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Fire Chiefs And Police Believe Fire At Laval Was Set

One Expresses Conviction that Same Hand Was at Work at St. Boniface When 10 Lives Were Lost—Public Officials and Church Authorities Reluctant to Express Themselves.



WHAT IS LEFT OF ST. BONIFACE COLLEGE. The ruins of St. Boniface College, near Winnipeg, after a fire in which ten people lost their lives. Rumors of incendiarism are rife.

Montreal, Dec. 1.—The consensus of opinion amongst police officials and fire chiefs is that the fire which early this morning practically demolished the upper portion of the school and surgery building of Laval University, causing damage estimated at more than a quarter of a million dollars, was started by a fire bug. This conviction is due to the fact that the ill-fated university is continually suffering from fire, this morning's outbreak being the second serious conflagration in which heavy damage to the institution within three weeks.

Police and firemen are not conservative about voicing their opinions, and more than one has last night openly declared to say that the flames which set the Winnipeg college fire, in which ten lives were lost, was the same as that which started the third outbreak in the local university. Various public officials were seen before noon today, but there was noticeable a decided reluctance on their part to commit themselves by making a definite statement as to whether they do or do not believe the flames were started by a criminal hand. All, however, are unanimous in declaring that it is "very strange" that the fire which set the Laval University building, who are members of the Catholic Church is a common campaign to destroy their churches and colleges, and in this direction the reluctance to voice an opinion was even more pronounced. Catholic institutions in Montreal seem to have been particularly selected by the antagonistic to the Catholic faith, and the fact that flames are continually breaking out in colleges, churches and homes is causing varying degrees of perturbation throughout French-Canadian circles.

English Supply OF TOYS DEPLETED Drop in Value of Marks Keeps Down Orders—Wireless Outfits a Convenient Substitute.

London, Dec. 1.—The Christmas trade merchants this year have enjoyed the best arguments that they have had for several months. The first "do your shopping early" talk began to appear in the form of warnings that toys are in the form of a scarce commodity. It is asserted that thousands of orders for toys placed in Germany early in the spring cannot be executed, partly because of the excessive demand and partly because when the orders were placed the exchange rate was 1200 marks to the pound, whereas it now is 3200. It is predicted, however, that a convenient substitute for toys, especially for scientifically inclined youngsters, will be wireless outfits, for which England is developing a veritable craze.

RECORD DAY FOR GRAIN OUF FORT WILLIAM

Miami, Fla., Dec. 1.—The 98-foot motor cruiser Speeja, owned by Albert Y. Gowan of Chicago, vice-president of the Portland Cement Co., completed a 35,000 mile trip around the world here yesterday. The voyage began at Miami in September 1921. The cruiser is said to be the smallest boat that ever circumnavigated the globe. The party making the trip included Mr. and Mrs. Gowan; Captain F. P. Hogg; Jack Lewis, who designed and supervised the construction of the boat; Bernard Rogers of Chicago and six others.

BILL SHARON SALE SURPRISE

Goes to Paducah Doctor for Only \$900 Peter Earl Brings Highest Price of Day at Old Glory Sale—Receipts So Far \$287,948 for 398 Horses Sold.

(Canadian Press) New York, Dec. 1.—The sale of Bill Sharon, Canadian trotter 2:01.4, for \$800, was the surprise of yesterday's session of the Old Glory auction here. Bill Sharon was bought by Thomas Murphy two years ago for \$300.

Four Die in Fire Hotel

The Ben Hur, in Portland, Oregon, Ablaze

Taxi Men and Police Arouse Sleeping Patrons—Another Serious Fire in University of Montreal—St. Boniface Inquiry.

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CHAMBERLAIN STILL STRONG FOR COALITION

Otherwise, Sees Labor Victory in Next Election—Speech is Much Discussed.

London, Dec. 1.—(Canadian Press)—Frank avowed by Austen Chamberlain that he is still an unreconciled coalitionist has revived discussion as to the future relations of the parties. It is pointed out that there is a sharp contradiction in the views of Chamberlain and Bonar Law, for whereas Bonar Law declared it advisable to end the coalition because it was contrary to the views of the Conservative party and the Liberal Union proposals is being much discussed.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Say" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "where were they felled at City Hall when you had that election?"

ADMONISHES SHE SHOWS THE DOOR TO VON MOLTKE

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Seven of Canadian Crew Lost in Lake Superior Storm

The Maplehurst Breaks Up Near Portage Lake Canal

Nine Rescued by Jumping from Bridge into Lifeboats—Toll of Gale Heavy Property in Several States.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 1.—Captain Nelson and six members of the crew of the Canadian steamer Maplehurst lost their lives early today when the ship broke up in a mile west of Portage Lake Canal during a heavy gale.

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FAMOUS PLAYERS SUED FOR MILLIONS

Magraph Company Starts Action for \$6,000,000

Huge Monopoly, is Charge—Complaint Says Future of Every Independent Producer and Distributor is at Stake.

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