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RIVAL BEAUTIES CHUMY AS LOT OF SCHOOL GIRLS

Queens Having a Jolly Time in Montreal

Busy Time on Tuesday with Outdoor and Indoor Events — Miss St. John Here Monday — Miss Halifax Accepts Our Invitation.

(Special to The Times.)

Montreal, Que., Feb. 7.—As the day of coronation draws nearer in the Canadian Beauty Contest the queens of the east, west and centre of the Dominion assembled here seem to be relaxing into a group of chummy schoolgirls rather than rivals. With pleasant weather today they are cavorting about town in twos and threes, while some of the more considerate chaperons are taking the opportunity to do a little shopping of their own. Miss Regina and Miss St. John—the blonde and brunette duo—are making shopping calls in Miss Regina's limousine. They are very eager to see some of the good shows now running, but the continuous round of social and outing affairs keeps them busy. Dr. Maher of St. John invited the St. John party to a box party for "Blossom Time" at His Majesty's last night, but the tobogganing meet prevented their accepting it.

Kiss the Cook.

Yesterday after the luncheon given by Miss Halifax, Manager Cardy of the Mount Royal Hotel escorted the competing beauties through the establishment and informed them that it was customary for visitors to the kitchen to kiss the cook. If new ideas in housekeeping are to be a scoring point in the Miss Canada competition the contestants received an avalanche of them on this occasion. There is some prospect of a visit from Roloph Valentino and his dancing band at a local dancing-hall this week, and if such is brought about the Canadian girls will be invited to dance with the celebrated movie star.

Today's Luncheon.

Today the Montreal Publicity Association is giving a luncheon on the golden hall of the Mount Royal Hotel at which the visiting Queens are guests. While no inkling of such being the case is given out some interested parties feel this occasion too will be a test of the all-round capabilities of the fair competitors who may be called upon to make short addresses. As a matter of fact the girls are considerably apprehensive of the affair and are approaching the dining hall as if being led to the block.

Greetings From Home.

Today Miss St. John received a telegram of greeting and best wishes from the Women's Canadian Club of her home city, signed by Mrs. Raymond, president. It expressed the hope that Miss Blair would win the Canadian title which would represent the true type of Canadian young womanshood and thus bring added honor to the Loyalist city she represents.

Tuesday was clear and bright, with the temperature snappy enough to supply any natural color the representative queens may have lacked. The skiing, snowshoeing and tobogganing at the Montreal Ski Club and Park Tobogganing Club in the afternoon and evening afforded most exhilarating outings, and not only the competing young ladies but their chaperons as well entered into the sport with zest. Expert ski jumpers gave the ladies many a thrill, and Mrs. Girvan of Halifax took some daring slides aboard the skis of one of those imported instructors, a sort of ski-jumping duet.

Miss St. John, Miss Regina, Miss Edmonton and several other of the entrants in the all-round Canadian girl contest did not attempt the ski-jumping, but made merry with the toboggans and played in the snow like the grown-up kids they really are. Newspaper photographers secured a feast of pretty shots as Miss Regina, striking blonde; Miss Edmonton, with brown hair, and Miss St. John, decided brunette, played about. Miss Winnipeg, Miss Halifax, Miss Quebec and Miss Sherbrooke all used the skis, the last mentioned being especially proficient.

A Newspaper Assemblage.

It was rather singular that the outing on the mountainside, which was reached by large four-horse sleighs or "kingfishers" as they are called here, should bring about what might be termed a transcontinental assembly of newspaper folks.

Major Sifton and wife of the Winnipeg Free Press are of the retinue of Miss Winnipeg; Mrs. Hooke, wife of the editor, and Mrs. Bell, wife of the president of the Regina Leader; Mrs. Ernest Girvan of the Halifax Herald and Mail, E. W. MacCready of the St. John Telegraph and Times were all present, along with a full representation of the Montreal press.

The afternoon tea which followed the sports was a very newsy and therefore a very pleasant one. Mrs. Sifton of Winnipeg and Mrs. W. H. Golding of St. John assisted the committee in their social duties. The party returned to their hotels for dinner, and special tables held several animated parties, the beauty contestants appearing in picturesque garbs.

