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OIL PLANTS IN GRIP OF FLAMES

Spectacular Fire Gives Philadelphia Brigade Battle

TANK AFTER TANK EXPLODES

Rivers of Oil Flow in Streets and Trenches to Sewers Are Dug to Get it Away Before Igniting —Loss of $125,000

(Canadian Press)

Philadelphia, Aug. 8—Four large manufacturing plants were threatened with destruction, several firemen were burned or overcome by smoke, and many families had to flee for their lives from their homes yesterday afternoon when the plant of the Union Petroleum Company, which occupied an entire block in the southern section of the city, was practically destroyed in a spectacular fire that raged for hours. The loss is estimated at $125,000.

The fire had its origin in a storage house loaded with many thousand barrels of highly inflammable oils. These exploded with deafening roar and with great rapidity. By the time the firemen responded, the big plant was blazing in twenty places. Five minutes after the first explosion the flames communicated to a 110,000 gallon tank, which exploded, sending burning oil in all directions.

Four alarms were turned in in rapid succession, calling out nearly half of the city's fire-fighting apparatus. There were eighty tanks in the yard, each with a capacity of 400 barrels and 500 drums, each containing fifty barrels of oil. Twenty of these 400 barrel capacity tanks exploded within an hour, together with all the 500 drums.

Great rivers of oil ran down the streets from the oil tanks, and laborers cut trenches for it into the sewers so that it could escape before becoming ignited. The cause of the fire is not known.

LOCAL NEWS

ON THE RIVER

Steamer Majestic arrived at her wharf on time today and left at 2.30 on an excursion up river as far as Belyea's Point, returning to the city at 5.30.

SHOCKING

A gentleman of the city who has been much impressed by the stately lines of the new steamer St. George, was considerably horrified this morning by some tourists who enquired the way to the "new ferry" for Digby.

GONE TO ST. ANDREWS

Wilfred McGuire, who has been engaged as clerk in the Dufferin hotel for some time, left last evening for St. Andrews, where he will be employed in the same capacity in the Algonquin hotel for a few months. He expects to return here about the latter part of September.

STILL GROWING

The following donations were added to the Fulton fund today: Alex. Watson, Mrs. Alex Watson, Miss M. Constance Watson, Michael Driscoll, Mrs. Margaret Baxter, J. B. M. Baxter, H. E. Green (Clifton House), C. B. Lockhart, Mrs. C. B. Lockhart, R. B. Patterson and Mrs. R. B. Patterson, $1 each.

GIFT OF A BRACELET

Miss Ruth Corkum was pleasantly surprised last evening when a large number of her friends gathered at her home, 246 Union street, it being the occasion of her birthday. Edgar Campbell, on behalf of all present, presented to Miss Corkum a handsome gold bracelet. The evening was spent in games and music.

FOOTBALL MATCH

The St. Johns and Caledonians will play a game of football on the Exhibition grounds tomorrow afternoon at 3.30. The line-up of the Caledonian team is as follows: Goal, Cullen; backs, Riddle and Ryan; half backs, Smith, Rankin and Langworthy; right wing, Geiffer and Fenton; centre Wilson; left wing Brindle and Wilkinson.

A GAME AND A CHALLENGE

The Victorias defeated the Portlands on the Durham street school grounds, two to one. The batteries were: for the winners, McKiel and B. McIntyre, for the losers, Codd and Barnes.

The Victorias challenge the Young Canadians to a game on their grounds at 7.15 on Monday evening. The line-up of the Victorias is Cameron, catcher; McKiel, pitcher, Engalls, 1st bast; S. Fatfield, 2nd base; Mowry 3rd base; B. McIntyre, short stop; G. Hatfield, centre field; W. McIntyre, right field; Dunlop left field.

WEATHER BULLETIN

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

Synopsis—A depression centred in northern Manitoba, is causing numerous showers and thunder storms from Alberta to the Upper Lake region. Elsewhere fine weather prevails.

Fine and Warmer

Maritime—Light variable winds, fine and warm today and on Saturday.

