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Many Injured in New York Subway Blaze; Panic as Stalled Car Catches Fire

Fearful Scene in Rush Hour as People Are Hurrying To Work

Whole Fire Department and All City Ambulances Called Out—Dynamite Used to Tear up Street to Get Quickly to Tube—Brave Rescue Work by Firemen

New York, Jan. 6.—More than one hundred persons were overcome by smoke, cut by flying glass, bruised and otherwise injured in a fire aboard a train in the subway at the height of the rush hour this morning. In the panic and confusion which ensued, police headquarters issued a report that twelve persons had lost their lives, but this later was proved to be unfounded, and only one known death was recorded. It was thought that more than twenty persons were dead and scores were injured in a fire in the subway this morning, which broke out in a stalled train at the height of the rush hour. The entire fire department of the city and all ambulances were summoned to the scene. At 11 o'clock, hundreds of half suffocated passengers were being rescued from subway stations and preparations were being made to dynamite the streets to let air into the tube. It was not possible at that time to determine the extent of the fatalities, and some estimates placed the number of dead far in excess of twenty. The entire subway system of the city was put out of commission at 8 o'clock, the beginning of the rush hour, by the burning out of a main cable. The trouble had not been located at 9 o'clock. During the hour not a train was operated.

New York, Jan. 6.—For a time it was thought that persons lost their lives in a three-alarm fire which raged in the subway at Broadway near Fifty-fifth street at the height of the rush hour this morning. For the first time in the history of the fire department a special alarm called out firemen and battalion chiefs without apparatus, to fight the flames and care for the injured. The fire started at eight o'clock, the beginning of the rush hour. An hour and a half later a slow express service was started only to be halted by the discovery of fire. Three alarms were turned in. Eight ambulances were sent to the scene. More were called for immediately. From trains stalled between stations, firemen engaged bearing unconscious victims. Every available fireman that could be spared was called out to help. Fire Commissioner Adams, who assumed personal control of the situation, sent men scurrying throughout the city with orders to bring every palmator available to the scene. Congestion, the like of which the city has seldom seen, prevailed at most stations. At the Brooklyn bridge, the Manhattan entrance was choked by tens of thousands. For fifty minutes detachments of police reserves struggled with the crowds there before order could be restored. Elevated trains and surface cars were packed to overflowing all over the city, with the throngs that were turned away from the subway. Sixty persons were taken unconscious from the scene of the fire to the Flower hospital. Other hospitals received many victims as well. Ventilator gratings were taken up from the sidewalks around the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-ninth street stations and many of the injured were removed in this manner. Dynamite the Streets. In an effort to get at the dead and dying in the subway, Inspector Eagan of the bureau of combustibles, sent for a large amount of dynamite with which to rip up the streets. All man-hole covers were removed as well as the ventilator gratings. On the openings thus made firemen placed their hose. In the other squads of firemen crawled down through the blinding smoke that poured from the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-ninth street stations, to take themselves and worked in relay. Through the smoke that rolled up from the man-holes could be seen the red flames below. The fire started in a train between the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-ninth street stations. Some of the hundreds of passengers wedged tightly in the cars said afterwards that it started with an explosion and that the train came almost immediately to a standstill. Aboard the train there was a frantic rush for the end cars. (Continued on page 2, second column.)

LOST IN BAY?

Nova Scotia Fisherman Out and There is Fear For Two Lives. Digby, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Great uneasiness is felt for a Gulliver's Cove fishing boat which left that village early yesterday morning, containing Alfred Cossaboon and Ralph Nesbitt. They were last seen between nine and ten o'clock yesterday morning, hauling a trawl about six miles off Gulliver's Cove. It is feared that their engine was broken down and they were unable to return shore. Search is being made. Captain McDonald of the S. S. Yarmouth, which arrived at ten o'clock, did not sight the boat in the bay. He reports a heavy sea off shore. Both men are married. Cossaboon has no family; Nesbitt has five small children.

MARRIED UNDER FIRE

Paris, Jan. 6.—At Arras, Private Lenoir emerged from the trenches, scraped the mud off his clothing, washed up and marched two comrades to the city hall, where he met his fiancée, a Parisienne, by special permit. They were married in a few minutes. The bridegroom was wearing a shell full of mud in the village during the subsequent march. After a wedding breakfast, Lenoir shouldered his rifle and returned to the trenches. The bride proceeded to Paris.

