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## SENSATIONAL NEW YORK FIRE

### Rescues from Lofty Windows Made by Firemen

### At Least Four Lives Lost—Frantic People in Night Clothes on High Ledges with Flames About Them

(Canadian Press.)  
New York, March 26.—At least four persons are believed to have lost their lives in a fire that swept through a seven-story theatrical boarding house in West 57th street this morning. Several were injured.

The blaze started on the top floor of the building which adjoins the West Side Y. M. C. A. and firemen were called out by three alarms. Many spectacular rescues were made.

Anna Fries, thirty-five years of age, received fatal burns while clinging to a top floor window ledge waiting for firemen to rescue her. She died while firemen were carrying her down a ladder.

Margaret Lee, nineteen years of age, an actress, was badly burned while standing in a seventh-story window waiting for the firemen.

A. E. Jones, a theatrical manager, and his wife were overcome by smoke, and carried to the street.

While carrying a woman to the street from the second floor, Patrolman Thomas McHighland stumbled and fell down a flight of stairs. Both were badly injured.

The police believed that several occupants on the top floor were trapped by the flames and the West 47th street precinct reported at eight a. m. that four persons at least had lost their lives.

One hour after the fire had been brought under control, the bodies of two women were found on the seventh floor.

They were those of Margaret Lee, 65 years of age, and Emily Lee, 35, relatives of the actress, Margaret Lee, who was severely burned.

The fire originated in the apartment of Joseph M. Callahan, Miss Fries, who lost her life, was a companion to Captain Callahan's wife, who is seriously ill with pneumonia and was carried down a fire escape.

The fire, which wrecked the three upper floors, swept down the stairs and elevator shaft, and killed the occupants. There were 150 persons living in the building. Most of the apartments were occupied by theatrical people and business men.

The firemen used 65 foot aerial ladders to rescue some of the frightened occupants, who stood on window ledges in their night clothes. David Miller, 22 years of age, slid down a pipe from a two-story window and broke both legs when he landed in the court yard.

In Chicago, March 26.—Two women and a child, caught in a fire in a fifteen-room residence, early today were taken to a hospital severely burned. Others were reported injured.

## Interest in This St. John Bill

### Question of Hours For Second-Hand Shops — Fredericton Legislation.

(Special to The Times.)  
Fredericton, N. B., March 26.—A large delegation from St. John is expected to appear before the municipalities committee on Tuesday morning in regard to a bill to amend the St. John Police Act. This bill was recommended by the committee, although it was said that there had been objections by telephone from St. John. When the bill came before the committee of the whole house it was referred back to the municipalities committee for further consideration. The bill is to extend the legal hours during which second-hand shops may be open for business by one hour daily except on Saturday. Those engaged in business in competition have objected to any extension of the hours of business of the second-hand shops.

The committee will also consider Fredericton bills which are now ready. A bill to legalize an extension of the rural cemetery in the city is expected to cause considerable opposition on the part of those owning property in the vicinity of the cemetery. It will be some time, however, before that measure will get before the municipalities committee. Another bill which is very likely to be opposed is one to authorize the school board to issue bonds not to exceed the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of erecting a new high school. The City Council gave conditional approval of the application of the School Board for such legislation, the condition being that any extension of vocational education must be made only on the approval of the City Council. There is strong opposition on the part of many ratepayers to any heavy expenditure for additional school accommodation at the present time. This bill will come up later.

### U. S. SENATOR DEAD.

Denver, Colo., March 26.—United States Senator Samuel D. Nicholson died here Saturday night of cancer. He was born in Springfield, P. E. I., February 22, 1859.

### NOVELTY SHOWER

About fifty friends of Miss Kathleen Chipman, 195 Hawthorne Avenue, tendered her a novelty shower in honor of her approaching marriage on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Shilling, 82 Cranston Avenue. A great many useful presents were received and a happy evening was enjoyed by all those present.

