

60 NUNS CAUGHT IN CONVENT FIRE

One Loses Life, Nine Badly Injured, When Wilkes-Barre Building Is Destroyed—Many Jump From Windows.

One nun lost her life and nine nuns were seriously burned or injured when the Wilkes-Barre Convent of the Order of Mercy at Wilkes-Barre Pa., was destroyed by fire the other morning, with a loss of \$150,000, as a despatch reported at the time.

Sixty nuns were trapped in the burning building. Many found safety by jumping from the second and third story windows. Sister Mary Teresa, Mother Superior of the convent, and a relative of the Rev. John Walsh of Fordham, died as a result of burns.

Injured nuns who were taken to the hospital are: Sisters Gregory, Julia, Gertrude, Agnes, Xavier and Felicitas. Three others were burned slightly and are being taken care of in a local convent.

Firemen saved two Sisters by spreading nets into which they jumped. The fall of several others was broken by nuns who tried to catch them before they struck the pavement. One nun who jumped from the third story had a miraculous escape from serious injury. Two firemen tried to catch her and saved her from broken bones.

The blessed sacrament was saved from the fire by Sister Casimir, who, with Sister Mary John, took it from the tabernacle and tried to make her way through the flaming corridors.

Finding this impossible, Sister Mary John told Sister Casimir to go through the window. The latter hung to the ledge with the sacrament in her hand, while hundreds of spectators below prayed for her. A ladder was rushed up to the window and the nun was taken from her perilous position just as her hand was slipping from the ledge. Sister Mary John was rescued in the same manner. Sister Gregory was cut off on the third floor front and had to jump.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but the Rev. J. J. Curran, pastor of St. Mary's church, believes that crossed wires between the first and second floors started the blaze. The whole building was in flames before any of the Sisters made their escape. Their habits were

burned but they bared up bravely through a terrible experience. In addition to the loss of \$150,000 on the building, tapestries, paintings and musical instruments valued at several thousand dollars were burned.

HOW THE ISIAH K. STETSON WAS LOST

(Yarmouth Herald.)

Joseph C. Watkins of Yarmouth, who with Captain William Reiker of St. John, N. B., were the only ones who were saved from the crew of the ill-fated schooner Isiah K. Stetson, arrived home by the D. A. R. last evening. In conversation with the Telegram this morning, Mr. Watkins told a most heart-rending story of the wreck, and the rescue was not made a moment too soon, as both were so exhausted and overcome from exposure as to be absolutely helpless. They had been taken from the wreck aboard the Acushnet and landed in New Bedford, Mass., before they received sufficiently to realize what was going on.

Mr. Watkins told of how the schooner struck at a very early hour last Sunday morning, and almost instantly it was seen that she would be a total loss. Captain Reiker at once ordered all hands to the rigging. The mate, Nelson McKay, aged about 45, a native of Barrington, and a seaman, Manford Nickerson, about 23, of Clark's Harbor, went to the forward rigging. For some purpose which shall never be known they were shortly after seen returning to the deck, and almost at the same instant a huge sea broke over the vessel and they were not seen again. Watkins stated that he went in the mizen rigging to the mizenmasthead and that another seaman, named Ellis, of Digby, went to the forward rigging. Shortly after Ellis attempted to cross on the mainstay to join Watkins, and as he did so he lost his hold and fell into the sea and was drowned.

Mate McKay leaves a widow at Yarmouth, and Manford Nickerson leaves a widow and one child, residing at Yarmouth South.

Mr. Watkins remained in New Bedford until Tuesday morning, when he felt sufficiently recovered to travel to Boston, hoping to take passage by train, leaving that city that evening for St. John. Mr. Watkins still shows the terrible strain which the exposure made upon him, and it will be some days yet before he will be quite recovered from his awful experience.

London, March 24.—Electrocution has been adopted in whaling off the coast of Labrador. The current is transmitted through the line and harpoon. A hit almost anywhere in the body, so long as the harpoon penetrates the blubber, is sufficient for the electricity to do its work.

Cocoa and Chocolate Merger

Canadian Interests of Fry's and Lowney's, Associated

Arrangements have been made for the association of the business interests in Canada, of The Walter M. Lowney Company of Canada, Limited, and J. S. Fry & Sons, Limited, of Bristol, England.