Last night the same parties were back on the mountain enjoying the half-mile slide. Chaperons were in on this treat, too, and somebody has suggested that the ladies should enter the next Canadian competition themselves, but the merry matrons consider this remark as merely patronizing.

Today's Programme.

At noon today the visiting young ladies and their parties attended a

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Strike of 30,000 Workers in New York Ordered

New York, Feb. 7.—Thirty thousand members of the dress and waist makers' union last night were ordered to go on strike this morning.

The strike, which will affect 2,000 shops in New York City, employing mostly women, was called because the manufacturers refused to meet the union demand for a weekly salary basis of pay, instead of the present piece work system. The union turned down a compromise of an eight hour day five day week.

Liberal, Chosen By Voters on Monday, is Dead

Sherbrooke, Que., Feb. 7—George E. Denault, of Asbestos, Liberal, elected on Monday, died this morning without having been informed of his victory. He was forty-two years old. Two days before polling day he was stricken down with pneumonia.

COLLISION OFF SAN FRANCISCO

Steamship and Schooner Crash Together—Crew of Lighter Vessel Take to Boats.

(Canadian Press.)

San Francisco, Feb. 7—Collision between the passenger liner Wilhelmina, 6,725 tons, and the steam schooner Sierra, 1,084 tons, about twenty-five miles from this city is described in wireless messages. Both ships backed away leaking. A tug was sent from here. The Wilhelmina is owned by the Matson Navigation Co. She was in-bound from Honolulu. The Sierra is a wooden lumber schooner, owned by the E. K. Wood Lumber Company. San Francisco is the home port of both vessels.

Both vessels sprang a leak. Four hours after the collision the crew of the Sierra, had taken to lifeboats, while the Wilhelmina was in no danger and was undamaged except for a dented bow. She was standing by.

WILL SEEK JEWELS IN SAILOR'S COFFIN

Army and Treasury Departments Agree to Open the Grave of James Jones—To Explode Rumors.

Washington, Feb. 7.—New York customs officials were authorized by the Treasury Department to detail representatives to be present at the exhumation and examination of the coffin of James Jones, who is buried in the Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn. The purpose of the search will be to investigate reports that some of the Russian crown jewels were secreted in the coffin of Jones, a mess attendant on the army transport Endellyn, who died two years ago while that vessel was bound from Vladivostok to New York.

Colonel Clifford, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, said today that little credence had been given the rumor, but that the Treasury Department had taken action at the request of the War Department, which had complained of the necessity of maintaining a heavy guard around the grave in order to keep away curiosity seekers.

"Stories of attempts to smuggle into this country Russian crown jewels have been reported to the customs officials for over two years," Colonel Clifford said. "One was that the jewels had been concealed with the body of Jones in a metal-lined casket which had been buried without being opened, thereby defeating the plans of the smugglers. None of the stories has been substantiated, and in this instance there has not been sufficient evidence to warrant exhuming the body.

"Publication of the rumor of the jewels being concealed in Jones' coffin has resulted in flocks of curiosity seekers haunting the United States Army section of the Cypress Hills Cemetery, and they have gone there in such numbers that the military authorities found it necessary to place an armed patrol there to guard the grave."

It was indicated here that the actual work of exhumation would be in charge of the army and would be performed at a date to be decided upon by the authorities in New York.

Mrs. Stillman Plans to Sell Hats

New York, Feb. 7—Mrs. Anne U. Stillman is going into the wholesale millinery business in this city, her secretary revealed today, after Justice Morschauer in White Plains had denied application yesterday for extra alimony from her divorced husband, James A. Stillman.

Fear that the submarine 4-6, due at Los Angeles yesterday, has met with disaster on the way south is expressed by U. S. naval officers.

THE "TRANQUIL" PREMIER

—From London Opinion.

PASSENGER AIR SERVICE; NEW YORK AND LONDON, 12 HOURS

This is Prediction at Conference in Londan—Carry More Than 200 People and 10 Tons of Freight.

