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Canadian Provinces

Saskatchewan

INVALID BURNED TO DEATH

Fire which destroyed the drug store of Dr. Milton at Mortlach, besides causing a severe loss also burned to death H. Milton, an invalid brother, who was caught in the office and was unable to get away from the raging flames. The body, when found, was practically consumed, only parts of the hips and face remaining. Mr. Milton had been in the habit of sleeping in the office and retired, everything apparently being in good order.

BOYS CONFESS TO MANY THEFTS

SASKATOON. — Two 12-year-old boys confessed to a wholesale series of petty thefts at police headquarters. They admitted stealing trinkets from rooming houses, money from milk bottles, movie theatre tickets and small sums out of coats hanging on nails in various places.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

SASKATOON. — Stewart Knight, alias "Cookie," alleged hold-up man, was committed by Police Magistrate F. M. Brown to stand trial at the next criminal assizes of the court of King's bench on a charge of stealing \$196 from G. Fischer.

PRIZE OFFERED FOR BEST STORY ON FARM LIFE

In order that the department of immigration and colonization may have at its command authentic accounts of the experiences of successful settlers in various parts of Canada, it has decided to offer cash prizes for letters or articles not exceeding two thousand words, written by settlers in each of the nine Canadian provinces. The articles will be judged by a committee to be appointed by Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration and colonization, and should be mailed not later than February 14, 1920, to the director of publicity for the department. Three cash prizes will be given, one of seventy-five dollars, one of fifty dollars, and one of twenty-five dollars in each of the nine provinces.

DRUGGIST TAKES OVERDOSE OF DRUGS

A. C. Robertson, druggist of Craik, Sask., died recently at Craik, after taking an overdose of drugs. Robertson was not feeling well and, it is alleged, took a drug to ease the pain. Believing he had taken too big a dose, he took a counter drug. This, it is said, in a larger measure, and when discovered groaning in his bed, was practically beyond assistance. A doctor was called and everything was done to save the man's life, but to no avail. After an agony lasting through the night the following morning Robertson passed away at nine o'clock.

WATCHMAN BURNED TO DEATH

SASKATOON. — William Campbell was burned to death in an early morning blaze at Harris, Sask. Campbell was employed as watchman and was sleeping in the upper story of the town firehall. The fire is believed to have started shortly after midnight, but it was not discovered until about three o'clock. By this time it had made great headway and despite the efforts of the townspeople the whole structure was gutted. All the town's fire equipment was destroyed and the total loss is placed at about \$8,000.

TWO CHILDREN CONSUMED BY FLAMES

A sad fatality occurred recently at a farm 19 miles northwest of Gull Lake, when the little son and daughter of Gustave Maurice Thevenaz, aged respectively three and four and a half years, met with an untimely death by fire. The father and mother, leaving the children in the house, had gone to the barn to attend to a sick horse, and in their absence the house caught fire, the cause, as far as can be ascertained, being the explosion of the coal heater. The parents were only absent for about twenty minutes, but in that time the flames had played havoc, making entrance to the house an impossibility. The building was completely gutted. The matter was reported to Constable Dewhurst, who, with Dr. Coulter, coroner, visited the scene of the tragedy and viewed

the charred remains of the little ones. An inquest was considered unnecessary.

PROVINCIAL SEED FAIR JANUARY 13

Announcement is made of the Saskatchewan provincial seed fair, which is to be held at Saskatoon from January 13 to 16, under the auspices of the college of agriculture. All entries must be made by January 2, and they must be in place by January 7. The exhibits will be judged from January 8 to 19, but the exhibition will be open to the public from January 12 to 16.

PRACTICAL COURSE IN OPERATING THE TELEPHONE

Telephone classes for the benefit of the different rural telephone companies in Saskatchewan have been held by the Saskatchewan department of telephones since 1916, and the first class of a series of six is now in session in a large room fitted up for the purpose in the basement of the provincial parliament building.

The class is open to representatives selected by the different telephone companies, who choose some bright young chap, sign his credentials and send him along. There are no tuition fees. The course lasts three weeks this season, one week longer than in former years. It was found that the extra work could be profitably employed by the schools as in extending their knowledge of telephone troubles.

