

TORNADO SWEEPS PART OF SOUTH; SEVERAL DIE

Baton Rouge, La., March 14.—Sunrise, in West Baton Rouge, was practically obliterated this morning by a tornado. Two persons were killed, 10 injured and dwellings were demolished.

McAllister, Okla., March 14.—Nine persons were killed and others seriously injured by a tornado that levelled a path through Cowan, a mining village, fifteen miles east of here last night. Most of the dead and injured are Mexicans.

ENTRIES FOR THE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following are amongst the entries received for the city boxing championships, which will be held in the arenas Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the St. John Hockey Club and the Commercial Club A. A.:

Special class (under 100 lbs.)—Farrall Britt, Y. M. C. I.; Roy Boyce, Y. M. C. A.

108 lb. class—Leslie Britt, Y. M. C. I.; G. R. Sommers, Allan Craig, Harry McDonough, Harold Sewall, St. George's A. C.

125 lb. class—Gordon Wilson, Y. M. C. A.; Stanley B. Belding, Gordon Campbell, Charles Wallace, Garrison A. C.; Herbert Wines, Garrison A. C.; Frank Ramsay, Garrison A. C.; Arthur Perry.

135 lb. class—Roy Murray, Y. M. C. I.; Wm. G. Heath, Garrison A. C.; Edward B. McGorman, Garrison A. C.; Joseph Healey, St. Mary's A. C.; Harry Truett, George Truett, Harry Truett, John Collins.

145 lb. class—Watson Power, Y. M. C. I.; Edward B. McGorman, Garrison A. C.

These events will be preliminaries for the maritime meet, which will take place here in April. Prizes won at the last provincial championships will be presented.

The following will be the officials: Referee, James Power; judges, Jas. Laidlaw, D. L. MacLaren; timers, K. J. MacLaren, M. Dolan; medical officer, Dr. R. M. Pendragon.

CONDENSED NEWS

A tornado last night is reported to have killed twelve Mexicans in Gowan, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Lovatt of Toronto, a sister of John Doughty, who was sentenced almost a year ago to the penitentiary for six years for stealing \$105,000 from the property of Ambrose J. Small, missing theatre magnate, is working for his release.

SQUIRREL AND TOADSTOOL

Animal Eats Fungoid Plants Deadly to Man.

An English naturalist reports that squirrels are fond of fungoid plants. His observation of the animals in their natural haunts showed that they ate with evident relish the Fly Agaric, a mushroom deadly poisonous to man. It was noted, though, that they ate only the stalks of the plants, leaving the umbrellas, or caps, untouched. This raises the question as to whether the factor of safety lies in the immunity of the animal or in the fact that the poisonous substance is concentrated in the rejected parts. If the latter be true, it reveals an interesting feature of these animals.—Scientific American.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents.

BIRTHS

SCOTT—At the Maternity Hospital, on March 14, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Scott, 9 Dufferin Row, West End, a daughter. (Stillborn).

DEATHS

DENTON—At the residence of his son-in-law, St. Clair Douglas, at 204 Spring street, on March 13, 1922, after a lengthy illness, James M. Denton, aged seventy years, formerly of Hatfield's Point, leaving a loving wife, two sons and four daughters to mourn.

Funeral Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, British street, at 8 o'clock. Remains will be taken by train Wednesday morning via Norton to Hatfield's Point for interment on arrival.

COMBAT—At 67 Broad street, on March 13, 1922, Mrs. Edward Craft, leaving two sons and one daughter.

Funeral notice later.

MURPHY—At her parents' residence, 146 Main street, on March 14, 1922, Mary Eleanor, aged 3 weeks, infant child of M. J. J. and Kathleen Murphy. Burial Wednesday afternoon.

CRAFT—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. LeMont, 205 Charlotte street, on March 14, 1922, Mrs. Edward Craft, leaving two sons and one daughter.

Funeral notice later.

CHRISTIE—At the St. John County Hospital on March 14, after a short illness, Louis B., youngest son of Robert A. and the late Josephine J. Christie, leaving father, two brothers and two half-sisters to mourn.

Funeral service at his father's residence, 185 Victoria street, Thursday at 8 p.m.

BETTEL—In this city on March 13, after a short illness, Mary R. daughter of Stephen T. Bettel, leaving three sisters and three brothers.

Funeral Wednesday afternoon from her late residence, 18 Exmouth street. Service at 2:30 o'clock.

HOYT—At Fairville, on March 13, 1922, James Adolphus Hoyt, aged 85 years, leaving his wife, two brothers and one sister to mourn.

Funeral from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

IN MEMORIAM

BLIZZARD—In sad and loving memory of Private John Spencer Blizard, who departed this life March 12, 1919. We loved him, yes we loved him, But Jesus loved him best, And sent a shining angel To take him home to rest.

LOCAL NEWS

"Studio," tonight. Admission, 15c. Dances, 5c.

