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JUDGE BARRY'S HOME WAS AFIRE

Family Aroused in the Early Morning

Plan New Brunswick Branch for Royal Caledonian Curling Club—Entries for St. John Bouspiel—Masonic Installation.

(Special to The Times) Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 4.—The fire department was given an early morning call on account of a fire at the residence of Hon. J. H. Barry, judge of the Court of Kings Bench, 751 Brunswick street. It started in a partition from an unknown cause and the occupants of the house were fortunate in being aroused by smoke before the flames got much headway. The firemen found it necessary to cut away a portion of the partition.

The re-establishment of a New Brunswick branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club is to be considered at a meeting to be held in Fredericton on the 11th inst. This meeting is called by J. A. Sinclair of St. John, secretary of the New Brunswick branch. The Fredericton Curling Club has appointed as President John Neill, Secretary E. A. McKay and S. Dow Simmons as delegates. Other clubs in the province are expected to send delegates.

The Fredericton Curling Club also has decided to enter in the double rink competition at the St. John Bouspiel as well as enter single rinks. The slips for the double rink entry are F. P. Hatt and T. L. Fowler. Four Fredericton rinks will curl at St. Stephen on Wednesday. The slips are S. D. Simmons, F. P. Hatt, W. Limerick and H. B. Colwell. A Newcastle boy aged fifteen was convicted this morning before Police Magistrate Limerick of breaking into the premises of Clarence Goodspeed at Penniac. He also admitted breaking into three other places. The slips named to three years in the Boys' Industrial Home at St. John. Alexandria Lodge No. 39, F. and A. M., installed officers on Monday night. Whitman Brewer, P. M., was the installing officer. The officers are: J. Walter McFarlane, W. M.; Alfred M. Brewer, L. H.; Harold R. Lewis, S. W.; Temple Savage, J. W.; Albert Boone, chaplain; A. W. Rockwell, treasurer; A. W. Coombes, secretary; N. John, S. D. A. Watson, J. D. C. Hedley Forbes, S. S.; Thomas Whitehead, J. S.; Whitman Brewer, D. C.; P. R. Dunbar, I. G.; J. G. Hall, tyler.

NOT MANY WERE KILLED AT FUME IN PETTY WAR

Casualties 37 Killed and 180 Wounded—Taking Over D'Annunzio's Ships.

Rome, Jan. 4.—The fighting for possession of Fiume Dec. 24 and the signing of the agreement for the surrender of the city to the Italian regular troops is semi-officially reported to have cost the regulars 17 killed and 120 wounded, and the legionaries 18 killed and 80 wounded, while two civilians were killed and about ten wounded. The statement adds that the number of casualties shows that the operations did not reach the dimensions of a real attack upon the city.

Triest, Jan. 4.—Disarmament of warships under control of the D'Annunzio legionaries in Fiume continued today, all submarines coming out and being taken over by the blockade fleet. The army has taken over the work of finding food for the population and the one affected by recent attacks on the situation becomes stabilized and legionaries are being enrolled before being taken out in groups of 300. A score of Arditi tried to run the blockade of Fiume in a motor boat armed with a machine gun yesterday, but they were captured as there have been other arrests of persons trying to get out of the city.

Triest, Jan. 4.—The destroyers Bronzetti and Espere, the latter reported sunk by gunfire, but still afloat although badly hit, steamed out of Fiume harbor on Sunday afternoon. D'Annunzio's original fleet, consisting of one large destroyer, three smaller destroyers and some anti-submarine craft, is still there, but all will likely leave at an early date. The dreadnought Dante was continuously at Fiume during the operations, but was never looked upon as a deserter. One still remains at Fiume.

NEGRO SUES JACK DEMPSEY FOR MONEY Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 4.—Jack Dempsey is made defendant in the district court here in action filed by J. F. Burns, a negro, in which it is alleged that Dempsey has failed to pay Burns for special services performed between January 10 and March 15, 1920, amounting to \$700. It also alleged that Burns loaned Dempsey \$3,500 between these dates.

WOMAN CLIMBS 8,200 FEET Portland, Ore., Jan. 4.—An exceptional climbing feat for women has been accomplished by Miss Jean Abernathy of Vancouver, who reached an altitude of 8,200 feet on Nineteen Mile Glacier at Alta Lake, British Columbia.

"THE LONGEST WAY 'ROUND IS THE SHORTEST WAY HOME"



—Chapin in St. Louis Star.

