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THREE DISASTROUS FIRES IN TORONTO WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

FIRE CAUSES \$100,000 DAMAGE AT THE EXHIBITION GROUNDS TWO BUILDINGS ARE WIPED OUT

Conflagration, Said to Be Incendiary, Completely Destroys Sheep and Poultry Buildings—No Keys to Fire Alarm Boxes Responsible for Delay in Appraising Department—Over Eighty Firemen Were Kept Busy Preventing Flames From Spreading.

With the exhibition three weeks away, two buildings disappeared by fire Sunday afternoon.

Starting in the sheep building, near last year's eastern entrance, the flames gushed thru the long wooden aisles, jumped ten feet to the poultry building, lingered at the door and window sills a moment and then raged thru that brick and stone shell. In fifteen minutes the fire was at its height, and the department, delayed by a belated alarm, just arriving. A hundred thousand dollars' damage was done.

Temporary sheds will be put up for the poultry show, a tent erected in the open space north of the grand stand, where the horse sheds used to be for the sheep.

Of the sheep building nothing remains but charcoal and twisted tin. Naked brick and stone foundation walls, bulged in places and ragged at the edges with torn metal coping and enclosing an unroofed pool in which charred wood floats, tell of the futility of semi-fireproofing as tried in the once handsome poultry structure. This building has been used two years and cost about \$70,000. Its walls held, except for some few bricks that fell before the heat, but they may have to be razed. The floor and roof of the building, enclosing many layers of chicken coops, piles of sawdust, lumber and other materials used in buildings under construction were choice fuel for the flames, and the unprotected steel work of the interior, whitened with heat, withered and bent into fantastic figures.

No one who would tell could say how the fire began. Sparks from a passing locomotive—the depressed Grand Trunk tracks run alongside the buildings—set things going is the theory of some. But firemen and police

Fire King's Toll

Saturday afternoon—Robert Cream & Co. hat factory, and nine houses on Balmuto street, damage \$200,000. Cause unknown.

Saturday night—Five summer wooden sheds in rear of houses on Strachan avenue, damage \$1000. Cause supposed to have been incendiary.

Sunday morning—Six houses, Jersey avenue, partially gutted, damage \$500. Cause unknown.

Sunday afternoon—Two buildings at Exhibition grounds, damage \$100,000. Cause supposed to have been incendiary.

TWO MET DEATH IN TORONTO WATERS

Clarence Grant Was Capsized From Canoe in Island Lagoon and Drowned Despite Efforts of Companion—Young Italian Sank While Swimming in Bay.

Becoming excited when their canoe struck the swell from the island lagoon yesterday afternoon Clarence J. Grant, aged 23, 23 Balmoral avenue, was drowned, and his companion, Norman Rowland, aged 20, 23 Price street, had a narrow escape from death. Rowland tried valiantly to rescue Grant. The latter grasped him about the neck and both sank. It was a case of each man fighting for his own life. Had the boys kept their places in the canoe they would have been perfectly safe and the accident was entirely due to their inexperience with the paddle.

The owners of the launch displayed surprising ignorance in handling their craft and had they been more prompt in turning it around, Rowland might have succeeded in holding on to his companion until they arrived.

The youths hired a canoe from Dunn's boat house about 4 o'clock and said they would be back in an hour. They were returning from their paddling about 5 o'clock and had started up the lagoon. Grant and Rowland feared that the swells from the launch would upset them. Altho the launch was running rather close to them, there would have been no danger of capsizing had the boys used their paddles. Instead of this, however, they stopped, paddling and attempted to shove the launch away with their paddles.

Swell Struck Canoe.

A large swell struck the canoe, and the two youths moved to one side to counteract the force of it. The boat upset and they were plunged into the water. The occupants of the launch started to jump overboard. Both boys swam for the canoe. It overturned and Grant caught hold of Rowland. The latter tried to save his chum, but Grant was struggling and had started up and went below the surface. Rowland broke Grant's hold.

Captain Frank Ward's life saving boats, Ruth and Patricia, were on the scene two minutes after the accident. They dragged for the body, but it was not recovered until forty minutes later by Malt Aykroyd. The pulmotor was used, but in vain.

Grant was to sing at church services in the evening. He was prominent as a member of the Maitland Lacrosse Club.

GIRL PERFORMS NERVY FEAT SWIMS ACROSS TORONTO BAY

Miss Nellie Lyons of Montreal Crosses From Hanlan's Point to Argonaut Club in Forty-Seven Minutes and Then Wanted to Swim Back Again.

