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FIRE CHIEF BLAKE EXPIRES SUDDENLY

COLLAPSES AS HE ENDS 'PHONE TALK WITH SON

City Shocked By News Of Passing of Veteran Fireman

50 YEARS SERVICE

Prominent in Masonic Circles—Tributes Are Paid At City Hall

George Blake, veteran chief of the city fire department died suddenly at his residence, 31 Spring street, a few minutes after 9 o'clock this morning.

Although the late chief had been in failing health recently the end came unexpectedly and as a shock to his many friends here.

The last big fire that Chief Blake fought was the one in Princess street a few weeks ago and despite the zero weather and the magnitude of the task of fighting this blaze, he stuck to his post at a heavy cost to himself.

During several weeks last summer he had been very ill with pneumonia but a rugged constitution helped him through the time of stress.

Was 75 Years Old. At the time of his death, he was 75 years old, yet his advanced age seemed no bar to prevent him from taking an active part in the affairs of his department.

Chief Blake joined the local fire department when a young man 25 years old and his death today brings to a close for him a half century of fighting the flames. He joined as a call man with No. 3 Hose Company, now long out of existence.

When John Kerr died about 18 years ago, leaving the post of fire chief vacant the choice fell on Mr. Blake and since then he has answered nearly every fire call in the role of chief. Under his guidance the department has increased its efficiency to a considerable extent until now it ranks high among those of Canada.

In addition to his manifold duties in the fire department, Chief Blake found time to take an active part in the affairs of the Masonic fraternity. He was a 33rd degree Mason and had been for many years. When Luxor Temple, Mystic Shrine, held their first organization meeting in 1908, Mr. Blake was the first elected Potentate. In addition, he was a member of the Knight Templars, one time being Eminent Commander of the St. John Encampment. He is also a member of Alton Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. in business life he was a member of the firm of G. & E. Blake, plumbers, 88 Germain street.

Before calling the committee of the Common Council to order this morning at City Hall, Mayor Potts referred in feeling terms to the loss which the city had sustained in the death of Chief Blake.

Commissioner Harding expressed his regret at the passing of Chief Blake. He had been in the commissioner's office on last Saturday morning. At that time he had advised the chief to take things a little easier. Mr. Harding said that for the present Charles H. Jackson would be in charge of the department.

Flags were at half staff at the fire stations today in tribute to the departed chief.

Declares Prohibition Has Vindicated All Predictions

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(United Press) American prohibition has fully vindicated the predictions of its promoters, Guy Hayter, president of the World Prohibition, declared in a speech here.

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475 HAMLETS AFFECTED BY HEAVY RAINS

Free State Government Makes Announcement Of Conditions

APPEALS FOR AID

President Cosgrave Says Thousands of Dollars Needed To Succor Peasants

By GEORGE MACDONALD, United Press Staff Correspondent.

DUBLIN, Feb. 2.—Seven hundred and fifty thousand persons are affected by lack of food and fuel in the distressed areas in the west of Ireland, the Free State Government announced officially today.

475 Hamlets Affected. First definite statistics regarding the hunger and suffering that has followed blight of the potato crop and incessant rainfall this winter were furnished the United Press by the local government board.

The government statistics show that, despite efforts to decry talk of famine, 475 hamlets are affected.

President's Appeal. Thousands of dollars are urgently needed to succor Irish peasants from starvation and cold, President Cosgrave announced. The need is great and he hopes Canadians and Americans will help the sufferers in the western counties.

"Any subscriptions sent to our generous friends in the Dominion and United States will be appreciated. The Government is providing \$2,500,000 to meet the situation," he said.

FATHER BEATS TWO CHILDREN TO DEATH

Grandfather, Witness to Tragedy Also Dead From Excitement and Heart Disease.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 2.—Walter Bingham, a farmer of Warwick township, near here, while in a religious frenzy Saturday, beat to death two of his three children. When police broke into the farm house they found the farmer's father, George C. Bingham, 73 years, also dead. His death was probably due to excitement and heart disease.

Bingham is in jail at West Chester, violently insane, the police said. Bingham's wife was at a neighbor's house when the tragedy occurred.