London, Feb. 7—The prediction that in the not far distant future a regular passenger air service will bring New York within twelve hours of London was made by Major General William Sefton Branker, at the third annual air conference, in the Guildhall yesterday afternoon. He said estimates had already been worked out for a new type of air craft capable of carrying more than 200 passengers and ten tons of mail and other freight, these craft being designed to operate over long distances.

"Safety and reliability are the two most important objectives which the air transport must attain," Sir William Branker told the meeting. "When we have established these two factors we shall have no more trouble obtaining passengers."

As to the factor of safety, he said, 10,000 regular passengers "and 22,200 joy riders" traveled on various British commercial air routes last year without a single passenger being killed or injured.

RUNAWAY GIRL SUICIDE BY POISON

Friend Who Fled With Elizabeth Timm Found Her Dead in a Harlem Hotel—Longed for Mother's Love.

New York, Feb. 7.—The disappearance of two girls from their homes in Brooklyn on Tuesday of last week was explained when one of them, Elizabeth Timm, nineteen, of 3,918 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, was found dead from poison in a room at 125th street and Park avenue. She had killed herself because of despondency caused by illness and the desire for a mother's affection. Her mother died some time ago.

She had talked of suicide for a long time, and when she told a friend, Marie Moore, eighteen, of 659 Sixtieth street, Brooklyn, that she was going away, Miss Moore determined to go with her to prevent an attempt at suicide. They first went to Golden's Bridge, Westchester, and returned to the city on Wednesday, going to the hotel.

Miss Moore retired first Thursday night, her companion saying that she wished to stay up to write a letter. She asked Miss Moore to mail it for her in the morning, as she would not get up early. When Miss Moore awoke she tried to awaken Miss Timm, but soon found that she was dead. She had killed herself by drinking part of a bottle of cleaning fluid. Miss Moore then found the letter, which was addressed to Miss Marie Hazrick of 191 Utter avenue, West New Brighton, S. I. It disclosed that she had a father and brother and expressed regret for the pain she would cause them.

"Perhaps you will never understand my point," she had written. "People say love is not necessary to happiness, but it is all wrong. Love is necessary not only to happiness but to love itself—not the love of an admirer, but the protection, devoted love of parents. I learned to loathe life and longed for the peace of death years ago, but tried my best to fight for the right thing to do. You kept me up all the time, but now I think I am really out of my mind.

"I have wanted to die many times. I thought of getting a revolver, for death would be quicker then. I dreaded poison."

Detective McGuire of the East 126th Street Police Station took charge of the letter after questioninig Miss Moore. She admitted that Miss Timm had been in love with a man and that the affair had not resulted happily.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE MAN REFUSES TO TELL WHERE HE GOT $24,700

New York, Feb. 7—Wm. H. Anderson, state superintendtnt of the Anti-Saloon League, whose financial affairs are under investigation, refused yesterday to tell Acting District Attorney Pecora how he acquired $24,700, the amount he said he took from his own pocket and expended for league publicity more than nine years ago.

CLOSE MINES TO SEEK KIDDIE

Two-year-old Child Kidnapped, 11,000 Coal Workers in Search.

Cardiff, Feb. 7—Two year old Merwyn Hodges played about the door of his father's cottage in Aberaman, today, unmindful of the fact that for two day practically no coal in the great Aberdare Valley field had been mined because the 11,000 miners who should have been at work, were searching for him.

Merwyn, a miner's son, disappeared last Saturday noon from his father's house. After fruitless hours, a man passing a closed freight car that stood on a colliery siding heard a faint cry. He opened the door and found Merwyn, tearful, but unhurt. The youngster could only say that "a man" had taken him for a ride in an automobile.

It is supposed that the child was kidnapped and that his captors placed him in the car when they saw the furore his disappearance had caused.

DANCE REVIVAL CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Worcester Mayor to Make Drive to Bring Back Old-Time Steps—Hopes to be Next Governor of State.

