

MARSHAL HEATON SAYS REID FIRE NOT INCENDIARY

But Will Leave Assistants in
London To Continue
Investigation.

TWELVE SUSPECTED Chief Aitken Says Six Blazes Were Undoubtedly of In- cendiary Origin.

Yesterday Fire Marshal Heaton, with his deputies, R. E. Dingle and J. D. Jordan, conducted a thorough investigation of the fire which totally destroyed the Reid building on Clarence street last Sunday, and concluded that the conflagration was not incendiary.

Mr. Heaton returned to Toronto, and Jordan and Dingle are now in charge of operations in this city. It is found that more men are needed to carry on the investigation, they will be sent by the department.

Questioned by The Advertiser, Mr. Jordan stated that he and Mr. Dingle will remain here until the problem has been settled and everything done to clear up the situation. "These fires may have been the work of some pyromaniac, or they may have been set by someone in revenge. Twice in the past four years we have traced epidemics of this kind to people who were mentally unbalanced. As yet I am not at liberty to make public just what we have been the result of my investigation. As soon as we have reached definite conclusions, we will give the question all publicity possible."

Anonymous Writers. "Do you think the writer or writers of these anonymous letters may have started the fires?" Mr. Jordan replied. "In certain cases before, such missives have come to light, and it appeared that the authors of them were sometimes the ones who started the fires, and sometimes merely people who had a grudge against the person themselves but not the public, even if their names were not published."

Of the seventeen fires occurring in the last six months which are to form the subject of Deputy Marshal Jordan's investigation, six are regarded as plainly incendiary, six more are suspected, and the remaining five are in the doubtful class.

Six Set Intentionally. The six fires described as positively incendiary are the East End Town Hall, the Universal Hat and Cap Company, at 713 Dundas street, the Fitzgerald Block, Dowling's, King Street Presbyterian Church, and St. Matthew's Anglican Church.

This is the classification made by Fire Chief Aitken in an interview with The Advertiser last night. "Since July 29," stated Chief Aitken, "there have been exactly six fires which were obviously caused by incendiaries, and six more which we strongly suspected were of incendiary origin. There were about five others about which we are not sure. They may have been set on fire and they may have started by natural means."

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"We know for certain," he said, "the fire in the Fitzgerald block on Dundas street, east of Clarence, was started intentionally, as we found a quantity of rags under the second flight of stairs. These rags were literally soaked with kerosene oil."

JUVENILE COURT IS APPROVED BY PROVINCIAL HEAD

Attorney-General Says Ontario
Has Given It Due
Recognition.

MUST PROCLAIM ACT Mayor Says He Knows Man in City Who Will Give Free Service.

As far as the provincial authorities are concerned, there is a juvenile court in London.

In a communication to the city clerk today, Attorney-General W. E. Raney explains that due recognition of this is recorded in Toronto, and that the next step will be the appointment of a suitable judge.

Following this, the Juvenile Delinquents' Act must be proclaimed by Ottawa, in accordance with the request forwarded recently by the London city council.

Mayor Wengle this afternoon directed a query to the attorney-general, seeking more explicit details in connection with the situation. He wants definite instructions relative to the appointment, and knowledge as to whether it is the wish of the Ontario authorities that London also petition the federal administration concerning the proclamation of the act.

"I have a suitable judge in mind," Mayor Wengle assured. "One of London's big men who will prove the ideal selection. I feel confident, further than that, we shall have his services for nothing. The moment remuneration is mentioned, he says he will be out of the reckoning."

PROMINENT LONDONER FOUND DEAD IN GARAGE

Russell W. Swayze, Respected
Civic Employee and Popular
Resident, Dies Suddenly.

Death, as swift as it was unexpected, last night, cut short the promising career of Russell W. Swayze, well-known Londoner, who as the inspector of building operations at the new site of the university buildings.

At 11:15 last night Mr. Swayze was found dead in his garage, and physicians who lay the cause to heart failure, state that death must have occurred three hours previously.

Next Sunday would have been celebrated as Mr. Swayze's twenty-fifth birthday, and his youth coupled with the fact that he had already attained a marked degree of success.

