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3 FACE TRIAL TODAY IN MONTREAL PANIC

POLICE ACT ON FINDINGS OF CORONER'S JURY Witness Swears Employee Blocked Passage For Children TELLS OF TAX

City Hall Official Says Instructions Received Not to Collect Money

Canadian Press MONTREAL, Jan. 14.—Three men will appear in arraignment court today, following the coroner's jury in holding them "criminally responsible" for the deaths of 78 persons, as a result of last Sunday's fire in the Laurier Palace Theatre.

The men are Armeen Lawand, owner of the theatre; Camil Bazy, employe, and Michel Arie, house manager. Roger Arpin, a witness, said that at the first cry of fire, he rushed for the stairs and had descended only three steps, when a man stretched out his arms and blocked the way, at the same time, crying to the children to go back, that there was nothing to fear. He succeeded in passing the man, who he said, nearly choked him as he passed. He could not identify the man.

CORROBORATES STORY Jean Louis Falardeau, 11, told a similar story and was also unable to make identification. Honoré Collin, 10, told that Arie was the man who blocked the way. He also made the claim that Rene Champagne, one of the boys who died, had been sent back by Arie, after he had started to descend the stairway.

TELLS ABOUT LICENSE Albert Lacey, city hall license department superintendent, testified that the license tax due by the Laurier Palace on May 1 of this year, was not paid until December 29. At that time \$688.50 was paid to the city, but then the theatre did not get a license to operate. "How did it happen that this amount was not paid until December 29?" the witness was asked. "We received instructions not to collect," he said.

GRANTED BAIL Lacey, Bazy and Michel Arie, charge manager, were arranged on a charge of manslaughter in Police Court here today, in connection with the fire and panic in their establishment last Sunday, which resulted in the death of 78 criminally responsible for the tragedy yesterday. Preliminary inquiry was set for 11 o'clock today, when it was allowed at \$5,000 for Lacey, and \$3,000 each for the other two. They were released at noon and will appear before the fire commissioner's inquiry which will be resumed this afternoon.

N. B. GASOLINE TAX YIELD OVER \$100,000 Revenue Figures Reported For First Eight Months of New Levy

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 14.—It is stated on good authority that the gasoline tax imposed by the Province of New Brunswick in 1926 for the first time, has produced a revenue of upwards of \$100,000. This revenue was produced in only eight months of the year as the tax did not go into force until May. In a full twelve-month period the total would have been substantially increased.

Committee Named For Manitoba Liberals

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 14.—Pending the appointment of a successor to Hon. T. C. Norris, M. L. A., former leader of the provincial Liberal party, a committee of seven instructed to act in conjunction with the seven Liberal members of the provincial legislature, the convention of the Liberal party decided here last night. Mr. Norris resigned to contest a federal seat at the recent elections and refused to reconsider his decision.

INVENTOR PASSES LONDON, Jan. 13.—Sir Alfred Hamam, originator of cold storage systems, died yesterday.

Head of Labor Council Wants Old Age Pension Fixed at \$30 Per Month CANADIAN GOLD SHIPMENTS TOTAL \$19,500,000

Stampede For Brewery Stock Company Decides on Liquid Dividend Following Close of Factory

British United Press NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The demand for stock in the Feigenspan Brewery is decidedly bullish. Announcement recently by Christian W. Feigenspan, president, that the brewery would cease to operate next week and that 4,000 barrels of old India, Burton's, and stock, is in the brewery since the one prohibition, will be distributed to stockholders as a liquid dividend, has started a stampede to buy stock. There are 15 stockholders. Feigenspan is being saluted with all sorts of offers and reasons why he should sell some of the stock. One would-be purchaser wants just one share of the liquid dividend to save his "dying" mother. An unnamed banker has offered to buy any or all the stock.

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 14.—The beer made in British Columbia is not worth drinking, Col. Fred Lister, of Creston, told the legislature yesterday.