V. C. Winner At City Hall Seeking Work

Has No Money and No Shelter, He Tells Mayor

Sergeant-Major A. E. Wood Says He Came Here on Hearing Work Was Plentiful—Is Asked to Write Council and Case Will Be Taken Up.

Winner of the Victoria Cross, the Distinguished Conduct Medal with bar, the Military Medal, the Royal Humane Society medal for life saving, and the French Croix de Guerre, but out of work and without even the prospect of a roof over his head tonight—this was the peculiar combination of circumstances related to Mayor Schofield at city hall this morning by ex-Regimental Sergeant-Major Albert E. Wood, thirty-eight years of age, a veteran of four campaigns, including the South African and European wars, and entitled to wear no fewer than seventeen decorations and service medals. He was four times wounded in the great war, his seven brothers and one sister, were killed in the service and his father and mother died while their children were serving their country. He also lost two brothers killed in the South African war.

Mr. Wood enlisted in the Lancashire Fusiliers when a young lad and saw service in the South African campaign receiving the D.C.M., the King's and Queen's medals with seven clasps; the West African and clasp, and the Persian Gulf and clasp. He came to Canada in 1912, remaining on the reserve list of the Lancs and returned to the home-land in the outbreak of the war. He participated in the famous retreat from Mons during which he received the bar to his D.C.M. for gallantry under fire. In 1915 he went to the Dar-danells with his regiment and his work in saving the lives of several of the nurses and soldiers during the sinking of the hospital ship Royal Edward, earned for him the Royal Humane Society medal. He was later gassed and returned to England. Returning to France in 1916 he was decorated with the Military Medal for his devotion to duty at Ploegsteert and received the French Croix de Guerre with three stars during the Somme battles of the fall of 1916.

Gets Highest Honor. It was in 1917 that the Royal Gazette contained the announcement that Sergeant-Major Wood had been awarded the V. C. for his gallant actions at La Basse in 1916. His battalion had been badly cut up in an attack on the German lines and all their officers having become casualties, the battalion was forced to retire. Sergeant-Major Wood reorganized the remnant and led them against the German machine guns, taking seventeen prisoners, several machine guns and silencing the rest. He was invalided out of the army in 1918 and returned to Canada, but enlisted as a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force to Russia, seeing service there and returning to Canada in February of last year. He told the mayor that he had been working at odd jobs, including that of fireman and other menial work, his physical condition not permitting him to do work out of doors. He came to St. John on hearing that there was plenty of work here, arriving about two weeks ago, but has been unable to get employment. He said that he was now on his last resource and had to get to work. A room was had occupied in St. James street must be vacated tonight, as he had no money to engage it longer.

On recommendation of one of the city commissioners, Mr. Wood has submitted a letter to the common council, asking for work, which will likely be dealt with at this afternoon's council meeting.

THE LUXURY TAX FIGURES IN FREDERICTON Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 4.—Luxury taxes collected in Fredericton from May 19, 1920, when the tax became effective until it was abolished on December 21, amounted to \$31,243.75, according to a statement given out this morning by the Collector of Customs L. C. MacNair.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I been readin' what they call forecasts of what's gon' happen in 1921. The papers an' the magazines is full of 'em. Me an' Hanner, we quite worked up about what one feller prophesied till we read the next one. That give us a sort of appetite for more, an' we kep' on readin'. Then we got down an' tried to figure out what it all come to, an' at the last we made up our minds to take one of the stock, git out a year's supply of wood for the fires, an' git ready to put in as much crop as usual in the spring. As for back an' a safe thing to do—yes, sir, I sint sayin' the 'wont be all kinds of trouble in the world this year, but as far as me an' Hanner is concerned—if we kin keep the critters well fed—an' keep the weeds down—an' git a little 'kilt' an' 'patch' an' fence mendin' done—an' keep our health—I don't believe there prophesies 'll bother us much at all. The news said we could manage to skip along for a year or two if we hed to live on the same kind of eatables the fast settlers hed to put up with. I goes with that, an' we be our own prophet, an' keep on usin' the hoe an' the broom—yes, sir."

"But if you lived in the city and were out of work, you'd be different," said Hiram. "That 'ud be hard lines," said Hiram. "But I hope I'd pull through somehow—an' if I did—an' got good money agin' it, I'd try awful hard to save a dollar for the next time. If savin' money was as easy as 'arowin' it away you wouldn't see hard times half so often—By Hen!"