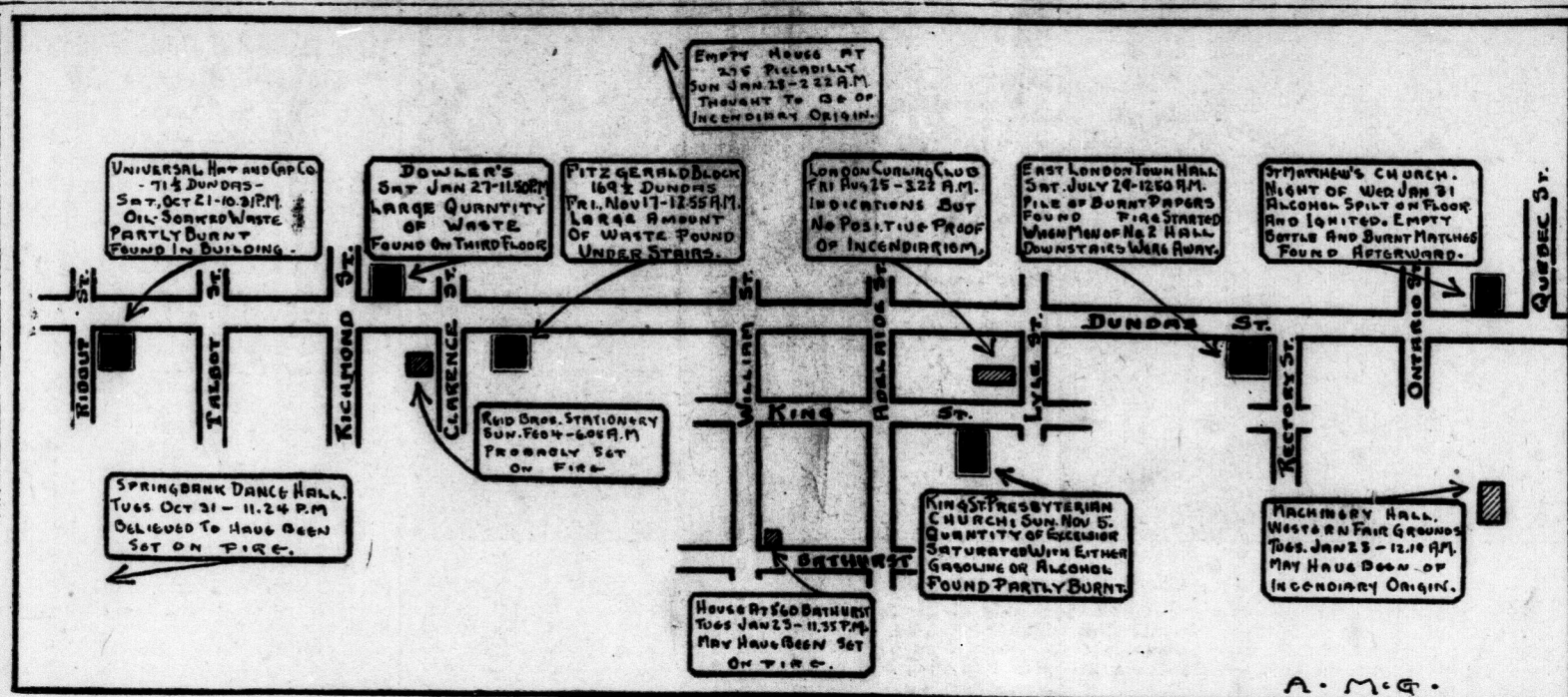
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THE FIREBUG'S TRAIL IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS.
On the above map are given the locations of twelve of the seventeen fires which have occurred since July 29th. Six of these, shown by the solid black squares, are regarded by Fire Chief Aitken as plainly incendiary. The remaining five are doubtful. Reid's fire, believed suspicious by Fire Chief Aitken, is now declared to be non-incendiary, following investigation by Fire Marshal Heaton.

BRITISH WARSHIP PROCEEDS, DEFEYING TURK ULTIMATUM

Will Enter Smyrna Harbor
Tonight To "See What
Will Happen."

NEW ANGORA ORDER Insists All Allied Warships Over 1,000 Tons Leave Port by Midnight.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, Feb. 7.—The Turkish Government has issued an ultimatum, ordering all Allied warships over 1,000 tons to leave Smyrna harbor before midnight tonight. It was learned on the highest authority today, in response to the ultimatum, that the British warship "Angora" is expected to leave the harbor by midnight.