Regular dance tonight. G. W. V. A. c.o.s.

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TRAP A DRUG MAGNATE AND HEROIN FORTUNE

Contraband Captured With Luigi Parmengini Valued at \$500,000—Stalked Prey Three Months.

(New York Times.) Federal narcotic agents here set a trap for big game three months ago. The prey they hunted was one of the biggest wholesale drug vendors in the country. The trap was sprung yesterday afternoon and the prize was even greater than anticipated. Besides the prisoner, Luigi Parmengini, whom they lodged at police headquarters last night, the federal agents seized 100 pounds of heroin, valued when distributed to street peddlers and other retailers at \$500,000. According to the agents the heroin is a fine grade, made in France, and smuggled here.

The agents said that their victim made desperate efforts, first, to keep out of their trap, and then, to induce them to set him free. They said he showed them a roll of \$100 bills, and counted them—before their eyes, and shoved "into their hands."

Nothing doing," said the agents. They offered them a package of heroin which, the agents said, they found in his possession at the time of the arrest. This was worth \$125,000 at retail. But the agent locked him up and went to a basement under his home, where they said they found the rest of the heroin.

They He Hired Smugglers. It was three months ago when the effort to bring in this lion of the underworld began. Immense smaller and less powerful members of his world have been caught in recent drug raids, and one of them " squealed."

The agent told that if they really wanted to reach one of the biggest of drug distributors, who bought directly from manufacturers abroad, engaged smugglers to get the stuff into this country and then sold to jobbers and middlemen in New York, never dealing with the small fry of street peddlers and the like, to look into the activities of one Luigi Parmengini.

Ralph Oyster, head of the federal narcotic unit in New York, learned that Luigi lived with his wife and two children in a three-room apartment at 204 Spring street, and represented himself as a prosperous grocer. For three weeks or more a federal agent followed Luigi like a shadow, but the prey was wary. James Moog, another agent, through ways that are dubious, obtained an introduction to Luigi and posed as a dealer in drugs. He wanted to buy, but Luigi was still cautious. Every time they talked about a deal Moog held the bait a little closer and Luigi approached nearer the trap. Finally, Luigi agreed to close the transaction yesterday afternoon if Moog brought \$25,000 to a meeting place.

At four o'clock yesterday afternoon, Moog was standing at the corner of Sullivan and West Fourth streets. In his inside coat pocket was a roll of paper, covered with a few \$100 bills. Mr. Oyster and William J. McCormick, another agent, were hiding in the distance. A few minutes later Luigi drove up in a taxicab. He put his hand to his hat and tipped it in a peculiar way as he stepped out of the taxi, and the agents learned later that the action was a signal in a mysterious code, and that he had transmitted some unexplained message to a confederate in hiding.

Agent Had \$25,000 Bait. Still wary, Luigi asked how much money Moog had, and the reply was \$25,000. Then he asked to see the money and Moog showed him the roll. Luigi did not have the drugs with him. The agent followed instructions, and Luigi again appeared in the taxi. This time he was followed by Oyster and McCormick in another car. He was still without the drugs, and told Moog to go to West Broadway and Becker street. At five o'clock the two met again, with Oyster and McCormick lurking near.

Luigi went off again in his taxi, followed by Oyster and McCormick. They saw him go into his home at 204 Spring street, and came out with a large package, tightly bound with cord. Then they sprang the trap and caught him. Searching his house they found three more packages in the cellar. In each of the four packages, according to the agents, were twenty-five long blue envelopes containing one pound of heroin each, with the name of a French wholesale druggist stamped on the flap. The agents said they found a pass-book showing deposits of \$165,000 in Luigi's name in the East River National Bank in 1921. Luigi was charged with violating the federal drug law.

Police detectives arrested two men at 101 Allen street. Herman Greenberg, twenty, 62 Henry street, was arrested in front of the house and \$3,000 worth of heroin was found in his pocket, according to the police. Jacob Goldstein, thirty-five, 217 Foreyth street, broke away from a detective who seized him in front of the house, and ran upstairs, but was caught after throwing away a vital of heroin. According to the police, they purchased heroin from the men before arresting them. Magistrate Nolan in Essex Market court held the prisoners in \$5,000 bail each for examination Monday. They pleaded not guilty to the charge of violating the drug law.

A tornado hit the settlement of Sunrise, La., this morning killing one person, injuring eight and destroying several houses. In Sulphur, Oklahoma, one man was killed, several hurt and \$100,000 property loss caused.

Louis V. Defoe, dramatic critic of the New York World for more than twenty years, died yesterday of pneumonia.

WIFE.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THE THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

THIS WEEK AT THE GARDENS

The "Blow 'em high" dance at the Gardens tonight will surely prove one to amuse our patrons immensely and nobody in search of a good time can afford to miss it. Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's dance. Saturday afternoon, the 18th, by request, a balloon dance.