DREDGE MATTER HAS BEEN SETTLED

Representatives of Both Companies Here Get Word From Montreal, But No Particulars

The dispute between the Norton Griffiths' Co. and the Norton Griffiths' Dredging Co. has been settled. No further information has yet been received, but more explanations are expected today from G. R. Palmer of the former concern and E. J. Dinneen of the other. They both received a wire this morning from Montreal to the effect that the matter had been settled, so that the natural understanding inasmuch as the case was to have been continued in court today, is that it was settled out of court.

What the terms of settlement are is not known. Counsel interested in the case locally were of the opinion today that there would be full payment of all claims in which merchants here are interested but further word will be awaited with interest. Mr. Palmer said this morning that he expected further information this afternoon, while Mr. Dinneen will leave tomorrow for Montreal in connection with the matter.

PRINCESS STREET PROPERTY SALE MADE; C. P. R. KING STREET BUY DECLARED DEFINITE

The announcement that one real estate transaction of local interest had been put through, was made authoritatively this morning, and another of great interest, it was reported, had also been negotiated, although no verification of the latter was given. The former referred to is the purchase of the brick building in Princess street, now occupied by Mr. Powers, undertaker, by himself and Myra Powers, the transfer being made today by Dr. Silas Alward, K. C., last surviving trustee of the estate of Charles H. Estabrooks. The building is a desirable one of brick. Besides being occupied by Mr. Powers, it is also tenanted by R. McIntyre, barber, and Mrs. Michael Blackhall, who occupies an upstairs flat.

It was reported from a reliable source this morning that the building at the corner of Germain and King street, owned by the Foster estate, had been purchased by the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is known to have had it under consideration for the last week or so, as referred to in the Times. The deal is said to have gone through today, and the purchase price was rumored as $70,000 or thereabouts.

This building is also of brick, and is now occupied in the store portion by J. M. Roche, with J. Shane & Co. and others upstairs.

The intention of the company, it is understood is, as told in the Times on last Tuesday, to have all the offices of the company beneath its roof with the ticket agency, now across the street, the C. P. R. Telegraph offices, and the Dominion Express Co. all located there.

Real Estate in West More Lively

An Upper Canadian real estate broker in the city today, said that the situation in this business was improving. This was true of St. John, but it was true that in Montreal and cities farther west, the money market was loosening somewhat and the effect of this would be felt in this city also. There was much quiet buying in inside holdings, and he looked to see in a few months considerable relief in the money market and more activity in real estate.

TAKE UP MATTER OF LAYING RAILWAY TRACKS IN WATER STREET

The idea of laying tracks in Water street for the improvement of delivery facilities for merchants, many of whom have been complaining, was discussed today at the meeting of the commissioners. L. R. Ross, terminal agent for the I. C. R., conferred with them. The situation is now acute and it is regarded as a most important problem by the commisisoners, the I. C. R. and the merchants.

The difficulties being experienced at present are detrimental to trade, Mr. Ross told the commissioners today. Business is increasing rapidly and there are numerous complaints of non-delivery. The rails, he said, canot be laid in the air, and the city has the only property available, but unless permission be given, nothing can be done by the railway, no matter how willing they may be.

The commissioners agreed to the principle of the scheme of improving the facilities for the betterment of trade and accommodation of the merchants. There was much discussion on the project and it will be definitely taken up in the near future. The matter of the location of tracks, paving, condition of the roadway, extent of the tracks, and various other matters would have to be considered, for since no plans have been made it is not known whether the tracks would be in the centre of the road, or along one side—in fact nothing definite. It is expected, however, that should the scheme be furthered the trackage would be up as far as the molasses platform at least.

FAKE LAUNDRY MAN ROBS MRS. CHURCHILL OF CLOTHING WORTH $250

London, Aug. 8 — Mrs. Winston Churchill, wife of the first lord of the admiralty, was robbed yesterday of clothing valued at $250 by a man who called at admiralty house and said he was a representative of the laundry with which the admiralty had dealt for years.

