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The Weather Cold With Snow

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# DEATH TOLL FROM Texas Pastor Faces Trial Today For Killing Lumberman

35 Youngsters in City Hospitals Reported Recovering From Wounds in Mad Stampede Sunday Afternoon

THEATRE MANAGERS OPEN FUND

Building Inspector Tells of Action Taken Year Ago Against Pro-prietor to Open Blocked Exit—City Stunned by Occurrence

Canadian Press

MONTREAL, Jan. 10.—The toll in lives from the panic in the Laurier Palace moving picture theatre yesterday, when a crowd of children rushed for the doors following an outbreak of fire, was placed officially at 77 this morning. Thirty-five youngsters in the city hospitals were reported to be recovering, and not to be in any further danger.

TRAMPLED BY THRONG

The citizens of Montreal this morn

HEART-RENDING SCENES.

All yesterday afternoon and evenin

Mahon as the aged official, his head bowed in grief and his heart filled with sympathy, assisted them to ful-

The inquest into the deaths of 76 | tims and relieving any distress among victims of the Laurier Palace Picture families arising out of the disaster. Of House, fire and panic yesterday after- this sum, \$1,000 was subscribed on the noon, was adjourned until next Thurs- spot by the managers present. It was noon, was adjourned until next Thursday, shortly after the hearing opened here today. The proceedings were postponed by order of Coroner Mc-Mahon, after the hearing of one father as to the identification of his child, and the hearing of Dr. R. Fonchild, and the hearing of Dr. R. Fonchild, so the supplemented by the owners of the various other theatres with the result that a fund of \$20,000 to \$30,000 would be raised. The Laurier Palace Theatre, the scene of the tragedy, is not represented on the Montreal child, and the hearing of Dr. R. Fon-dy, is not represented on the Montrea taine, morgue autopsist, who told of Theatre Managers' Association. having examined the bodies of 72 of the

### victims, all children. FIRE INQUIRY TOMORROW.

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The coroner stated that he wished to have the outcome of the fire commissioner's inquiry, which will open tomorrow, before the coroner's jury would be asked to render a verdict.

Thomas Girard was the first to appear before Coroner McMahon to claim a death certificate for his son, Raoul. He stated under oath that his boy, aged 14, had no permission to go to the show. Girard said his boy went to the show sometimes but did so against his father's will, and in opposition to his orders. They went with a 13 year old brother, who was saved.

Joseph Hetuk was then called as the first witness, and stated that his ten year old boy, Ardien, was among the victims. Witness had identified the body at the morgue. Adrien had been accompanied by his eight-year-old brother, who had been saved and was in hospital.

The citizens of Montreal this morning were sorrowfully surveying the havoc wrought yesterday afternoon, when, within a few brief minutes the inex of 76 children were snuffed out, and 35 other persons were more or less seriously injured, as the result of the panic in the Laurier Palace moving picture theatre which followed an alarm of fire. The little victims, whose ages ranged from only five years of age to 16 or 17, were for the most part suffocated by smoke or trampled to death under the feet of the throng which jammed its exits in the wild rush to safety.

The tragedy is one of the most poignant that has ever occurred in this city, and is the greatest moving-picture catastrophe that has ever happened in this country. In several cases more than one member of a family was killed. Constable Albert Boisseau, of the Tetreautville police station, lost his three children.

### NOT ENOUGH EXITS

"Had the children your permission to go to the show?" asked the coroner. "They hed permission to go to another show, not that theatre," the witness replied.

The coroner: "Why not that theatre, did you think it was dangerous?" Thetuk: "Yes, there were not enough exite."

All yesterday afternoon and evening there was a heart-rending procession of distracted parents to the city morgue where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes within the building were unparalleled in their tragedy and pathos, as heart-rending procession of distracted parents to the city morgue where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification. The scenes where the 76 little bodies were laid out, awaiting identification.

to claim some pitiful little corpse.