Worcester, Feb. 7—Mayor Sullivan, who hopes to be the next Governor of Massachusetts, will carry along with his gubernatorial campaign as a side line a drive to revive the old-time dances.

The modern whirls of terpsichore, bunny hug, fox trot, shoulder shake and hesitation do not appeal to him. He loves the old-time dances, the glide waltz, the Virginia reel, quadrille and Portland fancy, the dances of graceful movement, the dancing of which does not necessitate the parking of corsets in the cloak room.

"I have encouraged dancing," says the mayor.

"There will be a revival of the old-fashioned dances, the dances of graceful movement, a return to normalcy from the flood of jazz dancing, if I can bring it about. I hope very soon to arrange the first of a series of social dances at which I will entertain my personal friends and my loyal political supporters, that will be a feature of the gubernatorial campaign. The old dances will be danced."

MORE JOBS THAN EVER IN DETROIT INDUSTRIES

Detroit, Feb. 7.—More workers are employed in Detroit than at the peak of the war-time industrial operations, labor officials estimated today. Approximately 300,000, the greatest number ever employed here, now have jobs.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "over in Egypt they are about to produce the mummy of a king who lived over 5,000 years ago. They have already unearthed golden chariots, jewels and works of art."

"I been readin' about it," said Hiram.

"Over in Mongolia," went on the reporter, "they have dug up the skeleton of a dinosaur 5,000,000 years old."

"I seen that, too," said Hiram. "Sorto knocks the spots off of them there dinner-sowers they found in the clay beds out in Alberty or somewheres."

"Quite so," said the reporter. "But is the Settlement content to be left out in this competition?"

"Well," said Hiiram, "I guess we're too near bed rock fer any mummies or bones to be dug up—onless it's the hip-j'int of an Injun or somethin' like that. But I'll tell you what we hev got. We got some folks out there that hes idees about how to run the place that's more'n ten million years behind the times—yes, sir. An' you kin put that in the paper, too—By Hen!"

STAFF WINS U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Scores 200 Points in Professional Meet in St. Paul—McGowan Second and Lamy Third--New Record Made.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 7—Art Staff of Chicago, last night won the national indoor professional skating racing championship, winding up a two day meet, with a total of 200 points and winning four first places. Staff clinched the title by winning the quarter mile event in 37 1-5 seconds, a new record here. Arrangements are underway to match him with Oscar Mathieson of Norway, world's champion.

Everett McGowan, of St. Paul, finished second with a total of 185 points. He won two out of three races tonight—the mile in 2 minutes and 53 4-5 seconds and the two mile in 5.51 1-5.

Edmund Lamy of Saranac Lake, N. Y., was third with 125, and Norval Paptie, Bathgate, N. D., fourth with 85.

BIG FIRE LOSS AT COLLIERY

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 7—Fire last night destroyed the breaker at No. 7 colliery of the Susquehanna Collieries Company at Nanticoke, near here, causing a loss estimated at $750,000.

The breaker had a capacity of 2,500 tons a day and its destruction throws 1,500 men and boys out of employment.

EIGHT YEARS FOR TRAIN ROBBER

Regina, Feb. 7—Within five days of the robbery of an express messenger of a Canadian National train on the outskirts of Regina on Feb. 1, Douglas Lamont Burvis, alias Douglas Lamont Curtis, is under sentence of eight years in Prince Albert penitentiary.

Burvis pleaded guilty.

More than 100 arrests have been made in Italy in effort to stamp out a Communist agitation.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The high pressure over Ontario and Quebec is diminishing and an important low area now centres in Manitoba is likely to move to the Great Lakes. The weather is comparatively mild through the west but continues cold from Ontario eastward.

Forecasts:

Fair and Cold.

Maritime—Fresh northerly winds, fair and cold today and Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore—Fine today. Thursday fair and not so cold.

New England—Fair tonight and tomorrow; rising temperature Thursday; moderate to fresh northly winds, becoming variable.