MORE CASES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Two more cases of sleeping sickness or lethargic encephalitis have been reported to Dr. Seymour, commissioner of public health for Saskatchewan. The location of both cases is Biggar. One of them, a girl of 12, is in a well advanced stage, while the other, a girl of 8, has only just contracted the disease. Dr. Seymour is sending the assistant commissioner, Dr. Middleton, up to Biggar to ascertain that all the proper precaution are being taken.

SMALLPOX AT ANTELOPE

An outbreak of smallpox of a mild type is reported from Antelope, fifty miles northeast of East-end where smallpox was recently reported.

Manitoba

NOT GUILTY OF KILLING FATHER

WINNIPEG. — Anthony Karolyk, 14 year old, was acquitted on a charge of manslaughter by the associate jury, they concluding that the boy did not understand the magnitude of his crime, when he shot his father at Poplar Field, Man., on October 28 last. Judge Gall, in his charge to the jury, said that the boy had every provocation for the crime by the unnatural cruelty of the parent. The father was execrable and contemptible, he said, and beasts would act more decently towards their offspring. The boy, with his younger brother will be sent to the detention home pending other arrangements for their care.

TWO MEN ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGE

WINNIPEG. — The De Forge murder mystery on which the police have worked for nearly two months, is now thought to be near a solution. Two men believed by the police to have been implicated in the affair are under arrest. Their names are William Elnesk and Harold Bourdie. They will appear in the police court charged with murder. A third man is being sought by the police and his arrest is expected hourly. The authorities refuse to divulge his name at the present time. A confession obtained from one of the men in custody is the basis for laying the charge of murder, it was stated. One of the men arrested is the one who did the actual shooting, the police say. The man being sought was merely an accomplice. The Leuger automatic with which the shooting was done is in the hands of the police.

W. J. De Forge, a farmer member of the military intelligence staff, was shot to death in front of 675 Maryland street at 1:30 a.m. on October 18. Death was caused by one bullet wound from a .38 calibre bullet. De Forge was part proprietor of a confectionary

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store at 714 Maryland st., and was on his way home after closing up for the night.

DOUBLE CURE FOR SLEEPING SICKNESS

WINNIPEG. — Dr. Gordon Bell, provincial bacteriologist, discussing the reported cure of sleeping sickness by electric needles as reported from New York, said that he did not believe that such an application of electricity could have any beneficial effect.

MRS. ARMSTRONG ACQUITTED

WINNIPEG. — Mrs. George Armstrong was acquitted on a charge of intimidation arising from the Winnipeg strike. She was alleged to have caused girls to stop selling newspapers on the street on June 5, 1919.

BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE

WINNIPEG. — The police authorities are still making hauls of liquor in this city. On Saturday before last they took five cases of bottled goods and two hundred bottles of a "homemade brew" from the Wolsley hotel and eight large cases of bottled goods at one of the city railway sheds. The latter was consigned to a local firm who doesn't know anything about it.

FINED \$1,000

WINNIPEG. — For an infraction of the Manitoba Temperance act, Thomas McKeen, a local hotel proprietor, was fined \$1,000.

Alberta and B. C.

FOUR NEW CASES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

CALGARY. — With four new cases of the so-called "sleeping sickness" and another death, the outbreak of the dread malady has reached epidemic proportions in Calgary.

Up to date, out of ten cases of the disease, there have been four deaths, which speaks sufficiently for the deadliness of the outbreak.

BOOTLEGGER WAS SHOT BY SOME PERSON UNKNOWN

VANCOUVER. — A verdict that the deceased came to his death following a gunshot wound inflicted by some person unknown was returned by the coroner's jury enquiring into the death of Andrew M. Groven, a Norwegian.

In the evidence it was shown that Groven had been bootlegging for the last year. When he was shot in his cabin he was sitting with a man named Alexander Campbell.

BIG COLONIZATION SCHEME PLANNED FOR KAMLOOPS

VANCOUVER. — A despatch to a local paper from Kamloops, B. C., says: "Eighty thousand disabled imperial soldiers, many of whom are suffering from chest and lung trouble, are to be established in British Columbia by an extensive program to be carried out under the auspices of the Dominion board of soldiers' civil re-establishment, according to an intimation received here.

"The big Indian reserve opposite Kamloops which contains many acres of the finest bench lands, is also to be taken over by the Dominion government and utilized as the centre for a great soldier-colonization scheme.

"It is proposed that the building shall be open for occupation for any soldier in the Dominion and for ex-empiricals, especially for those men disabled through being gassed. Climatic conditions in this district are particularly well adapted for the permanent betterment of such men."