The Walter M. Lowney Company of Canada, Limited, has a large plant in operation in Montreal, established many years ago, and has been carrying on business in all parts of the Dominion, its sales of eating chocolate and confectionery having been particularly extensive.

The firm of J. S. Fry & Sons, Bristol, was established in England in the year 1728, and, for generations, its chocolate and cocoa products have been well and extensively known in Canada and the Empire. During the past ten years these have been handled by its own branches throughout Canada. The Bristol firm has recently caused J. S. Fry & Sons (Canada) Limited, to be incorporated in Montreal, to which it has transferred its Canadian assets. J. S. Fry & Sons (Canada) Limited, will continue to maintain its own branches throughout Canada, and has acquired, and will promptly equip, an extensive modern manufacturing plant in Montreal, for the purpose of manufacturing, within Canada, Fry's well-known brands, which hitherto have been imported from Bristol.

While the identity and good will of each firm will be maintained and extended it is expected that through the association, substantial economies will be effected, both in the purchase of raw materials and in the marketing of finished product. The two lines supplement each other, inasmuch as the Lowney Company is largely engaged in manufacturing and selling eating chocolate and confectionery, and the Fry Company specializes very strongly in cocoa and related products.

The Walter M. Lowney Company of Canada, Limited Montreal. J. S. Fry & Sons (Canada) Limited, Montreal.

SAYS THAT FIANCE TOOK RING BY RUSE

Malden, Mass., March 24.—Saying that her fiancé obtained from her through a ruse a diamond ring valued at \$400, which he had presented her as an engagement present, Miss Anna Cohen was the complainant against Maxwell White, alias Max Cohen, of Lynn, in the district court, on a charge of larceny. The case was continued until March 30.

According to Miss Cohen, the ring was given her by the defendant when she promised to become his wife. Later, however, he told her that he believed the ring had a flaw in it and he wanted to exchange it. She says she gave him back the ring as she believed him, but when she wanted it returned he did not comply with her wish.

BIG BASEBALL PROJECT IN N. S.

Meeting Tomorrow Night—Halifax Anxious to Know How St. John Is Making Out With New England League Scheme—Local Notes.

(Halifax Echo.)

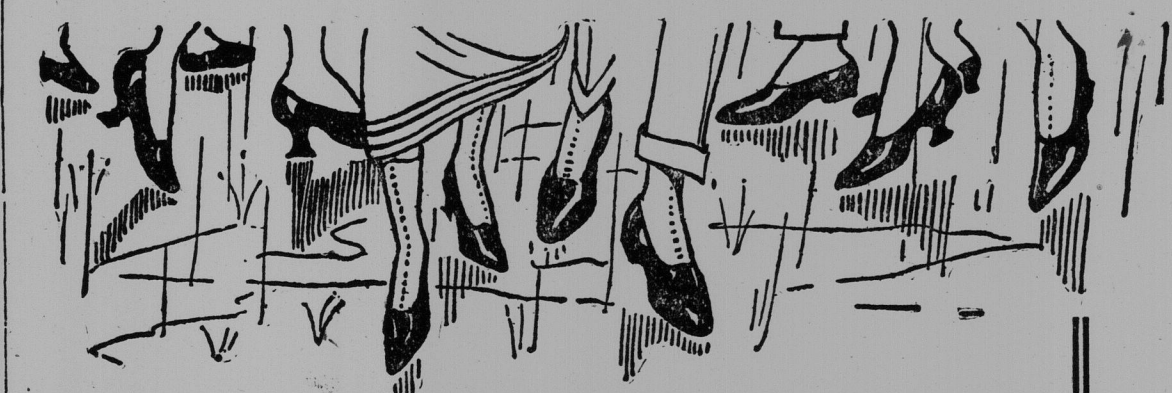
The big thing on the sport horizon is undoubtedly the meeting to be held at Truro on Friday evening for the purpose of forming a provincial baseball league. This is a real proposition, and if it goes over, as it has every indication, will be the biggest boom ever given to baseball. Delegates from the various branches are to meet at Truro on Friday evening at 7 o'clock to report on the progress made in their various branches. The meeting is purely for the purpose of organization, and will be open to receive reports of the branch delegates and for the election of officers for the central executive.

