "now that all the other countries seem to agree that China should be given a free hand to work out her own salvation, as Sir Robert Gordon says, what do you suppose would happen if she said she didn't want any more missionaries?"

"Well," said Hiram, "I suppose that as far as China's concerned, 'well' is the word of the hundreds of millions in heathen darkness," said the reporter.

"Yes—that's so," said Hiram, "but maybe they'd send some missionaries to us as a spell—when some things straightened out to home. But there's one thing—Mister—if we couldn't send no missionaries by China it might help some right here in this country. I kin pick out lots of heathen without going across the Pacific Ocean."

"Hiram," said the reporter, "you know you're a young man and you might just turn out over in your mind between now and the next conference—yes, sir?"

CHICAGO HAS A NIGHT OF CRIME

Shooting, Burglary, Hold-ups and Many Minor Offences Against Law.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Chicago's criminal record yesterday and last night showed the first serious wave of 1922. One man shot and wounded, probably fatally, two jewelry stores burglarized, twenty-eight hold-ups and more than a score of minor crimes were reported. The criminals escaped virtually unscathed.

Early in the evening M. Hughes, chief of detectives, ordered every available police motor car and squad to the streets.

The most serious crime of the evening was perpetrated by four negro bandits, who in the last two months have gained the name "the four black knights" and whose loot in more than one hundred hold-ups is estimated at exceeding \$25,000.

They invaded the drug store of E. L. McKicken and shot him down when he resisted. They fled without obtaining anything.

JOHN GILL DEAD

Crier of Court at Fredericton Under Six Chief Justices.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 25.—John Gill, for more than half a century crier of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick since this morning of pneumonia at his home at Lower St. Mary's.

He was seventy-four years old and was born at Lower St. Mary's, where he resided in a stone house built by his grandfather, who was a lieutenant in the Imperial army at the time of the American revolution and had been granted the land by the crown. Mr. Gill had served under six chief justices.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. E. F. Stephens, director of meteorological services.

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the Great Lakes and the Rocky Mountains and low over the northwestern portion of the continent.

The weather has moderated in the western provinces but continues cold over Ontario eastward.

Decidedly Cold Again. Martime—Fresh north and northwest winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong north and northwest winds, fair and cold today and Thursday.

New England—Fair and continued cold tonight. Thursday fair and slowly rising temperature. Moderate northerly winds.

General Suspension of Amateur Cards in Maritime Provinces

SENSATION ANNOUNCED TODAY IN ATHLETIC CIRCLES

Affidavits to be Required From All Next Month—Hardly an Athletic Association in the Three Provinces Left Unaffected by "List."

(Canadian Press.)
Amherst, N. S., Jan. 25.—A general suspension of amateur cards in the maritime provinces will be ordered early in February. Suspended athletes will be given permission to continue athletic activities for a period of ten or fifteen days, but within that period they must take a bona fide affidavit to the effect that they are simon pure. This is a statement made by R. N. Ross of the Amherst Daily News in an exclusive story of an "evidence" meeting, with A. W. Covey at Moncton last evening.

The president of the maritime branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada said that it was the only known method by which the amateur situation could be cleared up. As he said, the method was drastic, but in no other way could maritime sport be removed from the position of suspicion that it now occupies.

The reasons for the extreme step were made evident at a meeting held in the Brunswick Hotel, when Mr. Covey conferred with prominent sport promoters, amateur and independent, together with a large number of well-known maritime athletes. Scores of affidavits were produced and taken and an overwhelming mass of evidence secured against maritime clubs and maritime players.

Hardly an athletic association in the three provinces will be left unaffected by the "list" that will be put into effect within a few weeks. Athletes stepped forward last night and took affidavits that implicated club after club and team after team from Campbellton to Sydney.

"With such a colossal turn over in sight, Mr. Covey made the decision that only the one step could be taken—general suspension of cards, and an affidavit from every applicant. Those who cannot take the affidavit will be excluded under the amateur ban."

Action will not be taken until after the meeting in Halifax. This meeting was slated for January 26, will not be held until February 8, or even later. Mr. Covey has made plans to visit the island of Cape Breton and investigate conditions in Sydney, Glace Bay, North Sydney and other island centres.

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TALK OF GREY AS NEXT PREMIER

Lord Robert Cecil Would Support Him.

Viscount Returns to Public Life "to Restore Wholesome and Straightforward Policies" by Reviving the Liberal Party.

