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TEN PAGES—ONE CENT

SMOKER TO BLAME

Lightened Immigrant Started Fire On Volturmo

PPED BURNING CIGARETTE

ed Imposition of Fine of \$5, Captain and Threw it Into Cold—Graphic Story of Disaster Told By the Man Who First Saw the Fire

(Canadian Press)

St. John, Oct. 15.—The fire on the Volturmo was caused by an immigrant's that he would be caught smoking a cigarette, and a sailor approached him, he threw a burning cigarette down a grating, among baggage or among cases and chemicals. There was an explosion followed by a rush of flames which raged for some time.

Lightening Picture

re, France, Oct. 15.—Captain Caus La Touraine, which brought survivors from the Volturmo to this port yesterday, reported that the fire was caused by a sailor in the cabin.

entenant Isenic reported that on the side of the Volturmo vessel presented a frightful spectacle. She was blazing from her bows, and flames and rolling sea crew and passengers had been by the flames and smoke to the deck after part of the vessel, where they were seen to be struggling. A lifeboat stood off, its crew calling passengers to jump into the sea. They would be taken on board, however, would jump until the lifeboat was thrown by the wave against the Volturmo's stern. Instantly several lifeboats and slides opened into the boat. Two who had for the boat disappeared under the side of the Volturmo as she rolled, man Isenic a sailor in the boat and injured him.

sply, Lieutenant Isenic was able close of the Volturmo with other passengers or his boat would be overloaded and sunk, as it is able to take only a few.

other lifeboat, commanded by a Captain Rousselet of the Volturmo, was near the stern of the Volturmo and crew were calling to the other lifeboats to jump into the sea. No other boat was seen at that time. Rousselet was later with three rescued people, who were brought to this port in a state of great exhaustion. The mate brought seven persons, and later brought back seven.

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FIRE HORSES BRING GOOD PRICES TODAY AT AUCTION BY CITY

Dick Sells For Top Price of \$255—No. 1 Engine Gray is Sold For \$240

There was quite a gathering this morning in King street east at the sale of seven horses from the fire stations, conducted for the city by Auctioneer F. L. Potts. The animals all brought good prices and bidding was very brisk, particularly in the case of some of the younger horses. Some there were among the lot which for many a long year in summer or winter had dashed nobly through the streets to the scene of fire. There was Kate, of No. 3 engine, for instance, a mare which for fully fifteen years, has been in fire harness, and Fred of No. 3 hose, which is also one of the older contingents amongst the fire horse steeds.

All are in splendid condition, as was evidenced from the fact that shrewd buyers this morning were willing to give standard prices for their possession. "Rowdy," of No. 3 ladder truck, brought \$125, from a man from St. Stephen. A chestnut horse from Carleton was sold at \$165; "Kate," brought \$200, while the gray of No. 1 engine was bid for in \$240. "Dick," the pride of No. 4 engine, brought the top price of \$255, while his mate, another able and knowing beast, brought \$235. "Fred," of No. 3 hose, brought \$145.

Old "Prince," a handsome big horse, which has been in harness in No. 1 engine for many years, and "Fred," the sturdy gray of No. 2 hose, are to be given to people in the country where there will be every assurance that both will be well taken care of in recognition of their courage and faithful service in the department.

VESSELS RAISED IN PANAMA LOCKS ON PACIFIC END OF CANAL

Machinery Worked Without Hitch—Now Mastering Cucuracha Slide

(Canadian Press)
Panama, Oct. 15.—The first lockage at the Pacific end of the canal opened yesterday, when the tug Miraflores, three barges and two other craft, were raised together, through the west flight of the Miraflores locks from the Pacific to the Miraflores Lakes, 36.82 feet above the sea level. The lockage was made without a hitch, all the machinery working with the same precision as obtained in a similar operation at Gatun locks recently.

The passage of the vessels was begun a little after eleven o'clock in the morning and consumed an hour and a half. Because of insufficient water in the section of the canal between the Pedro Miguel locks and the Cucuracha slide the vessel could not be passed through the single flight of locks at Pedro Miguel, as originally planned.

The engineers have succeeded in obtaining mastery over the Cucuracha slide to the extent of getting a fair sized stream of water through the lower section of the cut. The water is rising rapidly, and it is expected that all the canal locks, a dredge will be completed the first actual working test of the canal locks. A dredge will be passed through the Pacific locks and set to work on the slide within a few days.

Many Knights See Degree Work Opening Fine New Building
The handsome new building of the Knights of Columbus in Coburg street was opened last evening with an exemplification of the first degree before a class of twenty-two candidates by C. A. Owens, past grand knight, and staff.

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Principals in Today's Royal Wedding



Prince Arthur of Connaught and his bride, the Duchess of Fife, married today in the Chapel Royal, St. James, London.

