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Former St. John Man Reported Shot on Train Near Buffalo

13 LOSE LIFE IN NEW YORK FIRE

DETECTIVE IS KILLED INSTANTLY

Charles A. Ralston is Reported Shot Dead, Parents are Notified.

WAS WAR VETERAN Left St. John Five Months Ago to Accept Position at Buffalo.

Charles A. Ralston, of this city, was instantly killed some time last night on the "Nickel Plate" train running out of Buffalo, and one report was to the effect that he had been shot, but up to going to press no particulars had been received by his parents, 319 City Road.

The first telegram, received early this morning by his father, W. A. Ralston, simply stated that he had been killed and a later one said he had been killed on the train, but did not say in what manner he had met his death. He has been employed as a detective on this train and it is supposed that he was shot while making an arrest.

Victim of War Mr. Ralston was well known in the city, where for many years he carried on an optical business. He was a veteran of the great war, having served for four and a half years overseas with the Canadian troops and was severely wounded in action.

Five months and eight days ago he left for Buffalo and after arriving there accepted the position he held at the time of his death. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ralston, one sister, Mrs. R. Kennedy, of Newburyport, Mass., and five brothers, Harry W. and Robert A. of Somerville, Mass., Roy and Edward of Buffalo and James, of this city.

REBUILD CONVENT Newcastle Congregation Quickly Subscribes About Half Sum Required.

Report on Canadian Conditions Indicates Some Betterment in Next Three Months.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—The index of general conditions in Canada compiled by Prof. H. Mitchell of McMaster University shows no very definite trend during the last thirty years.

Japanese Embassy Is Given Protection Berlin, Feb. 19.—The Japanese embassy and consulate here are being protected by the police, information having been received that an attack against the embassy was planned by a gang of thieves. It is declared in Japanese quarters that there are no political motives behind the affair.

Sweetie Bit Him; Leap Year Victim

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—Patrolman Arthur Simmons, a victim of leap year, was nursing a sore arm Friday after having been bit by a "sweetie" on the street.

WILL CAMPAIGN TO SECURE SETTLERS British Columbia Reaches Out For Families to Take up Land.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 19.—A campaign to secure settlers in Canada and Great Britain to settle on the rich agricultural lands tributary to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in British Columbia is being launched by the Provincial Government.

J. D. O'CONNELL APPEALS ON COSTS

Case Arises Out of Recent Action in Court Over Ice Cream. A case was to have come before Judge J. A. Barry in the County Court this morning, which is an after-effect of the recent action brought by the Purity Ice Cream Co. against J. D. O'Connell, which was decided in favor of the plaintiff.

Wire Briefs The five thousand bags of mail stacked in tenders at Plymouth had not been moved up to noon today and were still lying, covered by tarpaulins, only a few yards from the railway tracks leading to London.

WILL ASK HOTEL BIDS THIS MONTH Plans for Admiral Beatty Completed, is Word From Montreal.

PARIS EXCHANGE CLOSED FOR WHILE Order is Issued by Prefect of Police Because of Crisis.

Saves Wife and 11 Children in Fire Montreal, Feb. 19.—A Touissant made successive trips through fire and smoke and rescued his wife and eleven children from being burned to death last night when fire broke out in his house. He narrowly escaped death himself.

HOUSEWIVES FEAR RISE IN FOOD PRICES

Boost in Meat and Fruits Causes Worry to London Families.

MAILS DELAYED Officials Say No Prospects of Immediate Removal of Canadian Sacks

By Canadian Press. London, Feb. 19.—While British business men are grumbling at the stoppage of the mails through the dockers' strike, the housewives are concerned over the evidence manifest yesterday of an intention of the tradesmen to raise food prices.

MEANS A LOT TO N. B. FISHERMEN U. S. Customs Board Decides to Admit Smelts Free of Duty.

Newcastle, N. B., Feb. 19.—The decision of the United States board of general customs appraisers that smelts are entitled to free entry into the U. S. will be received with much satisfaction by Miramichi fishermen and shippers.

GIVES ROTARIANS NOTABLE ADDRESS

Dr. Spangler Deals With Meaning of Organization in Excellent Speech. What was described by several old members as the finest address on Rotary of today and of the future they had ever heard or even read, was delivered in Pythian hall last evening by District Governor H. L. Spangler.

Rotary's Meaning. Dr. Spangler, at the conclusion of the dinner, presented with force and eloquence the conception of Rotary. Its purpose is to promote understanding, fellowship, service, and better business methods, not only local but national and international; and to contribute to the right development of boy life.

Alberta Miners May Strike in Fall Calgary, Feb. 19.—Coal miners of Alberta are expected to strike this fall as it is understood operators will not agree to a renewal of the present wage scale for three years, perhaps not for one year.

Forty Thousand in Banks on Strike Vienna, Feb. 19.—A strike of bank employees which closed four of the largest institutions here yesterday became effective today in all the banks throughout Austria, including the National Bank.

French Programme Is Given Approval Paris, Feb. 19.—The chamber of deputies arose at five thirty this morning, haggard after an all night session to which it was forced by Premier Poincare in an effort to speed up the consideration of his fiscal programme.

Gladys Robinson Breaks Her Record Calgary, Feb. 19.—Miss Gladys Robinson, international women's skating champion, lowered her Canadian half mile record to 1:24 when she defeated Lou Crosby in an exhibition race at Banff last night.

Believe Woman Is Shut Alive in Home

London, Feb. 19.—Police of the City of Bath recently endeavored to get the more than one of the front door of a house belonging to Miss Florence Appleyard, a wealthy spinster, whose strange disappearance has been the subject of frequent public reference during the past few years.

DOCK MEN STAND FIRM IN WALKOUT Tie-up Said to be Complete Now All Over England.

CARGOES IN DANGER Public Seems to Show Little Uneasiness and Sees Early End.

By British United Press. London, Feb. 19.—Apparently labor in Great Britain requires less provocation to strike now than a Labor government holds power.

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Their Engagement Rumored

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By Canadian Press. New York, Feb. 19.—Thirteen lives were snuffed out in a few minutes in a fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, which early today swept from basement to roof of a five-story tenement in the heart of New York's lower East Side Ghetto.

The blaze, fanned by a draft from the tenement's open front door, flared up the stairs, blocking escape of the eight families who occupied the building. Some of those in the two upper stories, awakened to find the flames at their bedheads, met death before they could even try to brave a dash through the roaring furnace with which they were confronted.

Retreat in Panic. Terrified on opening their hall doors to find a vortex of flames mushrooming from the roof through the smoked-choked corridor, the families on the lower floors retreated in panic to the windows from which they managed, in some cases by seemingly impossible means, to reach safety.

Of the dead, five were boys and two girls, four women and two men. One of the children who lost their lives was an infant, whose charred body was found at the breast of its dead mother. The fire was discovered by a passing policeman, who saw smoke and flames rising against the inner side of a window.

He rushed into the house and up the staircase, hammering with his fist on doors and shouting a warning. Descending flames, checked at the roof and whipping their way downward, stopped him before he reached the upper stories. Has No Matches. The front door had been open as he entered and as he dashed out he saw Louis Choenfeld, a news vendor, running from the entrance with three men at his heels.

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