

FISHERMEN FACE DEATH AS BOAT BURNS AT SEA

Thrilling Story of Escape in Channel Told by Vessel's Captain

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Trapped on a burning ship in mid-channel, and fighting heroically all night to subdue the flames, two sailor brothers were at length driven out on to the bowsprit, there to sit, dazed and scorched, facing death either by burning or drowning. How they were saved from a terrible doom was related by Capt. William Medhurst, of the Ramsgate Motor fishing-trawler Britannia, and his brother Arthur, who comprised the little crew of the ill-fated trawler. Skipper Medhurst had a thrilling story to tell.

"At 11 o'clock last night," he said, "we were trawling in mid-channel, east by north of Beechy Head in some 16 fathoms of water. Our engine was running, as we had our trawl out. We were engaged clearing away our all-day's catch, which was still lying on deck, when suddenly we saw flames and smoke shoot up from the engine-room."

FLAMES SPREAD
The fire spread rapidly until the whole of the ship was ablaze. We used a patent extinguisher, but it was no good. We threw water on the burning mass but still the fire beat us. Soon the whole of the ship was ablaze, and the large mainsail—which we had set—also caught fire. We were right in the track of the shipping and the fire—which must have resembled a huge beacon—lit up the sea for a considerable distance. We managed to lower our only boat but in the hurry and confusion, we forgot to secure it. My brother Arthur, with a rope which I quickly fastened under his shoulders, plunged under the water fully dressed, and swam to recover it, but the tide was running strongly, and he could not reach it. So I pulled him back by the rope, and helped him on board.

Insures Wife's Dimples; She Has Them Still But Loses Him

PARIS, Sept. 28.—An amazing story of how a husband insured his wife's dimples for \$100,000 and then lost her, has just been told before the Paris courts.

The man is Fred G. Nixon Nirdlinger, the wealthy theatre manager of Philadelphia, and from now on it looks as though his interest in his beautiful wife will be limited to her insured dimples.

When they were married three years ago Mr. Nirdlinger insured the dimples for \$100,000.

He met her at a beauty competition where he was one of the judges. Another woman was awarded first prize.

By this time the whole of the ship was on fire, and the smoke and fumes overpowered us. We let go the anchor so as to get the vessel's head to the wind, and so drive the flames and smoke aft. Still the fire continued to gain on us, and we were forced to get forward as far as possible.

CLIMB TO BOWSPRIT
Our clothes were alight in places, and the park of the deck forward, where we were, although not actually alight, was too hot for us to stand on. The heat was becoming intolerable, and drove us to our last extremity. Crawling out along to the end of the bowsprit, we sat straddle-legged, faced with one or other of two dreadful alternatives. We tried to cheer each other up. We were terribly thirsty, and our throats were parched but we could not get any water. To make matters worse, the ship gradually settled itself, and our dangling legs, hanging over the bowsprit, got lower and lower in the water. Suddenly we saw a small rowing boat coming toward us. It came from a German three-masted schooner named the Carl, which, by the aid of the flames, we could see not far off. They were only just in time, for no sooner had we dropped into their boat than the Britannia sank with a tremendous hiss beneath the waves.

LITHUANIA SIGNS PACT WITH RUSSIA

MOSCOW, Sept. 28.—Soviet Russia and Lithuania today signed a treaty of neutrality and non-aggression.

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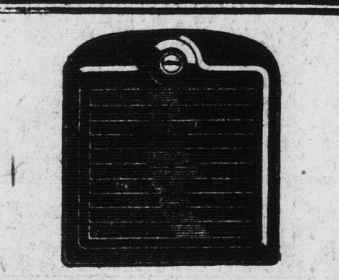
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Arrangements Made For Annual Meeting

Arrangements for the annual meeting to be held on Oct. 7 were made by the executive of the Saint John High School Alumnae at a meeting held last night at the home of the president, Miss Dorothy Sinclair, Waterloo street. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at the home of Miss Grace Ealey, 186 Germain street, and a nominations committee was appointed with the following members: Miss Louise Lingley, Miss Frances Campbell and Miss Edith Lawrence. An auditing committee was named as follows: Miss Grace Campbell and Miss Maud Gibson.



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LEADERS' COUNCIL WILL TAKE CHARGE

Decision re Girls' Work in Saint John Reached Last Evening

It has been decided to have the Leaders' Council take charge as the local body governing the girls' work under the religious education council in Saint John during the coming season. The work of the former Girls' Work Board and of the Leaders' Council formed the subject of discussion at the meeting of the leaders' training school class last night in Centenary church parlour, when Miss Marjorie Trotter, Maritime girls' work secretary, was presiding. It was agreed that it might be more effective for the work to place the responsibility with the Leaders' Council and not having the Girls' Work Board functioning this season. Arrangements were made for having the annual meeting of the Leaders' Council on Friday night at the closing session of the leaders' training course. There was a still larger attendance at the course last evening, and there were representatives present from two additional churches, Portland United and Carleton United. Miss Trotter led in the discussion of programs for the workshop period in group meetings and how to organize a group. For tonight the subject of discussion will be what is required from a group that wishes to be classed as a recognized group.

JUDGE FOLKINS OF SUSSEX IS DEAD

Former Police Magistrate Passes Away in Boston; Was Visiting Relatives

SUSSEX, Sept. 28.—Word was received here this afternoon, by E. P. Vanwart, of the sudden death of Hiram W. Folkins who had recently gone to Boston to visit his relatives. For many years Mr. Folkins filled the position of police magistrate at Sussex and was a highly respected citizen. Judge Folkins' wife predeceased him several years ago. He is survived by four sons and two daughters. The sons are Othmar, of Grotten, Mass.; Elbert, of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Fred, of Lynn, Mass.; and Walter, of Toronto; the daughters are Mrs. Ford S. Smith, of Fredericton, and Mrs. E. P. Vanwart, of Sussex. Three brothers, John, of Pleasant Ridge, Kings county; Frank, of Lynn, Mass.; and Warren, of Millstream, and one sister, Mrs. Howard Folkins, of Millstream, also survive.

The body is being brought to Sussex for interment. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

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