Stricken to the depths with the hor Hetuk: "I have been there myself."
Dr. Rosario Fontaine, morgue autopsist, said he had examined 72 bodies during the night. There had ror and the sorrow of it all, the officials guided the mourning parents among the bodies, themselves, grim been different causes of death; some had been crushed, others suffocated. line of fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers passed before Coroner Mc

Lawand, and three of his staff, were released on \$100 bail, each pending in-

### FEW HAD RIGHT

In his preliminary address to the jury, Coroner McMahon expressed the opinion that probably not more than three or four of the victims had any tifications had been made and the right to be admitted to the picture cause of death determined. house at all. A provincial law pro-hibits the admittance of all children under the age of 16 to enter a theatre

mider the age of 16 to enter a theatre who are not accompanied by an adult.

"I, myself, interrogated 51 parents overnight," the coroner told the jury men. "Not more than three or four of the children identified by their parents were accompanied by an adult, as required by law. No, I don't believe there were as many as four,"

Concerning the catastrophe in the Laurier Palace Theatre yesterday, James McIsaac, chief inspector of the fire department, stated that he had taken an action about a year ago against this theatre to force the management to open a blocked exit and that his instructions in that respect had been complied with.

To each parent he put the question whether the dead child had gone to the theatre attended by some responsible person, and if he or she, had secured the parents' permission. The answers in many cases were in the negative to both queries.

How the fire which was the cause of the catastrophe began will not be determined until the inquest which begins Monday next, and until the owner of the theatre, Ameen Lawand, a Syrian, has been questioned. Lawand was taken to the detective bureau at an early hour this morning, in company with three others, the assistant manager, the head usher and the ticket taker. He was granted \$500 bail and will appear as a witness at the in-

### HAD SEVERAL REPORTS. Questioned as to the last time the

Questioned as to the last time the Laurier Palace Theatre, St. Catherine street, east, had been inspected, Mr. McIsaac said he had several reports regarding the inspections of the Laurier Palace Theatre, and some of these inspections had been made last December 1. LONDON SYMPATHIZES. LONDON, Jan. 10-Several London newspapers issued special editions last evening to publish the latest cables telling of the disastrous panic in the spections had been made last December. He had two men on theatres to report cases and take actions.

THEATRES RAISE FUND.

At a hastily summoned meeting of the members of the Montreal Theatre Managers' Association, held Sunday, a resolution of sympathy with the sufferers and families of the victims in the afternoon's disaster was passed. The members also pledged themselves to raise a fund of \$10,000 towards paying the funeral expenses of the victims the found on Page 11.

projection of a comedy-picture.

### Fire Tragedy Stirs Canada

Ranks as Greatest Death Dealing Disaster Since Halifax Explosion

Canadian Press

TORONTO, Jan. 10. - Canada awoke today to read with consternation of the heart-rending disaster that has overtaken Montreal. Nothing of the same nature in the history of Canada can be recalled that in any way duplicates the distressing nature of yesterday's catastrophe, although there have been tragedies of a like nature in other countries. The most recent of these was the panic in a wooden hall in the village of Drumcollogher, Limerick county, Ireland, on September 5 last, when 48 men, women and children lost

SIMILAR TO MONTREAL The Drumcollogher tragedy was similar to Montreal's in that in both cases a moving picture was being shown, when fire broke out and the panic ensuing resulted in a blocking of the exit. At Drumcollogher the narrow stairway leading from the only exit was brok-en when the crowd stormed down it, and many people were killed when they threw themselves from

windows. Others were burned to death and some smothered.

Apart from the Halifax disaster of December 6, 1917, when it was estimated 2.500 were killed or died of wounds, Montreal's tragedy will probably rank as the greatest death-dealing disaster of recent years in Canada.

### OTHER DISASTERS

Records of such occurrences are not readily available, but Montreal's tragedy brings to mind the following disasters in Canada in recent years The Spanish River railway wreck of 1910, in which 42 lives were lost; the railway wreck at Wanstead, Western Ontario, about 25 years ago, in which about 30 lost their lives; the disaster at Quebec when the collapse of the middle span of the bridge under construction at that time took an mmense toll of life; the Herald building fire in Montreal in 1910. when 33 last their lives, and the fire in the Hochelaga school in Montreal in 1907, which took a toll

THE panic which caused the deaths ranks as one of the biggest disasters Canada has ever experienced. It was much the greatest loss ever caused in the Dominion by fire or the panic of fire, although dwarfed by the terrible loss-1,500 lives-in the Halifax explosion nearly 10 years ago.