He was permitted to take away the week's washing, including table cloths, skirts and petticoats.

Two hours later the real laundry man called.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

District Attorney Charles S. Whitman has formally accepted the fusion nomination for district attorney of New York and declared that he would take an active part in the campaign to elect the entire ticket headed by John Purroy Mitchell.

S. S. Makura cleared from Vancouver at 1.30 p. m. yesterday.

The London Chronicle's Berlin correspondent cables:

"I learned, on absolutely reliable authority, that the German government has decided not to take part in the San Francisco exhibition.

Destroyed by Earthquake

Lima, Peru, Aug. 8—An earthquake on Wednesday destroyed the Peruvian towns of Caraveli and Quicacha. Great misery prevails.

DRIVE ABOUT CITY

Hon. C. J. Foy, national director of the A. O. H., was pleasantly entertained by the members of the local division today. This afternoon he was given a drive about the city, accompanied by Major Thomas Kickham, J. C. Ferguson, and W. L. Williams. He will leave tomorrow for his home in Toronto.

MONCTON MAN DIES IN WEST LYNN, MASS.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 8—A telegram is received announcing the death of Thomas Wm. Fitzpatrick, Jr., of West Lynn, Mass., after an illness of about two months. He was a son of William Fitzpatrick of this city. Besides his wife and two children, he is survived by four sisters—Mrs. John Delahunt of Moncton and Misses Lucy, Emma and Iva. He was in his thirty-fourth year. The body will be brought to Moncton and the funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon.

YOUTH'S HOLD UP GAME A FAILURE

Hamilton, Ont., April 8—George Draper, twenty years old, who says he resides in Hamilton, is under arrest in Dundas, charged with attempting to extort money. He went to Robert Bennett, a wealthy farmer, and handed him a letter which said that if he did not give the bearer $5,000 his barn would be blown up with dynamite. Draper said he had been sent there by another man.

Bennett made an excuse to go to get the money. Instead, he loaded a rifle and forced Draper to throw up his hands. Then he called a county constable.

General Strike Is On

Barcelona, Spain, Aug. 8—A general strike is on and martial law is proclaimed.

Many of the labor leaders were arrested in the course of last night.

Municipalities Convention

Winnipeg, Aug. 8—One hundred delegates from all parts of Canada and the United States are in attendance at the seventeenth annual convention of the League of American Municipalities here.

A keen fight is on for the convention for 1914. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Gary, Indiana and Charleston all are in for the honor.

BRIDGE WORK HELD UP BY GOVERNMENT

Ottawa Regulations Not Kept To In Miramichi Work

PEOPLE MADE COMPLAINT

Orders Come to Local Government Department to Suspend Operations—Wedding in Chatham—Confirmation Tour of Bishop Richardson

(Special To Times)

Chatham, N. B. Aug. 8—A telegram received here this morning announces that the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, has sent orders to Chief Commissioner Morrissy and the local government to stop all work on the new bridge being built across the Miramichi from Newcastle to a point below Nelson on this side of the river. This action is taken as a consequence of the neglect or ignorance of the local government in not complying with the law which affects the building of bridges or wharves on all navigable rivers.

The law states that in such cases plans must be furnished and these must be approved by the department at Ottawa before construction can begin. In this case, however, no steps seem to have been taken to look into the laws or comply with them, and when, as a result of a series of high handed acts on the part of men at work on the construction of the foundation in interfering with the rights of firms on the river engaged in bringing down logs to their mills, culminating in the cutting and breaking up of a raft belonging to the Miramichi Lumber Co. of this town, that concern engaged Hon. L. J. Tweedie to look after their interests.

Mr. Tweedie brought to the attention of the department at Ottawa the unlawful proceedings that were going on and as a result of the protest the department has issued an order to stop work until matters can be adjusted and plans filed and approved.

There has been much complaint that the new bridge will be so low as to be an obstacle to navigation, and this matter as well as even that of site will be taken up and considered before the Foundation Company now in charge of the work will be allowed to proceed.