Toronto, Feb. 7—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a. m.	Highest Yesterday	Lowest during night
Prince Rupert	30	46	28
Victoria	38	40	38
Kamloops	38	34	32
Calgary	22	52	10
Edmonton	26	48	26
Prince Albert	18	22	18
Winnipeg	14	6	2
Sault Ste. Marie	2	14	2
Toronto	5	13	5
Kingston	*4	8	*6
Ottawa	*22	6	*22
Montreal	*10	0	*10
Quebec	*16	0	*16
St. John, N. B.	0	12	0
Halifax	6	14	2
St. John's, Nfld.	8	4	2
Detroit	14	18	14
New York	16	24	14

*Below Zero.

Turks Threaten Force If Allied Warships Remain at Smyrna

Belligerent Attitude as Lausanne Negotiations Are Suspended—Kemalists Put Restrictions On Vessels in Smyrna Harbor.

(Canadian Press.)

Constantinople, Feb. 7—The Turkish commander at Smyrna has informed the commanders of the Allied warships there that he has orders to enforce their withdrawal if they do not comply with a Turkish order to leave Smyrna, just issued.

TURKS PUT ON BAN AT SMYRNA

Constantinople, Feb. 7.—The Turks have notified the foreign commissions after today no foreign warship exceeding 1,000 tons may enter the harbor of Smyrna and that no two ships of one nation will be allowed there at the same time. After a conference of the Allied admirals Admiral Sir William Nicholson, aboard the British cruiser Curacoa, was ordered to Smyrna. In addition, the Allied high commissioners here handed a note of protest to the representative of the Angora Government.

It is understood the Turks will require such ships as do not meet with their specifications to leave Smyrna harbor today.

Ismet Changes Again.

Paris, Feb. 7—Even tenacious optimists admitted today that the prospects of signing the Lausanne treaty between the powers and the Turks appeared to have receded into the distant future.

Ismet Pasha, it seems, had another change of mind almost before the train bearing the French delegation homeward was out of sight, abandoning his conciliatory attitude.

This further manifestation of Turkey's facile changes of front had an exasperating effect on Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary, and even on friends of Turkey in France.

Therefore, when the British Government declared that Ismet must put into writing the text of the clauses on which he and the Allies were in agreement, together with a detailed plan concerning those to be reserved for annexed conventions, further asserting that the economic questions ought to be settled at once, Premier Poincare hastened to endorse this viewpoint and communicated it to Ismet.

The latter, however, put nothing in writing. Instead, he gave a verbal message to Count Massigle, secretary general of the conference, for transmission to the powers, which appeared today to have created an entirely new situation.

Paris Worried.

Paris, Feb. 7—The French Government is considerably worried over the symptoms of extreme nationalist action by the Angora Turks. The news that representatives of the Angora Government have warned the Allied warships to quit Smyrna is regarded as indicative of the spirit prevailing in Angora and which is considered likely to affect the disposition of Ismet Pasha, which respect not only to the clauses of the Near East peace treaty that remained contenious subjects at Lausanne, but also those that had already been agreed upon.

It is feared in official circles here that after a sojourn in the atmosphere of Angora, whither he is bound from Lausanne, Ismet may desire to modify some of the concessions he has already made.

France and Italy are in accord as to the necessity of re-opening the negotiations as soon as possible, but it is thought improbable now that anything more can be done until Ismet returns from Angora. It is expected his voyage and sojourn there will occupy about a month.

Meanwhile exchanges of views will continue among the Allied governments as to how to prevent a fresh outbreak of hostilities between the Turks and the Greeks.

Ismet Leaves.

Lausanne, Feb. 7—Ismet Pasha, and the principal members of the Turkish conference delegation left Lausanne for Angora at 7 a. m. A secretary remained behind. Several newspaper men accompained the party.

In reply to a question Ismet Pasha told the Associated Press correspondent that he was ready to return to Lausanne or go elsewhere, perhaps in three weeks if the Allies wanted to resume the negotiations.