Await Miners' Action On Coal Wage Matter

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 2.—The coal wage-conciliation board has decided to mark time, pending the outcome of the U. M. W. District 26 convention which has been called to meet in Sydney on Wednesday.

"We consider it best to wait and see what the miners' convention decides upon before making any further moves," said the chairman, J. H. Winfield. As the miners have repudiated the board, it would be futile to take the evidence of one side only.

WHEAT DROPS TODAY ON TWO EXCHANGES

Prices Recede 33-4 Cents in Winnipeg and Similar Amount in Chicago.

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 2.—Bearish sentiment again commanded the wheat market on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange this morning, prices receding 3-4 to 33-4 cents at the opening of the session, with May fluctuating between \$2.14 to \$1.12. The July future fell back as much as 2-3 cents to \$2.09 1-2. A slight recovery was experienced around 10 o'clock.

Drop in Chicago. CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Wheat tumbled under \$2 a bushel today and reached as low as \$1.99 before rebounding to the \$2 mark. The fall to \$1.99 represented a loss of nearly four cents a bushel, from the closing figures of Saturday and was 6-7 cents down from the recent high price record.

EAGER TO HEAR LOCAL CLAIMS

REGINA, Feb. 1.—The Canadian Clubs in the west are very keenly interested in my mission, President McLeod, of the Regina Club, said to me today that they had corresponded with a view to having a Maritime Pro-

DOMINION RIGHT DISCUSSED BY LONDON TIMES

Writer Says Real Danger in International Issues

SECESSION TALK

World War Won Dominions Right to Help Shape Foreign Policy

Canadian Press Cable.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—"A menacing position" is the heading in the first of a series of articles which The Times is running, dealing with the problem of a common Empire policy. The writer, while dismissing the bulk of ordinary diplomatic procedure as offering comparatively little difficulty, declares that the real danger lies in the international issues which are continually cropping up, involving the danger of war, because, although the Dominions have secured the right to abstain from any war in which other parts of the Empire are involved, the only practical way of escaping belligerency is secession from the Empire.

Turkish Letter Received. The Times, commenting on this matter in an editorial, recalls the historic letter sent out by the British Government to the dominions at the time when war with Turkey seemed inevitable, intimating that, if war ensued, the dominions would be looked to for assistance.

When the South African war started, The Times continues, small Australian and Canadian contingents, which went to the aid of the motherland, were financed mainly by the British Government, which then bore the burden of the war and carried on the negotiations single-handed. But this method no longer serves, since the dominions throw their whole strength into the world war and won the right to a share in the shaping of British foreign policy.

No Formal Recognition. "While the modern position of the dominions is entirely conceded," The Times says, "it has never been fully recognized by the Imperial Government in practice. On the contrary, in the Dominions there is still a tendency to hammer at the door which long has been open and talk of national status instead of the dominions taking the obvious steps to make it real."

Canadian Opinion. "The first and most obvious step is to become acquainted with the problems, without a knowledge of which there is not likely to be that assumption of defence, postulated in a letter from Victor Mitchell, K. C., of Montreal."

The Times concludes by declaring that Australia, where there is less talk of national status than in Canada and South Africa, lately has traveled farthest in the direction of effective nationhood by creating a foreign department in Melbourne, to which an Australian-born expert was lent by the British Foreign Office. The letter from Victor Mitchell opens by saying that the action of (Continued on page 2, fourth column)

EMPLOYEES OFFERED SHARE OF PROFITS

British Shipbuilders Advance Alternative to Increase Wage Demand.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The British Shipbuilding Employers' Federation has made an offer to the chief workers' unions to fix wages on a profit-sharing basis as an alternative to the men's demands, which the employers' rejected on the ground of the unprecedented depression from which the industry is suffering, says the Westminster Gazette.

The proposal contains an offer to place the fullest information at the workers' disposal, even permitting their accountants to examine the figures. The only parallel for this offer is the scheme of profit-sharing in the mining industry inaugurated some time ago.

CANADIAN CLUBS MANIFEST KEEN INTEREST IN MARITIME PROBLEMS

MR. A. M. BELDING, representative of the Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star, no touring Western Canada on a mission in the interests of the Maritime Provinces, is due to speak in Saskatoon on Tuesday. Afterwards Mr. Belding will address meetings in Calgary and Edmonton on his way through to the Pacific coast.

