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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.

Chief 13 Years. 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.

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.

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.

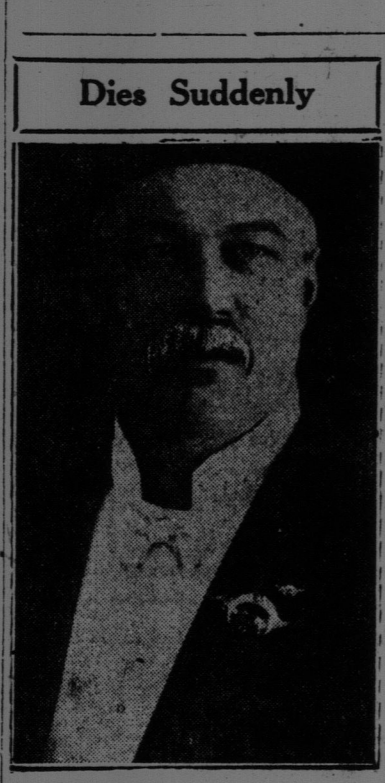
Commissioner Harding expressed his regret at the passing of Chief Blake. He had been in the commissioner's office on last Saturday morning.

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

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REPORT ON VICE IN ST. JOHN IS READ

Alliance Also Hears One on Gambling—Given Out Later, is Announcement.

At a meeting of the St. John Evangelical Alliance this morning Rev. A. L. Tedford reported on the findings of a committee on gambling, with promise of full reports later, which it was said would then be made public.

Hear Addresses. A thought-provoking address was given by Rev. John Line, D.D., of Mount Allison University, Sackville, who is visiting in the city.

Rev. Nell MacLaughlan introduced Rev. Dr. Line who held the attention of the meeting for half an hour.

The clergymen present were Rev. W. J. Johnston, Rev. E. E. Styles, Rev. W. A. Robbins, Rev. John Unsworth, Rev. H. A. Goodwin, Rev. Nell MacLaughlan, Rev. William Lawson, Rev. James King, Rev. A. L. Tedford, Rev. David Hutchinson, D.D., Rev. E. R. MacWilliam, Rev. A. D. MacLeod, Rev. Henry Penna and Esauj Friends.

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.

Drop in Chicago. CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Wheat tumbled under \$2 a bushel today and reached as low as \$1.89 before rebounding to the \$2 mark.

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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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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475 HAMLETS AFFECTED BY HEAVY RAINS

Free State Government Makes Announcement Of Conditions

APPEALS FOR AID

President Cochrane Says Thousands of Dollars Needed To Succor Peasants

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.

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

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.

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