HART AND COOK AT UNIQUE TODAY

W. S. Hart's Canadian Northwest Mounted Police feature, "O'Mally of the Mounted," a western thriller, and Clyde Cook in "The Jockey" are two decidedly worth while pictures now playing the Unique. Drop in tonight.

APPLICATIONS FOR GUARANTEES OF UNDERTAKINGS

More than 500 applications for government guarantees of special business undertakings authorized under the trade facilities act for the relief of British unemployment and stimulation of British export trade have been submitted for approval of the treasury committee appointed three months ago to pass upon such proposals.

The Bankers' Trust Company of New York is advised by its English Information service that guarantees amounting to \$2,100,000 have already been recommended by the committee, and it has also stated terms upon which it will approve other applications submitted amounting to almost \$7,500,000 (presumably for enterprises involving the purchase of British commodities) and the committee has also examined other proposals totaling \$14,000,000, in which technical or other difficulties would prevent approval.

The applications before the committee cover work to be carried out in the United Kingdom, Ireland, India, Africa and several continental European countries. In cases where the undertakings are to be conducted outside of the United Kingdom, the amount guaranteed will be deposited with the sum to be spent on British labor and materials.

PERSONALS

Mrs. John Griffiths returned home today after visiting friends in Norfolk, Va. "Condition still critical," was the bulletin at 9 a.m. in regard to Sir John Eaton of Toronto, who is very ill.

Rev. David Hutchinson returned to the city last evening from Summerside, P. E. I., where he was conducting services on Sunday for Rev. A. K. Herman, who is at present conducting a series of special services at the Main street Baptist Church.

ECHO OF INDIA

TROUBLED IN AFRICA London, March 14.—The arrest of Gandhi, non-co-operation leader in India, has created intense feeling among the Indians in British East Africa, according to a Central News despatch from Nairobi, dated Monday. Mass meetings and a complete hartal was declared at Mombasa, the capital, for one day. The local Indian congress has designated a committee to decide upon the future course in view of the latest developments in India.

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LOCAL NEWS

A CHALLENGE. The Canadian Government Merchant Marine bowing team wish to challenge the team of the Dominion Coal Company to a match on Black's alleys on Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

DEATH OF CHILD. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Murphy of 149 Main street, have the sympathy of friends in the death of their infant daughter, Mary Eleanor, which occurred today.

CORSICAN PASSENGERS. The Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd. liner Corsican is to sail this afternoon or evening for Southampton, Antwerp and Havre. She will have approximately 250 passengers, about seventy-five cabin and the remainder third class.

GORMAN AND LAWSON AWAY. Charles Gorman is to leave tonight for Milwaukee for the international indoor championships. He will compete in all the senior speed events. He will be accompanied by Roy Lawson, maritime intermediate champion, who will compete in all intermediate events.

MRS. F. J. COMEAU DEAD. The death of Lillian E. wife of F. J. Comeau, occurred yesterday at her home, 67 Broad street, after a brief illness. Besides her husband she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McAllister, and three brothers and two sisters, all residing in England. Mrs. Comeau was a native of Scotland and came to Canada with Mr. Comeau on his return after service overseas. They were married in England. During the war, when the omnibus drivers in London were being called to the colors, Mrs. Comeau was one of the first ladies to volunteer to take their place and she served in the capacity of conductress for the greater part of the war period.

MRS. EDWARD CRAFT. Mrs. Craft, widow of Edward Craft, passed peacefully away today after one week's illness with pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James B. LeMont, 205 Charlotte street, (W.E.). She was a lifelong resident of Carleton, and a consistent member of St. George's church. She leaves to mourn, one daughter, Mrs. LeMont, two sons, S. Lanyon of the city and W. T. Lanyon of west side, also three step-sons. Edward will be buried at the city and Harry residing in Chatham, also one sister, Sara of west side. Many friends will join in sympathy with the bereaved ones in the loss of a kind and loving mother. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the residence of her step-son, Edward Craft, 138 King street, West.

FIRE "SPOOK" IS NOW AT WORK IN ALVA, OKLAHOMA

Alva, Okla., March 14.—(Canadian Press)—The mysterious fire lighting ghost of Antigonish has a near relative in this place. The victim here is Mrs. Osa Smith, a twenty-three year old, a bedridden invalid. Blue flames, their origin a mystery, which seem to burst from the air itself, threaten death to her as she lies paralyzed on her bed in a little cottage here.

The authorities, it is said, are baffled. Beside watchers, who are keeping vigil day and night, can only leap to the rescue as the mysterious fires burst out at intervals in the bedding, clothing worn by Mrs. Smith, wall draperies, or any inflammable material in the room.

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Hartford, Conn., March 14.—It was announced today that Sage Park, in Windsor, one of the oldest twice around trotting tracks in New England, which was advertised for sale last week, will continue to be in use.

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