CLAIMS DAMAGES OF HALF MILLION FROM MEXICO

St. John, Mich., Jan. 4.—Dr. Charles T. Sturgis, formerly of this city, has filed with the state department, claims for more than \$500,000 against the Mexican government, charging the Mexican army with the loss of a number of acres of land, and the loss of his family property, which he claims were captured by Mexican bandits at a place called Blanca.

The bandits are alleged to have driven off his family property, and to have destroyed the coffee plantation and buildings. Mrs. W. H. Kenwright, Dr. Sturgis' mother, is alleged to have died of starvation, while Mrs. Sturgis was forced to do menial duty between the bandit camp in the mountains and Mexico City, under threat of death to Dr. Sturgis. The complain says that Dr. and Mrs. Sturgis were released on November 11, 1917, without food or money and made their way across the United States line.

NATIONALISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA SEE MORE DESERTION

London, Jan. 4.—(Canadian Associated Press)—South African cables indicate alarm by the nationalists at increasing secessions from their ranks during the election fight and the growing strength of the South African-Unionist coalition. The efforts of the labor party to raise economic issues in the election campaign failed to have any success. The election fight, though thoroughly spirited, has been without disorder.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Opening: Wheat, March \$1.78 1-2; May \$1.70. Corn, May \$1.17 1-2. Oats, May \$0.91 1-2; July \$0.87 1-2.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, B. F. Stupart, Director of Meteorological Service.

Synopsis—Light snowfalls have occurred in many localities of the west and northern Ontario. It is turning colder in the west, while fair mild weather prevails from Ontario to the maritime provinces. Showery, western winds, fair and mild today. Wednesday fresh southwest winds, showery. Gulf and North Shore—Fair and a little colder today. Wednesday fresh to strong easterly winds, light snow or rain. New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Mild temperature; moderate south and southwest winds. Toronto, Jan. 4.—Temperatures:—

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, St. John's, White River, Sault Ste. Marie, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Halifax, St. John's, Nfld., Detroit, and New York.

Fearful Disaster At Sea; 214 Lives Lost

Spanish Steamer Wrecked—Whole Families Among Victims—Were Kept to Cabins Because of Tempest—Babe of Three Among the Saved.

Madrid, Jan. 4.—Two hundred and fourteen persons lost their lives when the Spanish steamer Santa Isabel was wrecked near Villagarcia Saturday night, says a telegram received here, from the governor of Pontevedra. Fifty-six persons were saved, but many of them were injured. Captain Martin Ricordi, the captain of the vessel, was severely hurt, and it is not expected he will recover. Many bodies have been washed ashore. In many cases whole families were drowned. Among the saved was an infant three years of age whose parents are believed to be dead.

Latest despatches from Cadiz state that the ship was driven on the rocks during a tremendous storm, and the large number of deaths is attributed to the fact that the passengers had been confined to their cabins because of the violence of the tempest, and many of them were asleep. The majority of those rescued from the ship were unable to speak on being landed, owing to their frightful experiences during the hours of clinging to the wreckage in the terrific storm and cold. The message details so far obtainable indicate that the disaster occurred at a quarter to two o'clock Sunday morning, when virtually everyone on board was in bed.

CARDINAL GIBBONS IS MOVED TO HOME

Doctors Think Gratification of Desire Will Hasten Recovery of Prelate.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 4.—For the first time since December 19, when he was stricken with illness after a service in St. Joseph's Church, Cardinal Gibbons slept last night in the plain little room in his residence here where he has lived and worked for many years. He was removed yesterday by automobile from the Robt. T. Sarver home at Union Mills. Apparently the cardinal suffered very slightly from the fatigue of the journey. Last night members of his household reported that he was sleeping peacefully. Many times in the last few days he had expressed a desire to return to his home, and his physicians believe that the gratification of this wish will hasten his recovery. The improvement in the Cardinal's condition continued today.

COMPLAINT OF TREATMENT OF MINISTERS

"Contemptuous" Term Applied to Work of Some Cartoonists, Writers and Actors

Washington, Jan. 4.—The public morals board of the Methodist Episcopal church announced today that it would inaugurate a campaign to "stop the contemptuous treatment of the Protestant ministry by some cartoonists, writers and actors."

BAN MOVIES THAT SHOW CRIMINALS AT THEIR WORK

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Motion pictures portraying criminals at work have been barred in Chicago. Chief of Police Fitzmaurice announced the three weeks ago he had issued permits for any photoplay that showed a crime committed, even though the end of the picture might show the criminal in a prison cell. The order became public when three youthful robbers, who were sentenced to the state reformatory at Pontiac, said their crimes had been inspired by a "crook" moving picture.

