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MONCTON RESIDENTS FLEE BLAZE IN NIGHT CLOTHES

Several Have Narrow Escapes as Fire Guts Liberty Block—Five-year-old Girl, Lost in Smoke-filled Building, Found and Carried to Safety.

Special to The Times-Star.
MONCTON, April 13.—Several persons narrowly escaped suffocation when fire, which started in Wright's radio store, Liberty Block, Main street, at 10:45 o'clock last night, gutted part of that building. Tenants were overcome by the thick smoke and carried out by other tenants, or by members of the Salvage Corps. A little five-year-old girl, bewildered and lost, on the stairs between the second and third floors, creeping downwards head first was first felt, rather than seen by Foster Keith, and carried out safely. She was later claimed by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were aroused by knocks at their door. They caught up their little girl and escaped barefooted and in their night clothes.

Four girls, Miss H. McLellan, Miss Langille, Catherine Cahill and B. McShane, occupying one of the apartments, were returning from the theatre and on entering the building, they smelled smoke, but hurried to their apartments. Realizing the danger, they roused some of the sleeping tenants. Within ten minutes the smoke became very dense and gathering a few clothes they made for an exit. Miss Langille became faint and had to be assisted by Mr. Bars and one of her girl friends.

RESCUER IS RESCUED
William Cook, a brother to Mr. Cook who with his wife and child escaped in their night attire, was unaware that they had left the building and rushed up to save them. He was overcome by the suffocating fumes and would have perished had he not been rescued by Frank Walsh, Mrs. Morris who was still weak from an operation performed some time ago, was assisted to the street.

Had the fire occurred a few hours later there seems no doubt in the minds of some of the tenants, that several lives would have been lost.

The City Fire Department was called out at 10:45 in answer to an alarm from Box 6. By this time the fire had secured a firm hold in the store of the Wright Radio Company, and it required a strenuous fight by the firemen before the all out was sounded.

SMOKE IS DENSE
The fire had evidently secured a good hold before the hook was pulled by James Kelly. When the firemen arrived on the scene dense clouds of smoke

were issuing from the fire, which appeared to be worst in the rear of the store. The heavy volumes of smoke worked their way to the apartments above the Wright store, forcing the occupants to leave the premises.

Four lines of hose were stretched and the fire was soon under control. The configuration being confined practically to the Wright store.

The Liberty Block was burnt in 1919-1920 and is a fireproof structure owned by Mr. L. H. Higgins. The main floor is occupied by Melanson's Jewellery Store, Wright Radio Co., New York Millinery Co., Karl Bana's and the Townsend Piano Co. Outside of the Wright Radio Store, in which Mr. Wright estimates his damage at a sum in the vicinity of \$40,000, the New York Millinery and Karl Bana's stores suffered water damage. None of the other stores were affected.

SIXTEEN APARTMENTS.
While the upper stories contain 16 up-to-date apartments, 14 of which were occupied, the fire did not penetrate through the walls and the only damage done was to the suites above the Wright store, and this was caused by smoke and water. The suites worst affected were those occupied by Frank Walsh, Mr. Rayworth and Miss MacDonald.

The Salvage Corps covered the goods in adjoining stores and the damage was slight. The exact amount of the damage sustained by occupants of the flats could not be ascertained this morning.

The property loss suffered by owner, L. H. Higgins, could not be estimated this morning, although it was undoubtedly run into several thousand dollars. At a late hour Mr. Higgins, then seen by The Times-Star reporter, said he had no idea of what the loss would be, but said the property was fully covered by insurance.

MAN STOPS BATTLE

District-Commissioner on Gold Coast Prevents Clash Between Natives

LONDON, April 13.—The story of how the appearance of one man put opposing armies to flight is told in a report on the northern territories of the Gold Coast.

It appears that there was a disturbance among the Konkombas, a primitive people, which resulted in a declaration of war.

"The opposing parties were lined up at Samul ready to fight," states the report, "when the District Commissioner, who had been warned, arrived on the scene in his motor-car. The natives dispersed at once."

Later, the District Commissioner instructed the chiefs and headmen to call on their young men to surrender their bows and arrows, and after some reluctance 4,000 arrows were brought in and destroyed.

LONG-LIVED FAMILY.
LONDON, April 13.—The honor of being the longest-lived family in Great Britain probably belongs to a family of seven—two brothers and five sisters—six of who reside in the Parish of Sleat, and one in the adjoining Parish of Strath, in the Isle of Skye, Inverness-shire.

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MONCTON BOXERS ENTER TOURNAMENT

Two Entries Received From Railway Centre—Local Lads Are Training Hard

Some additional entries have been received for the coming New Brunswick amateur boxing championships to be held this week under the auspices of the St. Peter's Holy Name Society in their hall in Elm street. Two entries have been received from Moncton. One of these is for Sterling McPhee in the lightweight division. This lad has been boxing for several years and in 1924 he met Louis Donovan in an exhibition bout at the Maritime wrestling championships in Moncton and made a creditable showing.

Another entrant from the railway centre is Harold Bollock in the bantamweight class. He is also rated as a corner. The entry of John Graham, of this city, who is being handled by Peter Clineh, has been received for the special 85 lb. class.

Art Garnett has been working hard with many of the boxers assisting Louis Donovan at the Y. M. C. I. in training them. He will probably take charge of the provincial champions, who will go to Halifax later this month for the Maritime championships. He has taken charge of the boxers several times on trips to championship meets in Nova Scotia.

Entries for the boxing bouts will close today. So far more than thirty entries have come in, ensuring at least twenty bouts in all classes. It has been decided to run the fight program off in one evening instead of two as at first proposed. Friday will be the big night.

STOWAWAY SUFFERS

Is Rewarded For Good Work, However, With Permanent Job on Ship

LONDON, April 13.—Nine days without water while also suffering from the intense heat of his hiding-place was the experience of a stowaway in the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's liner Orduna who appeared at Southampton Police Court recently on a charge of stowing himself away on board.

The stowaway was Daniel Coombes, aged 35, an unemployed engineer and native of Dublin.

On recovering from an illness as the result of which he had to give up his job, he decided to try his luck as a stowaway and, the night before the Orduna left Southampton for Halifax, secreted himself in the funnel casing.

Chained up in a space 2 feet 6 inches wide, he suffered agonies and lost 28 pounds in weight, being on the verge of death when discovered.

In admiration of his pluck, the ship's crew subscribed \$28 for him and he was allowed to work his passage home.

So satisfactory were his services during the return trip that the company have given him a permanent job as steward.

Fish Now Enabled To Do "Bunk Fatigue"
LONDON, April 13.—A mystery ship, whose operations, when completed, are likely to revolutionize fishing methods, is nearing completion at Hull, in Yorkshire.

She is much bigger than the average trawler, her tonnage being between 4,000 and 5,000. Instead of trawling in the ordinary way, this vessel will anchor outside the "three-mile limit."

Absconding Bank Man Fights Extradition
DENVER, Col., April 13.—T. F. Alaisa, confessed absconding accountant from the Sancti Spiriti branch of the Royal Bank of Canada in Cuba, who was arrested here Saturday night, has engaged an attorney to fight extradition to Cuba. However, even if he is returned, Alaisa is optimistic.

"My people are influential, and wealthy," he said, "and I don't expect I'll get more than sixty days even if I do have to go back to the island to stand trial."

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