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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1920

SAY CROWN FORCES STARTED FIRES

Labor Report Quotes Cork Eye-Witnesses

Commission Reports to Lloyd George and Others of Government—Say People Ordered Indoors Before Fires Began.

London, Dec. 17.—The report of the labor commission's inquiry into conditions in Ireland made public yesterday, declares that eye witnesses to the burning of the city of Cork are "unanimous in stating that the fires were caused by crown forces."

The results of the inquiry were officially presented yesterday at a joint meeting of the national executive and the parliamentary labor party and it was decided that a committee should wait on the premier to urge further efforts for a truce in Ireland.

The report says a number of witnesses interviewed are prepared, if given a definite guarantee for the future safety, to substantiate on oath "this statement of facts as presented."

The destruction is declared to have been systematic, incendiaries having sought "out the most valuable premises in the town and put into execution a pre-conceived plan."

It is further charged that the crown forces had forced the people indoors.

An eye witness is quoted as testifying: "Black and Tans or auxiliary police, or both, were the incendiaries."

Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law and Sir Thomas Greenway, secretary for Ireland, received the labor commission last night. They presented the official report and conveyed the widespread desire for peace in Ireland.

The Canadian Sapper is to sail from Halifax about Dec. 21 in a new service between there and St. John's, Nfld.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50 CENTS.

BIRTHS

ROSS—On December 15, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ross, 222-1-2 Third street, a son.

BROWN—On December 16, at Evansville Home, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, 810 City Road, a son.

DEATHS

MCDONALD—In this city, on Dec. 16, James F. McDonald, leaving his wife and two sons to mourn.

(Moncton, Sussex and Boston papers please copy.)

FUNERAL from his late residence, 25 Richmond street, at 2:30 Sunday. Friends invited to attend.

SMITH—At Sussex, on Dec. 17, 1920, William S. Smith, aged seventy-six, leaving wife, four sons and two daughters. Funeral from Trinity church, Sussex, Monday morning, December 20, at 10 o'clock. Burial in the cemetery at noon.

MARTIN—At the St. John Infirmary, on Dec. 15, 1920, John Martin, of Pleasant Point, N. B., leaving his widow, two sons and five daughters to mourn.

Interment will take place on Saturday at Boston, Kent county.

DOUGLAS—In Dorchester, Mass., on Dec. 14, Elizabeth A., widow of Robert Douglas.

FUNERAL Thursday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Albert A. Voss, 56 Temple street.

FAIRWEATHER—At his residence, No. 248 Charlotte street, on Dec. 16, 1920, G. Ernest Fairweather, leaving his wife and one daughter.

FUNERAL on Saturday afternoon from his late residence, service at 3 o'clock.

THOMAS—At his residence, No. 3 Hazen street, on Dec. 16, 1920, L. Olive Thomas, leaving his wife, one son and one daughter.

FUNERAL on Saturday from his late residence, service at 2:30 o'clock.

GILBRATH—In this city on Dec. 16, 1920, Margaret, beloved wife of Thomas Gilbrath, leaving her husband, two sons, three daughters, two brothers and one sister to mourn.

(Boston and Worcester papers please copy.)

FUNERAL Saturday morning at 8:15 o'clock from her late residence, 60 Moore street, to Holy Trinity church for requiem high mass. Friends invited.

MORGAN—In this city on Dec. 1920, Thomas J. Morgan.

FUNERAL Saturday morning at 9:15 from his late residence, 638 Main street, to St. Peter's church for solemn requiem high mass. Friends invited.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The members of Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., are requested to meet at 343 Charlotte street, on Saturday afternoon, December 18, at 2:45 o'clock (without regalia), for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late brother, GEORGE ERNEST FAIRWEATHER. Members of sister lodges are respectfully invited to attend.

By order of the Wor. Master, F. A. GUNDOE, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The officers and members of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, are requested to assemble at 3 Hazen street on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother, Past Chancellor L. Olive Thomas.