REFINERY IN VANCOUVER CUTS SUGAR PRICE

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 4.—The sugar refinery here has announced another cut of twenty-five cents in the price of all grades of sugar yesterday. This brings the quoted price of granulated down to \$12.70 a hundred pounds.

CENTENARIAN 124 DESCENDANTS

London, Eng., Jan. 4.—Mrs. George Hunter, a widow, aged 100 years, has died at Leith. She had seven children, 17 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

AERIAL TRAFFIC POLICE POSSIBLE

New York, Jan. 4.—Representative United States airmen met here today to aid in formulating aerial traffic laws for New York, as airplanes flying over the city are becoming so numerous. Organization of a special force of aerial traffic police will probably be the next step.

AIR MAIL BETWEEN CAMP BORDEN AND TORONTO

Toronto, Jan. 4.—A month's experiment with an aerial mail service between Camp Borden and Toronto has been begun by Lieut. A. E. McLorie for the postmaster general. The distance is more than sixty miles, and it is expected that under favorable conditions the trip will be made in from twenty to thirty minutes. Commencing today a two-way trip will be made each day from Camp Borden during the winter months.

RECALL STIRRING CANADIAN DAYS

Sale of General Wolfe's Letters to Monkton

Also Instructions to Wolfe From King George III.—Plea for Suitable Office for Canada in London.

London, Jan. 4.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Thirty-three autograph letters addressed to General Monkton by General Wolfe will be sold by auction by Sotheby in February, also secret instructions to General Wolfe by George III. dated Feb. 1759. Another document in Wolfe's handwriting contains the articles of capitulation contemplated in the event of the attack on Quebec proving successful.

Speaking at the Wolfe anniversary dinner in Westminster last night, Sir Campbell Stuart ventured to direct attention to the need for a suitable office home for Canada in the motherland. He said that the other great dominions were not behind in this respect, while of Canada's provinces was better housed in London than herself. This last reference evidently was to the British Columbia headquarters which, however, are being altered this month to provide quarters for the Dominion emigration department.

MAKE LEGISLATORS PROVE STATEMENTS

Allegation of Corruption in Administration of Affairs in New York.

New York, Jan. 4.—District Attorney Swann last night obtained subpoenas for State Senator Theodore Douglas Robinson and Assemblymen Jos. Steinberg, requiring them to appear before the grand jury on next Friday, in connection with their announced intention to ask the legislature to investigate the city administration. The two members of the legislature charged in their prepared statement that the city was "suffering from probably the worst and the most corrupt administration in its history."

HOLD-UP IN NEW YORK SUBWAY

Youthful Bandits Rob Ticket Agent and Two Passengers.

New York, Jan. 4.—New York bandits, apparently seeking new fields to conquer, today transferred their activities underground. Two unmasked youths walked into the subway station at Seventh Avenue and 56th street, and wearing the men to make on outery, the youths calmly walked to the street and sauntered leisurely past a policeman.

FALLS HEIR TO FORTUNE IN P. E. I.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—A despatch to the Globe from Buffalo, N. Y., says: A Captain Thomas Brennan, ship-keeper of the steamer Joshua W. Rhodes, which is moored for the winter behind Buffalo Breakwater, awoke New Year's morning to find himself heir to a comfortable fortune.

VILLA SCOURS COUNTRY IN PURSUIT OF SOME OF FORMER FOLLOWERS

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 4.—Francisco Villa at the head of a force of federal cavalry has taken the field in pursuit of his former followers known as "El Charro."

INCORPORATE FARMERS' PARTY OF DAUPHIN, MAN.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—United Farmers' political party of Dauphin, Limited, has been granted a provincial charter of incorporation. The new organization is limited in capital to \$5,000. It is said it will be federal in scope.

WILL REPRESENT LABOR

Reports that Rev. Father T. V. Moylan, C. S. S. R., principal and vice president of the Assumption College, Sandwich, died from illness, diagnosed as sleeping sickness in a Detroit hospital. Gerard of Windsor is also ill with the same disease in Hotel Dieu, but is improving.

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In conformity with the terms of the Peace Treaty the Ottawa government has appointed Hon. Mr. Justice Duff, S. R. Parsons of the British American Oil Co., Toronto and Controller Joseph Gillon, to be the Canadian representatives on the panel from which a commission of inquiry will be chosen. The picture is of Gibbons who is business manager of the Amalgamated association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, Toronto Division.



J. M. S. Carroll, of Montreal, new president of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association.