To avoid crossing Greek territory, especially the Karaghatch railroad station, which was in dispute at the conference, Ismet is proceeding by way of Bucharest and Constanza, thence by steamer to Constantinople

ARRESTED AT MEAL GIVEN BY HIS CLUB

Guest of Honor Taken from Table on Charge of Issuing Worthless Check.

New York, Feb. 7—An orchestra was playing "Hail to the Chief," and 146 men and women were shouting "Good luck!" "Bon voyage!" to Elias Davis at his farewell dinner in the Capitol Club of Flatbush, preliminary to his departure for Europe on the steamer George Washington, when two detectives caused a scene by placing the guest of honor under arrest on a technical charge of issuing a worthless check.

Mr. Davis, who is 26 years old, and is a member of the house committee of the club. When he announced several weeks ago that he was going to Rumania and Austria on business members of the club and their wives, sisters and daughters arranged a surprise dinner for him.

Several members of the club decoyed him to the club. When the men and women drew up in automobiles they were not aware that Detective Sergeant Bernard Grottano and Charles Corbett of the Bergen street station were lurking in a near-by doorway with Joseph Wilkey, a pointer of 572 Pacific street, awaiting a favorable moment to descend on the guest of the evening. Mr. Davis, under a subterfuge, was led to a room in the upper part of the building while his friends were gathering around the table, and, at a given signal, he was led into the dining hall.

With the first outbreak of cheering, the two detectives descided the time had arrived for their dramatic entry on the scene. They crept up the stairs, with Wilkey close at their heels, and made their way to the head of the table, where stood Mr. Davis, blushing and joyously attempting to return the salutations of the assemblage.

"Are you Mr. Davis?" asked Detective Sergeant Grottano.

"I am," replied the guest of honor.

Detective Sergeant Corbett then produced a check for $53.72 and asked, "Is that your signature?"

"It is," Mr. Davis answered.

"Well, you're under arrest," exclaimed both detectives in unison, as they placed hands on Mr. Davis's shoulders.

Then it was explained to the astonished Mr. Davis and his friends that Wilkey, who painted automobile trucks, had requested them to arrest the guest of honor because the check, which was in payment for a job done on Mr. Davis's truck, had been returned to Wilkey by the bank with the statement "insufficient funds."

It would be impossible to permit their prisoner to remain to the end of the festivities, the detectives explained, nor would Wilkey accept payment for the check offered by nearly every person present. Davis was taken from the party and arraigned before Magistrate James V. Short in the Night Court, where, after furnishing $1,000 bail for appearance this morning, he was released. He returned to the club and told the gathering that he had overlooked the check in withdrawing funds preparatory to his trip to Europe. He said he would have to cancel his trip on the George Washington, because of the necessity of his appearance in court.

NOW FINE OR PRISON

Western Miners, Says Court, Did Not Respond to Leniency.

Edmonton, Feb. 7—Saying that leniency shown in the case of ninety striking miners given suspended sentences recently on a charge of unlawful assembly, had apparently not brought the desired effect. Mr. Justice Ives yesterday imposed a fine of $25 on each of twenty-eight strikers convicted on a similar charge.

Imprisonment for three months was stipulated in the event of any of the accused men defaulting in payment of the fine.

HISTORIC HOME IN IRELAND BURNED BY RAIDERS

Dublin, Feb. 7—Castle Boro, magnificent and historic residence of Lord Carew, near Enniscorthy, was completely destroyed by fire on Monday evening by armed raiders. The damage is estimated at more than £100,000.

MONTREAL FIRE

Montreal, Feb. 7—Two firemen were slightly injured and damage was estimated at $85,000 as the result of a fire which partly destroyed a building occupied by the Carriage Factory, Ltd., and the Charlebois Company, Ltd., at 443 St. James street here last night. The losses are covered by insurance.

Four Little Ones Have a Long Journey

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 7—Four youthful travellers have arrived here from Johannesburg, South Africa, to make their home. They came all alone and were just one month from the day they left Africa until they arrived at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Herbert Hearne, 173 Brunswick street.

