

CHURCHFIRE AS SERMON BEGINS

Outbreak Occurs As Mass In St. John Baptist Nears End

Congregation Leaves Quietly at Word of Father Kinsella—Damage About \$3,000

Coolness of action at the 8 o'clock mass in the Saint John Baptist church yesterday prevented what might have been a tragic occurrence when fire broke out in the edifice. The mass was just about over and Rev. A. W. Kinsella was beginning his sermon and the congregation quietly left the church. Miss Butler fainted near the door and was carried to the street by Thomas Killam and soon recovered. Damage is estimated at \$3,000, covered by insurance.

FIRE DISCOVERED

The usual 8 o'clock mass had been finished in the church and Rev. Father Kinsella had just started to preach a sermon on "St. Patrick's Day," when members of the congregation heard a crackling sound in the high ceiling. The sound grew louder, and within a few minutes several of those present began pointing to the ceiling and it was then plain to all that the church was on fire.

CLEARED THE ALTAR

Immediately after the fire was discovered, and the church began to fill with smoke, Father Kinsella, with the assistance of male members of the congregation, safely removed everything from the altar, as well as the carpets in front. They were thus at work when Chief Vaughan and the other firemen arrived on the scene.

The fire was burning brightly, it was found, between the ceiling and the roof on the southeast corner of the church. A ladder was raised and the firemen entered through a window and with a good stream of water, soon had the blaze confined to this section.

Another long ladder was taken into the church, a section of the ceiling was torn away on either side of the altar at the top and another stream of water was played on the blaze from this direction. It was not long before the fire was well under control and finally put out.

The woodwork between the ceiling and the roof of the church was badly burned and it will be necessary to rebuild this section. The decorated ceiling was also destroyed at this part. In addition to this the church was damaged by the thick smoke and will need an entire renovating. There was also considerable water on the church floor near the altar.

SERVICES DELAYED

As soon as the firemen left the building, Father Kinsella with male members of the congregation, set to work cleaning away the debris, the floors were washed up, the carpets cleaned with sweepers and again placed in position, with the result that the church was placed in fit condition so that vesper was sung as usual last evening.

The fire, which is suspected to have started from a defective wire, had a good start before being discovered, and it is fortunate that the church was empty at the time it was, or it is the opinion of many, if it had not been seen until later, there was every chance that more damage would have been done.

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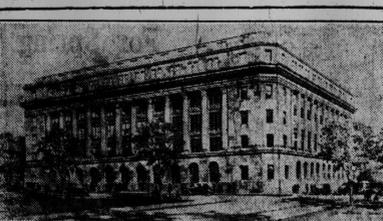
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The program was as follows: Chorus by the Junior Choir; duet, Irene Elliott and Elsie McIntyre; recitation, D. Magee; recitation, Doris Farnham; duet, Florence Beris and Mildred Banks; duet, Ralph Black and Doris Farnham; recitation, Marion MacAfee; motion song "Chinese Cousins" by the choir; recitation, Verna Elliott; recitation, Dorothy Magee; motion songs "We Are Nodding" by the choir.

At the close of the program the Junior Choir gave three hearty cheers for Miss Pepper as a tribute to her splendid work in training the choir for the concert. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

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\$2,000,000 BUILDING FOR OTTAWA



A house in which lived the Honorable Alexander MacKenzie, Prime Minister of Canada between 1874 and 1878 was torn down with several others to make way for a fine new home of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Ottawa. It is to be ready for business by next autumn.

ST. PETER'S FIRST CHURCH IN LONDON

Claim of Museum Director is Doubtful by Archaeological Authority, However

LONDON, March 15.—Which was really the earliest city church? R. H. Smith, deputy keeper of the British Museum, in a recent lecture, claimed this distinction for St. Peter's, Cornhill.

George Prime, who is a recognized authority on city archaeology, throws doubt on this claim, and declares that the earliest city church to be consecrated to the Christian religion was old St. Paul's.

"The tablet declaring that the foundations of St. Peter's were laid in A. D. 179 by Regulus Lucius," said Mr. Prime, "is of doubtful authenticity. The historian Stow investigated this claim, and dismissed it."

"In those days all the old buildings which subsequently became churches were temples dedicated to pagan worship, but if Stow is correct, St. Peter's upon Cornhill was not finished until the reign of Edward IV., 'as appears,' to use Stow's own words, 'in arms of noblemen and aldermen of London then living.'"

"On the other hand, we have the authority of Dugdale that the first pagan temple in the city to be dedicated to Christianity was old St. Paul's, which had previously been the temple of the Goddess Diana. Dugdale's reference is as follows: 'In the year CLXXXV, Eleutherus then living.'"