Meanwhile interest in the Maritime mission continues to gain impetus. Not only is it the chief topic of discussion in our own provinces but practically the whole press of Canada has been seized with its importance. Editorial expression is a unit in demands for routing of Canadian trade through Canadian channels, and the fullest co-operation of all provinces of the Dominion.

BOARDS OF TRADE ENDORSE MISSION. MARITIME Boards of Trade are also keenly interested in the progress of the mission, and many have passed resolutions unreservedly endorsing the movement. The latest received is from Chatham, N. B., whose Board of Trade expressed its appreciation in the following words:

"RESOLVED that this Board of Trade is heartily in accord with the patriotic efforts of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star newspapers of St. John, N. B. in their endeavor to awaken Upper Canadians to the necessity of urging upon shippers the absolute need of routing (Continued on page 3, column two.)"

RENT BABIES TO BEGGARS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Miss Mary Hamilton, chief of the women's bureau of the police department, told in an address at a meeting of the Child's Welfare League how babies were rented out and even sold by their parents.

Miss Hamilton related that she had discovered several cases in which infants had been rented at a daily charge to \$3 to beggar women, who made use of their cries of hunger to arouse the pity of passing pedestrians.

PUBLISHERS IN U.S. PROTEST PULPWOOD BAN

Appeal Is Made By National Association to Senate Committee

FEAR HIGH COSTS

Brief Says Embargo Would Cripple Pulpwood Industry in United States

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The National Publishers' Association announces it has filed a brief with Chairman Borah of the Senate foreign relations committee protesting against what it claimed was a threatened embargo on pulpwood by Canadian paper manufacturers.

Such an embargo as that proposed by the Canadians will cripple the U. S. paper mills here. That such an embargo would be transformed into a crippling of the pulpwood industry in the U. S., but also of giving Canadian manufacturers control of our paper market, thereby increasing the cost to every user of the printed word in the United States, it was urged.

Legislative Programme, Presented to Premier, Contains Many Suggestions. OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—The legislative programme of organized labor in Canada was presented to the Federal Government Saturday, in the course of an interview between the cabinet and a delegation representing the Trades and Labor Congress.

Abolition of the Senate or its reform to provide for electoral control was advocated. Re-enactment of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act was urged, even if amendment of the constitution were necessary.

Unemployment insurance under federal control and old age pensions also were asked. Canadians should not be subject to quota regulations in the United States, it was urged. The eight hour day was dealt with and proportional representation was touched on.

Immigration and unemployment, and their relation to each other, were discussed, and in the course of the talk Premier King admitted that insofar as immigration affected unemployment, the Federal Government had perhaps a responsibility. He denied, however, that the general question of unemployment relief was anything but a provincial responsibility.

HERriot ON PEACE

French Premier Says it is Guiding Principle of True Democracy.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—Peace was the guiding principle of true democracy; it had always been and always would continue to be the inspiration of his government, Premier Herriot declared before an audience in Trocadero hall last night. The occasion was a meeting organized by a committee which seeks to bring about peace on one of the battlefields of the world war.

SITE OF LONG SOUGHT DYNASTY DISCOVERED

CAIRO, Feb. 2.—The site of the long sought dynasty has been discovered. Government excavations have led to what is believed to be "omb of the Pharaoh Shepseskaf. Two fragments of stone tablets of the Shepseskaf period were dug up.

PIANIST IS LOCATED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Ethel Leginska, English pianist, who vanished last Monday from the city, has been found outside of New York City, in the care of friends, the police have announced. Her present whereabouts were not revealed.

JAPAN WILL PRESENT AMBASSADOR'S BUST

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 2.—A bronze bust of Cyrus E. Woods, former United States Ambassador to Japan, has been completed in Tokyo and will be sent to Woods as a gift from Japan, expressing appreciation for his services to that country during the earthquake in 1923.

Church Union Vote Stands 1,034 to 332

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—The summary of the vote on Church Union, based on returns received to date by Church Union headquarters, shows 1,034 congregations for and 332 against the merger.