CLEVER GREETINGS CARD FROM SALISBURY PLAIN

An interesting Christmas and New Year's card, from Salisbury Plain, was received in the city from a member of the auto-machine gun brigade, which was recruited at Montreal, in which the sender's greetings are expressed. The King, the Empire and Absent Friends are toasted by the men. Bustard Camp, and clever caricatures of the Kaiser and 'kultur' present the respects of the First Canadian Contingent to the enemy. William of the fierce moustaches is shown surrounded by a swarm of mosquitoes, the bodies of which are guns, and the appearance of the war lord almost renders the word 'stung' at the bottom unnecessary; in the second drawing 'Mouquillo kultur' is represented by a 'daddy-long-legs' dressed in khaki, with the motto 'Sting' set below it.

Crude Oil Price Advanced

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—An advance of five cents a barrel in the principal grades of crude oil was announced here Monday by the West Pennsylvania Oil Co., making the price of Pennsylvania crude, \$1.85. This is the first advance recorded since Aug. 20, when Pennsylvania crude, the base of the market, dropped to \$1.45 after a long series of declines, beginning when oil sold at \$2.80 a barrel.

ASKS FOR EXTENSION

At a meeting of the creditors of Wm. Lilly & Sons, in the office of H. A. Porter yesterday afternoon a committee of five—J. P. D. Tilly, John Jackson, E. C. Stetson, J. G. Willett and J. A. Kennedy—was appointed to investigate the matter of the business and report to another meeting. Mr. Lilly asked for an extension of time from his creditors, hoping to be able to pay them. From the committee presented yesterday, it is said that the assets were about \$10,800 and the liabilities about the same.

NOVELTY SHOWER

At his home, 138 Duke street, last night, Miss Lou Gillian was tendered a novelty shower by friends in anticipation of an approaching nuptial event. She received many useful and handsome remembrances.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Philly and Pheridand WEATHER BULLETIN. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturges, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—A disturbance now approaching the Great Lakes, is likely to increase in energy as it moves eastward. The weather is quite mild from Ontario to the maritime provinces, but has turned a little cooler in the western provinces. Mild, With Rain. Maritime—Fresh southwest winds fair and mild; Thursday, wind backing to southeast, mild with rain before night. New England—Rain tonight, warmer in east and south portions; Thursday, rain, moderate to fresh south winds.

Princess Patricias Praised By British Officers at Front

No Serious Casualties—They Are Steady and Well Disciplined—Good Work by Canadian Nurses—Roland Hill's Letter

Montreal, Jan. 6.—A special copyright cable from the Montreal Star's correspondent at the front, Roland Hill, gives today further news of the Princess Patricias. "Northern France, by courier to London, Tuesday.—None of the Princess Patricias' casualties Christmas day were serious enough to be sent to the base hospital, and most cases have already been discharged by the advance field hospitals. That is the word given me by a prominent British medical officer. Winter weather has interested in that section of the British zigzag line south of Ypres, where the Canadian troops are now on duty on the advanced British lines of communication southward to the post where the rest of the British forces are expected to land. "British officers pay a high tribute to the splendid discipline which the Princess Patricias have maintained in France, and this will go a long way towards dispelling the notion that the friendliness between officers and men at Salisbury might destroy efficiency in the field. One British officer said to me: 'This front has become a battle of inches, and the slightest advance made of the general scheme endangers our whole front. We were afraid the Canadians in their enthusiasm would carry out the rush so effective in South Africa, and it would be fatal here; but the Princess Patricias, rank and file, have shown themselves steady, and the officers well-trained.' "There are several Canadian Army Service Sections working along the communications now, mostly distributing stores to field bases, which is often a ticklish work, and the Princess Patricias are also in France, and these are of course many remount officers and men at work at the main British base. The Canadian hospital continues extremely busy, and splendid work is being done in this town by Canadian nurses who have been loaned to the British Army Medical Corps. Every unit wearing a Maple Leaf that has yet landed in France has made a distinctly favorable impression, both with the British and French officers; but I am inclined to think the British commanders were wise in deciding that Canadians should not work as a separate division, but should fight side by side with the first line troops of Britain.

ROLLAND HILL'S

WHOLE ARMY CORPS OF TURKS CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS. New York, Jan. 6.—A Herald cable from London says: "The Russian army of the Caucasus has won what is regarded here as one of the most decisive victories of the war in the capture in its entirety, of a Turkish army corps and the rout of two of three Turkish columns advancing into the Caucasus." For the first week Constantinople has told the world of the rapid movement of Ottoman troops across the frontier. Three days ago one of these detachments, captured Ardahan, fifty miles beyond the border. Yesterday, the Russians rallied with their supports, recaptured the town and drove the Turks out in disorder, according to a Petrograd announcement. This force now is virtually surrounded, and the roads of retreat are cut off. A Turkish force, consisting of two army corps, advancing toward Kars crossed the frontier near Sarikamish, where it was met and where one of the corps was captured. AUSTRIANS RETREAT FARTHER. Further west, in the Galician theatre, last night's bulletins told of further Russian success in the Carpathians. In the Usok Pass, where the snow is severe, the Austrians were driven to further retreat through the mountains, with Russian cavalry pursuing and attacking on flank and rear.