The work of ballasting the new freight yard around the new freight shed is proceeding at a very satisfactory rate and the men are now almost finished the filling in underneath the shed. The track has been shifted to the rear of the buildings and it is expected that the rest of the big yards will be filled in a month's time.

Resident Engineer Condon was in town lately and said that the new shed would be used within a short time and it is thought the placing of the switches and side tracks to the shed will begin soon.

In Dunstaffnage on Wednesday afternoon, Wesley Davidson of Burnt church, and Miss Emma Weeks of Church River, were married by Rev. D. Henderson. After a short honeymoon they will reside in Burnt Church.

Bishop Richardson will arrive in Chatham this afternoon and will leave by automobile, accompanied by Archdeacon Forsythe, for Bay Du Vin, where confirmation will be administered this evening. His Lordship will return by boat tomorrow evening and will be the guest of the arch-deacon at the rectory.

On Sunday he will be with the rector at all the services in Chatham and at Chatham Head. He will hold confirmation services here at seven o'clock in the evening.

NEXT CONVENTION OF COLUMBUS KNIGHTS TO BE HELD IN ST. PAUL

Three of the St. John Members Home Today After Visit To Hub

Boston, Aug. 8—After voting by a large majority late today not to move the headquarters of the order from New Haven, Conn., to Washington, the Knights of Columbus, in the supreme convention, chose St. Paul as their meeting place in 1914 and then adjourned.

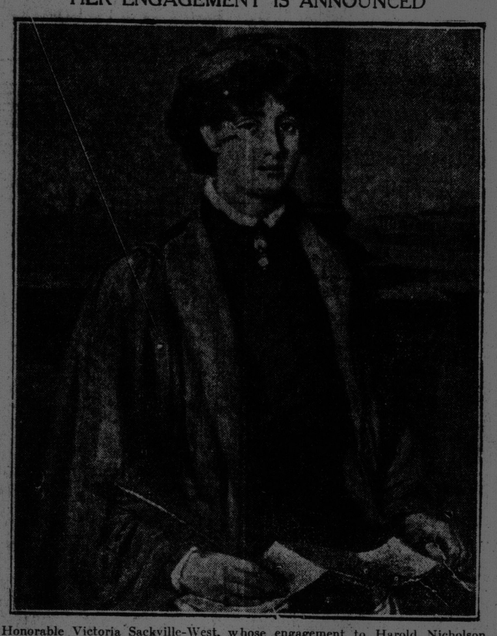
After having been in attendance in Boston at the gathering of Knights of Columbus there, three members of the St. John council, Timothy Collins, John Crowley and J. C. O'Neill, returned home by the Eastern S. S. Co's boat this morning. They spoke in highest terms regarding the preparations made by the knights of the Hub for the convention which they said gave promise of being the most successful yet held.

The attendance of delegates was very large, and there were thousands of Columbians present, also, just for the outing and for the purpose of meeting their brother members from other parts of the United States and Canada. The local visitors had a fine time, and the others who are still in Boston are enjoying themselves greatly.

ILL IN BOSTON

Friends of James B. Daly, appraiser, will regret to learn that he is quite ill in Boston, where he is under care of a specialist. He left here on Saturday last to attend the Knights of Columbus convention, although he had been advised not to go, owing to his not being well. Mr. Daly was anxious to be a fourth degree candidate, and wished to take the trip. It is hoped that he will soon be much better.

HER ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED



Honorable Victoria Sackville-West, whose engagement to Harold Nicholson, in London, was announced this week after a very romantic and sensational courtship. Miss Sackville-West is the daughter of Lady Sackville, whose right to five million dollars of a legacy was recently decided by the courts. During the trial the daughter said she would never marry till her mother's suit was won.

London, Aug. 8—The will of Sir John Scott, over which a great fight occurred recently, in the courts in the attempt to nullify a bequest of $750,000 and a valuable art collection to Lady Sackville, was admitted to probate yesterday.

It was stated in court that the testator had left property valued at $5,900,000, but that the executors put its value at $3,642,000. The difference is believed to be due to the exclusion of many works of art on which death duties have not been paid.