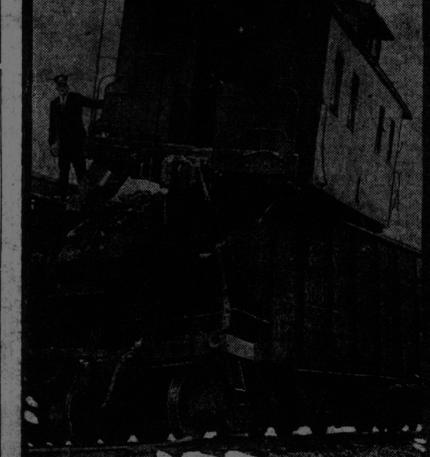
London Judge Brands Women Cause of Unsettled Scraps

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(United Press) Everybody like the ladies except Judge Crawford Edmonstone of the London County Court, Judge Edmonstone lists to many neighborhood quarrels which have become too violent to be settled along the back fence. His Lordship's inability to arbitrate these

disputes, he believes, is due to the nature of women. "If there were only two women in the world," Judge Edmonstone said Sunday, "one living in the eastern hemisphere and the other in the western hemisphere, they still would find an opportunity to quarrel, even if they had to invent wireless to do it."

CABOOSE PLAYS LEAP-FROG

When a locomotive struck this caboose, at Louisville, Ky., it lifted it clear over one gondola car and square on top of another. With coal in "the cellar," the crew was ready for light housekeeping, but the gondola car was on its way to the repair shop, so they just hauled the caboose along, too.



MAINE POTATO MEN APPEAL TO COOLIDGE

As Result, Further Protest Against British Embargo is Sent to London.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Maine potato growers and shippers, backed by their Governor and two senators, carried their fight against the British embargo on United States potatoes direct to President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes Saturday, with the result that the State Department announced a renewal of its protest to the British Government and the White House issued a statement.

SUES GIRL TO RECOVER RING

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Joseph P. Sacco of Jamaica Plain seeks to regain possession of the \$500 diamond ring which, he says, he gave to Miss Jennie Minola as an engagement present. He testified that they became engaged in 1923, but that since that time she has requested him not to call upon her any more. He admitted that he did not want to marry her now.

WAS HIT IN STORM

Schooner Frederick H. Arrives at St. John After Rough Time of it.

The schooner Frederick H. arrived on Saturday night from New York with a full cargo of coal, after experiencing an extremely rough trip. The vessel lost her mainmast and foremast and was obliged to put into Portland to secure a new mainmast. The efforts of the crew which saved the vessel occurred during the storm which swept the Atlantic coast early last week, and it was only the skill of Captain Hawk and the strenuous efforts of the crew which saved the vessel from foundering. After securing a new mainmast at Portland the schooner made a remarkably fast run from that port to St. John, doing the trip in 27 hours.

SAYS METHODISTS STRONG FOR UNION

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 2.—Preaching at Fort Rouge Methodist Church, Rev. S. D. Chown, D. D., General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, expressed his belief that not a single church in his denomination would want to vote itself out of Union with the Presbyterian and Congregational churches. On a recent tour of the west, he said, he found the sentiment in Methodist churches strong for the United Church.

Cautioned Against Attending Trial

At the Provincial Normal School, says the Fredericton Mail, a caution was given by Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, principal, against students attending sessions of the court during the trial of Harry D. Williams for murder. Prior to the caution being given many Normal students had attended. The consent of parents was specified by Dr. Bridges as necessary.

THE WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—Pressure is high over northern Ontario, while a shallow low area covers the eastern states. A deep depression has come in over the northern part of British Columbia, causing a chinook in southern Alberta. The weather is cold from the Great Lakes eastward, with light snow in many districts.

Forecasts: Snow. Maritime—Fresh to strong east to northeast winds with snow this afternoon and tonight and part of Tuesday.

Northern New England—Snow or rain tonight, and possibly Tuesday morning, followed by cloudy and colder Tuesday. Fresh easterly winds, becoming fresh to strong northwest Tuesday.

Temperatures. TORONTO, Feb. 2.—Lowest 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.

\* Below zero.