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DANIEL CO. STORE DESTROYED BY FIRE

DAMAGE IN BLAZE THAT THREATENED TO WIPE OUT WHOLE CITY BLOCK MAY REACH \$150,000

F. A. Dykeman Co., Woolworth Co., Robert McAfee, C. A. Conlon, Victoria Hotel and Gray & Ritchey Suffer Heavily

BLIZZARD HAMPERS WORK OF FIREMEN

Origin of Fire, Which Started at 4 O'clock This Morning, Is So Far Unknown; Fire Department Still Fighting Smoldering Ruins at Noon; Businesses Insured.

THE general dry goods and women's outfitting establishment of F. W. Daniel & Company, Limited, situated at Saint John's principal business corner, Charlotte and King streets, was burned out this morning in a 3-alarm blaze that started at 4 o'clock, a fierce attack, which for more than two hours threatened to lay waste a stretch of valuable business properties on the King street slope and the large dry goods house of F. A. Dykeman & Company, adjoining on the Charlotte street side. The loss is variously estimated through fire and water, in all the buildings affected, at from \$100,000 to \$150,000 although even approximate estimates were not certain in the chaos of this morning's conditions.

FIREMAN OVERCOME RONALD W. CURRIE, a member of No. 4 Fire Station, one of the men called to the fire by the third alarm, was overcome by smoke early this forenoon and after first aid at the Ross Drug Co., King street, was taken to his home, No. 250 City Road. He was all right again this afternoon and wanted to get back to the scene of the fire.

FLOOD CONDITIONS C. A. Conlon, photographer, on top of the Lawrence property between the Victoria Hotel and the Daniel building and immediately adjoining the scene of the fire, has had his rooms drenched and broken up, so much so that insurance policies will probably not make complete replacement. Gray & Ritchey, book-sellers, have been completely flooded on their top floor, and the cellar, the latter being veritably a swimming pool. No estimate of the loss could be given as the water is of a highly perishable quality. Tons of water poured into the burning Daniel structure to check progress of the flames, which were then accumulated in the cellar of the building and overflowed in a series of tanks, as it were, through cellar to cellar into adjoining buildings even as far down the hill as Victoria Hotel. The Dykeman building was almost entirely submerged with nearly eight feet depth and shipping or top cellar floor, is awash.

THIS FORENOON Up to noon hour today Fire Chief Vaughan's men were working in the Daniel building striving to smother out the last gasp of the fire which issued itself in gusty blasts. The fire condition of the street railway traffic caused by the heavy snow, such as the Victoria Hotel, this morning was relieved in the vicinity of 11 o'clock by sweepers, scrapping a large crew of N. B. Power Company workmen, under the general supervision of Hazen McLean. Linemen from the two electric corporations and the telephone company were at noon time working in a survey of the interruptions to their service through ice-hewn wires, breaks, entanglements, etc.

ORIGIN FIRE UNKNOWN. Nobody seems to know how the fire began. A theory that it may have originated in the furnace room and crept through the elevator shaft to a point of contact on the top floor was not considered a probable one by Walter McBay, mechanical superintendent for F. W. Daniel & Company, Limited. He said that every safeguard had been taken against such a risk. The Daniel building had suffered from a similar fire thirteen years ago and in the reconstruction plans special precautionary measures were taken to avoid this route of fire communication. When business closed in the Daniel establishment last night the usual inspection was gone through with.

CHIEF'S CAR STALLED. Fire Chief Vaughan, who arrived on the scene shortly after the first alarm, because his car was stalled in a snow bank, states his aim at once was to defeat the goal that threatened to be a complete disaster. He felt more comfortable about the Dykeman property which was not affected by the gusty storm so four pumping engines were mostly devoted to check the blaze back of the burning building, near the Victoria Hotel, corridor and the Conlon studio. That this prompt decision was a wise one and effectively carried out was the grateful testimony of a group of insurance men who witnessed the fight throughout the early morning. The only damage done to the adjoining properties, as before mentioned, was that consequent upon the flood of water hailing a slight burning in a mattress storage room of the Victoria Hotel, which blaze was promptly smothered. District Chief Hamilton Foreman Jerry McAdoo of the

PRINCE SETTLES DOWN TO SERIOUS BUSINESS OF AN HEIR-APPARENT

Changes From Debonair Man-About-Town to Serious Student of State and Industrial Problems—Pending Engagement to Princess Astrid Called "Hardy Annual."