Members of sister lodges are invited to attend.

Ordinary, dress.

By order of G. C. JAMES MOULSON, K. of B. S.

LOCAL NEWS

REPAIRING WHARVES.

The city harbor repair crew is at work today renewing the fenders on the South Market wharf and replacing one of the mooring posts at Pettigill wharf.

ORDINATION.

Rev. A. J. Langlois was ordained as a priest in the Anglican church this morning in St. George's church, West St. John, by His Lordship Bishop Richardson.

MORE VOTERS.

The city's voting lists contain nearly 1,500 more names this year than they did at the end of 1919, according to the figures compiled by the board of revisors and now on file in the office of the board of assessors. The total on the present list is 24,120, as compared with 22,788 for last year.

DEATH OF JOHN MARTIN.

The death of John Martin of Pleasant Point occurred at the Infirmary on Dec. 15. Besides his wife he leaves two sons, William and Edward, and two daughters, Ida of Toronto, and Dolly, Evelyn, Nellie and Annie of this city. The body was taken to Rexton for interment on Saturday.

QUITE A DROP.

One of the items in which the expenses of the city have been reduced considerably recently is in connection with the feeding of horses. While the price paid for oats a few months ago was as high as \$1.40 to \$1.45 a bushel, this commodity is now being purchased at from 75 to 80 cents. Hay has also declined from the vicinity of \$42 to a fraction less than \$35.

MILITARY CAR IN TROUBLE.

A military lorry was in collision with an electric light pole in Waterloo street at noon today. The car was disabled near the Golden Ball corner and another military motor was called to tow it to the garage. Both cars proceeded as far as Peters street to turn. The towing car made the electric light pole wide a turn and crashed into a pole in front of Ungar's laundry, smashing one of the headlights. No other damage was done.

ORGANIZATION MEETING.

An organization meeting of the shareholders of the St. John-Montreal Development Company, which is planning opening up a building area near Fairville, was held this morning in the office of Taylor & Sweeney and the following directors chosen: W. E. Gunter, G. E. Chester Gandy, Thos. Stephen, Glendon H. Allan, Stanley H. Taylor, and Roland Prefontaine. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Gunter; vice-president, Mr. Gandy; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Allan. Plans for the opening up of development will be made at a meeting of the directors soon.

ACCIDENTS.

Gordon McDonald, 46 Erin street, longshoreman, working at No. 1 shed, had his arm lacerated this morning by a baggage hook. He was treated at the emergency hospital and went to his home.

A man named Blackwell was brought to the General Public Hospital this morning from McAdam, where he sustained a severe cut on the foot while chopping up the lumber woods. Three of his toes had been cut off by the axe. Thomas Sharkey, an employee in the McLean Holt & Company's foundry, sustained a cut on the head from a piece of flying steel. He was taken to the General Public Hospital and after receiving medical treatment went to his home.

WM. J. SMITH OF SUSSEX IS DEAD

(Special to Times.)

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 17.—William S. Smith, an old and respected resident of Sussex, passed away this morning. He was proprietor of the Sussex Bakery for many years, but retired from business recently. He was seventy-six years of age and is survived by his wife, four sons, Norman S. of Alberts, J. William of Hampton, F. Smith of Lakeside, and Miss F. E. Smith of Hampton and Mrs. William Robertson of St. John. The funeral will be taken to Trinity church on Monday morning and service will be held, and to Hampton on the maritime express for interment in Hampton.

PERSONALS

Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith returned to Shediac this morning.

Miss Lillian Hoyt and Miss Edna MacAllister left last night for Boston to spend their Christmas vacation.

The engagement has been announced of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Emerson, Germain street, to Major G. H. McCullum, of Ottawa, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. McCullum, of Smith's Falls (Ont.).

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Murray, of Toronto, to spend Christmas with them at their home, Orange street.

