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STORY OF MOLLY ELLIS IS TOLD

Girl Who was Kidnapped by Afghan Tribesmen

Mother Murdered and the Daughter Forced Into the Hilly Country of India to Retreat of Captors — How She was Rescued.

(Canadian Press.)

Simla, April 27.—The story of the sufferings of Molly Ellis, youthful daughter of the British commander at Kohat, while in the hands of Afridi tribesmen after she had seen them kill her mother in the early morning of April 14, is told in despatches from Peshawar, where she is resting under the care of her father and Mrs. Starr, a woman physician who played a large part in her rescue.

After their murderous raid, the kidnappers fled to the hills above Kohat, half driving, half carrying their captive up the steep, rocky paths. Throughout the following day she could see the searchers passing in automobiles below her. Her only protection from the severe cold of the hills was a coat belonging to a brutal Afridi named Shahazada, the man who killed her mother.

Near Death.

The next four days were a nightmare of alternate traveling and hiding, with the girl in an ever-growing state of exhaustion from her physical efforts and the apparently hopeless outlook. Her feet were lacerated from tramping over the stony tracks, and once in the course of the terrible journey she fell fainting at the top of a snow-covered mountain pass, upon which Shahazada lost patience and drew his dagger to kill her, being restrained only by his companions.

After six days of traveling they reached her captors' home in the Tirah country. Meanwhile a search by friendly tribesmen was in progress under the direction of Kuli Khan, a native officials, who on the 20th reached Kanki Bazaar, the home of a famous and influential Mullah, or Mohammedan religious tribesman named Mahimud Akhundizeda, where, after much pressure, he ascertained that the captive was held in a mountain fortress eight miles away. Kuli Khan managed to have conveyed to the girl a parcel of comforts and a letter of encouragement, and in return learned that she was being reasonably treated by the women of the tribesmen.

Woman Helps.

Mrs. Starr at this time was near Kanki Bazaar under a native escort, having arrived after adventures which seemed to threaten her mission with failure, and the Mullah, apparently fearing trouble, sent a letter to her party ordering them to turn back. This letter was ignored, and the party reached Kankri.

Soon afterward Kuli Khan induced the Mullah to bring about the transfer of the captive girl to the Mullah's house, where she was eventually taken, being carried over the shoulder of one of the tribesmen.

The meeting between the girl and Mrs. Starr was a joyful one, but the danger was not ended, for while they talked the abductors stood around menacingly insisting that Molly was still their captive.

Presently the captors learned that a party of Afridi friendly to the British had arrived at their village and were attacking it, whereupon Shahazada seized Mrs. Starr and hustled her from the room, threatening both her and Miss Ellis. The Mullah became enraged at this insult to the sacred rights of hospitality under his roof and publicly cursed Shahazada and his fellows.

In this dramatic fashion the balance tilted to the side of the rescuers, and the surrender of the captive was speedily arranged. The tribesmen's demands for a ransom and pardon were abandoned, and on Tuesday of this week Kuli Kan and the other rescuers started with the girl on the journey to Peshwar, where there was a joyful reunion between Molly and her father.

GUARDS SHOOT 6 AS PRISONERS TRY TO ESCAPE

St. Louis, April 27.—Six prisoners were shot and several others beaten severely when guards frustrated a wholesale escape at the city workhouse here early today.

About fifteen prisoners sawed through the bars in the cell room and let themselves into the prison yard by means of a rope, according to the guards, who said one of the prisoners with a clever imitation of a pistol carved out of wood, attempted to hold up Fred Giese, fifty years of age, a guard, and obtain his keys.

Giese opened fire and two of the group fell. The shot attracted five other guards, who sent volleys into the crowd of prisoners, wounding four more. A police riot call was sounded, but the guards subdued the prisoners. All the wounded men were shot in the legs. It is said their condition is not serious.

BOY SUCCUMBS TO BURNS.

New Glasgow, N. S., April 27.—Irwin Fraser, eight-year-old son of Finlay Fraser, died today as the result of burns sustained in the fire which destroyed his home at Asphalt, Stellarton, on Wednesday night. The father and the brother, Michael, thirteen years of age, are doing as well as can be expected.