Prince Weds Duchess Mid Scene of Splendor

Three Quarters of Million Value of Presents Received

Notable Gathering of Royal and Other Distinguished Ones at Nuptials of the Son of Canada's Governor-General—Wealth of Diamonds Worn at the Ceremony

(Canadian Press)
London, Oct. 15.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, and Princess Alexandra, Duchess of Fife, eldest daughter of Louis, the widowed Princess Royal, were today married in the Chapel Royal, St. James, Palace, in London.

There was room for fewer than 300 in the simple, though daintily decorated chapel, but not since the coronation of King George, had there been such a gathering of royals and notable persons, as on this occasion.

Besides King George, Queen Mary, Queen Mother Alexandra, the King and Queen of Norway and other royal relatives to the number of a score or more, the congregation consisted of members of the diplomatic corps, the British cabinet, and of the royal households, and a few distinguished persons who had been especially honored.

Wealth of Diamonds
The chapel in fact glittered with diamonds and pearls, almost every woman present wearing a tiara and necklace each of great value. Lord and Lady Strathcona, and Mount Royal and Lady Mount Stephen, were among the very few to whom invitations had been issued.

The bride, who entered the chapel between King George and her mother, looked charming in a dainty dress of white champagne tulle, with pearls and diamonds, and adorned with exquisite Brussels applique lace, of which the bride veil also was made.

Affairs of Board Upon Petition Presented By Catholics
Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 15.—The important question of the legal aspects involved in a petition presented by Catholics in Winnipeg for some time past, was considered at the monthly meeting of the board.

Jealous of Husband's Love for His Children; Stepmother Kills Four
Waco, Texas, Oct. 15.—Miss Ellen Ethridge, second wife of J. D. Ethridge, a farmer of Bosque county, confessed yesterday that she murdered two of her step-children in last June, and on October 2, by administering poison, according to a statement given out today by H. S. Dillard, prosecuting attorney of Bosque.

NEW BRUNSWICK MUNICIPALITIES

Annual Meeting of Union Opened in Moncton—A Good Attendance at First Session

(Special To Times)
Moncton, N. B., Oct. 15.—The annual session of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities opened in the city hall this morning with a large attendance of delegates from all over the province and with more expected to arrive during the afternoon. The first man on the ground was J. W. McCready, city clerk of Fredericton, and honorary secretary-treasurer of the union, Mayor Gross and Ald. Robinson of the local committee were also on hand to greet the visitors and assist with registration.

By noon the following delegates had registered—E. L. DeWolfe, F. Parker (Gummet, St. Stephen); William R. Fawcett, Warden, Victoria county; George A. Percy, M.L.A., Sunbury; A. J. Grossen, warden, Victoria county; and W. J. Osborne, Fredericton; Charles A. Alexander, John T. Reid, Harry W. Ferguson, Campbellton; M. LeBlanc, Dorchester; Francis P. Hunter, Dufferin; D. T. McNeill, Deer Island; J. W. McCready.

The Provincial Unions of Municipalities and what they have done for Canada, by W. D. Lighthall, K.C. of Montreal, honorary secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, was the first paper read and was much appreciated.

Harry Lewis May Die
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Second Round at Ol for Women's Championship
Wilmington, Del., Oct. 15.—The links of the Wilmington Country Club were in better condition today than at any time since the tournament for the women's national golf championship began.

Hawthorne Freed From Federal Prison Today
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 15.—Julian Hawthorne and Dr. W. J. Morton, sentenced by the federal court in New York to serve a year and a day each in the federal prison here for violation of the United States postal laws, were released today.

IN TOUCH WITH SOME OF EMTOMBED MINERS; MORE MAY BE RESCUED

Twenty-Nine Living in One Gallery and They Tell of Another Group of Fifteen

(Canadian Press)
Cardiff, Wales, Oct. 15.—Rescuing parties searching for the 400 miners, still entombed in the Universal Colliery, got into touch, a little after noon today, with a party of twenty-nine men shut in by a fall of coal in one of the galleries. They signalled that another group of fifteen of their comrades was closed in farther along the gallery, but that they feared they were lost.

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 15.—John C. Knott, an employe of the Hudson's Bay Trading Company, who has been stationed in the north country, on the fringe of the Arctic circle, for the last twenty-eight years, has come to Edmonton to visit friends of his boyhood days and get into touch, as he puts it, with modern commercial and industrial methods.

Edmonton, now a city of 70,000 population, had fewer than fifty when Knott came through here from the east in 1878. Where large herds of buffalo broke the trails in those days he found paved streets and boulevards, lined with substantial business houses and pretty homes. The Red River ox cart and dog teams have given way to high power touring cars, spanking teams and electrically propelled street cars of the latest models, and the Saskatchewan river, formerly ford or crossed by rope ferries, is now spanned by structures of steel, concrete and stone. The pioneer from the silent north reports that the fur catch this year will reach the \$2,000,000 mark.