DOCTORS AT INQUEST TELL OF A NEW LIVER DISEASE

London, Jan. 6.—A new liver disease caused by a quick drying varnish and which varnishers and polishers may be subject was discovered here by Dr. Bernard Spitzburg and Doctor Wilcox, an eminent pathologist, in an autopsy upon a workman employed at the Hendon Aircraft factory. This varnish is composed of tetrachloro-ether, methylated spirits benzine and other ingredients. Rats subject to the vapors, said Spitzburg and Wilcox, became drowsy and developed an extensive liver disease. The workman's death was due to syncope from disease of the liver caused by the action of tetrachloro-ether.

WOULD GIVE NOBEL PRIZE TO THE KING OF SWEDEN

London, Jan. 6.—A Daily News correspondent telegraphed from Copenhagen: "The Norwegian press makes the novel proposal of awarding the Nobel Prize to the King of Sweden for his initiative in establishing the Scandinavian triple entente at Malme." It was first proposed on the outbreak of the war, to give the prize money to a relief fund, but it was considered that this was hardly in accord with the spirit of the donor. Later it was proposed to make any award, owing to the war.

MANY AUSTRIAN WOUNDED MUST LOSE THEIR FEET

Trieste, Austria, Jan. 6.—On a train of 800 wounded arriving here from the northern battle ground, 200 of the men had had their feet so badly frozen that amputation was necessary, in some instances of both feet. The great steamship sheds and warehouses of the Austro-American Navigation Company have been transformed into hospitals and all are crowded.

CAMPAIN FOR BIGGER CROPS

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—W. F. Kild, of the Ontario department of agriculture, has been loaned to the department of agriculture here to assist in organizing the campaign for increased agricultural production. It will take place throughout all sections of the country in February to urge upon the farmers, the need of increasing their crops because of the demand created by the war and the increased prices it will produce.

REMODELING TUG

The tug Martello, owned by J. Holly Sons is on Gregory's blocks at the foot of Portland street, being remodelled. When completed she will practically be new.

ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE

The prisoner pleaded guilty this morning to breaking and entering McGuire's liquor store, and was allowed to go by Judge Forbes on suspended sentence. Two youths were charged with breaking and entering with McGuire, and the other charged with breaking and entering Williams second hand store in Mill street, were allowed to go on suspended sentence, in charge of C. D. Howard, playground supervisor.

SPLendid WAR GIFT TO KING BY INDIAN RULER

London, Jan. 6.—A fleet of forty-one motor ambulances, four officers' cars, five motor trucks, and ten motor cycles has been presented to King George's car by the Maharajah Scindia of Gwalior. The cars, after the presentations at Buckingham Palace, were reviewed by the king, queen, the Princess Mary and Prince Henry. The King then sent a personal telegram of thanks to the Indian potentate.

UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF FRENCH AUTHORITIES AGAIN

Forty-one Towns and Villages in Alsace Which French Have Occupied—The Strain is Off in Paris and City Relaxes

London, Jan. 6.—The Morning Post's correspondent telegraphs from Bernes: "Forty-one towns and villages in Alsace, which have been occupied by French troops since the outbreak of hostilities, are now administered by the French authorities."

RELAXING IN PARIS

Paris, Jan. 6.—The military situation is now so satisfactory that the government has begun gradually to relax the rigors of the war regime for Paris. By decree, Alexandre Millerand, minister of war, has declared that the entrenched camp of Paris, with the exception of the District of Pontaise, is no longer included in the zone of operations, and Louis J. Malvey, minister of the interior, now permits bakers to make fancy bread, a practice forbidden since August 7. Paris, Jan. 6.—2.40 p. m.—The official French statement follows: "In Belgium the enemy delivered, but without success, two attacks in the region of the Dunes and to the southwest of St. George. On the rest of the front to the north of Lys and from the Lys to the Oise, there has been nothing except artillery fighting. In the valley of the Aisne and in the sector of Rheims our batteries gained the upper hands over those of the enemy, reducing them to silence. At a point northwest of Rheims it is reported that some of our troops have made an advance of about 500 yards. "In the Argonne there developed a very spirited attack which permitted us to retake 300 yards of trenches in the forest of La Grurie at the same place where there was recently a slight giving way, as previously reported, from Bagetelle and from Fontaine Madame where were delivered two violent German attacks each of which was repulsed. A complete regiment was engaged in each movement. "Near the Ravine of Courte Chaussees we blew up by exploding a mine 800 yards of German trenches, half of which we subsequently occupied. From the Argonne to the Vosges the bad weather has continued. There has been fog and mud. At different points along this front there have been fairly spirited artillery exchanges. In the Forest of Lepatrie we have continued to gain ground. "In the region of Than (in upper Alsace) in spite of a violent cannonading we retained the gains achieved the night before at Steinbach, as well as in the reaches to the southwest and to the northwest of this village. The enemy succeeded in re-occupying one of its former trenches on the eastern flank of a nearby height, the summit of which, however, remains in our possession. "It should be set forth that in the Argonne near the Ravine of Courte Chaussees, at the point where we blew up the German trenches the attacking regiment commanded by Lieut. Col. Garibaldi, delivered a vigorous assault against the breach made by the explosions. The Italians captured 120 prisoners, including twelve under officers, and took one machine gun and one caisson. The chief adjutant of this regiment, Constantine Garibaldi, brother of Lieut. Col. Garibaldi, was killed during this attack."