FIRST RADIO DEBATE ON PROHIBITION IS BROADCAST TO FANS

Millions hear Wayne B. Wheeler, Anti-Saloon League (right), and Ransom H. Gilett, counsel for association against amendment.

Newark, April 27.—A feature sent out to wireless fans has been followed with much interest, a debate on prohibition between Wayne W. Wheeler of the Anti-Saloons League and Ransom H. Gilett, counsel for the association against the 18th amendment.

Mr. Wheeler, who appears quite happy and contented with the glass of water in his hand, is telling his silent listeners that prohibition has brought prosperity to the U. S. and saved thousands of families from starvation, suffering and disgrace, while Mr. Gilett, who looks far from satisfied, is replying that the 18th amendment is making criminals out of otherwise good citizens who resent an infringement upon their personal rights.

It is estimated that more than one million people in various parts of the country heard this debate, and the radio fans were invited to decide the issue and determine whether they want the 18th amendment or not by addressing station "WEAF," American Telephone and Telegraph Company of New York.

Within twenty-four hours more than 5,000 replies had arrived from stations nearest at hand, and following that each day brings a flood of replies from points in a widening radius. When all returns have come in and been counted the results will be broadcast from station "WEAF." Citizens in all sections of the country were asked to listen in on the debate and decide whether they wanted the 18th amendment or not.

GERMANS BOMB RUHR RAILROADS

Five Explosions Followed by Efforts to Evade the Customs Barriers.

Dusseldorf, April 7.—Five bomb explosions on the Ruhr railroads during the night cut railway, telegraph and telephone communications, temporarily disorganizing traffic.

French headquarters said the explosions had caused the most serious damage since the beginning of the occupation.

During the confusion the Germans made a series of efforts to run the customs barrier into interior Germany, but large quantities of goods were seized by the French.

The explosions tore up sections of track and blew down the wires alongside in each instance. In one case, near Bomann, a French troop train, heavily loaded, had a narrow escape. The explosions cut the line from the eastern Ruhr to Dusseldorf, which is much used for troop movements and the carriage of supplies. Four other lines were cut in the vicinity of Mattingen.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM DOMINION

Message to Duke and Bride —Hon. Mr. Baxter Brings Up Matter in Commons.

Ottawa, April 27.—(Canadian Press) That a message of congratulation and good wishes from the House of Commons be sent to the Dune of York upon the occasion of his wedding was decided last night.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter brought the matter up, whereupon the Premier said that, realizing that such would be the pleasure of the House, His Excellency the Governor General had been asked to convey the country's good wishes.

Mr. King thought, however, that it would be proper to act on Mr. Baxter's suggestion, and moved that a second message of congratulations be sent on the part of the House of Commons. Hon. Mr. Arthur Meighen seconded the motion. Robt. Forke, leader of the Progressives, in support of the motion, said that inasmuch as the Duke of York had married a Scotch lassie, his happiness was assured.

GOVERNMENT WOOLLEN MILLS TO SYNDICATE

Melbourne, April 27.—(Canadian Press, via Reuter's). A syndicate of business men has purchased the Federal government's woolen mills at Geelong for £155,000, not including the price of stocks and stores.

NEW SCALE FOR 'LONGSHOREMEN IN BOSTON

Boston, April 27.—A new wage agreement between three Boston locals of the international Longshoreman's Association and the various foreign and coastal steamship lines out of this port as well as the contracting stevedores, has been agreed upon and will be signed on Monday. The lonshoremen will receive 70 cents an hour, with $1.07 for overtime and double time if compelled to work during the "supper hour" from 5 to 7 in the evening.

CYMRIC QUEEN ASHORE ON CAPE BRETON COAST

North Sydney, N. S., April 27—The British steamer Cymric Queen, about 2400 tons, is apparently hard and fast on Black Breakers, five miles west by north of Point St. Esprit, Cape Breton, according to information received here today from the ship by Jos. Salters & Sons, Lloyd's agents. The ship is headed east by north with her bow toward land across a sharp reef. Apparently she went on at high water. She is reported to have a starboard anchor and eighteen fathoms of cable out. The weather is good with a light northeast wind blowing, but her safety is doubted.