Miss Nellie Lyons, the little Montreal girl, swam across Toronto Bay, from Hanlan's Point to the Argonaut Rowing Club Sunday morning. Miss Lyons is a modest retiring young lady who dislikes publicity, and consequently chose the early hour of 8.30 a.m. in which to accomplish the feat. She outwitted the curious public successfully, too. The only persons on hand when she swam up to the Argonaut dock was the boatman and the reporter, on whom, when she was assisted out of the water, she bestowed a dainty little smile and requested a glass of water.

Her time was exactly 47 minutes, which Miss Lyons considers very slow. "But you know my friends here would only let me try it if I promised to take my time," she told The World afterwards. "I'm going to swim it again against time."

"Weren't you pretty exhausted after the swim?" asked the reporter.

"No, not at all," was the reply. "Do you know, I was really surprised to find myself so fresh at the finish. It's the longest swim I have ever made; previously I confined myself to short distance swimming, diving and trick swimming. I felt as fresh as when I started."

Wanted to Swim Back.

"Why, she wanted to jump in and swim back again," broke in her friend, "but we wouldn't let her."

"Do you really think you could have

EIGHT FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS THRU FIRE

Once Again Lack of Water Pressure Handicapped Firemen on Jersey Avenue, When Six Houses Were Partially Gutted—Many Residents Imperiled.

SCENE: Jersey avenue, north of Harbord street. Six brick houses on the east side of the street, from No. 105 to No. 95.

TIME: 7.50 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

CAUSE: Carelessness in the home of Charles Fell is given by residents on the street as the cause.

ORIGIN: An upstairs bedroom in Charles Fell's house, 105 Jersey avenue.

RESULT: Eight families, numbering about 40 persons, driven into the street.

POINTS OF INTEREST: Hydrants were found by the firemen to be plugged up with sand.

Pressure and water supply inadequate.

Absence of police protection after the fire, and as a result reports that money was taken from the houses.

Chief Thompson to make an investigation into the cause of the weak pressure.

THIS LADY WAS NEVER KISSED

Dr. Annie Quesnel, Delegate to Geologists' Convention, Member of Anti-Kissing League.

Dr. Annie T. Quesnel, a noted zoologist of the Swedish university of Uppsala, arrived in New York last week from Europe. She and her husband will represent the university at the international congress of geologists at the Normal school this week, and will be among the most interesting delegates.

Dr. Quesnel does not believe in kissing. She will lecture on the subject in the United States on her return from Toronto, and she hopes her talks will have a good effect on the younger generation. The doctor is statuesque and strikingly pretty, and she has never been kissed, not even by her husband.

"My husband has never kissed me, and I have never kissed him," she added. "Neither of us have ever kissed anyone. We are both very active members of the Continental Anti-kissing League. We believe kissing is unsanitary and a menace to good health."

"In Europe agents of the league are assigned to the public parks, railroad stations, and steamship piers, and whenever they observe a couple who seem to be on the verge of kissing each other good-bye, they display a brass badge with the words 'Danger to Kissing.'"

"It is then the agent's duty to separate the would-be kissers and deliver a lecture on the perils of osculation."

"We feel that if persons having been properly warned of the risk they run, persist in kissing, sufficient punishment is meted to them by the thousands of bacilli that will be left on the lips."

TEAM BOLTED DRIVER KILLED

Charles Coe of Swansea Fatally Injured in Runaway on Gerrard Street—Two Other Teamsters Hurt.

When a team of horses which he was driving ran away on East Gerrard street, near Coxwell avenue, late Saturday afternoon, Charles Coe, about 50, of Swansea, was so seriously injured that he died a few hours later. The wheels of the wagon passed over Mr. Coe's chest, severely crushing it.

Coe was moving furniture from Gerrard street to a house near his own at Bloor and Jane streets, Swansea. His own horses were sick, so he borrowed another team. When a piece of furniture slipped off the wagon the team became frightened and plunged forward. As the lines were attached to the whiffletree Coe ran forward to secure them. He was knocked down after running a hundred feet. Medical attendance was secured, but Coe died a short time later.

Car Frightened Horse.

Thrown from the wagon when his horse ran away Wilbur Wilson, 40 Fenning street, was seriously injured at Bathurst street and Davenport road, late Saturday afternoon. He was removed to his home in the police ambulance, and his condition is still critical.

Wilson was coming toward the city when a street car frightened the animal, and before he could regain control the lines the wagon had upset and he was thrown out onto the pavement.

Two More Injured.

Frank Hrebzboy, 236 Ontario street, was thrown from a wagon at George and Front streets Saturday night and sustained serious injuries. He was removed to St. Michael's Hospital. Hrebzboy was riding on top of a load of bed sacks and was jarred off.

W. Turner, 1208 West King street, fell off his wagon at Queen and Dundas streets on Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock. He was conveyed to the Western Hospital, where his chest was found to have been injured.

NINETEEN MEN ARE KILLED IN MINE

Two Explosions Near Tower City, Pa., Claim Lives of Miners, Five of Whom Met Death in Attempting Heroic Rescue—Cause of Disaster Not Clearly Known.

