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4-HOUR BATTLE AGAINST WHARF BLAZE

CITY SHED AT REED'S POINT ABRAZE AT 3 A. M.

Harbor Pilots and I. Goldberg & Co. Are Losers

SHED OLD TIMER

Former Anchor Line Quarters Which Survived 1877 Scourge

Flames shooting through the roof of the warehouse on the western end of Reed's Point wharf this morning about 3 o'clock attracted the attention of a member of the crew of the schooner Beatrice, lying at that wharf, and he notified City Watchman Logan, who turned in an alarm from box 81. The fire was extinguished only after four and a half hours work owing to the fact that the warehouse was stored with bales of waste papers and magazines which were owned by I. Goldberg and Co. for shipment to pulp mills. The pilot's office over the warehouse and their store room in the western section of the building suffered the larger portion of the damage. The building is owned by the city. The total damage will not exceed \$2,000 it was estimated this morning.

Shed Is Old One.

The warehouse is the oldest one owned by the city and was formerly the old Anchor Line shed. It is more than 50 years old and was one that escaped the great fire of 1877. The entire warehouse is leased from the city by Mr. Goldberg and he sells the one part to the pilots for their rooms and another section for the use of the steamer Grand Manan for freight.

Loss Gift Clock.

It is not known how the fire started. The pilots say they were none of them in the room after 8 o'clock last night. Their office and store room down stairs were both badly burned. In this room in addition to the usual furnishings there was a handsome mahogany clock which was presented to the pilots by Stanley Elkin in memory of his father, Captain E. C. Elkin, who had been a port warden. A barometer and several old pictures were also lost. The pilots estimate their loss at approximately \$400 and in addition they are greatly inconvenienced owing to the loss of this room as it was an ideal site and commanded a view of every dock in the harbor. Arrangements are being made by J. C. Chesley, agent Marine and Fisheries Department, to have the pilots use a room in the Customs House.

Goldberg Loses.

Mr. Goldberg said this morning that he estimated that the damage done to his property would total about \$500 and added that it was uninsured.

Commissioner Bullock looked over the damaged warehouse this morning and said that the building would be repaired. He said that there was \$1,000 insurance on it, and added that he did not think it would quite cover the loss.

Policeman Hurt.

Policeman Walter Coughlan suffered painful injuries when he was hurled from the side of the chemical engine while going to the fire early this morning. He and Policeman James Corner were near No. 1 fire station when the alarm sounded and they both jumped onto the side of the chemical engine.

Policeman Coughlan slipped off the engine in Charlottetown street and had a narrow escape from being run over by the heavy machine. He escaped only by throwing his body clear as he fell. His foot did not entirely get clear and the great toe of his left foot was broken.

He was taken to Dr. D. C. Malcolm's office where he was attended to. An examination showed that he had escaped without further serious bruising about the body. Dr. Malcolm conveyed the injured officer to his home in his automobile.

N. S. FATHER AND SON ARE MISSING

Have Not Been Seen Since They Left For Lobster Traps Thursday.

CLARKE'S HARBOR, N. S., March 14.—Ernest Brown, 50, and his son, Kenneth, 15, were drowned, it is believed, in the heavy seas that were running off here Thursday morning when they left home to tend to their lobster traps off Stony Island. No word has been heard of the men up to a late hour last night and it is thought their craft must have capsized with fatal results. Searchers have failed to discover any signs of the missing men or their craft.

First Blood Spilled In German Campaign To Elect New President

STIKES AND NEGRO FREED OF WIFE'S CHARGE

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LOSES OUT IN RACE AGAINST DEATH

Northern B. C. Postmaster Dies on 14 Mile Trip Through Blizzards.

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By Canadian Press. PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., March 14.—Found critically ill by E. C. McCorkell, fur buyer, upon his arrival at Manson Creek, in Northern B. C., "Archie" King, postmaster, died soon afterwards while being taken by dog sleigh across the snow wastes, in a howling storm, toward medical aid at Babine. McCorkell found King critically ill with his partner, who had been acting as doctor and nurse, so exhausted as to be unable to go for supplies which had run low.

Sweats Is Successful. Just before he died, the postmaster swore in his partner to succeed him. The new postmaster then turned back to Manson Creek, leaving McCorkell and the Indian to push on toward Babine with King's body.

For 14 days they floundered across unbroken tracks through a whole series of blizzards. With provisions low, they were forced to kill three dogs to supplement their small supply of flour and bacon. The remaining dogs became so famished they attacked the corpse of the former postmaster, and it was only with difficulty that the two men were able to prevent the starving brutes from devouring the body.