General, something that he knew little of, but he said, "I don't know what you get sick when you drink it." R. W. Bruden, of Salmon Arm, broke in. "If they want to keep on making beer in British Columbia," said Col. Lister, "they will have to put out a better product. If they don't, I'm a prohibitionist and do my best to drive beer out of the province."

IS MENTIONED AS TODD'S SUCCESSOR Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith's Name Linked For Post-News to Him, He Says

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, Jan. 14.—Rumors are current to the effect that Hon. E. A. Smith, of Shesbrooke, is the choice as successor of Hon. William F. Todd as Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. The term of office of the present incumbent will not expire until March, 1928, but that would make the coming session of the House of Assembly the last at which Lieutenant-Governor Todd would exercise the gubernatorial duties. Hon. Dr. Smith is a former Minister of Lands and Mines and also a former chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

BETTER THAN BYRD Air Mail Pilot's Work Considered Most Meritorious

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Shirley J. Short, veteran United States mail pilot yesterday was awarded the first United States trophy of the annual Harmon series of trophies to be given by the International League of Aviators to the aviator of each affiliated country showing the soundest and most meritorious service. Short's record of 2,167 flying hours between July 1923, and November 1926, without a serious accident, was adjudged more meritorious than the flight of Lieutenant-Commander Richard E. Byrd over the North Pole.

Winter Fishing For Halibut Opens

YARMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 14.—The schooners Grace and Ruby, Capt. Wiley Ross, and the Dorothy G. Snow, Capt. William S. Murphy, are ready to begin the winter halibut fishing, and the former vessel sailed today on its first trip. The Snow, it is expected, will be away at the first of the coming week. Yarmouth vessels engaged in halibut always get away about the first of February or very shortly after. But starting so early in the year as this is a record and owing to that fact both skippers feel they are away to a good start.

CONSIGNMENTS TO N. Y. HEAVY SINCE JAN. 1

\$200 Saved On Each \$1,000,000 Sent Across Border DISCOUNT LOW

Canadian Dollar Percentage Down to 5-32 of One Per Cent. There

Canadian Press NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The Bank of Montreal here has received another consignment of gold amounting to \$2,500,000, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce \$3,000,000. This brings the total movement of the metal to this city from Canada since the first of the year to \$19,500,000. Almost \$200 in profit is realized on each \$1,000,000 of gold shipped here from Canada at the present rate of exchange. It was learned yesterday that a bill of exchange on New York at existing rate of exchange, a banker in Canada would have to pay \$1,000,000 to get \$1,000,000 of gold at a discount of \$1,000,000. Of the \$1,000,000 of gold, \$1,000,000 is shipped, the rest representing transportation, the rest representing insurance, loss of interest, etc. The Canadian dollar is at present at a discount of 5-32 of one per cent. in New York.

DISCOVERY MADE IN ANTI-CANCER DRIVE

Efforts of Young Australian Physician Aids Improvement of X-Ray Machine

British United Press SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 14.—In connection with the anti-cancer campaign, Professor F. P. Sanders, director of research, announces that Doctor Warford Moppett, 28-year-old physician, who has been conducting experiments at Sydney University, has made what will probably turn out to be one of the most helpful discoveries hitherto announced in the treatment of the disease.

X-RAY WAVE EFFECTS

Dr. Moppett, according to the announcement, has found that X-ray waves of slightly different lengths have widely divergent effects on living tissues, and it is considered likely that when this fact is generally recognized a considerable improvement in the design of X-ray machines employed for therapeutic purposes will ensue.

NEGRO EXECUTED

OSSINGING, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Benjamin Bradley, 28, negro, New York, was executed at Sing Sing prison last night exactly one week after three former accomplices paid the death penalty for the same crime. Bradley and the three others, Edgar Hume, Charles Golden and George Williams, also negroes, were found guilty of first degree murder for the killing of Wm. B. Young, watchman, in a silk robbery, February 7, 1926, in New York.