TOWER CITY, Pa., Aug. 3.—(Can. Press.)—Nineteen men were killed and two seriously injured yesterday in a double explosion in the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. mine near here. Thirteen men died in the first explosion and five went to their death in the second blast after an heroic attempt to rescue the first victims. One of the rescuers escaped alive, but died a few hours later.

The dead:

JOHN LORENZE, 60, mine superintendent.

DANIEL MCGINLEY, 48, fire boss.

EXPLORERS FAIL TO GAIN RICHES

Four Prospectors Penetrate Eight Hundred Miles Beyond Cochrane into Unexplored Regions.

COBALT, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Sam Ottawa, Ernie Hol and David Moore and "Dag" Tuberner, well-known northern prospectors, have just returned from a trip 800 miles north of Cochrane. They started out on May 4 for Ungava in search of placer gold and diamonds. As they just reached Hurlingham at the time the ice was going out of the rivers and lakes they encountered almost unprecedented high water and currents. They went in by the Neigamon River and reached the Nitchiquon on the coast of the Hudson. They blazed trails and canoed hundreds of miles where white men had never before set foot. The trip so far as striking placer gold and diamonds was concerned was not successful. It is said, but the men were, however, greatly impressed with the country, and one of them stated that he thought the far north was rich with other minerals. They found a formation of rock extending nearly all the route they traversed going north, which is said to be similar to that in their mining districts of the great north.

NO INDEMNITY SAYS BULGARIA

Counter Proposals to the Demands of the Allies Submitted to Peace Conference.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—(Can. Press.)—Bulgaria submitted counter proposals to the demand of the allies at the Bucharest peace conference today, according to a telegraphic despatch from Bucharest, Roumania, to the Exchange Telegraph Co.

The Bulgarian proposals stipulate that the frontier line shall start at the old Bulgarian boundary and run southward between Kumanovo and Esri-Palanka, thence between Veles and Istip, across the Vardar River to Murichovo, near Monastir, and then far as striking placer gold and diamonds was concerned was not successful. It is said, but the men were, however, greatly impressed with the country, and one of them stated that he thought the far north was rich with other minerals. They found a formation of rock extending nearly all the route they traversed going north, which is said to be similar to that in their mining districts of the great north.

SATURDAY'S DISASTROUS FIRE ON BALMUTO STREET

Fireman Haggart of College street hall being given first aid and attention by the residents of the neighborhood.

Five lines of hose and one broken line playing on Crean building from Balmuto street.

Fighting the fire from the rear, as seen from the top of a building behind Balmuto street.

Wreck of Crean Hat Factory, 12-18 Balmuto street, as viewed from the street side.

DEARTH OF CARS FOR PASSENGERS

And as a Result Thousands of Holiday Seekers Were Unable to Get Away From Union Station.

Several thousand citizens who purchased railway tickets, intending to leave the city over Sunday and Civic Holiday, were unable to even get aboard their trains at the Toronto Union Station on Saturday, and the result was that for the first time in years people were unable to leave here on the same day they bought their tickets. The cause of the whole trouble is summed up in three words—"shortage of cars."

Had this been all the citizens would have had plenty to kick about, but it was far from being all. Those who did manage to get aboard a train did so in many cases in a train that left here from two and a half to three hours behind its scheduled time. Among the trains that were exceptionally behind time in pulling out from the station were included the 5.19 Belleville train, the 7.05 Peterboro train, and the 5.45 Harris train. Inquiring passengers could name a number more. And again car shortage was the cause.

Dineens Closed Today.

W. & D. Dineen Co., hatters and furriers, 140 Yonge street, closed all day today.

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Towels

Towels, with a good early buying Saturday dark colorings, size 70 x 70 inches, 1.00

with a nice Regularly \$5.50, 3.95

Napkins, assorted, ready for use, 1.49

splendid wearing Special Saturday, 20

Coversings

less Axminster green, green, this quality has 12.75

14.75

17.75

and Rugs. We getting for quick 2.00

greens, reds and x 63 in. Regu- 2.00

of designs, spe- per square yard, 37

49c

week border, 49

se size, with 10.50

open and brown, 10

ceers, with gold Saturday special, 10

variety of floral special, each 9

29c

wear, shirts and different makes These are all On sale Satur- 29

ERTS.

cream, sky, near Saturday 87

eries

Butter, 30

packages, 25

Hasenberries, 18

Per tin, 21

3 tins, 25

lb. Raisins, 15

Per bottle, 16

Per lb., 25

Sardines, 24

Mixed, 22

and Wal., 22

Chili, 10

3 bottles, 25

assorted, 25

Per tin, 8

Per lb., 15

2 lb., 25