Up to eleven a. m. no assistance had been arranged from either this harbor or Louisburg. Sydney is jammed with ice and the Dominion Coal Company is reported to have no ship available for the work. S. S. Stanley is in Bras D'Or Lakes, where the channel, which she cut, has been closed in by the movement of the ice outward from both shores. The bight between Flat Point and St. Anne's Bay is also jammed with heavy packed ice and it would probably take her many hours to reach Point St. Esprit.

THREE OF MISSING BOATS ARE SAFE

Walfish Bay, Southwest Africa, April 27.—Three boats belonging to the wrecked Portuguese steamer Mossamedes have arrived at Port Alexander, Angola.

TO PRESS CLAIMS OF G. T. P. SHAREHOLDERS

London, April 27.—(Canadian press) —The committee representing the Grand Trunk Pacific debenture stockholders state that they are advised by counsel, both English and Canadian, that they have substantial legal rights and the chairman of the committee proposes to proceed to Canada soon to press the shareholders' claims.

SOME THINGS IN BIG TIMES ISSUE ON SATURDAY

The Times tomorrow will again present an issue of at least twenty pages, in which will be found the live news of the day and many fine additional features, including:

The fourth instalment of Edith Stevens' thrilling experiences as "Queen of the Bootleggers."

Mary Roberts Rinehart's serial, "The Breaking Point," in further interesting episodes.

Mr. Dooley on "Socialism."

Joe and Violet in the most amusing of all full page comics, "Mr. and Mrs."

Full page comic—Mutt and Jeff—another side-splitting episode in the life of these two famous characters.

Mutt and Jeff in their regular daily strip.

"The Marriage Game"—on the editorial page.

Special articles of interest to business people.

Gossipy letter about the events of the week in London.

What the city stores have to offer, as told in the advertising columns.

MAKE SURE OF SECURING A COPY OF SATURDAY'S TIMES.

HOSPITAL WORK OF THE RED CROSS

Encouraging reports were received this morning at a meeting of the Hospital Committee of the Provincial Red Cross Society. Those present were Mrs. E. R. Taylor, convener; Mrs. W. D. Forster, Mrs. F. B. Ellis, Mrs. G. F. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. W. P. Bonnell, Mrs. W. H. Shaw, Mrs. J. V. Anglin, Mrs. H. Lawrence, Mrs. C. B. Allan and Miss Ethel Jarvis.

The hospital visitors, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Ellis, described the Easter treat for the men in the County Hospital at East St. John. Potted plants and cakes had been provided. At Lancaster the men had been well looked after under the direction of Mrs. Frank Fairweather. Expressions of thanks had been received from officers of both hospitals.

Several "follow-up" cases were mentioned as needing assistance and these will be investigated by Mrs. Forster.

Sympathy was expressed for Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley in the death of her mother, Mrs. Richardson. Miss Jarvis reported that three donations of books and magazines had been received for the Lancaster Hospital from the Misses MacLaren, Miss A. N. Smith and Mrs. George S. Topping. There had been collected by the Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Taylor reported on the marriage of Miss Gaskin, formerly matron at the Lancaster Hospital and said that her place there had been taken by Mrs. Foss.

For the drives committee Mrs. Doody reported that there had been seven drives given in March and ninety men had participated. The regular indents were received and passed by the committee. The treasurer, Mrs. George Scott, reported that $996.93 had been expended during the month. In the absence of Mrs. G. Ernest Barbour, the secretary, Mrs. Ellis acted.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—The depression which has been hovering to the south of Nova Scotia is now over Newfoundland, and the high pressure area which has been covering the Great Lakes has dispersed. Rain has fallen again over a large portion of the Maritime Provinces, and a few scattered showers have occurred in the Lake Superior region. Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fine.

Forecasts:—

Fair and Milder.

Maritime—Moderate winds; fair and milder today and on Saturday.

Gulf and North Shore—Light to moderate winds; fair today and on Saturday.

New England—Generally fair tonight and Saturday, not much change in temperature; light variable winds.