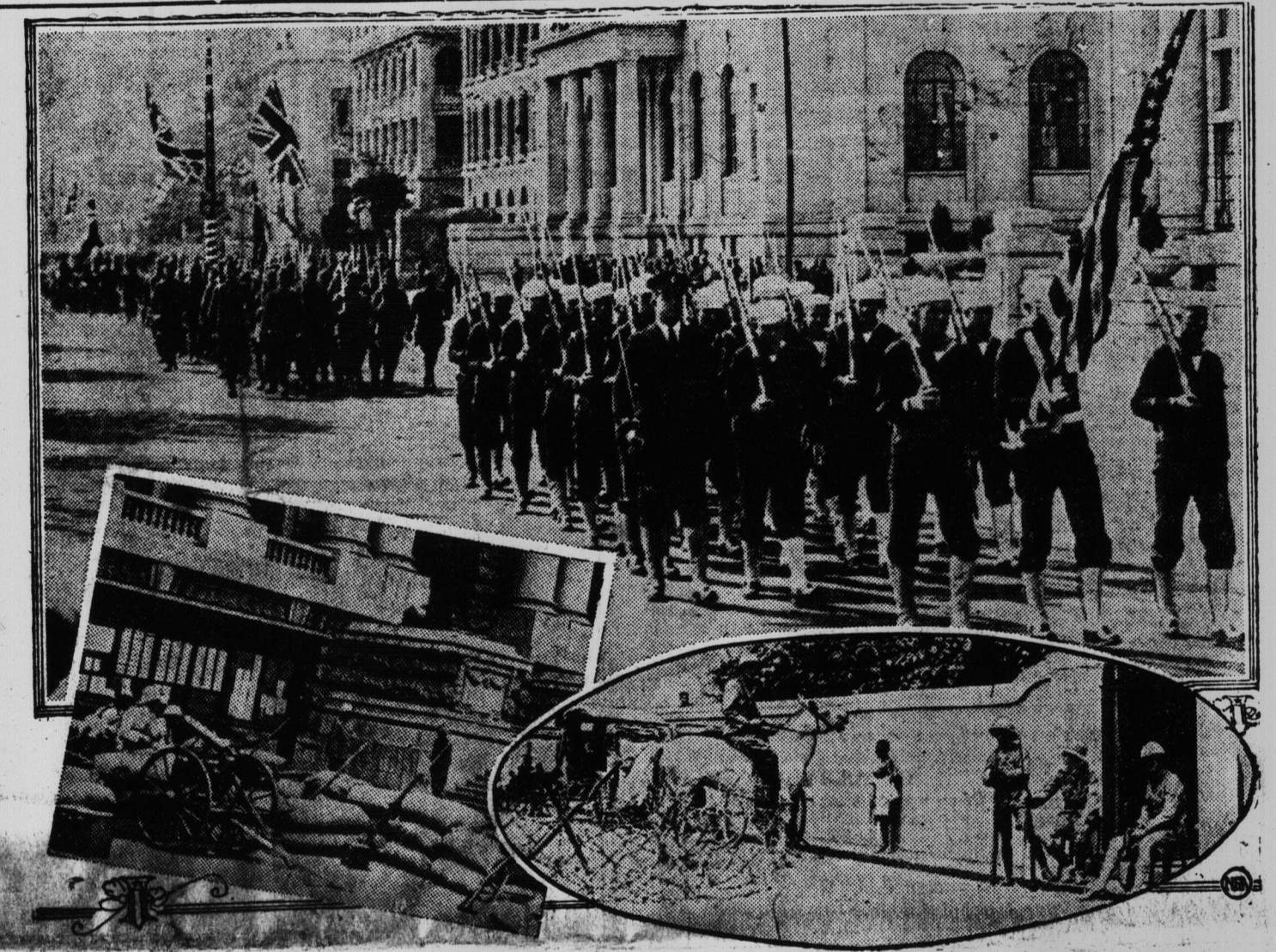
TO SIGN TREATY

ROME, Jan. 14.—M. Mandeloux, Rumanian under secretary of finance, is expected to arrive in Rome in a few days to negotiate an Italo-Rumanian commercial treaty. He also will conclude economic and financial agreements.

