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POLICE USE FAKED NAMES, GET LIQUOR

Forced to Make Imaginary Entries to Gain Confiscation of Whiskey Shipment.

In order to gain a confiscation order for 100 bottles of whiskey seized at the Grand Trunk station during July and August by a squad of city police under Inspector Thomas Lucas, it was necessary for Provincial Officer T. Y. Stratton, acting license inspector, and city police authorities to enter the names of Robert Thomson and James White, both fictitious, as consignees on the police court blotter today.

As these two mythical men did not appear to answer charges of transporting liquor intended for sale within the province, contrary to section 70 of the Ontario Temperance Act, the confiscation order was signed. It was charged White was transporting 80 bottles in three club bags, and that Thomson had twenty bottles in another club bag.

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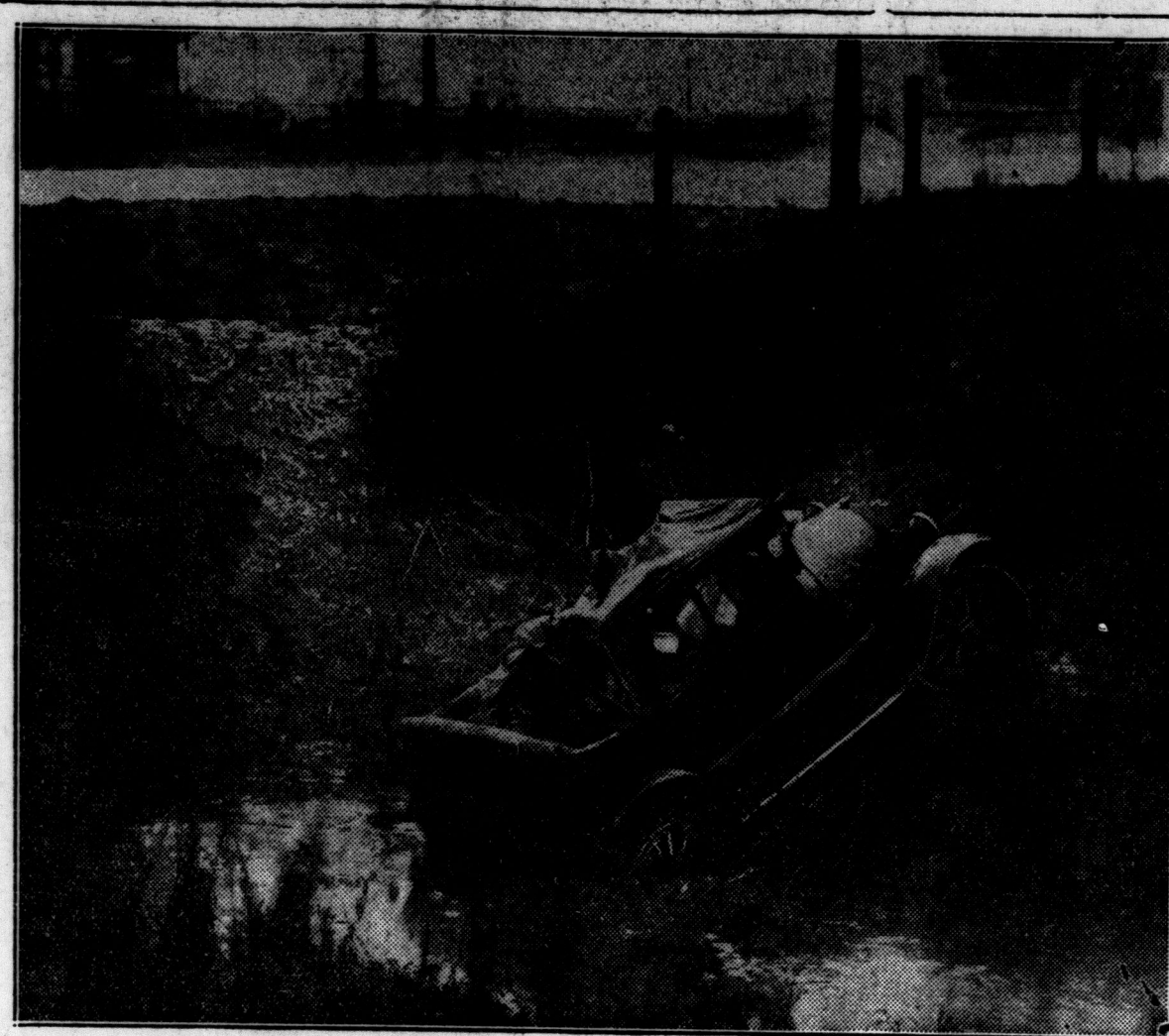
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SIX ESCAPE DEATH WHEN CAR TURNS TURTLE. Scene of the auto accident on Richmond street north early this morning, when the machine driven by Fred Robb of Ilderton skidded on the ice-covered road, backed down the incline at the side, and turned turtle in descending can be seen above and to the right of the picture. The tire marks made by the machine in descending can be seen above and to the right of the picture.