The children, who made the journey alone, are Alma Robar, aged fourteen years; Albert, aged twelve years; Vera, aged ten years, and Ada, aged eight years. Their father is very ill. Being assured he could not recover and wanting his children to be with relatives he sent them to his sister, Mrs. Hearne.

PLOT IN ITALY.

Rome, Feb. 7—The police say they have gained irrefutable evidence of a vast plot to overthrow the Fascisti Government.

SPEND NIGHT IN EFFORT TO SHOVEL NEW YORK OUT

Scores of Accidents, Some Deaths, in Storm

Five Inches of Snow — Six Thousand Men and 450 Plows at Work — Severe Conditions in Newfoundland and Along Coast.

(Canadian Press)

New York, Feb. 7—More than five inches of snow covered the city early today as a storm which caused scores of accidents last night and demoralized early traffic seemed to be subsiding.

The government forecaster called for more snow today and tonight while a storm warning gave notice of a disturbance off Cape Hatteras said to be moving rapidly northward.

More than 6,000 regular and temporary employes of the street cleaning department and 450 snow plows and tractors worked through the night to keep the city's business streets and walks cleared while transit lines used every available man. Marine reports were that ships were compelled to halt because of the blinding storm and incoming vessels due today were expected to be late.

Drivers of cabs and hacks retired their wheeled vehicles at the height of the storm and did a thriving business handling theatre crowds in old fashioned sleighs which jingled in Broadway and Fifth avenue, for the first time this season.

Two firemen were killed and three others injured in a suburb when their machine crashed into an electric train at a crossing. A skidding automobile crashed into an uptown subway entrance, blocking it for nearly an hour.

The fuel shortage, combined with the storm, has caused the number of pneumonia and influenza cases and deaths to mount rapidly. Five deaths from gas poisoning also were attributed to the storm, while a man and a woman were in hospitals in serious conditions from inhaling the fumes.

In Newfoundland.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 7—Railway and steamboat traffic have been abandoned owing to the severest mid-winter conditions experienced in Newfoundland for many years. While the interior of the island is isolated by deep snow and heavy frost, fierce gales along the coast have cut off communication with the outside

The cold wave set in Saturday night, the temperature gradually dropping to ten below zero in this city and thirty below at interior points. The mail boat Kyle which left this port Saturday night for Louisburg, N. S., has gone no further than the vicinity of St. Pierre, Miquelon, late today.

The vessel then reported by radio that she was hove to with mountainous seas running. The Kyle has been three days covering half of a trip usually made in twenty-four hours. To add to the difficulties of navigation tremendous ice-floes are reported off the eastern coast and the Grand Banks seriously impeding all ocean shipping.

ONCE NOTED OARSMAN DEAD

Dennis Donahoe was American Single Sculls Champion—Did Sid Marks Get Raw Deal?

(Canadian Press)

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 7.—Dennis Donohoe, proprietor of the Park Hotel, died today in St. Joseph's Hospital. At one time he and his brother Jerry were famous oarsmen. He won the championship of America at Chicago in the single sculls. His brother is also ill.

New York, Feb. 7.—Dave Brown, manager of Sid Marks, Canadian lightweight, has sent the local papers a letter of complaint criticizing Referee Tommy McGinley for his handling of a ten round bout between Marks and "Pep" O'Brien, in Scranton, Pa., a week ago. Brown avers that O'Brien did not knock out Marks, as the telegraph reports had it, but says the referee stopped the bout after he counted four over Marks and declared it "no contest."

Brown's version of what happened coincides with a story which appeared in the Scrantonian on last Sunday, the headline of which read: "Did Sid Marks get a square deal here?"

O'Brien, it is said, violated the rules several times by using the rabbit punch, which is barred, and was not even warned by the referee, altho Marks objected to the foul.

Quarter Million Fire Loss Last Night in Calgary

Calgary, Feb. 7—Damage, unofficially estimated at $250,000 was done by fire which destroyed the Great West Saddlery warehouse here last night.

In spite of a blizzard, the fire fighters managed to keep the fire from spreading to the Martin wholesale paper warehouse and the Barber Ellis Paper Company.