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LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Prince of Wales, one of the few crown princes of Europe sure of a throne, is seriously considering the responsibilities of becoming King. One of his closest male friends, in an exclusive interview at St. James Palace with the United Press, stated that the Prince during the last eighteen months had changed from a debonair, care-free man about town, to a studious, serious heir-apparent. No longer do dancing and revues form an important part of the daily program of the Prince. Instead, the interests of the state, the industrial problems of Great Britain, the functioning of charities and hospitals, are now his main interests.

REPORT REFLECTS BETTER CONDITIONS

Bathurst Company Annual Statement Shows Increase in Operating Profits

MONTREAL, Feb. 11.—The annual report of the Bathurst Company, Limited, for the year ending December 31, 1925, now being mailed to shareholders, reflects improved conditions in the sulphite and kraft pulp markets. Operating profits of \$854,082 for 1925 compared with \$728,988 for 1924, and a 19 per cent increase in the amount of bond and other interest, there remained a balance of \$877,110, as compared with \$218,889 for 1924. From this amount the company wrote off \$460,644 for depreciation (as against \$215,739 in the previous year), and \$86,808 for depletion of timber limits, leaving a net profit for the year of \$119,658. In 1924 there was a net profit of \$1,180.

SOUTH BRANCH CASE BEING HEARD TODAY

Appeal Over Fishing Privileges—P. W. Thomson Matter Occupies Morning

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR. FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 11.—This afternoon the Supreme Court heard the chancery appeal in the case of South Branch Fishing Club vs. Linton in which the defendant, Thomas A. Linton of Saint John, is supporting an appeal from a judgment of Mr. Justice Grimmer. Chief Justice Barry of the Kings Bench Division sat in place of Judge Grimmer. This case has been in the courts for some time.

MUSSOLINI FAILS TO IMPRESS GENEVA

Nothing in Speech Conflicts With League Principles, Says Official

NO DIVISION SEEN

Talk of Amendment in House Tonight is Discounted By Ottawa

Official Admits Increased Smuggling

Scene of This Morning's Big Fire



SNAPSHOT of the scene of this morning's fire, head of King street, showing the partially destroyed Daniel building, the water-soaked structures adjoining on both sides. The picture was taken in a snow-storm amid the smoke and steam of the smoldering ruins, about 11 o'clock.

Northeast U. S. Storm Takes Toll of 16 Lives; Snowbound 24 Hours

Yarmouth Steamer Held Up By Storm

Bitter Cold Follows On Heel of Second Big Blizzard

Public Reception Awaits Heroic Crew

DEPLORES DELAY IN DIAGNOSIS OF T. B.

Dr. A. F. Miller Reports 56 Per Cent. of N. S. Cases Almost Helpless

HORSE THAT FALLS

WOULD EXTEND CLINICS

Villa's Head Shipped To Chicago, Says Paper

4 CHILDREN BURNED

Spanish Seismograph Registers 'Quake'

Germany Proposes Reduction of Taxes

Magistrate Upholds Theatre "Petting"

NEWS CENSORED

DEP. MINISTER TESTIFIES IN CUSTOMS PROBE

R. R. Farrow Says Prohibition Intensifies Law Breaking

EXTRA MEN HIRED

Hon. R. B. Bennett Demands Records of All Seizure Cases in 1924-25

DISPOSAL OF GOODS.

Mr. Bennett examined the deputy minister regarding the disposal of seized goods. It was stated that seized goods could be forfeited, destroyed, sold by tender and at public auction or disposed of by the minister, as directed and abandoned in mid-Atlantic during the severe storms of the last week in January.

SEE SETTLEMENT AT MINTO LIKELY

Reported Differences is Slight After Conference Held Last Night

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 11.—The conciliation board considering the Minto coal miners' strike adjourned this morning until next Tuesday at Minto. Future sittings will be private.

Australia Grants Aid To Prospector

MELBOURNE, Feb. 11.—Both houses of Parliament today, passed a bill providing that the sum of £40,000 be devoted to the encouragement of prospecting for precious metals in Australia.

The Weather

Table with columns for location, temperature, and weather conditions. Includes entries for Toronto, St. John's, and other locations.

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