NEWSIES BARRED FROM SELLING PAPERS IN THE STREETS AFTER 9 O'CLOCK
Toronto, Ont., Oct. 15.—Newsboys will in future, not be permitted to sell newspapers in the streets before seven o'clock in the morning, or after nine o'clock at night, except on Saturdays, and they may carry on their business until eleven p.m.

THREE TIMES IN M RATIC GOVERNOR, FOSS NOW OUT AS INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE
Boston, Oct. 15.—Governor Eugene N. Foss, three times elected as a Democrat, filed nomination papers late yesterday as an independent candidate for re-election.

FRANCE SENDS MAIL BY AIRSHIP
Villacoublay, France, Oct. 15.—The first airmail mail was dispatched from here by aeroplane at seven o'clock this morning, when Lieut. Andre Ronin, a military aviator, left with a bag containing twenty-two pounds of letters, destined for the West Indies and Central America. Lieut. Ronin is to deliver the letters to a post office at St. Julien, Devoigne in the department of Guirande, from which place they will be transported by automobile to the seaport of Pauillac, and placed on board the steamer Percus.

GERMANY WATCHING BUT KEEPING CLEAR OF MEXICAN MUDDLE
Berlin, Oct. 15.—The German foreign office is following new developments in Mexico very closely, at the same time adhering to its attitude of allowing the United States government an absolutely free hand in settling its policy without extraneous advice.

Dig Where the Gold Is, Mr. Manufacturer!
The miner carefully investigates surface conditions before he wastes money sinking a shaft. Then he concentrates his whole effort on the spot where the rock seems the richest.

Coal Fields of Alaska
Seattle, Wash., Oct. 15.—Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the United States bureau of mines, is here from Alaska, where he spent six months investigating the Matanuska and Nenana coal fields. Doctor Holmes said there were both anthracite and bituminous deposits in the Matanuska fields.

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NOW WORD OF SCOWMEN

Rumors Afloat But Little Hope in Them

LIGHTHOUSE MAN'S VIEW

Robert Belding of Point Lepreaux Thinks They Might Have Reached Grand Manan as Storm Was Not Severe Down Bay

(Canadian Press)

Little hope is cherished that the four men reported missing yesterday from their homes in Carleton—George D. Crippen, Charles M. Newcombe, and Leo and Edward J. McLaughlin, will ever be seen alive. It is feared that they met death in the waters of the Bay of Fundy during the storm of Monday night and Tuesday morning. No tidings were received of them today, and the last trace was seen yesterday about twenty miles from Partridge Island and ten miles from Lepreaux, when the steamer Manchester Master sighted their scow.

There was no sign of life on board the lighter, and only a small pile of ballast on the deck. There was no motor boat in sight. Various reports were circulated today that the men had been picked up, in one case it being said that they had been carried to Yarmouth and another that they had drifted ashore at Lepreaux. A telephone message to Point Lepreaux, brought word from Robert Belding, light-keeper there, that the surrounding waters had furnished no news of the missing men. He gave it as his belief that the direction of the wind they might have been carried to Grand Manan. The report had not been so severely felt at Lepreaux, the greatest relief being about twenty-eight miles. He thought a motor boat could live all right under the circumstances.

An effort was then made to communicate with Grand Manan, but word was received from St. Andrews that the cable service with the island was interrupted and no information was obtainable. It is believed that the men being found at Yarmouth arose through a schooner named the Anne B. McLaughlin, having put in there, and the similarity of names may have led to the reports.

Four homes in West St. John contain sad and lonely hearts today, for as the weary hours pass each bringing no encouraging word, gradually all spark hope is being abandoned, and anxious loved ones are led to believe that they have seen the last of husbands, fathers, or brothers. The close of every day sees no further sign of which to base encouragement, and the ominous silence of the deep makes the expectant hearts sorely pained.

The owners of the scow, Messrs. McEde brothers, who have held out cheerily to the last, are gradually becoming impregnated that there is little to hope for. Mr. Flood of the marine and fisheries sent a message to the lightkeeper at Westport to keep a keen lookout for any trace of the men, but received word that no sign had been seen in the vicinity.

Storm Wild One
Moncton, N. B., Oct. 15.—The gale is reported to have raged with great fury yesterday at Point Du Chene and along the Northumberland coast. It is said everything not nailed or tied down was blown from the government wharf at the point.

The crew of the eastbound passenger train yesterday afternoon reported the bridge at Little Falls, between Athol and Springhill Junction in a condition necessitating careful running. The stream was swollen by violent rains and had washed earth away from one of the abutments. The bridge is being watched.

About seven o'clock on Tuesday evening B. W. Dobson of Moncton, a brakeman on Clark's eastbound way freight scow, had his foot quite badly crushed at Coldbrook. He came to Moncton. It is not thought amputation will be necessary.

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