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Will Convene Here In May

THE Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick will hold a three-day session in Saint John during the week of May 13. Commissioner R. W. Wigmore, warden of the county, said that a meeting of the executive of the Union would be called for the last week in this month to draw up a program for the meeting, which is to cover a three-day period. It is hoped to have one of more representatives of every municipality in the province in attendance and the intention is to both a program of special interest to both urban and rural representatives.

Abductor Given 10 Years In Prison

STRAUSBURG, N. Y., March 14.—Convicted by a Madison County jury at Wampsville of abducting Genevieve Case, 17-year-old Onondaga high school girl, and living with her six months, before they were found, several weeks ago in a shack near Camden, N. J., Myron Failing of Vernon, married and the father of three children, was sentenced today to ten years in the Auburn Prison by Judge Joseph D. Senn.

Failing took the girl away in an automobile last August 22. They were found when a letter from the girl to her parents disclosed her whereabouts. At the trial Failing's counsel attempted to show that the girl had suggested the elopement, letters written by the girl to Failing, and letters purporting to corroborate this contention being introduced.

Failing was denounced by Judge Senn as a "menace to society."

Mercury Goes To 26 Below In N. Y. State

TUPPER LAKE, N. Y., March 15.—Winter's coldest blast forced the mercury down to an official temperature of 26 degrees below zero here yesterday. Pioneer residents declared that the weather was the coldest in 30 years.

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OPPORTUNITIES OF SPECIAL EDITION

Number Will Serve Many Useful Purposes—Some of Them

It may be truthfully stated that never before have so many opportunities been placed before the readers of The Telegraph-Journal and Evening Times-Star as will be found in the "Farm, Property, Real Estate and Buildings" number that will be published with both editions on Monday, March 22.

There also will be found in this number offers to exchange city property for country property and country property for city property. There will be found buyers looking for farms and other properties. Several good building sites are being offered and some flourishing businesses are for sale.

Summer homes are wanted and bungalows are offered to buyers. Money is advertised to loan on properties and trust companies are prepared to look after estates.

Carpenters, plumbers, builders, painters and supply houses are placing their names before the public, stating what services they can render the property owner. There are only two or three more days left open for receiving advertising for this valuable edition.

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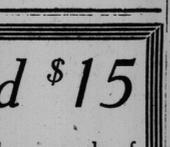
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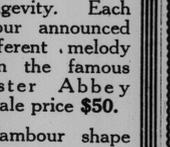
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Still another example of the Anniversary Sale Prices of Ferguson & Page. Actually a 14-karat solid green Gold Lady's Wrist Watch as pictured with a 15-jewel guaranteed movement. Sale price, \$15.



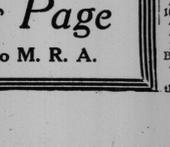
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TRouble IS FEARED Heavy Guard Around Plant at East Paterson, Because of Strike

PASSAIC, N. J., March 15.—A heavy guard was ordered thrown around the National Silk Dyeing Company's plant at East Paterson today in anticipation of a demonstration by striking textile workers who are seeking the silk workers' special. It is said uncompromising remarks or other disorders will result in arrest.

The centre of interest of the strike, now in its eighth week, will shift to Washington tomorrow, when a committee will ask for congressional investigation of the textile industry in New Jersey.

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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes: Money paid by General Motors of Canada Limited to Canadian manufacturers for parts and materials \$9,942,369; Canadian employees of General Motors of Canada, Limited, were paid 5,187,859; Gross Revenue to dealers from which they paid their employees, rent, taxes, and all other operating expenses 8,289,243; The Government received for duty on imported parts, sales and excise tax and other taxes 5,498,463; The Canadian railroads and transportation companies were paid 2,664,204; Canadian makers of tools, drills, jigs, dies, etc., received 1,201,244; Operation of service parts distributing depots, branches, expenses of wholesaling, including money paid for advertising and printing, resulted in an additional expenditure of 1,864,544; 1243 Canadian stockholders of General Motors received dividends amounting to 1,085,464; Total money put into Canada directly through General Motors \$35,733,390; During the same year the people of Canada invested in General Motors' cars 34,044,048; The contribution, therefore, of this industry to Canada's prosperity in 1925 consists in the employment of many thousands of Canadian workmen; of the payment of many millions to Canadians for material and labor; a tremendous revenue to our Federal Government, assisting our tax burden; a mammoth amount of revenue to our railroads and leaves in Canada more money than it collects.

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