H. S. ESTABROOKS NAMED PRESIDENT

Ketepce-Morna Outing Association Holds Annual Meeting—Good Reports.

At the annual meeting of the Ketepce-Morna Outing Association, held last evening in Temple building, Main street, encouraging reports of the activities of last year were read and plans for the coming year talked over. Among the subjects discussed was the incorporation of the association and a special meeting is to be held soon to decide this question.

The treasurer was able to report all bills paid in the current account and a good balance on the right side of the ledger.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. S. Estabrooks; vice-presidents, James W. Brittain, Mrs. W. S. Edgar, James Stephenson, Mrs. G. Fred Noble, C. D. Strong and Mrs. Walter Sutton; secretary, G. Fred Noble; treasurer, Matthew Adams.

The following committees were appointed: Building and improvement, J. A. W. Waring, J. E. Marshall, A. W. Lingley, Charles Nelson, Walter Sutton, W. S. Edgar and Joseph Smith; audit, S. G. Olive, C. P. Sutton and James Stephenson; sport, G. B. Andrews, Mrs. J. W. Brittain, Mrs. W. Sutton, Mrs. G. F. Noble, Robert Orr, Charles Nelson, Charles Magnusson and W. S. Edgar; house, James W. Brittain, Mrs. J. E. Marshall, Mrs. Charles Nelson and Mrs. C. D. Strong.

\$10,000 Fire At No. Sydney Store

SYDNEY, March 14.—Damage estimated at over \$10,000 was caused by a fire which broke out this morning in the North Sydney branch store of the Canadian Co-operative Society.

Quebec Asks English Town To Return Shield Taken By Wolfe

Canadian Press Despatch. QUEBEC, March 14.—Mayor Samson was authorized last night by the City Council to forward a formal request to the Hastings City Council to return to this city the old shield taken to England after the capture of Quebec by General Wolfe and now adorning the Hastings coat of arms.

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MILIONAIRE ACQUITTED ON THIRD BALLOT

Was Accused of Conspiracy to Defame Wife

By Canadian Press. CHICAGO, Ill., March 14.—W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire New York hotel owner, and Robert F. Lee, Chicago negro, were acquitted last yesterday of conspiracy to defame Mrs. Helen Ellwood Stokes.

3 BANDITS TAKEN AFTER BANK ROBBERY

Director Shot, Cashier and Wife Blackjacked—\$6,000 is Stolen.

TUCKAHOE, N. J., March 14.—Surrounded in the woods near here after they had robbed the Tuckaeho National Bank of \$6,000, shot one of its directors, and blackjacked the cashier and his wife, three men surrendered to North Wildwood police yesterday without resistance. All the stolen funds were recovered.

New Ambassador Arrives

Baron Agg von Maltzen, his wife and daughter photographed as they arrived in America. He's Germany's new diplomatic representative at Washington.

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Refused Re-entry After Visit to Vancouver

NOTED ATHLETE

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Wheat Slumps Another 5 Cents; Forty Cents Drop In Ten Days

CHICAGO, March 14.—Wheat made a wavering start on the Board of Trade today and then plunged five cents below yesterday's close. May touched 102 1/2. Made was of huge volume, with reports current that wheat at Liverpool was unsatisfactory.

OBRIEN AND HARTNETT FIGHT 10-ROUND DRAW

HALIFAX, March 14.—Teddy O'Brien of Sydney, formerly of New York, fought a ten-round draw here last night with Joe Hartnett, local welterweight, according to the decision of referee O'Neill, in opinion of newspaper men O'Brien should have been given the decision.

RECORD BROKEN AT N. S. STEEL PLANT

Meanwhile Coal Strike Situation Remains Unchanged—Move Relief.

SYDNEY, March 14.—The colliery districts continue to stagnate under the blighting influence of the 100 per cent. strike of the United Mine Workers. Sydney steel plant is rapidly getting into its stride and expansion of operations and employment continues.

SEIZE MUNITIONS

N. Y. Police Arrest 3 Men; Take 50 Rifles From Communist Headquarters.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Bomb agents last night arrested three men whom they found drilling 50 others with rifles at the Ukraine Society headquarters. Later they secured 50 rifles and 25 submachine guns of the Communist or Workers' Party.

AGED MAN DROWNED

W. P. TOLLON, 87, Falls in Creek While Attempting to Free Ice.

GRAND VALLEY, Ont., March 14.—While engaged in an attempt to carry away a foot bridge, W. P. TOLLON, 87 years, of Waldemar, was drowned yesterday, in a small creek which runs through his farm. He had been a resident of Waldemar and vicinity for more than 60 years.