Mrs. F. O. Conlon, of Fredericton, accompanied by her daughter, Margaret, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Conlon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Power, Wentworth street.

Dr. J. D. Maher returned home today from New York and Montreal.

FINANCIAL NOTES

New York, Dec. 17.—Directors of the International Mercantile Marine Co., yesterday declared the regular semi-annual dividend of three per cent. on preferred stock but took no action on an extra dividend of dividends still in arrears on that issue. Their failure to do so was attributed to general shipping conditions which make it advisable that the company conserve its financial resources.

New York, Dec. 17.—The United States food products corporation today passed \$1.25 per share in dividends to its shareholders.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN.

BRIGHT NEW ACTS AT OPERA HOUSE

Everything New Tonight—Programme Includes Snappy Comedy Skit, Sensational Equilibrists, Singing and Dancing.

The new vaudeville programme for the Opera House tonight will be as follows:—Wright and Anderson, "The Mary Pickford and Fatty Arbuckle" of vaudeville; Alder and Clark, in a snappy comedy skit "Hanging Nails," with songs and dancing; The Haynes, two sensational hand jumping equilibristas; Wright and Earl, who are offering a sparkling series of songs, styles and classy dance steps; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sauter, country songs and old home sayings. In addition to these five acts there will be another episode of the popular serial "Hidden Dangers," featuring Joe Ryan.

IMPERIAL'S SANTA CLAUSE PLAY TOMORROW

Between shows at the Imperial Saturday afternoon, and each day following until the 24th, the annual Christmas playlet will be given. This year thirty-five pretty and clever children will perform along with dear old Santa Claus. There will be songs, dances and drills, also an exciting story entitled "The Winged Indian Child." The special scenery will be Banff, in the Rockies, and there will be faeries to light the magic Christmas trees, etc. A wonderful time for the vicinity, concluding with a Santa Claus visit to the audience. Matinee prices, downstairs 15c. for everybody; balconies 10c. for children. Last chapter of the serial, "The Lost Empire," with Goldwyn Midge Kennedy comedy.

SOCIETY WAR OVER MRS. MACSWINEY

Lady Auckland Geddes Figures in Incident in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Lady Auckland Geddes, wife of the British ambassador to the United States, has retired as a patroness of the Washington Opera company, because of her association with Mrs. MacSwiney, who is a member of the company, has been entertaining at her home Mrs. MacSwiney, wife of the late lord mayor of Cork. "A society war is threatened over the incident."

TO HAVE TOOTH TAKEN FROM LNNG

Miss Muriel M. McBay, daughter of J. P. McBay, grocer of the north end, is in Philadelphia under treatment preparatory to the removal of a tooth from one of her lungs. She was brought to Philadelphia about two weeks ago and one operation was performed by Dr. Johnson, a specialist but it was found that an abscess had formed and the removal of the tooth had to be postponed until the abscess was attended to.

RIFLE CLUB FOR NEW BRUNSWICK DRAGOONS

At a meeting of the New Brunswick Dragoons in the armory last Tuesday evening it was unanimously decided to form a rifle club. With the excellent facilities provided, this should prove a boon to the dragoons. It is understood that a rifle league will be formed and prizes awarded to the best marksmen.

This also affords an opportunity for N. C. O.'s and men on leave to keep themselves in shape for shooting on the outdoor ranges when the weather permits. The removal of the tooth had to be postponed until the abscess was attended to.

PAY FREIGHT IN CANADIAN MONEY

Seems There Has Been Demand on British Importers to Pay in U. S. Dollars.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Canadian ocean transportation companies have abandoned their idea of collecting payment from British importers in American dollars. This plan was being followed for some time, it appears, but when the exchange issue became such a live one complaints were received from the British importers who considered it extraordinary that Canadian steamship companies should demand payment in United States funds.

The commercial intelligence branch of the department of trade and commerce took the matter up with the result that the freight for British goods from Canada is now collected "forward collect" at the demand rate of exchange Montreal on London, the freight now being paid in Canadian currency.