## Chief Scout And Head of Guides Tell of Growth of Movements

### SIR ROBERT AND LADY BADEN POWELL GREETED AS THEY LAND FROM STEAMER AT WEST ST. JOHN

### Chief Speaks of Plans for Big Imperial Jamboree in London Next Year—The Girl Guides' Phenomenal Progress Since Inception in 1917—Camp Instructions for Scout Leaders Part of Programme for Coming Season in Canada.



SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL, CHIEF OF BOY SCOUTS

**Scouts of St. John:**  
I am mighty glad to be back among you once more. I am glad, too, to hear such good accounts of your scout work and progress. Stick to it and go ahead. I wish you all good camping in the coming season.  
ROBERT BADEN POWELL.

During the last year the Boy Scout, the world was being fostered through the movement.

The Gilwell School. Through the Scout training school at Gilwell Park, the Boy Scout movement has been extended to many foreign countries. Last year representatives of twenty of these countries had passed through the school and at least thirty-six more were expected this season. Rodney Wood, who had come to Canada in the interests of the Gilwell school, had been appointed camp chief for Canada. Mr. Wood was now in England, he added, relieving the hands of Mr. Wood, they in turn were to remain and had been appointed camp chief for Canada. Mr. Wood was now in England, he added, relieving the hands of Mr. Wood, they in turn were to remain and had been appointed camp chief for Canada.

Imperial Jamboree. In connection with the British Empire Exhibition, a big scout jamboree was planned for next year. The big new stadium at Wembley Park, capable of holding 132,000 people, had been offered to the Scouts for this purpose and a camp for 10,000 Scouts along with there to New Zealand. Rodney Wood was now being planned. The different overseas dominions were being asked to send representatives and it was hoped through this medium that the comradeship which was engendered through the British contingents during the Great War would be continued in the next generation.

Here Four Years Ago. Sir Robert is scheduled to attend a meeting of the Canadian General Scout Council in Ottawa on Wednesday evening. On April 1 he will speak before the Canadian Club in Toronto, and is also billed to speak in Winnipeg, Calgary, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria under the auspices of National Council of Education. He expects to spend between a month and six weeks in Canada and then plans to visit some friends in the United States, who have offered him the relaxation of a few weeks in the woods, which the Chief Scout smilingly remarks he could hardly refuse. Lady Baden Powell, in addition to visiting all the places named in her husband's itinerary, also intends visiting London, Ontario, provincial headquarters of the Girl Guides.

At Rotary Luncheon. Today at noon Sir Robert was a guest at luncheon of the St. John Rotary Club. This evening at 8 o'clock he and Lady Baden Powell will attend a meeting of the scout masters and leaders of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in the rooms of the Natural History Society. Sir Robert and Lady Baden Powell will leave tomorrow afternoon for Ottawa.

At the Steamer. To many of the boy scouts of the city who were at the steamer this morning when Sir Robert and Lady Baden Powell landed and greeted the Chief Scout, standing at the alert as he came down the gang plank, the boys were accompanied by A. C. Skelton, chairman of the local Scout executive, Guy Short, district commissioner, V. C. Timberley, district secretary. Also in attendance were Miss Dorothy Purdy and Miss Catherine McAvity, Girl Guide commissioners.

## TORONTO POLICE BREAK UP CARD GAMES AND ARREST 28

Toronto, March 26.—Raids made on Saturday and Sunday night on alleged gambling houses resulted in twenty-eight arrests. Twenty-five are charged with being frequenters of gaming houses in which, it is charged, a "rake-off" was taken, while the three others are held on charges of keeping gambling houses. Card games are alleged to have been in progress in all three places entered by the police.

## LOCAL NEWS

### DIED TODAY.

Many friends of Mrs. Annie G. Shaw, wife of William L. Shaw, 165 Rockland Road, will regret to learn of the death, which occurred at the Infirmary this morning, following an operation. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Long of Albert County. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. George Morrisey of Albert County and Mrs. J. George Johnston of Main street, and two brothers, John E. Long of Houlton, Me., and Thomas Long of St. John. Much sympathy will be extended to the family.