SEES \$350,000 FOR CITY HALL PURPOSE

City Treasurer Estimates the Amount Available for Construction of Federal Square Building.

Would the price of materials and labor permit the construction of a suitable city hall on the Federal Square, the cost not exceeding \$350,000?

City Treasurer James Bell roughly computed Friday this figure as what will be available, should the 1923 councilors accept Monday's vote on the city hall bylaw as encouragement from the citizens as a body to proceed with the undertaking next year.

It is possible, the city treasurer points out, that the sale of the Spencer Block would yield approximately \$100,000. "There is not a doubt in the world," he points out, "but the value of the present city hall location would increase tremendously should the council should determine to build across on the Federal Square."

Mr. Bell calls attention to the additional factor that there is considerable city property, adjoining the Federal Square and the armories, and on King street, that could be disposed of at a satisfactory figure. He estimates roughly that these sums, together with such moneys as have in past years been voted for that purpose by the citizens, would total in the neighborhood of \$350,000.

While he does not attempt to voice an opinion as to the probable cost of a new civic administration building, it is known that expert advice is being secured upon this proposition, and the same will be submitted at an early date to the new councilors.

More spare equipment is needed by the London Fire Department, Fire Chief John Aitken is convinced. Windsor, with a smaller population than London, has much more equipment, he pointed out. At present the local department has but one service truck while the border city has three. Only two spare horses and one of them has been in the department 23 years—are available here.

Discussing the question of opening No. 5 fire hall in the north end, the chief stated that it would in all probability be re-opened as many of the electors favored the move, as indicated by the way they voted in the recent elections. It was his personal opinion, however, that the north end hall was unnecessary. Since its closing on June 3, the city had saved \$10,000, and there had only been three fires in the north part of London since that time.

When the hall was in operation the motor trucks from the central station could always beat the horse-drawn vehicles of the north end outpost, to the corner of St. James and Richmond streets. The only section of the city obtaining added protection from the operation of No. 5 hall was within a radius of a few blocks of it.

The north end hall had served its purpose when the entire equipment of the department was horse-drawn, the chief stated, because in those days it required from ten to fourteen minutes for the horses from the central hall to make the trip to the north part of the city.

Since the horse-drawn equipment has been gradually replaced by motor trucks, cities in both Canada and the United States have been reducing the number of their fire halls. Cincinnati has closed fifteen halls, Chief Aitken asserted.

Incidentally the chief believes that a tractor should be purchased to draw the big aerial truck at the central station.

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LANDSLIDE DESTROYS MANY ITALIAN HOMES

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Modena, Italy, Dec. 8.—Six hundred persons fled today from the little town of Pianogatti, where a hundred houses already have collapsed in a landslide, and complete destruction is threatened.

The town has been deserted and its inhabitants are homeless.

BABY DIES FROM BURNS RECEIVED WHILE PLAYING

Peterboro, Dec. 8.—Myrtle Carew, infant daughter of Calvert Carew, Elmy Township, died this morning as result of burns received last evening while playing near the stove.

The father was sick in bed at the time, and the mother was out doing some chores at the barn. When she returned to the house after an absence of a few minutes the child's clothing was in flames.

19 BLOCKS IN HEART OF CITY WIPED OUT

Raging Fire Causes Loss of 15 Million Dollars in Astoria, Oregon.

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Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 7.—Nineteen city blocks were wiped out, with a loss of \$15,000,000, in a fire here today. The blaze was still eating into the heart of the city at 7:30 a.m.

The blaze broke out in a pool hall during the early morning and spread rapidly from block to block. Tongues of flame shot high into the air as buildings after building fell in the path of the blaze.

Norris D. Staples, president of the Bank of Commerce, dropped dead of heart failure while helping fight the fire.

Two men, at first reported dead, were later accounted for. The fire raged for 17 blocks. The flames had eaten under the pavement on Commercial street, burning the piling on which the city had been built, and firemen were unable to cope with the development.

Patients were removed from St. Mary's hospital, all the windows of which were shattered by explosions of dynamite or gasoline tanks.

The fire started shortly after 3 o'clock this morning and spread with such fury that it soon was beyond control.

Whether there were casualties was not learned from the meagre dispatches to Portland. Nor was the origin of the fire disclosed. Astoria had a population of 14,020 at the 1920 census. Its seagoing commerce principally is in lumber.

REBELS TAKE REVENGE.

London, Dec. 8.—The Dublin correspondent of The Evening Standard reports that a party of men today entered the Mercer's Hospital and shot a Free State soldier lying on one of the beds, in reprisal for the execution of Rory O'Connor and Liam Mellows.

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