Baseball being the subject, we wonder just how the fans in the sister city of St. John are faring with their little proposal to revive the game in the New England running. It would be a great boom for the game over there if they were able to get some of their ball-tossers into such a league. While we wish them the best of luck, we are more concerned at present in floating the big provincial scheme of our own. Our venture is to be an amateur one, however, and is aiming to develop the talent of the "comers."

Fans in St. John appreciate the kindly sentiments expressed by the Halifax writer and in turn hope to see the big provincial baseball scheme in Nova Scotia materialize.

So far as St. John is concerned fans are as much in the dark as they were when the project to have a representative in the New England League was first launched. There is no denying that St. John is ready and eager to acquire a franchise in professional ball, but the initiative must be taken by the New England magnates and so far there has been no indication of reorganization on their part. If St. John could boast of a baseball park the delay would not make much difference, but the grounds problem is one of the biggest which must be grappled with before a baseball venture can be considered in this city and from now on every day counts. Even if a site is secured it will take time to get it in condition, erect a grandstand, bleachers, etc. However, there is still hope that the venture will materialize. This would be a good year for St. John to go into professional baseball, when sport all over the country is booming.

In the event of plans falling through, fans may rest assured that they will have plenty of baseball. Towns comprising the pick of local talent are already formed and awaiting the welcome cry "play ball." St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. are coming to the fore and intend to spend a lot of money on a ball park in the rear of Clarendon street. The property has already been surveyed and a good sum appropriated for improvements. Work is to be started so soon as the frost gets out of the ground and



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It is expected that it will be ready for the opening of the league. There has been no definite movement so far regarding the reorganization of the city league, but it is expected that a meeting will be called before long to form a strong four team organization.

THE IDEAL WOMAN

The great Napoleon once said: "My ideal woman is not the beautiful featured society belle, whose physician tries in vain to keep her in repair, but the matron who reaches middle age in complete preservation—that woman is rendered beautiful by perfect health." To attain such health in middle life a woman must guard against those ills which drag her down and produce nervousness, headache, backaches, sleeplessness and "the blues." The standard remedy for such conditions is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for forty-five years has been restoring women to health and strength.

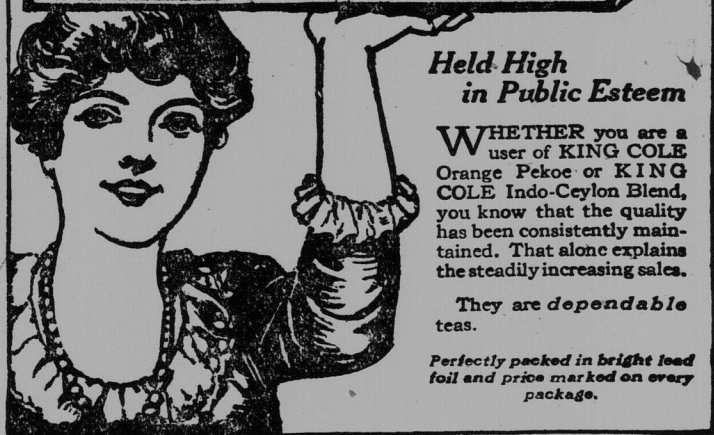
PRICE OF STANDARD SHOES TO BE REDUCED.

New York, March 25.—Prices of standard shoes will be reduced during the spring and summer, John J. Slater, president of the Retail Shoe Dealers' Association, announced in a communication to Arthur Williams, federal food administrator. Retailers at a recent meeting decided to be content with a smaller margin of profit. Mr. Slater said. Reductions, however, will not apply to "all kinds of fancy and ultra-fashionable footwear."

The action of the retail shoe dealers, Mr. Williams said, probably presaged the beginning of a general narrowing of profit margins in other wearing apparel.

TOOK DRINK TO BRAVE LIONS.

London, March 24.—A woman's excuse for drunkenness at Chatham was that she took a little drink before going to see some lions at a circus.



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