Chicago Fighting Lagrippe Epidemic

CHICAGO, March 14.—Chicago health department and the police department have asked for help in checking the spread of a disease resembling influenza or la grippe, which has spread rapidly here in the last two weeks.

Word of P. E. I. Fire Is Received Here

The local Marine and Fisheries Department has received word of a fire which did considerable damage yesterday morning about 3 o'clock to the store room of the Marine and Fisheries Department in Charlottetown, P. E. I.

JUDGMENT DEFERRED.

Judgment in the case of E. A. Farren which was set for yesterday afternoon has been further postponed. Magistrate Henderson said today the case was under advisement.

6 KILLED, 25 WOUNDED IN CLASH AT HALLE

Communists and Police Exchange Shots and Blows

8,000 ARE IN RIOT

Fight Starts at Meeting When Translation of English Speech Banned

By CARL D. GROOT. United Press Staff Correspondent. BERLIN, March 14.—First bloodshed in the campaign to select a successor to the late President Ebert has occurred. Reports today from Halle said six were killed and 25 severely wounded in riots when police attempted to break up a meeting of Communists.

Shots Exchanged. A police telephone message to the United Press at noon said the tumult started when the police forbade translation of a speech of an English Communist. Crowds in the gallery shouted insults at the police and shots were fired. The police answered the fire, the message said, adding:

"Our reports indicated that five Communists are dead, including one woman, six severely wounded, and 18 suffering from minor injuries."

The controversy started with an argument over whether all candidates should be eligible for the presidency. Communist candidates for the campaign were 8,000 in number.

About 6,000 people were in the hall when the meeting started, and the police were on the alert for an outbreak. According to the Role Fahne, a Communist paper, Ernest Thielmann, Communist candidate for the presidency, was scheduled to speak at a big folks park hall, which became so over filled that parallel meetings had to be held.

Police Interfere. English and French Communists had addressed the gathering and a German interpreter was about to translate their remarks, when the police officers jumped on the platform and said something which the crowd failed to understand. The chairman asked the interpreter to repeat his remarks so he could inform the audience. Then, the Role Fahne claims, the lieutenant, without warning, ordered the police to fire on the assembly.

SCHOOL STRIKE IS CALLED IN ALSACE

Designed as Protest Against Action of the French Government.

STRASBOURG, France, March 14.—Monsieur Charles Ruch, Bishop of Strasbourg, has called a school strike throughout Alsace, effective Monday, as a protest against the institution by the French government of "inter-confessional" or religiously neutral schools.

BAIL REFUSED IN BLACKMAIL CASE

Evidence Given About Conversation and Alleged Former Receipt of \$3,000.

Application for bail for Henry LeBaron Anthony, charged with attempting to steal with menaces from the Purty Ice Cream Co., Ltd., was made in the Police Court this morning by J. Starr Tait, appearing for accused, but Magistrate Henderson ruled he would not consider it at present. He was remanded until early next week.

ROBBED ON STEAMER

Wife of Former U. S. State Secretary Loses Fur Coat and Jewelry.

CHERBOURG, March 14.—Arriving here on the Olympic, Mrs. Huntington Wilson, wife of the former American Assistant Secretary of State, reported to the police that her \$25,000 chinchilla coat and several hundred dollars worth of jewelry had been stolen.

CURZON HAS GOOD NIGHT.

LONDON, March 14.—The medical bulletin on Lord Curzon's condition says he had a good night, and that his general strength has been maintained.

Ramsay MacDonald Aspired Once To Press Gallery Post

LONDON, March 14.—(Canadian Press).—Who are those? They look like recording angels?

"No they are not recording angels; they are taking evidence, not for the defence but for the prosecution."

Laughter greeted Ramsay MacDonald's story, as above, of how he explained the press gallery to a visitor of the House of Commons, when the former Premier was the chief guest at the parliamentary press gallery's annual dinner last evening.

MacDonald confessed he had never had an ambition of becoming Premier, but he had of being a member of the gallery. He declared that the press gallery's occupants were the people who made the House of Commons or retarded it to insignificance in the minds of the people.

The Weather

TORONTO, Ont., March 14.—The depression which was in the southwestern states yesterday has moved rapidly to the Lower Lakes, there causing heavy rain and snow, which is now spreading into Eastern Canada. The weather continues very cold in the Western Provinces.

FORECASTS. Clearing Sunday. MARITIME.—Moderate south-east gales, with rain and sleet. Sunday strong westerly winds; clearing. NEW ENGLAND.—Rain tonight in northwest. Sunday partly cloudy and colder; strong south-west shifting to west and north west winds.