Eastern Provinces

BENJAMIN HOLLINGER DIES SUDDENLY

PEDROBE, Ont. — Benjamin Hollinger, discoverer of the famous Hollinger mines, and one of Canada's most famous prospectors and mining magnates, died suddenly here at his breakfast table. He had been in the best of health until his head dropped upon the table and physicians were hurriedly summoned. Before they arrived he was dead. Death was due to heart failure.

SLEEPING SICKNESS DEATH IN ONTARIO

SARATOGA, Ont. — Miriam Gihel, of Shakespeare, is dead as a result of sleeping sickness. Two weeks ago she suddenly became ill, and with the exception of occasional spells, she was unconscious. She was 27 years of age and was married only a few months ago.

\$30,000 GARBAGE FIRE AT KITCHENER

KITCHENER, Ont. — A Lockhart and Company's garage was gutted by fire here this evening. Between thirty and forty cars were in the building which was burned or badly damaged by fire and water. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

THIRTEEN-YEAR OLD GIRL SAVED PARENTS' LIVES

TORONTO. — A revolver pointed at her mother's heart and two men hammering her father over the head with similar weapons held no terror for pretty little Fanny Cherkashin, aged but 13, who on Tuesday night proved herself heroine of the first degree. Not only did she prevent further injury to her parents, but she was the means of preventing a well-planned robbery on the part of three gunmen and putting them to flight. Fanny hit one of the would-be robbers with a piece of lead. He dropped his gun and ran, according to the father, and the other two followed him.

MURDERER'S WIFE TO BE DEPORTED

HAMILTON, Ont. — Mrs. Anna Kowalski, wife of the condemned murderer who killed two of his guards at the jail, appeared in police court. Crown Attorney Washington pressed for her deportation as an undesirable. She was charged with threatening Governor Ogilvie of the jail because he refused to allow her to see her husband in the jail. She was remanded until the authorities can make arrangements for her deportation.

1,675 SMALL POX CASES

TORONTO. — According to the reports made to the board of health by the municipal authorities throughout the province, there were 1,675 cases of small pox during the month of November. Most of these were in Toronto, the small pox figures here being 1,556.

So far this year there have been seven deaths from the disease.

TWELVE MEN ARREST IN OPEN BOAT

SIDNEY, N. S. — The French steamer Colinet, Captain Simon, was reported sinking in latitude 44.45 north and 59.56 longitude, according to a wireless received by Robert Milling, local agent of the marine department. The steamer Mississippi was standing by and had succeeded in rescuing fifteen members of the crew and twelve other members were adrift in an open boat and had not been heard of when the wireless message was sent.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL FOR ANOTHER'S CRIME

MONTREAL. — A case of unusual identity came to light in the court of sessions. Judge Lamont presiding when John Harrison alias of Beau, was charged with theft. It was discovered that a double of Harrison's an advertisement canvasser named J. E. Lynde had been committed for trial on a charge similar to that lodged against Harrison. Enquiries by the police established beyond a doubt that Lynde had been committed for Harrison's crimes. Lynde, who has been out on bail, was arrested and charged at once. Harrison was sentenced to eight years imprisonment.

SIX KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

CHATEAU, Ind. — Six men were killed by an explosion in Boggs' coal mine, No. 2, at Jacksonville, five miles west of Chateau. Three others were seriously injured. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Officers of the com-

THIRTY SKATE INTO HOLE IN ICE

QUEBEC. — Thirty boys, students at the Chateau college, crashed through the ice on the Chateau river and were rescued with difficulty. One of the teachers, Brenther Leon, dived into the icy water and saved a lad named Turcotte after breaking a hole through the ice to get the boy who was floating away.

The accident was caused by the lock up the river being opened to let down surplus water, which threatened to flood Beauve-district. The boys, who were skating, did not know that the gates were open

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and when the ice suddenly lifted and left the banks of the river, they were thrown into the water. Weather men are to be recommended for bravery to the Royal Humane society.

United States

BUMPER CROP SHOWS IN ESTIMATES

WASHINGTON. — Bumper world crops of corn, potatoes, barley, sugar beets and rough rice for this year are shown in estimates compiled by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, made public by the department of agriculture.