In the meantime, acting under orders from London, the British high commissioner at Constantinople conferred with the Turkish representative at Constantinople, urgently requesting the Angora Government to rescind the ultimatum. The British cruiser that is to test the Turkish ultimatum, is now steaming towards Smyrna, and is expected to arrive late this afternoon. It is believed there is little likelihood of serious developments, partly because the harbor is inadequately fortified, with little ammunition, but principally because the Turks recognize the strength and also the potential friendliness of the British position.

DEPART FROM LAUSANNE. Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Lausanne, Feb. 7.—Both the Turks and the Russians left Lausanne today, and rumblings of impending war in the Near East followed on their heels. The Russian ultimatum to the last, departed for Angora, with a majority of the Ottoman delegation at 8:40 a.m., leaving a few secretaries in the case the Allies change their minds.

M. Massigli, representing the Entente, bade them a cordial farewell at the station, but the feeling was that the peace party was definitely at an end. The Russians, still protesting that the Allies must meet their terms regarding the Straits, which they wish closed to warships, left at 8 o'clock.

Before Ismet Pasha left, he said, the Allies could reach him at Angora for the next three weeks. If they had a written reply to make to his memorandum of Sunday, demanding further concessions. The Turkish envoy put resumption of the conference to the Allies, saying that he must be invited formally to return, and that he regarded a communication from Premier Poincaré, France, suggesting the parity be continued, as "merely an unofficial suggestion."

JUDGE IN DELORME CASE DIES ON TRIP TO FLORIDA

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, Que., Feb. 7.—Ontario is not alone in having many members of its judiciary on the sick list. Quebec is suffering in the same way, and today word was received by Judge A. Medee Moner that his father, Mr. Justice Moner, had died in Florida, where he went a few weeks ago after a nervous breakdown. His locality was practically unknown outside Quebec until the famous Delorme case arose.

He it was who presided at the trial of the Delorme case, which was declared incapable of being put on trial for murder, and at which the alienists were given a raking over.

Preachers Only People Who Did Not Make Money. Chicago, Feb. 7.—Preachers were the class of men who did not make money last year, according to Dr. Marion S. Rice of Detroit, who spoke before the gathering of Methodist ministers in Chicago yesterday.

Unknown Benefactor Aids Paralyzed London Youth

Detroit Endeavors To Brighten the Life of Bert Dean, Lying Motionless on Bed—Boy Continues To Smile Despite Terrible Suffering.

Through its news columns The Advertiser may be the means of saving the life of a paralyzed boy, for whom since an accident in the summer of 1922, existence has been but little more than living death.

A Detroit millionaire, reading an article published by The Advertiser recently about the condition of Bert Dean, 14-year-old Londoner, has put measures into motion that may restore the unfortunate lad to health and happiness.

The article, printed in this paper, told how Bert Dean, son of Walter Dean, Hamilton road, tore the cords of his neck in a give off a springboard at Port Stanley last year. The lad was taken from the water unconscious, and for some time it was feared his neck was broken. When he regained his senses his whole body was paralyzed, with the exception of his arms. Local medical men did their utmost to save the boy, but since the accident young Dean has remained in bed, unable to move.

Years ago the boy's mysterious patron, a Detroit millionaire, was severely injured in a motor accident. He had a paralytic stroke, and his physical faculties after months of treatment. Seeing the pathetic history of Bert Dean published in The Advertiser, this great-hearted gentleman, in recognition of the tremendous benefits of chiropractic to himself, ordered Dr. F. M. Connell to London for gratuitous treatment of the youngster.

Dr. Connell arrived here a week ago Sunday, examined the boy, and decided on a course of treatment. During Dr. Connell's absence in Detroit, Dr. D. C. Parsons, local chiropractor, has charge of the patient. The gentleman from Detroit, with the characteristic modesty of true philanthropy, wished his name withheld if any publicity were used in connection with the case. The story of young Dean's mishap, his fortitude in bearing up under the burden of bodily paralysis, and the endeavoring

action of the charitable American in rendering assistance to a lad he has never seen, and never heard of except to read about, is prompted by the same motive that inspired the leader of local Boy Scouts to send visitors and good things to eat to the crippled child as soon as his condition was broadcasted through the medium of the press.