Toronto, April 27.—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a.m.	Highest yesterday	Lowest during night
Prince Rupert	40	44	38
Victoria	42	60	42
Kamloops	46	80	44
Calgary	42	78	38
Edmonton	42	78	42
Prince Albert	48	78	36
Winnipeg	40	46	36
Sault Ste. Marie	40	60	40
Toronto	48	65	42
Kingston	42	54	40
Ottawa	46	68	36
Montreal	50	64	40
Quebec	38	50	30
St. John, N. B.	46	42	32
Halifax	40	40	34
St. Johns, Nfld.	38	46	32
Detroit	52	68	50
New York	50	68	44

As Hiram Sees It

"They got talkin' about mean men up to the market this mornin', said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "an' one feller said the meanest cuss he knowed was a man that bought stuff on tick from a blind man an' then wouldn't pay the bill. Well, sir, they started in tellin' what they'd do to a feller like that, an' I cal'late the gal that smokes cigarettes an' condemns folks to death between puffs—over in Rooshie—might-a-got some pinters about how to git the most out of a killin.' It done me good to listen to 'em—even if they did put it ruther strong—fer if the's anything I hate it's to see anybody take a mean advantage of folks that hes some infirmity—but hes grit enough to take holt an' try to earn their livin' without askin' no favors from nobody. Yes, sir—a man that 'ud take anything away from a blind man orto be put in a cell next to a kitchen an' starved fer a spell—By Hen!"

Premier King in an Urgent Appeal to "Save the Forests"

Ottawa, April 27.—(Canadian Press) —"Save the forest week" is the subject of an appeal issued last night by Premier King.

"Canada's forest wealth is a source of national pride," says the Premier. "The well-being of future generations, not less than that of our own, is bound up in forest preservation. The forests are the basis of our wood using industries; they are surpassed in value and importance by agriculture alone. Destruction of our forests by fire menaces the permanency of these industries. Every patriotic Canadian will make 'save the forest week' the occasion of a firm resolve to do all in his power to assist in preserving our forests from destruction by fire."

FOREST FIRES

Thousand Acres in New Jersey, Bad in Pennsylvania —Deer Driven Out.

Millville, N. J., April 27.—A forest fire, extending along a front more than a mile long yesterday destroyed 1,000 acres of oak and cedar. It drove deer and other animals into the open.

Harrisburg, April 27.—Forest fires burning in many sections of Pennsylvania were yesterday described as "extremely dangerous." The most serious were in Schuylkill and Northern Lycoming counties.

WAR IN CHINA

Peking, April 27.—War, attended by general political and social unrest, is following close on the trail of the opening of spring in China.

Already in the south, whose capital, Canton, recently witnessed the return of Sun Yat Sen after his Shanghai exile, the struggle appears to be well under way. There, a combination of Yunnanese and Kwantung interests, calling themselves the Constitutionalists and supporting Sun, drove their Kwangsi opponents from Canton up the north and west rivers. Until today the Kwangsi army was reported as routed, but today reinforcements from Shukwan came, turned on the Constitutionalists, and according to one report, drove them back. The fighting is said to be continuing above Yunkai, a few miles north of Canton with the issue in doubt. Constitutionalist reinforcements are being rushed there.

From Amoy, in the Province of Fukien, comes the prediction of an early struggle for control of China between two great combinations of interests. On one side, it is reported there will be arrayed the Chihli party, now in control at Peking, and head by Wu Pei Fu, who last year sprang to the front as the leading military general of China. Opposed to him the political forecasters present the following line up; Sun Yat Sen at the head of a union of the southern provinces; Chang Tso Lin, dictator of Manchuria, with the power of the "three eastern provinces," Shenkiang, Kirin and Holungkiang, at his back; and the provinces of Chekiang and Fukien.

QUIET TODAY AT THETFORD MINES

Thetford Mines, Que., April 27.—The only new development this morning in the Asbestos Corporation of Canada, Ltd., lock-out situation, at Thetford Mines, is that a conference has practically been arranged for today between representatives of the men and officials of the company to try to straighten out the difficulties. All is quiet today.

WASHINGTON WRITES BRITAIN AGAIN ON SMUGGLING OF LIQUOR

London, April 27.—Washington has sent another note to Great Britain with reference to liquor smuggling, so the Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent learns. The note, he says, is of the friendliest character and invites Great Britain to consider how it could co-operate with the U. S. in checking the abuse.