LOS ANGELES CALL, Jan. 14

—The possibility that they may be drawn into the Charles Chaplin case, hung over the heads of "five prominent motion picture actresses," today. Lyndal K. Young, counsel for the screen star's estranged wife, yesterday declared his client was prepared to furnish the names of the five women she referred to in her divorce petition as "publicly and privately" associated with Chaplin. Meanwhile, Los Angeles warmed up to the case by showing such a

Tommies, Tars and Trouble In China



HOSTILE nationalist demonstrations against foreigners in China have been answered with men-of-war and troops by the powers as shown in these exclusive NEA Service pictures, the first to reach the eastern United States. American sailors and Devil Dogs are seen above proceeding along the

bound in the British concession at Hankow. Barbed wire entanglements help English volunteers guard the entrance to the concession (right), while at the left, British Marines, with machine guns and barricade, are seen awaiting developments in front of the Hankow customs house.

Russia Bares Hand Backing Cantonese; Powers To Use Force At Shanghai

HINTS REFERENDUM ON LIQUOR CONTROL

Manitoba Attorney - General Speaks on Suggested Changes of Law

Alberta Sends Agent To London Office

"Big Bill" Haywood Married in Russia

MOSCOW, Jan. 14.—"Big Bill" Haywood, formerly of the Industrial Workers of the World, and now a resident of Russia, has married a Russian. "Bill" speaks no Russian and his wife speaks no English, but the courtship was brief.

CHAPLIN DIVORCE DETAILS SOLD IN BOOKLET FORM FOR 25 CENTS

liking for its details that a printing of a booklet in which Mrs. Chaplin's petition was given in its entirety, has been sold. The copies brought 25 cents each. The county clerk's office has been so besieged with requests to see the petition that it has been sequestered from the files. Receivers of the Chaplin property appointed at the instance of Mrs. Chaplin, had the books of the screen star under scrutiny today.

000,000 is community property. Under California laws the wife is entitled to an equal division of the community property. However, Mrs. Chaplin's counsel points out that if her charges of extreme cruelty are proven, Chaplin is liable under the divorce laws of the state, to be penalized to the extent of losing his share of community property.

U. L. Gilbert, one of the receivers, declared he intends to possess as much of the comedian's wealth as can be located before reporting to the court on the actor's financial condition.

Soviet Representative Says Chinese Will Relieve "Oppressed Peoples of the Earth"; Prepare Defence at Seaport in Case of Attack

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Daily Sketch states that the British government has decided that any attempt by the Chinese to rush the British settlement in Shanghai, as was done at Hankow, will be met "with all the force available."

The United States, France and Japan, it adds, have already determined to defend their treaty interests in Shanghai, if attacked.

Liquor Probe To Open January 19

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—Judge Ernest Roy, of Quebec, a member of the Royal Commission investigating administration of the Customs Department, was in Ottawa yesterday and saw Premier King and Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Customs. Judge Roy leaves tonight for Vancouver to be present when the commission resumes its sittings in that city on Jan. 19.

EVACUATION TROUBLES

Although evacuation of foreigners from Hankow, Kiating and other points down the river from here, was carried out with a minimum of delay, British authorities yesterday were confronted with a difficult problem in connection with the general evacuation order issued in respect to all British subjects in the interior of Szechwan, Hupus and Hunan provinces.

The Cantonese government today announced that Frank Lee, an American-born Chinese, has been appointed vice-foreign minister under Chen.

Use Only Air Lines To Encircle Globe

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Utilizing only regular air lines, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Gardner, will attempt to encircle the world in 26 days next spring. Success would break the present record of 28 days.