### fill the requirements of the law. Working ceaselessly and giving to each LIST OF DISASTERS. Following is a list, as complete

of 16 lives.

as can be gathered from various rources, of the more serious disasters in the Dominion since about the time of Confederation: 1864-St. Hilaire, Que., train off To each parent he put the question whether the dead child had gone to the theatre attended by some respontrack; killed, 83.

1872-Bellville, Ont., engine left track: killed. 30. 1887-St. Thomas, Ont., petroleum explosion; killed, 14. 1889-Hamilton, Ont., train off track; killed 17.

1890-Springhill, N. S., mining disaster; killed 125. Continued on Page 2, column 3

Canadian Financier Speaks to Noted Inventor's Engineer

WILL CUT COST

Belated Permission to Experiment Given Italian After Many Protests

OTTAWA, Jan. 10. - Empire wireless telephone connected Ottawa with Bridgewater, Somerset, England. T. Ahearn vell known Ottawa financier picked up the telephone receiver sires to speak to you, sir."
Immediately he heard the voice of R. N. Vyvian, engineer-in-chief of the Marconi Company's long distance communication at Bridgewater. The con-

BY HERBERT BAILEY LONDON, Jan. 10—The general utcry against the ease with which it possible to listen in on trans-Atlantic telephone conversation, which have been overheard in places as far

sentative of Signor Marconi.

away as Johannesburg and Vienna has coni Company to experiment with the 'beam system" between Bridgewater

Today, he stated that in this con-ection he had had striking success with his experiments, and it is believed that by the simple process of applying telephone transmitters the beam can everywhere be employed to carry wireless telephone conversations. ephone service between South Africa nd Australia will, it is anticipated, be introduced and prove as satisfactory as the tests between London and New York. Meanwhile, Marconi is going continue his experiments with Montreal and when these have resulted tangible results, he intends asking Post Office engineers to conduct experi-ments on their own behalf with a view to inaugurating a telephone service between England and Canada. When this has been done the cost of talking across the Atlantic to Eng-land from Canada will in all probability be cheaper than the conversa last week between New York and London, which cost subscribers \$60 for three minutes.

Plan To Establish Big Game Reserve

KENORA, Ont., Jan. 10-Establish- Earl Carroll, Theatrical Producment of a wild animal reserve from Keewatin to Manitoba's boundary, ounded on the north by the Canadian

# Chinese Dragon Snarls At British Lion



THOUSANDS of middle-class Chinese are seen here at anti-British demonstration in Hankow. This and similar manifestations of unrest and animosity toward foreigners brought troops and gunboats to take them to Shanghai.

### at his home and "central" informed him that "England de- REFUGEES FROM HANKOW TELL OF ROUGH TREATMENT THERE

# to Mr. Matthu, personal technical rep-

Sir Samuel Hoare and Lady Hoare Reach Delhi; Are Weclomed

Canadian Press DELHI, British India, Jan. 10-A caused the post office authorities here to give belated permission to the Mar-Hercules made a graceful landing here and Sir Samuel Hoare, British air minister, and Lady Hoare, completed Some time ago Signor Marconi applied for permission to make these experiments as he was anxious to perfect Jodhpur. Sir Samuel and Lady Hoare a system of radio telephony which would ensure privacy by definitely settling the problem of eavesdropping.

MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT.