THE SITUATION IN ALBANIA

Rome, Jan. 6.—Baron Sonnino, Italian minister of foreign affairs, yesterday explained before a council of the ministers the situation in Albania. He told of the steps that should be taken in Albania and the ministers agreed to proceed with such measures as he considers necessary and which were agreed to by the premier. The opinion prevails here that Italy will abstain from interference with the internal affairs of Albania beyond the occupation of Avlona. The Austrian and Bulgarian ministers are the only members of the diplomatic corps remaining in Durrazzo in connection with the Italian raid on Friedrichshafen last month, and is being patched to join the second line of Zeppelins, which number a dozen and which are useless for long journeys. Since the English aviators' raid, work has begun on a new Zeppelin, which it now takes twenty days to complete. The principal parts are made in factories elsewhere in Germany and brought to Friedrichshafen to be assembled. The Zeppelins. Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 6.—Count Zeppelin has at present seven serial dreadnoughts at his disposal at Friedrichshafen, Dusseldorf, Berlin and Hamburg. An eighth was badly damaged in the British raid on Friedrichshafen last month, and is being patched to join the second line of Zeppelins, which number a dozen and which are useless for long journeys. Since the English aviators' raid, work has begun on a new Zeppelin, which it now takes twenty days to complete. The principal parts are made in factories elsewhere in Germany and brought to Friedrichshafen to be assembled. Re-Making Their Faces. Havre, Jan. 6.—The French army medical corps have set apart three eminent surgeons to make "aesthetic repairs" and remove deformations from the faces of those wounded in the war. For Shelter of War-Stricken. London, Jan. 6.—Plank houses with tarred paper roofs are sorely needed for shelter of peasants in the area ravaged by war. Labor, paper, glass and lumber are scarce in France and exhausted in Belgium. London Directory Smaller. London, Jan. 6.—For the first time in years, a new edition of London why directory shows a shrinkage. The 1914 directory weighed fifteen pounds. The directory for 1915 has wasted away to fourteen pounds, fourteen ounces. Part of two ounce loss is due to the disappearance of German and Austrian firms. This directory contains the names of business houses and professional men, but the population living in hotel or boarding houses is not mentioned, so that it is difficult to ascertain the shrinkage due to emigration.

PART OF FREIGHT TRAIN OFF TRACK NEAR TRURO

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 6.—The west-bound (Cannon Ball), a fast freight, jumped the track about 5 o'clock this morning on "Bible Hill," near Truro. Several cars went into a ditch and tied up traffic on the main line for hours. The locomotive did not leave the track. No one was injured. No 10 east-bound express was held up, and other trains will probably be delayed.

IS EXONERATED

The Nova Scotia Royal Commission has exonerated Attorney General Daniels in the matter of the charges made regarding a sale of lands of the Halifax and Southwestern Railway.

BODY OF BOY Laid At Rest

Coroner Roberts made enquiry this morning into the death of James Duncan, a sixteen year old boy who was killed on the steamer Kadana on Monday night by falling down one of the holds. After this he gave permission for burial. Interment took place in Fernhill.

EXPECT HE WILL RECOVER

Yong Hip, a Chinese who was shot yesterday in the riot at Sand Point, is in the hospital suffering considerable pain. The bullet has been located close to the thigh bone, but has not been removed. Unless blood poisoning sets in no serious results are anticipated.

LATE POLICE COURT

The preliminary hearing in the case of the boys who recently escaped from the Boys' Industrial Home, and who are charged with breaking and entering the home of J. M. Roche, Lancaster avenue, was continued in the police court this afternoon.