The death of Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, of Head of Millstream, widow of Andrew O'Donnell, took place recently. She was 78 years of age and is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Baileigh of Norton; Mrs. Frank Kelly, Millstream; Annie at home and Katie, St. John. Also four sons: Philip and John of Massachusetts; Daniel of Millstream, and Cornelius at home.

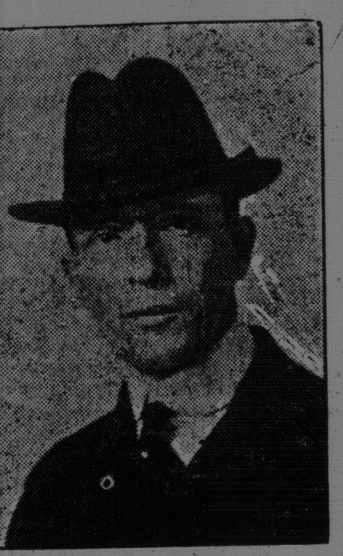
In Fredericton today it was said there probably would be no opposition to Hon. J. E. Hetherington and Hon. D. W. Mercer in Queens and Sunbury.

BALL WRITERS HONOR JOE PAGE

Make Him Member of Their Association

Only One Not Associated With Reporting of Big League Games—"Dean of Canadian Promoters"—American League Meeting.

New York, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Joe Page, of Montreal, called by a local newspaper "The Dean of Canadian Promoters of Baseball," will go back to Montreal tonight with the only member.



JOE PAGE

ship card of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, ever issued to anyone not directly associated with the reporting of major league baseball.

Mr. Page has organized many hunting and fishing parties for the United States Baseball Writers, and has acted as the capacity scout for the Chicago White Sox.

He has seldom missed a world's series since the annual convention of the cause. The tariff question was the cause of a clause similar to that adopted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture in the west calling for complete free trade with Great Britain within five years, and on this rock there was a threatened split.

The conflict of opinion, however, was not allowed to reach a serious stage, for on motion of Secretary Morrison, the debate on the question was deferred for a year, until the next annual convention.

NEARLY SPLIT ON FREE TRADE ROCK

Lack of Harmony in Farmers' Convention

Matter of Complete Free Trade With Britain Within Five Years Finally Goes Over to Next Annual Meeting.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—For the first time since the annual convention of the U. F. O. opened here on Wednesday, there was an evident lack of harmony at last night's session. The tariff question was the cause. It was introduced by Vice-President W. A. Amos in connection with amendments to the far-reaching platform, and was practically a duplicate of the tariff plank which has been in the U. F. O. platform for some time.

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IN WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 17, 10:20.—Price changes at the opening of today's stock market were very confusing. Mexican and Dutch oils rising one to two points while Houston fell 1/2. Crucible Steel was heavy, probably as a result of the failure of the directors to declare more than the regular dividend, and Hide and Leather preferred also reacted on rumors affecting its dividend prospects. Rails, notably Graingers, also reacted a definite trend. St. Paul preferred rising one point and Northern Pacific making a corresponding decline. In the general list fractional recessions ruled.

EARTHQUAKE IN PEKING.

Peking, Dec. 17.—An earthquake was felt here at 9:20 o'clock last night. It St. Joseph's school Christmas exercises were carried out in the rooms. Exercises were carried out in the rooms.

LADS AND LASSES FREED FROM ROUTINE OF SCHOOL

(Continued from page one.)

Recitation—"Santa Claus and the Mouse," Grace Maxwell.

Flap salutation.

God Save the King.

King Edward.

The programme was—"The Amide the Winter Snow," by school.

Reading—"Signs of Christmas," by Wesley Stewart, Grade VIII.

Piano solo by Arthur Patterson, Grade VIII.

Quartette—"Sweet and Low," by Norman Magnusson, Victor Regan, Robert Marr, Lawrence Isaacs.