### COMMISSIONER IS INVITED.

Commissioner Bullock has received from the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans an invitation to be present at the formal opening of the Intra-Harbor Navigation Canal at the Canal Lock on Saturday, May 5. The canal connects the Mississippi River with Lake Pontchartrain, and is 640 feet in length, 75 feet inside width, and has 31-1/2 feet of water at low tide. It was constructed by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, agency of the State of Louisiana at a cost of \$20,000,000.

### EASTER TREAT FOR SOLDIERS.

Plans for the annual Easter treat for the soldiers in the Lancaster and St. John county hospitals, were made at the monthly meeting of the Red Cross hospital committee held this morning. Mrs. G. E. Barbour and Mrs. Frank Fairweather were appointed to take charge of the arrangements for the Easter treat. A gift of books, B. Ellis and Mrs. W. H. Shaw for the County Hospital, Mrs. E. R. Taylor was in the chair. It was reported that there are now twenty-four soldiers at East St. John and eighty in the Lancaster hospital. The amount expended for comforts for them during the month of March was \$28.49. A gift of books for the Lancaster hospital from Mrs. H. N. Stetson was acknowledged.

### BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Charles H. Ramsey this morning was attended by many friends and an unusual number of spiritualists. The funeral was held at 9:15 o'clock at Holy Trinity church where there was a service. The casket was borne by Rev. Frank Cronin. The pallbearers were four sons, a grandson and a son-in-law. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

### DISORDERLY HOUSE CHARGE.

Catherine Peters, charged with keeping a disorderly house at 82 Coburg street, in the hands of Mrs. M. Dupres, Guy Northrup and Frank McDonald, charged with being inmates, appeared before the Magistrate this morning. The Magistrate found Peters not guilty while the others said they were present but were not sure what to plead. Detective Bidcombe testified that two women on another charge had gone to the house. He was met by the landlady who took him to a basement apartment with an entrance from Faldock street. She knocked at the door and they were admitted after a short wait. He had found the four women in the room. The entire amount in Government was returned and Dr. Warwick testified as to the charge for the girls. The women were remanded for further evidence.

### TO DISPOSE OF UNCLAIMED ASHES OF 250 DEAD

New York, March 26.—The four winds, the earth and the waters will receive the remains of 250 persons whose ashes, in bronze urns, have awaited final disposal in funeral parlors here for some years.

### FREDERICTON NOTES

Fredericton, N. B., March 26.—Chief Warden L. A. Gagnon has received information that two men were fined at Burnville, Gloucester county, on Saturday for killing deer out of season. The Fredericton High School Hockey team arrived home this morning from Antigonish, N. S.

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## As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, the Times reporter, "I guess we all got to change our ideas about what we used to call dirty money. Any dollar's good enough as long as we get it." "Why, Hiram," said the reporter, "you amaze me. Where do you get that stuff?" "Haint we all gone into the rum business?" asked Hiram. "Aint we all partners in it? Aint we grabbin' up all we kin get an' pay for our health department an' things like that? I'm fer givin' the bootlegger a front seat in the sanctuaries of the public ledger. Look what he saves us in taxes. Didn't you read them figures they give out last week up to Fredericton? They got a chaplain up there—haint they? Well, sir, they orto change his prayer. After he has prayed for the King an' the Prince of Wales, an' all the royal family, an' all their authority over us, includin' the members of the legislature, he orto say: 'Oh Lord let Thy blessing fall on our bootleggers—may they live a good year—an' oh Lord, bless us all fer tryin' in our humble way to git more revenue from booze for the advancement of Thy kingdom—saintly them that thirst, Oh Lord—an' save us all from direct taxation—Amen, and Amen!'"