Through all his suffering young Dean, since his accident, has maintained an admirable optimism and good cheer. Although his only form of amusement has been reading, the winning smile with which he professes satisfaction to those who visit him reflects the quality of an unconquerable soul.

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Queen Mary Stays With the Princess Believe Birth of an Heir Is Imminent.

Special to The Advertiser. London, Feb. 7.—The queen visited Princess Mary this morning, intending to return to the palace for luncheon, but decided to remain with her daughter. The Evening Star said today.

This is taken to mean that the expected birth of an heir to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles is imminent.

12,000 KILLED BY MOTORS IN U. S. DURING PAST YEAR

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Feb. 7.—More than 12,000 persons were killed by automobile fatalities in the United States in 1922. New York led the list with 785 fatalities, which did not include the month of December; Chicago had 726, and Los Angeles ranked third with 321.

KNOX COLLEGE PRINCIPAL CHOSEN BY PRESBYTERY

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—Unanimous decision to nominate Rev. Prof. Alfred Gaudier, principal of Knox College, Toronto, for the moderatorship of the general assembly, which is to meet in Port Arthur next June, was reached by the Winnipeg Presbytery yesterday. Similar action was taken by the Halifax Presbytery recently.

LAST AMERICAN TROOPS ON RHINE COME HOME

Special to The Advertiser. Savannah, Ga., Feb. 7.—The last contingent of the American army of occupation was nearing home today. The transport St. Michel, returning 1,200 soldiers from the Rhine, was scheduled to dock here about noon.

C. P. R. EMPLOYEES OF LONDON AREA TO GET INCREASE

International Brotherhood and
Railway Officials Reach
Wage Settlement.

LENGTHY SESSION Inquiry Followed Announcement Last July That Cut Was Proposed.

Between two and three hundred clerks, station and express employees in the London division of the Canadian Pacific Railway will have their weekly pay increased from \$2 to \$10 as the result of an agreement reached yesterday between the employees and the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Express and Station Employees.

For the past two weeks the company's and the men's representatives have been in daily session at Montreal working out the details of the agreement and revising the schedules for the various grades.

The settlement terminates a wage dispute which has lasted for some months. Last July the announcement by the company that wages of clerks, express and station employees were to be decreased was met with considerable protest by the men who immediately applied for a conciliation board.

On Oct. 4, 1922, the arbitration board submitted the finding that a reduction in the wages of clerks, freight handlers, baggage men and checkers was not warranted. The majority award included the recommendation that "there should be further negotiations between the company and the employees with a view of adjusting any inequalities which may exist in the wages paid to employees at different points."

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GREAT WEST SADDLERY BUILDING IS DOOMED

Crowded Part of Calgary's
Business District in
Danger.

Canadian Press Despatch. Calgary, Feb. 7.—Fire broke out late last night in the most crowded part of the wholesale district of Calgary on Ninth avenue near First street west. At the present the Great West Saddlery Company's building is doomed. On either side the whole fire force is on the scene, but a large section is threatened, among other places, the Morning Albertan. Despite the blizzard, the firemen managed to keep the fire from spreading very badly. It is estimated that the losses will be \$250,000.

BANKER STILLMAN'S WIFE OPENS MILLINERY FIRM

Canadian Press Despatch. New York, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Anne U. Stillman is going into the wholesale millinery business in this city, her secretary revealed today after Justice Morschauser in White Plains had denied application yesterday for extra alimony from her divorced husband, James A. Stillman.

PREMATURE EXPLOSION IS FATAL TO WORKERS

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 7.—Archie Campbell was instantly killed and R. Simcock was seriously injured when a charge of dynamite exploded prematurely near here yesterday. The men were engaged in clearing land.

JOSEPH MANENTI GIVEN 3 MONTHS IN COMMON JAIL

Pleads Guilty to Charge of
Escaping From Lawful
Custody.

INDIAN ADMITS GUILT Judge Mowat Gives Cecil Cady a Stiff Lecture—Out on Suspended Sentence.

Joseph Manenti, alias Tony Ross, pleaded guilty before Judge Mowat in supreme court at the court house this morning to the charge of escaping from lawful custody, and was given a term of three months in the common jail.