Thirteen Die In New York Fire; Seven Of One Family Victims

These Were to Have Moved to a Little Farm Today—Four of Another Family Die—Thrilling Scenes as Tenement Burns Near Scene of Another Recent Fatal Conflagration.

(Canadian Press)

New York, April 27.—Eleven persons were believed to have died in a fire which swept through a tenement building in East 109th street early today. A family of five were among the victims, perishing in a fifth floor apartment. Scores fled from the flame filled structure by way of the fire escapes, while a dozen others were rescued by police and firemen.

Twenty persons were injured, many of them seriously. Several firemen and policemen were burned in effecting rescues. Nine of the dead perished in the building. The other two had been removed to a hospital, where they died of shock and burns.

Many of the tenants, clad only in their night clothes, fled down a rear fire escape which ended at the first floor, 25 feet above the ground. A taxicab driver drove his car beneath the safety platform, the fire victims dropping to the roof of the car and from there to the ground. Many of the injured were taken to hospitals in the same cab.

The fire was in a five story tenement house within three blocks of a six floor structure in Lexington Ave. and 110th street in which 15 persons died in a fire last October. The Lexington Ave. fire was said by the police to have been of incendiary origin. The origin of today's fire has not been determined.

When firemen were able to enter the shell of the burned building an hour and a half after the fire started, they found ten charred bodies on the top floor, those of two women, two girls, three men and three boys. All were removed to the city morgue, which was soon thronged with hysterical men and women trying to identify them.

Two of the injured died at Beth David Hospital, Benjamin Mandelbaum, eight years old and an unidentified woman.

Seven of One Family.

Seven of the dead were members of the family of David Mendelbaum, a painter, who had planned to move today to a little farm up state, which he recently purchased. They were Mrs. Mandelbaum and her children, Alexander, 4, Benjamin, 8, Morris, 10, Michael, 12, Minnie, 16, and a year old baby. The other dead are Aaron Koxis, his wife, their daughter, Bertha, 21, their son, David, 18, and a relative, Mrs. Isaac Brownstein, who was visiting them for the night.

Many persons would have been trapped by the flames, according to the police, had it not been for Michael Kaufman, a city employee, living across from the burned tenement, who discovered the fire. Seeing smoke and flames shooting from a fourth floor window, Kaufman telephoned a fire alarm, rushed across the street into the burning building, and ran through the halls of the five floors blowing a police whistle between shouts of "fire" as he fled from the building. The rapidly spreading flames enveloped the wooden stairways, driving the forty or more tenants, still in the building to seek safety through the windows or on the fire escapes.

Arriving at the street, Kaufman continued to blow his police whistle, until he attracted the attention of a taxi cab driver, who drove his car beneath the fire escape, landing at the first floor, from which the tenants dropped to the roof of the cab.

Thrilling Scenes.

With the arrival of the fire department, which had been called by three alarms, a half dozen men and women were found to be hanging from window sills, and were brought to safety after thrilling rescues. Some persons who stood at windows, their forms silhouetted against the flames behind them, were prevented from jumping from the fourth and fifth floors only by the encouraging shouts of firemen who hastily ran up ladders and carried them to the street.

All of the family of seven who perished in a top floor apartment, and the other family in a fourth floor apartment were burned beyond recognition.

A fireman said later that the fire was believed to have originated in some garbage beneath the stairway on the second floor. The fire spread with lightning like rapidity, cutting off exits to the third, fourth and fifth floor tenants before many of them could make their way to the streets by the wooden stairways.

PROVISION FOR SILVER CUP IS MADE IN WILL

Major W. C. Magee's Trophy for Cadets — Several Wills Probated; Some Public Bequests.

In the probate court before Judge McInerney the last will of Major Wm. C. Magee was proved personalty $1,406.50 and letters testamentary granted to J. B. Magee and Miss Maud O. Magee. C. H. Ferguson was proctor. Gifts were made to members of his family and friends and included in the bequests was one directing his executors to purchase a silver cup to be presented as a challenge cup between the Cadet Corps of Saint John for proficiency in drill under the rules and regulations contained in a sealed envelope deposited with the will. Thus the genial major, though departed from active participation in his lifetime love still "carries on."