### BERNHARDT'S GIVEN LAST RITES

Famous Actress Near to Death Today

Priest Called Early This Afternoon—Patient's Condition Hopeless at 3.15, and Death Expected at Any Moment.

(Canadian Press.)  
Paris, March 26.—Sarah Bernhardt's condition has grown worse during the last few hours and the household considers that the end is near.

The week end was one of tense anxiety. Bernhardt's determination to live, which so often has found expression in her positive assertion that she intends to "die in the harness" again came to her aid, and daybreak brought from the sick room word of a slight improvement. Later, however, she again sank very low and her watchers gave up hope. Up to this time she had retained her mental alertness, astonishing those about her with her comments. Sometimes, however, she caused them much pain by speaking of the agony she was undergoing. At times also she insisted on talking of her own funeral. She was anxious to know yesterday whether the vase of her coffin she bought thirty years ago was still preserved, saying that she wished to be buried in it.

### FREE STATES HAVE BUFFET PRISONER

One of Chief Irregular Leaders Taken in Sligo After Escaping from Mountains.

(Canadian Press.)  
Dublin, March 26.—General Bohn, one of the chief irregular leaders, has been captured by Free State troops operating from Sligo, according to an official army report received here.

Bohn was recently at the head of a large number of irregulars whose stronghold was in the Arigna mountains, County Galway. Free State troops were sent against these irregulars in late February but after a considerable amount of manoeuvring among the mountain fastnesses, several escaped from the Free State net.

Wexford, Ireland, March 26.—A military party proceeded to Enniskerry on Friday afternoon to ambush at Kyle. The fight lasted for an hour. Four members of the Irregular forces were killed and three of the Free States wounded.

Leut. Horan was taken from a house in the township of Pale East, County Wexford, and brought to Adamsstown, where they were shot and killed.

Dublin, March 26.—In well-informed quarters it has been asserted that the Government has not modified its attitude toward Archbishop Hardys' peace proposals.

It was added that the peace proposals were being endorsed by influential citizens throughout Munster. They are said to be in the hands of the Irregular leaders, who have not yet made reply.

### Truro B. R. T. Honor Brown and Thank Thornton

Truro, N. S., March 26.—Peninsula Lodge No. 23 of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen held a reception here on Saturday night in honor of L. S. Brown, general manager of the Atlantic railway, who expressed his confidence in Sir Henry Thornton and in Mr. Brown. The resolution pledged the lodge's solid co-operation in making successful the operation of the system in general and the Atlantic region in particular. The resolution further expressed appreciation of the efforts of Sir Henry Thornton in creating the Atlantic region with headquarters at Moncton, and for the appointment of Mr. Brown as its general manager. Mr. Brown received a bouquet of flowers.

### More Peaceful In Near East

Constantinople, March 26.—Official news from London, says the newspaper Akhbar, augurs peace in the Near East. The paper attaches much importance to the presence at the Near East preliminary conferences in London of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Harington, commander-in-chief of the Allied forces in the Constantinople area.

In a speech at Adana, yesterday, Mustafa Kemal Pasha, the Nationalist leader, declared: "If I take the national opinion into consideration, I must be with driving a team for the Eastern Iron in a clear conscience. If the life of the present Metal Company. An X-ray examination is not endangered, war would not be available at present time."

### ENGLISH BOYS FOR FARMS IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES

Ottawa, March 26.—Thirty young boys, fourteen and eighteen years old, are to leave Liverpool on April 5, and will be due in Halifax about a week later. These boys, who will be soon followed by 170 others, are going to work on farms in Nova Scotia, under arrangements made by the Salvation Army. The 170 will go to farms in the Maritime Provinces and other parts in Canada.

### WEATHER REPORT

Summary—Pressure is higher over the greater part of the United States and the entire amount in Government was returned and Dr. Warwick testified as to the charge for the girls. The women were remanded for further evidence.