(Canadian Press Cable.)
London, Jan. 25.—An illustration of the chaotic conditions of the political parties of the United Kingdom is afforded by a statement of Lord Robert Cecil, who still styles himself a Conservative although he was elected as a Coalitionist in the last general elections, but subsequently developed strong antipathy to the economic and foreign policies of the government.

In a speech yesterday he declared that any government with Viscount Grey as premier would be bound to be composed of honest men with an honest, straightforward policy, and whatever it was called he was prepared to support it if formed.

In a speech delivered at a Liberal demonstration on Monday, Viscount Grey was given an ovation when he said his reason for returning to public life was that he felt it absolutely essential to restore wholesome and straightforward policies in this country by reviving the liberal party.

FUNERAL OF POPE TO BE TOMORROW

People Pouring Into Rome—Cardinals Arriving—Some Names That are Prominent.

Rome, Jan. 25.—With Pope Benedict's funeral set for Thursday, pilgrims continued to arrive from all parts of Italy, camping in the open air before St. Peter's in the hope of getting a glimpse of the body. More than a half million persons have fled past the catafalque in the two days on which the body has been exposed, the crowds, though orderly taxing the gardeners charged with keeping them in line.

Meanwhile the foreign cardinals continue to arrive for the coadjutor of the Sacred College at which the new Pontiff will be elected. Cardinal Merello of Belgium, who is looked upon as something of a "dark horse" in the election, is expected in time for the funeral. It is acknowledged on all sides that he is certain to poll more votes on the first ballot than any foreign cardinal.

Interest in the election centres greatly upon its possible effect on the relations between the Vatican and the Italian government. Cardinal Maffi is reported as being supported by the group favoring a rapprochement, while Cardinal Gasparri, now acting head of the Church, favors continuance of Benedict's policy of tolerance without recognition. Cardinal Merry del Val, also mentioned as a possible choice, is supported by the faction favoring absolute separation. A third vote, however, is necessary for election.

Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, arrived this morning from England and visited St. Peter's, where he rendered homage to the dead Pope. The statement has appeared in several newspapers that Crown Prince Humbert visited the cathedral yesterday to view the body. This is semi-officially denied.

QUEBEC FINANCES

Provincial Treasurer Estimates Receipts at \$15,581,788, Expenditures \$15,336,917.

Quebec, Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—Hon. Jacob Nicol, provincial treasurer, has distributed a financial statement in which the receipts of the government for the fiscal year, 1921-22, are estimated at \$15,581,788.88. Some of the big items of the estimated revenue are:—Alcohol liquor excise (trade account), \$2,000,000.

Taxes on commercial corporations, etc., \$1,400,000. Duties on successions, \$1,500,000. Motor vehicles law, \$1,200,000. Among the items in the estimated expenditures the following appear:—Public debt, \$3,538,123.32. Administration of justice, etc., \$1,422,588.75.

Public institutions, etc., \$1,836,822.40. Lunatic asylums, \$1,066,625. Roads, \$1,500,000. The total of the estimated expenditures is, \$15,336,917.40.

DEFENCE TODAY IN ARBUCKLE CASE

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—The defense in the case of Roscoe Arbuckle had the floor at his trial today. The prosecution rested case yesterday but reserved the right to examine witnesses in impeachment of testimony by Zey Provost, a show girl.

Evidence concerning finger prints upon a door of the Arbuckle suite in the Hotel St. Francis, declared by the prosecution as those of the defendant and Miss Kappie made during a struggle, her to escape him, constituted yesterday's main evidence.

C. P. R. CONFERENCE. A. P. Rice, general manager of the C. P. R., eastern lines, arrived at McAdam today and is conferring there with agents and other officials relative to business conditions. J. M. Woodman, general superintendent of the C. P. R., left this morning to attend the conference.

TUG IS LOST ON SAMBRO LEDGES

The Crew of Shannon Have Rough Experience in Getting to Shore.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 25.—The Halifax tug Shannon, forty tons, struck off Penant Point, Sambro Ledges, at the entrance of Halifax harbor, last night, and is thought to be a total loss. Captain Martin and a crew of eight men escaped from the craft as she heeled over after striking and with wet clothes rowed two miles to shore in below zero temperature.

The Shannon was returning to Halifax from La Have where she assisted in the floating of the schooner J. Duffy, which was ashore there. The tug is owned by Beasley Bros.