The production of wheat, oats and flax seed, however, show a decrease from the average for the five years ended in 1917. Wheat production in fourteen countries, excepting the central powers, will reach 2,940,000,000 bushels, 96.5 per cent. of the five-year average. Corn will amount to 4,287,000,000 bushels, 148 per cent. greater than the crop produced last year, and 4.4 per cent. greater than that produced for the last five years.

BOY OF GIRL FOUND PACKED INTO A TRUNK

LOS ANGELES, Mich. — Jammed into a trunk which was concealed under a pile of stables in the cellar of her home, the body of a woman, believed to have been Hilda Taber, missing about three years, was found here by her sister, Florence Taber, Critchlow. The missing girl was the daughter of the late Lester Taber, prominent attorney. The mother and a brother, Walter Taber, are said to reside in the west, where it has been reported. Mrs. Taber died on a steamer a few months after her disappearance.

A PECULIAR REASON FOR STRIKE

MINNESOTA, N. S. — A strike of Glace Bay clerks has been called off. The strike was unique in that it was called by the clerks of a Glace Bay concern in support of a manager's action in discharging a fellow employee by whom he had been assaulted.

NEW YORK. — More than \$7,000,000 will be spent in special equipment for the seven former German passenger liners recently enrolled by the United States' shipping board for a fast passenger and mail service between the United States and South America.

LAST CHANCE TO GET LIQUOR IS HERE

For those who enjoy a good glass of beer or stout, there is one chance left for them to get it here. The only way that this can be accomplished is to order the quantity of beer or stout that you want from the Home of the Beer, the Home of the Stout, the Home of the Lager, the Home of the Pilsener, the Home of the Ale, the Home of the Scotch Whisky, the Home of the Cognac, the Home of the Brandy, the Home of the Rum, the Home of the Gin, the Home of the Vermouth, the Home of the Benedictine, the Home of the Chartreuse, the Home of the Dubonnet, the Home of the Fernet-Branca, the Home of the Campari, the Home of the Amaretto, the Home of the Triple Orange, the Home of the Strega, the Home of the Limoncello, the Home of the Amaretto D.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto S.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto T.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto Q.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto R.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto P.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto O.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto N.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto M.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto L.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto K.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto J.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto I.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto H.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto G.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto F.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto E.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto D.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto C.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto B.S.G., the Home of the Amaretto A.S.G.

Mr. Maharg Addresses Convention of Grain Growers Association

Says We Need New Franchise Act To Be Fair To Foreigners

That there would probably be a general election within two years, and possibly within less time than that was a statement made by J. A. Maharg in the course of his address before the district convention of the Grain Growers Association recently, and he went on to say that it was the duty of the New National Party, in the event of their being placed in the position of holding the balance of power, to have a definite policy of taxation to place before the country to replace the present protective system. If we are to abolish the tariff as a revenue producer, he said, we must be prepared to provide other means to obtain our revenue.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

We will find that that war was brought about on account of the franchise, and we must be careful that no grievance of that kind may be allowed to becloud the name of our country. He stated that there were approximately 2,000,000 foreigners in Canada at present. There were good and bad among them just as there were good and bad among the rest of us. In past years we had had reason to be critical of them, but the time had come when we would have to weld ourselves and all those who had come to our shores from other countries into one homogeneous whole if we were to prosper as a nation. Discussing the national debt, Mr. Maharg said that it amounted to approximately two billion dollars, and if, by any chance legislation should be passed which would tend to drive some of our foreign population out of the country, we would be placed in a very difficult position. It was only by developing our natural resources that we could hope to liquidate our indebtedness, and we cannot therefore afford to drive away the labor which would enable us to do so.

The railways have considerable appropriations for extensions, but owing to the lack of labor, they are unable to proceed with the work in the manner they had planned. We needed the foreigner who had come to make his home with us, and we must take particular care to educate him in the exercise of the franchise, he said. The Grain Growers organization was the only one in the country which had the machinery to do this effectively, said Mr. Maharg.

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MEXICAN REGIMENT WIPED OUT

El Paso, Dec. 1. — Fighting like madmen to avenge the death of Felipe Angeles, 1,000 soldiers under command of Francisco Villa, fell upon the Eightieth Regiment of the federal army, 676 men—at Rancho Espejo, 21 miles north of Santa Rosalia, Chihuahua, Friday morning, Nov. 28, at six o'clock exactly 24 hours after the Chapultepec officer had been shot down by a firing squad in Chihuahua City, and massacred all but two members of the regiment.

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