The will of James McDade was proved and John McDade, Mrs. Annie Mooney and Miss Mary E. McDade sworn as executors. The estate was probated at $26,700 personalty. The major portion of the estate was divided among members of the family. Bequests of a public nature were: $250 to St. Vincent's Convent, $200 to the Infant's Home, Coburg street, $100 to the Monastery of the Good Shepherd, and $100 to the Mater Misrecordiae Home. K. A. Wilson was proctor.

The will of Mrs. Johanna Cullinan was proved and James McGrath sworn as executor. She left realty $500 and personalty $1,801. She bequeathed $500 to the Sisters of Charity of the Mater Misrecordiae Home and $100 to the proctor.

Frank E. Holman was appointed administrator of the estate of Ada L. Holman, personalty $12,487.54. K. J. MacRae was proctor.

Letters testamentary were granted to Ellen Wilson as executrix of the estate of Thomas Wilson, realty $500 and personalty $8,200. B. L. Gerow was proctor.

Letters of administration were granted to John Beamish in the matter of the estate of Catherine Beamish, probated at $18,217.94 of which $10,300 was realty. J. B. Dever was proctor.

In the will of Frederick Gordon letters were granted to H. M. Lee and Mrs. Ella Dunlavey, realty $1,000 and personalty $7,553. She bequeathed $300 to the Protestant Orphans' Asylum, $300 to the Carleton Methodist Missionary Society and $300 to the Trustees of Zion Methodist Church. O. Ring was proctor.

Dr. F. A. Godsoe and F. C. Godsoe were appointed executors of the estate of Wm. C. Godsoe, personalty $8,000. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., was proctor.

Letters of administration were granted to Fred J. Elliott in the matter of the estate of Wm. Elliott, personalty $3,663.88. W. M. Ryan was proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Mrs. Olivia J. McAfee Miss Lillian E. Coram was appointed executrix, personalty $14,100. C. H. Ferguson was proctor.

Andrew Crawford was appointed administrator of the estate of Annie Farrell, personalty $3,150. D. G. Willet was proctor.

New regulations have been put into effect in connection with the probate of estates so far as provision for stamps is concerned. They mean a little extra work upon the part of the solicitors engaged and probably, incidentally a little extra in the way of fees. Formerly petitions were heard by the probate judge and orders made for granting of letters without the probate stamps being attached but with the understanding that they would be later affixed to the documents.

It was found that in some cases after the swearing in of an executor or administrator nothing further was done in the estate and consequently no stamps were procured. The new order makes it necessary first to ascertain at the office of the registrar of probate the amount of stamps and to get a certificate that they are in accordance with the Act and have been supplied. The stamps vary in amount in proportion to the value of the estate, and form a large share in the costs.

TO P. E. I. FOR BURIAL.

The body of Mrs. James H. Stevenson was taken on this morning's train to Charlottetown where interment will be made in the family lot. It was accompanied by Mr. Stevenson and Percy Reid, Mrs. Stevenson's brother. The funeral service at the house, 16 Queen street, last night was attended by many friends. It was conducted by Rev. Dr. Rogers and Rev. W. H. Spencer. There were a great many floral tributes received although there was a request that none be sent, more than forty remembrances were received. Among the number were wreaths from the general manager and headquarters staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto; the staff of the Prince William street branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Department of Immigration and Colonization, Ottawa, as well as many private friends. Mrs. J. D. Reid and Miss Evelyn Reid, Mrs. Stevenson's mother and sister, will remain with the two boys until Mr. Stevenson's return.

A WILL CASE

Before Judge H. O. McInerney in the Probate Court this morning hearing was continued in the matter of the estate of Catherine Haggerty. The morning was taken up with the reading of evidence taken by way of commission in Boston. Evidence was given also by P. J. Fitzpatrick and W. Donovan. Bowyer S. Smith, proctor, appeared and there were present also W. M. Ryan, K. J. MacRae and E. J. Henneberry, representing contestants of the will. The amount involved is about $1,800. Hearing was continued this afternoon.