Today, he stated that in this control of the stated that in t blage of welcomers. Soon after land-ing Sir Samuel delivered to Lord

# ing reception, being the first woman to land in India by the air route.

Irwin, the Viceroy, a letter from the

King. Lady Hoare was given a rous-

Two Sections 20th Century Limited Collide

NEW YORK, Jan. 10-Two sections of the Twentieth Century Limited, famous New York Central train, collided at Sanannah Station, west of Syracuse yesterday, during a fog. Engineer Walter Scoville, of Buffalo, was killed and his fireman, Stanley Henderson also of Buffalo, was seriously descent also the northward march of the Canton forces, may take over the foreign concessions of Tientsin in an attempt to descent also the northward march of the Canton forces, may take over the foreign concessions of Tientsin in an attempt to descent also the northward march of the Canton forces, may take over the foreign concessions of Tientsin in an attempt to descent also the concessions of the c derson, also of Buffalo, was seriously injured. Several passengers sustained minor injuries but all except Arthur Kennedy, of Oakland, Calif., were able cessions of Tientsin in an attempt demonstrate also its power to China of outside elements.

ARE MAROONED

# MUST SERVE TERM

er, Loses Appeal

bounded on the north by the Canadian Pacific tracks and the south by the Lake of the Woods, is being considered by Kenora Board of Trade. A committee has been appointed to report on its feasibility. The board feels that such a reserve would be an attraction for tourists. The board will also ask the department of interior at Ottawa for aerial maps of the Lake of the Woods region, as there are lakes in the district practically unknown.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—Earl Carroll, theatrical producer, lost his appeal to-day from a sentence of a year and a day in Atlanta penitentiary for perjury committed in connection with grand jury investigation of a "bath tub party" in his theatre. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today affirmed both the verdict of guilty and the sentence imposed by the Lower Court. NEW YORK, Jan. 10-Earl Carroll,

### nunication at Bridgewater. The conersation between the two was most HISTORIC AIRPLANE Powers Will Defend Shanglistinct. Mr. Ahearn afterwards spoke State has announced it will ask the death penalty, while counsel has in Cause of Trouble. DOUBLE KILLING Developing There

PARIS, Jan. 10—Joint action of the powers to safeguard foreign concessions in Shanghai is now self Through Heart foreseen in French official quarters.

The latest reports from the French consul at Shanghai have been rather alarming, although no aggressions have occurred. It is felt here that the 40,000 inhabitants of the foreign concessions could not evacuate the foreign colony unless a stiff defence was of-

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10.— Arrival of

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10.— Arrival of foreign refugees here from Hankow and points up the Yangtse river, illustrated to the outside world today how the Chinese dragon, with some of the characteristic blustering that marked the boxer uprising 26 years ago, has shaken the foreigners from his back. Shanghai was the goal of all refugees as the anti-foreign situation remained in an uncertain state. The accomplishment of coolie mobs in driving British and American citizens from Hankow and Kiukiang is said to have reflected to the credit of the Cantonese factions, which control that section of the Yangtse valley, and may win certain elements in the north over to the southern cause.

In the light of this development, the bas heep talk that the Peking

fered in the event of an attack.

About 100 foreigners were said to be marooned at Kullng, just south of Kiukiang, and others in distress at Nanking, farther down the river. Some of the women refugees reported that they had been compelled to submit to a series of indignities which submit to a series of findignities which were heaped upon British women when they left the foreign colony at Hankow. Coolies threw bricks and spat at them, while they boarded the ship. Many babies were among the refugees. Stories from missinary sources at Kiukiang also say the foreigners were pelted with bricks, and that three were slightly wounded.

A Hankow despatch says there were A Hankow despatch says there were two conferences today of British and

# HOMES AT MANILA

5.000 Persons Made Homeless by Blaze Starting in Church; No Deaths

MANILA, Jan. .10-Five thousand houses, mostly of the small frame variety, were destroyed in a fire of undetermined origin, which swept the Tondo district of Manila today. The loss is estimated at 2,000,000 pesos. No deaths were reported. The blaze started in a church.

Colored Chauffeur Kills Landlady and Then Shoots Him-

Canadlan Press WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 10-Crazed by jealousy, James Smith, 35, colored chaffeur, last evening shot and killed Mrs. Amelia Buckland, aged 36, with

When detectives broke their way in

In the light of this development, LOW TEMPERATURES.

some points on the North Shore, temperatures recorded this morning were is back of this case." peratures recorded this morning were far below those of Sunday, when the mercury dropped to the lowest for the season here, establishing a low winter record of 17 degrees below. Andover headed the last of sub-zero temperatures with 24 below. Florenceville reported 22 degrees below.