The death duties paid on the estate amount to $800,000. Lady Sackville gets $750,000 and works of art which are worth $2,050,000. Under a codicil Malcolm Scott, who led the fight against the will, has his share reduced to an annuity of $1,000.

Manuel's Jewels In Hands of "Uncle"

Ex-King's Gems Pawned Though He is Allowed $50,000 a Year by King George

(Canadian Press)

London, Aug. 8—Pawnbrokers in the neighborhood of Richmond on the Thames, where Manuel, former king of Portugal, is now making his home with his mother, Queen Amelie, have been in temporary possession for the last few months, of many beautiful pieces of jewelry and some very valuable unset gems. One diamond with a huge sapphire in the centre, which now lies in the safe of a certain pawnbroker in Richmond is said to be one of the most valuable and gorgeous decorations worn by Manuel's father.

Considerable surprise is expressed that the young man who once occupied the Portuguese throne, should be in such hard straits for King George allows him $50,000 a year. He is very extravagant, however, and his mother is understood not to be practical. When Manuel marries in a few weeks, his fortunes will be recouped as his future bride is quite wealthy.

NEW BELLS FOR FREDERICTON ARE HERE FROM LONDON

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 8—The new chime of bells for Christ Church Cathedral have reached St. John from England and are expected here tomorrow. They will be installed immediately.

The American yacht, the Lasata, which has been in port since Wednesday sailed this morning for St. John. Her commander expressed himself as delighted with the river and with the hospitality extended to him.

The Fredericton baseball team will leave today for Bangor and may play a double header there tomorrow.

H. Company of the Royal Regiment now at Kentville, will go to Sussex next week to supply instructors for the cadet camp.

DANCERS QUARREL ON STAGE AND MAKE EXIT

London, Aug. 8—While Pavlova and her partner, Novikoff, were dancing at the Palace Theatre last night, Pavlova suddenly struck her companion. Novikoff left the stage and Pavlova left by the opposite wing. The orchestra finished the piece to an empty stage.

Pavlova's former partner, Mardkin, severed their connection two years ago, following an acrimonious dispute.

Claims $3,500

Quebec, Aug. 8—The Crown Steamship Company Limited, of Glasgow, owners of the steamer Crown of Cordova have taken out proceedings in the admiralty court for the arrest of the steamship Lady of Gaspe, on a claim for $35,000 damages, arising out of the recent collision off Cap Madeleine.

THREE YEAR SERVICE BILL FOR THE FRENCH ARMY HAS BEEN ADOPTED

Paris, Aug. 8—The French senate adopted by 254 votes against 37, the bill introducing three years active service for soldiers in the French army which was passed by the Chamber of Deputies on July 19.

The measure, by increasing the term from two years adds 210,000 men, at the lowest estimate, to the peace footing of the French army, thus bringing it up to nearly 800,000 men. The service in future will begin at the age of twenty instead of twenty-one.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 8—Thomas H. Cannon, of Chicago, was chosen high chief ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters. Toronto, Ontario, was selected as the 1915 convention city.

Other officers elected are Vice-High Chief Ranger, Simeon Viger, of Boston; high treasurer, Gustave Keller, of Appleton, Wis.; high secretary, Thomas McDonald, of Chicago; high medical examiner, Dr. J. P. Smythe, Detroit.

The trustees appointed are: Thos P. Flynn, Chicago; J. E. Stephan, Chicago; Leo J. Wienicki, Chicago; Julius A. Coller, Shapojee, Minn.; Dr. J. H. Lalonde, Montreal; M. F. Mogan, Toronto; J. E. Herzog, Mishawaka, Ind. and Jos. N. Labillos, Menominee, Mich.

POPULAR SUBJECTS

Toronto, Aug. 8—Of strictly geological interest were the subjects discussed by Toronto's distinguished guests this morning. This afternoon the geologists have for discussion a few light matters such as "differentiation in ignepus magmas," and "to what extent was the ice age broken or interglacial periods" for discussion.