ON MISSION WORK

Rev. J. Jackman C. SS. R. arrived in the city today from Montreal. He is enroute to New Brunswick Maine, where he will preach a mission. Father Jackman was formerly stationed at St. Peter's church.

153,000 FANS AT THURSDAY GAMES

Detroit Leads the Record With Attendance of 36,000

Matthewson Given Ovation at Polo Grounds—Chicago Fans Honor Umpire Rowland With Bouquet—Yesterday's Battles.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, April 27.—An aggregate total of approximately 153,000 baseball fans witnessed yesterday the opening games in six major league cities, four in the American and two in the National. The teams opened the season away from home and had just returned from the road.

Attendance honors went to Detroit, where 36,000 persons saw the home team lose a hard fought contest to St. Louis, 4 to 3. Thirty thousand fans filed past the turnstiles in both the New York Giants and Chicago American ball grounds, while 22,000, including President and Mrs. Harding turned out at the Washington ball park. The Boston Americans played before 20,000 and the Philadelphia Quakers entered to 15,000.

Ken Williams, premier 1922 American League home run hitter, contributed to the St. Louis team's victory over Detroit by poling out his third circuit drive of the season. He is one ahead of Ruth.

Christy Greeted.

The outstanding feature at the Polo Grounds was the tremendous ovation accorded Christy Mathewson, president of the Boston Braves. The peerless "big six" came back to the scene of his greatest playing triumps which he left nearly three years ago.

His charges were beaten by the world's champion Giants, 7 to 3. Southpaw Art Nehf allowed only one hit, but a combination of errors and passes brought three tallies. The failure to fill the park, which can accommodate over 40,000 patrons, was a disappointment to the management. The New York Americans, in their opening game played before a capacity audience of over 70,000 and turned ten thousand away.

Although the Yankees tied the game in the eighth, of the ninth with a two run rally, the Boston Red Sox retaliated with a hit barrage and walked off with a 5 to 4 victory, and shunted the New Yorkers to second place in the league standing.

Coveleskie's superb pitching carried his team mates to a 3 to 0 victory over the Chicago White Sox and the Cleveland Indians again resumed the leadership in the league race.

Bouquet For Umpire.

Umpire Rowland, one time manager of the White Sox, was presented with flowers by Chicago fans.

Washington defeated the Athletics 2 to 1, in a closely contested game.

Pittsburg scored its second victory over the Cubs 7 to 2.

After six straight losses Brooklyn came to life and fell upon the Philadelphia pitchers, trimming the Quakers 14 to 4. Andy High's hitting featured, the third baseman gathering in three hits, one a homer.

The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Reds 8 to 4. The hitting of Eddie Rousch, the Red outfielder, was a bright spot in his team's downfall. He poled out four safeties in five times at bat, two of them doubles.

CONSULS TO LEAVE VLADIVOSTOK

Both U. S. and British to Close Offices There, is the Cabled Report.

Harbin, Manchuria, April 27.—S. P. Tuck, U. S. consul at Vladivostok, has announced that he is to leave the Soviet far eastern capital with his staff on May 1, and has advised all U. S. citizens in the country to do likewise, according to advices received here today. It was also stated that Vice-Consul Edward B. Thomas, stationed at Chita, is to leave on the same day.

Tokio, April 27.—The U. S. and British consulates at Vladivostok are to be closed in the near future, according to reports received here.

The vernacular press prints special despatches from Vladivostok evidently inspired in Soviet quarters wherein it is said that the U. S. consul has decided to close his consulate because of a "deportation order" issued by the Soviet authorities following the sale of "some arms to whites." The whites are anti-Bolsheviki forces.

The withdrawal of the British consul is said to be in accordance with the recently adopted policy towards Soviet administration.

KILBANE TO MAKE THIS LAST YEAR IN RING

New York, April 27.—Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, world's featherweight boxing champion, today announced that he will retire from the ring this year. If he successfully defends his title against Eugene Criqui of France, European featherweight champion, here May 2, he will accept a titular match with Johnny Dundee of New York, and then turn in his gloves. If Criqui defeats him it will be his last bout.