Reading—"The Height of the Ridiculous," by Harry Cohen, Grade VIII.

Recitation—"Christmas Arithmetic," by four pupils of Grade IV.

Song—"Christmas Carol," by pupils of Grade II.

Recitation—"There is so Much to Do," by four pupils of Grade III.

Drill by sixteen boys of Grade VII.

Chorus—"Good King Wenceslas," by Cornier.

Reading—"Seeing Things Just Before Christmas," Norman Magnusson, Grade VII.

Song—"Silent Night," by Grade VII.

Recitation—"How December Came," by Nelson Lewis, Grade VI.

Chorus—"Oh! Little Town of Bethlehem," by school.

Recitation—"Christmas in Merry England," by four boys of Grade VI.

Recitation—"A Christmas Egg," by Russell.

Wide VI.

God Save the King.

Exercises began at eleven. Good attendance of pupils.

Principal R. R. Cornier presided.

Boys' School, Cliff St.

The boys in the new Catholic school in Cliff street gathered in St. Vincent's auditorium for the closing exercises, and a well arranged and cleverly carried out programme of musical and literary numbers was presented.

Many of the pupils were present and enjoyed the numbers. At the close, the principal, Joseph Harrington, made a short address to the boys, wishing them all happiness for the coming season. Rev. W. M. Duke was also present during the latter part of the programme, having been at St. Vincent's during the early part of the morning.

The programme included:

Chorus, grades VII and VIII.

Grade I, Miss Lawlor's room, recitation.

Grade II, Miss Harrington's room, Santa Claus on the Train, by Cuthbert Kane.

Grade III, Miss Traynor's room, recitation.

Grade VI, Miss Baudry's room, Christmas carols, by the school; recitation by seven boys.

Grade VII, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade VIII, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade IX, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade X, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade XI, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade XII, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade XIII, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade XIV, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade XV, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade XVI, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

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Grade XVIII, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

Grade XIX, Miss McGuffery's room, recitation.

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LOCAL NEWS

SEE "THE NEW MINISTER"

tonight in Thorne Lodge Hall, 25c. to all.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Clan Maclean have voted five dollars toward a Christmas treat for the little ones in the Children's Home, Garden street.

SANTA CLAUS AT OAK HALL SATURDAY MORNING

Oak Hall with all their little boys and girl friends to know that they have received a letter from Santa Claus saying that he will drive his reindeers down on Saturday morning to meet the Sussex train somewhere along the line and will arrive in St. John on the train at 9 o'clock. After a short drive around the city he will arrive at Oak Hall (Germain Street Entrance) about 9:30 and from then until 10:30 he wants to meet all the little St. John boys and girls in the Oak Hall new Germain street store.

Santa says he has fond recollections of his visit to Oak Hall about this time last year and is looking forward to a grand and glorious morning with all the kiddies at Oak Hall.

Thorne's Open Evenings—beginning Tomorrow, till Christmas Eve

Beginning tomorrow (Saturday) the stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will be open every evening up to and including Christmas Eve.

ANOTHER EFFORT AT HOUSE BREAKING

There was an attempt to break into the residence of W. J. Ambrose, manager of the Bank of Montreal, 238 Germain street, on Wednesday night. The outside window in the basement was taken off. No entry was made as the inside window was intact.

Amations were held on the work of the term. Drawings appropriate to the season were on the blackboards of the rooms and the Christmas spirit prevailed.

At St. Thomas' school, Edin street, closing exercises were carried out in each of the class rooms.

No matter what to bacco you smoke, it will taste better out of a "Kola" Pipe (Dead Root Brand).

Thanks to the "Kola" pipes, the pipes do not have to be "broken in," but smoke cool and sweet from the start, longer than ordinary pipes and have and retain that beautiful rich and mellow Kola color. All shapes and sizes at all good tobacconists.

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