British United Press GENEVA, Jan. 10-On its seventh anniversary, Monday, the League of Nations, which spends 24,512,341 gold francs (approximately \$980,930) annually to promote the cause of world peace and inderstanding, will point to the following achievements it has on

Progress made toward disarmament and economic conferences; measures taken to prevent aggression such as arrangements for rapid communications between protecting nations in the event of such aggression against a smaller country; settlement of the Mosul dispute and steps toward preventing

the League has been over withdrawal from its councils of Spain and Brazil.

Nearly 200 Witnesses and 300 Jurors Summoned

FEELING HIGH

Own Defence and Explain Shooting of Cripps

Canadian Press USTEN, Texas, Jan. 10.—Dr. Frank Norris, Baptist pastor and evangelist, of Fort Worth, today faced trial in district court here for the slaying of Dexter E. Chipps, wealthy lumberman.

who was shot to death in Norris office July 17 last. With upwards of 200 witnesses subpoenaed and 300 prospective jurors summoned, the

pastor will take the stand to testify he shot Chipps in self-defence. Most of the witnesses are from Fort Worth, where the for a change of venue was granted on the defence objection to jurors available there. The state contends that Dr. Norris

shot Chipps when the lumberman went to the church to protest attacks by the pastor on Mayor H. C. Meacham owner of the store in which several of the Baptist congregation were emsor. After sending two bullets into ployed. Meacham's name was also mentioned in connection with criticisms the left side of Irvine Earl Graves, of the city administration in articles aged 50, Smith turned the gun on himself, the bullet passing through his

### OUTLINES DEFENSE. In outlining defense plans, Dayton

Moses, counsel for Dr. Norris, said evidence would be introduced to show that Chipps telephoned the pastor shortly before the shooting that he was coming to see him and would demand retraction of the attacks on Meacham William McLean, special prosecutor. killing is correct, he should go free, if our theory is correct, he should be ex-ecuted. There is no middle ground." SAYS IT IS "PERSECUTION."

When told that the state would desaid: "This proves my contention that FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 10—
Temperatures ranging down to 24 degrees below zero were recorded in this province during the week-end. At

charge of arson.

The trial got under way with preliminary proceedings to test the eligibility of veniremen. Judge Hamilton
announced he would not call the defendant to plead until this afternoon.
Several veniremen were accused. Several veniremen were accused statutory grounds.

Mrs. D. E. Chipps, former wife of the slain man, and her son, Elliot Chipps, who is suing Dr. Norris for \$150,000 for the death of his father.

## The Weather

were among early arrivals.

FORECASTS: Cold, With Snow MARITIME-Northeast winds; probably gales; cold with snow.

NEW ENGLAND — Generally

fair tonight and Tuesday; con-tinued cold, fresh northerly winds, diminishing by Tuesday. TORONTO, Jan. 10-

Highest during 8 a. m. yesterday night Victoria ... 40 46
Winnipeg .. 0 14
Montreal ... 2 14 Halifax .... 24 Moncton ... 16

# manager, the head usher and the ticket taker. He was granted \$500 bail and will appear as a witness at the inquiry. The blaze started during the projection of a company relations of a company relation. French Elections Yesterday

PARIS, Jan. 10-One-third of the members of the French Senate were elected yesterday without gain or the Right. The elections passed unnoticed excepting as they marked the elimination of former President Millerand from active politics. He went down to defeat on the second

Raoul Peret, president of the Chamber of Deputies, was elected to the Senate, and this will necessitate balloting in the chamber for a new president. Victor Boret, Clemenceau war cabinet,

de Selves, who, as minister of for-

eign affairs, broke with Premier

elected on the same list with M.

Caillaux over Morocco, was eliminated from the field.

Louis Barthou, M. Caillaux, Leon Berard. Victor Dalbiez, Justin Godart, Jules Pams, Paul Duply and Pierre Laval, former minisers, were among those returned. One Ione Communist, Emile Bachelt, in the Seine department, succeeded in breaking into the

charmed circle of the French Sen-