CHIMNEY FALLS ON DALHOUSIE MAN, KILLING HIM

(Special to Times)

Dalhousie, N. B., Aug. 8—Frank Savoy of the Dalhousie Lumber Company's employ was instantly killed last evening by the falling of a chimney while he was at work moving a house owned by his nephew, James Savoy. He was forty-eight years of age and besides his wife, leaves a large family, also several brothers, some in the United States. They have been notified of the sad event.

NINETY OARSMEN IN BOSTON RACES

Opening of Regatta on Charles River Basin

SMITH AND FLYNN TONIGHT

Ten Rounds in Madison Square Garden—Varden and Ray Sail to Play For American Golf Title—Late Sport News

(Canadian Press)

Boston, Aug. 8—The interest of rowing enthusiasts the country over centered today on the Charles River Basin, where the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen began its annual two days' regatta. Ninety-one of the best scullers and oarsmen of the United States and Canada were entered for the thirteen events.

The executive committee of the association decided last night to disregard the protest of the Detroit Boat Club, which contended that the Argonaut eight-oared crew was not eligible to compete in intermediate races, as they had already won a race in the Canadian Henley. The committee ruled that, as the Canadian race was limited to 140 pound crews, the Argonauts were at liberty to enter in the intermediate race today.

New York, Aug. 8—"Gunboat" Smith of California and Jim Flynn of Colorado both held themselves to be in good condition today for a ten round bout in which they were scheduled to engage at Madison Square Garden tonight.

After American Golf Title

London, Aug. 8—Harry Varden and Edward Ray, British golf champions, sailed on the S. S. Celtic yesterday to play in the American championships. Varden said before sailing:—

"I have played Americans before, and I don't think them very strong. After the blot on the scutcheon of British sport by the loss of the Davis cup, we are going to bring home the American title and show that golf, at least, is really the Englishman's game."

New Bicycle Record

Paris, Aug. 8—Marcel Berthet, yesterday broke the world's one hour bicycle record unpaced by covering 26.85 miles in one round of the clock.

New York, Aug. 7—If the French boxing authorities have been requested to prohibit Jack Johnson from engaging in contests in France the request must have originated from some unofficial source, probably in the west, according to James R. Price, a member of the New York State Athletic Commission. Mr. Price said that so far as he knew there was no such organization as the "American Boxing Federation." The New York commission, he explained, had a "sort of a gentlemen's agreement," with the French authorities, concerning the eligibility of boxers, but no protest against Johnson had been made by the commission.

NOVA SCOTIA GRAVENSTEINS AND KINGS A SHORT CROP

The Apple Outlook—Other Fruits Stil Scarce and High

"Apples will be scarce and of a poor quality this year," said a prominent fruit dealer this morning. "I have just had an agent touring Nova Scotia to purchase 10,000 barrels for fall trade. He found that the Gravensteins and Kings, two of the main lines, will be very short. The Blenheim pippins, are up to the average."

The only apples in the market so far are from the United States. They are small and not particularly tasty; they are also very high, selling at from $4 to $6 a barrel.

All lines of fruit continue to be high. Pears, peaches and plums are scarce owing to the poor American crop and are expensive, pears are bringing $4.25 a box, peaches $2.25 to $2.75 and plums $2.75.

The first shipments of California grapes are now coming in. They are bringing $3.50 a case but should decline in price from now on.

Let Your Eyes Save Your Legs

Remember the man who sold his farm and went to Alaska to dig for gold? After he had left, a chap who kept his eyes open found a fabulously rich oil well on the old farm.

How often have you travelled a long distance to get some particular article, to find later you could have bought it around the corner for less money?

It pays to know. Your eyes were given to you to guide the brain. The world's prizes go to people who see things.

Let your eyes search the advertising columns in today's Telegraph and Times for a moment, and see how well your wants have been anticipated.

Your were puzzled about a menu for dinner—here's news of the latest market delicacies.

You were thinking about outfitting the children—here's information that saves you time and money.

Right down the list of human wants come the advertisements in today's Telegraph and Times giving answers.