In view of the fact that the man had spent two months in jail already, and that he was awaiting trial on a charge of having forged American bank notes in his possession, Judge Mowat stated he would not impose the maximum penalty, but one-eighth the maximum.

Judge Mowat criticized the jail officials who were in charge in September, 1919, when Manenti made his successful dash for liberty. He mentioned they were lax, especially in view of the fact that the prisoner was awaiting trial on a serious charge at the time he escaped.

Cecil Cady, young Muncey Indian, pleaded guilty to a charge of obstructing a police officer, in accordance with arrangements made yesterday, whereby he was to be allowed out on suspended sentence on this count and in the case of theft, of which he was found guilty by a jury.

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Kingston	38	8	Fair
Ottawa	40	22	Clear
Montreal	38	10	Clear
Quebec	40	16	Clear
Father Point	38	26	Clear
St. John's	40	14	Fair
Halifax	40	14	Cloudy

INDIANA CITY EDITOR ENDS LIFE BY HANGING

Jeffersonville, Ind., Feb. 7.—The body of John W. Edwards, 46, city editor of the Jeffersonville Evening News, was found hanging in a doorway of the composing room yesterday. No reason for the suicide is known.

ST. CATHARINES MAN DIES.

Canadian Press Despatch. St. Catharines, Feb. 7.—Ald. Mitchell J. Murphy, 63, of this city, died early this morning in Buffalo General Hospital after two major operations. Last January he was elected at the head of the poll for the fourth year. He was chairman of market and building committees. Mrs. Murphy and four sons survive.

BRITAIN FORBIDS FRENCH TO PASS RHINELAND ZONE

Flatly Declines Permission For
Troops To Traverse British
Territory.

REPLY IS DECISIVE Poilus Would Use Troop Trains To Settle Strike of German Workers.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, Feb. 7.—Britain this afternoon sent a note to France flatly declining to permit trains manned by French troops to traverse the British Rhineland zone, it was learned on highest authority.

The British note suggested such trains be diverted.

The communication answers a French note asking what views the British would take of troop trains in view of the strike of German railway workers.

OFFERS TO EVACUATE RUHR.
Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, Feb. 7.—France offered last week to evacuate the Ruhr and consider favorably granting Germany a two-year moratorium, on condition that Germany raise a 6,500,000,000 mark loan and pay the French two and a half billions immediately, according to the Daily Chronicle's Berlin correspondent. The German government, the correspondent says, rejected the proposal, declaring it was impossible to raise such a sum, because of the economic detour brought on by French occupation of the Ruhr.

WILL POLL ALLIES STAND.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Berlin, Feb. 7.—The German government has decided to poll the remaining Allies, and possibly the neutrals, as to how they stand on French occupation of the Ruhr and additional German territory. It was learned on highest authority today.

The cabinet has decided to try out this system in connection with its latest protest against the invasion of Baden.

NO SEPARATE PEACE.

By PAUL SCOTT MOWRE. Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, Feb. 7.—The London Times and Chicago Daily News, copy from Paris, Feb. 7.—The war cabinet formed on excellent authority that if the Turks now refuse to sign the Lausanne treaty, France will not make a separate peace with Germany, but, instead, will continue in the main to support the attitude of the British government.

Best French opinion here still refuses to believe that a resumption of hostilities in the Near East is possible.

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S SON INJURED AT BRANTFORD

Fireman Harry Scott Knocked
Unconscious When Thrown
From Truck.

Special to The Advertiser. Brantford, Feb. 7.—Harry Scott, of the East End fire department, was thrown heavily from the hook and ladder truck last night, and was removed to the hospital unconscious. The truck skidded and hit a telegraph post. The horses dashed on, pulling Scott off the wagon.

The truck was badly damaged. It is charged that the truck was driven too fast, and Chief Lewis is holding an investigation. Scott is a son of London's assistant fire chief.

WANTS EXPLANATION ON CIVIL SERVANTS' SALARY

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The salaries and bonuses of civil servants are the subject of questions placed on the order paper of the Commons today by Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative member for Vancouver Centre.

Mr. Stevens asks the government intends generally to revise civil service salaries. If so, he asks, will Parliament be informed, and when.

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