OIL WITNESS FOUND

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 14.—L. L. Aitken, president of the Prairie Oil Company, and long sought as a key witness in the Fall-Doherty oil case, was found here last night, for the government. A deputy United States marshal served a subpoena forwarded here by E. Attie Pomeran special prosecutor.

MOORE SEEKS OTHER CHANGES IN PRESENT BILL

Drastic Amendments Before Coming Session of House

15-YEAR LIMIT

Payments Should Commence at Age of 65 and Not 70, He Declares

Canadian Press WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 14.—

Drastic amendments to the old age pension legislation brought before the Federal parliament last year by the Liberal government, were urged by Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, in an interview here. Mr. Moore stated that the joint arrangement between the Federal and Provincial governments which was proposed, was unsatisfactory, and that a measure which would be entirely Federal in application was preferable. However, while Labor wanted such legislation, and would press for it, Labor would be quite prepared to take a chance on the legislation along joint lines if the government persisted in going ahead with it, and would make strenuous efforts to get all the provincial governments to join in.

FIFTEEN YEARS RESIDENCE

Mr. Moore said he believed that 15 years' residence in the country should be long enough to qualify for old age pensions, and that the time at which pensions would be payable should be 65 instead of 70, as specified in proposed legislation.

The amount of the pension, he said, should not be less than \$30 a month. He claimed that the \$20 a month specified in the legislation was entirely inadequate.

WILL NOT SEEK POST

New B. C. Conservative Leader to Wait For Elections

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 14.—Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Federal member of parliament for Victoria, recently chosen as leader of the British Columbia Conservatives, will not seek a seat in the provincial legislature until the next provincial general election, according to a statement in the House yesterday by Col. Lister, Conservative, Creston, during the debate on the Speech from the Throne.

\$250 Damage Caused By Playful Canine

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 14.—A playful canine game tag on the sidewalk in the business section of Fredericton this morning, cost more than \$250. A big Newfoundland dog, weighing 180 pounds, skidded on icy sidewalk and crashed through the plateglass show window of Dible's drugstore, owned by the dog's owner, G. Heddlegh Shaw. The dog was badly cut in the crash, but his canine companion escaped unhurt. A couple of dozen fancy boxes of chocolates resting in the show-window, were badly splattered with blood.

N. S. FISHERIES IN DECIDED INCREASE

Catch Jumps 67,000,000 Pounds Over Last Year With Cod in Lead

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 14.—Nova Scotia's fishery catch for the calendar year 1926 was 214,000,000 pounds, an increase of 67,000,000 over 1925, according to the final official figures issued today by Ward Fisher, inspector of fisheries. The total value of the 1926 catch was \$8,465,671, as compared with the value of the 1925 catch, which was \$7,187,851.

JURY COMPLETED

State May Call Surprise Witnesses in Norris Case

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 14.—With a jury selected for the murder trial of the Rev. J. Frank Norris, after 3 days in which 112 witnesses were examined, the fundamentalist Baptist pastor conferred with his counsel until late last night on reports the prosecution would open its case today by calling two surprise witnesses. The names of these witnesses were understood to have been kept secret in support of the prosecution announcement that it had summoned persons who would require but a short time to disprove the defense contention that Dr. Norris shot and killed Dexter E. Chippy, wealthy Fort Worth lumberman, in self-defense.

AUSTRALIA NEXT

Marconi to Connect Antipodes With British Capital

ROME, Jan. 14.—William Marconi, leaving for London yesterday, stated that he was going to England to connect the British capital with Australia by his new wireless beam invention. In this way, he said, England would be able to communicate with Australia by wireless telephone, as well as by ordinary wireline.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The trough of low pressure which was west of the lakes yesterday, has passed towards the Atlantic coast, while the high pressure in the west has increased and is spreading over the Great Lakes and Middle States, with much lower temperature. Snow has fallen in Ontario and Quebec.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Toronto, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, and Halifax. Temperatures are listed for highest during 8 a.m. and yesterday night.