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## McCready Vinegar Factory Burned--- Loss Will Easily Reach \$50,000 --- Three Alarms Before Daylight Caused Much Anxiety.

The McCready vinegar factory situated on Camden street, between Simonds and Portland street, was destroyed by fire early this morning and it is expected the loss will approximate at least \$50,000.

The fire was discovered about 2.30 by a person who saw smoke and flame issuing from the building. At once an alarm was sent in from box 142 and the North End fire companies rushed to the scene.

On the arrival of the firemen it was seen that the blaze was a serious one and assistance was sought from the companies in the central and south portions of the city.

How the fire caught is a mystery as yesterday, being a holiday, the plant was not working and as far as known there was no fire in the building last night.

The building which was of wood and three stories in height proved a ready prey to the flames and although the firemen worked with a will and had a good supply of water it was speedily apparent that the structure was doomed.

As James T. McCready of the firm went to New York Wednesday evening it was impossible to get any idea of the insurance this morning but it is believed that building, stock and plant were well covered.

Part of the building was used as a bonded warehouse and in it was stored a large quantity of alcohol used in the manufacturing process. Up to 3.30 the warehouse portion had not been burned but it was feared that it would go.

The fire was a very spectacular one, the flames lighting up the sky to such an extent that the reflection was visible for miles. Despite the fact that it occurred at an hour when most people are abed the double alarm and the fact that this is the third serious fire St. John has had within the past few weeks contributed to bring hundreds of people to the scene.

The building was used in the manufacture of vinegar, pickles, spices and cornmeal and separate plants for the making of these articles were located in it.

Most of the fire appeared to be around the big chimney in the upper part of the building. One of the factory office employees said \$50,000 would be a conservative estimate of the loss and as far as he knew it was covered by insurance.

### LATER.

At 4 o'clock the fire was approaching the bonded warehouse and Chief Blake received permission from the Inland Revenue officials to break the warehouse and remove the alcohol if this course were deemed necessary.

That had not been done up to the time of The Standard going to press. When the firemen reached the scene smoke was breaking out through all parts of the roof of the structure and the blaze appeared to be have originated in the centre of it.

The front of the building on Camden street had not been burned at 4 o'clock but the back portion was consumed and the walls had fallen.

A two-story house owned by S. Thorne and occupied by himself and a family named Dunham on the corner of Camden and Simonds street and a house owned by Mr. Thorne and occupied by a family named Orr further down Simonds street were in danger for a time but at four o'clock it was thought the fire would be confined to the building in which it started.

## NATIONAL FOOD PLEDGE DAY IN ENGLAND

How Great Britain's Millions  
Observed the Victorian  
Holiday.

London, May 24.—Great Britain observed the holiday as a national food pledge day. Everybody was expected to sign a pledge in response to the King's proclamation appealing for economy and frugality. Already two million people have signed and on today's result practically halves the decision between voluntary and compulsory rationing.

The Lord Mayor of London accompanied by the sheriff, appeared in their official robes on the steps of the Royal Exchange early in the day and invited all hearers to proceed to the Mansion House and take the food pledge. A similar meeting was held at Guild Hall and thousands of gatherings with the same object met throughout the Kingdom.

All factories, schools and other institutions agreed to cease work at noon for a sufficient length of time to enable employees to sign the pledge. More than three million helpers are engaged in the campaign and the organizers were so confident of success that they predicted the voluntary rationing would win an easy victory.

## FRENCH LINER SUBMARINED

Paris, May 24.—It is officially announced that the French liner Sontay, bound for Marseilles from Saloniki with 346 passengers, was torpedoed on April 16 with a loss of 45 lives. The steamer sank rapidly in a heavy sea but the prompt and methodical manner in which the small boats were launched saved the majority of those on board. Captain Magas went down with the ship. The Sontay was a vessel of 7,247 tons and was built in 1908. She was owned in Marseilles.

## JAP WARSHIPS JOIN FLEET OF THE ALLIES

Arrival of Considerable Number of Light Craft in Mediterranean.

London, May 24.—The arrival of a considerable number of light Japanese naval craft in the Mediterranean to co-operate with the naval forces of the allies was announced in the house of commons today by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade.

A Paris despatch last Friday said a number of Japanese gun boats had arrived at Marseilles to assist in the operations against German submarines and to convey French merchantmen. If the experiment has satisfactory results it is to be extended.

Fritz Busy Again.  
London, May 24.—Pronounced German naval activity in the Baltic on Tuesday is reported in a Central News despatch from Copenhagen. Yesterday a violent cannonade lasting throughout the night was heard by persons living along the shore. Houses on southern Danish islands shook from concussion.

## MACKEREL HIT NOVA SCOTIA

Special to The Standard.  
Yarmouth, N. S., May 24.—The first mackerel have arrived on the Nova Scotia coast. Within the past twenty-four hours, the Cranberry Head trap has pured twice. The first time fifty-nine fish were taken and this afternoon less than half a dozen.

It is likely the fish struck in a day or two ago, but the weather has been so bad the traps were delayed in getting ready. The fish are exceptionally late this year.

## WOODSTOCK LADY DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Jessie E. Wetmore, Widow of Kings County Man, Dead in Montreal.

Montreal, May 24.—The body of a woman who died suddenly Tuesday night in her room in the Queen's Hotel here, was today identified as that of Mrs. Jessie E. Wetmore of Woodstock, N. B.

The deceased registered at the hotel Tuesday and appeared to be in good health when she retired to her room. When the chambermaid went to the room she received no reply on knocking and entering the room by means of her own key, she found the occupant unconscious on the bed. Medical aid was summoned but before the physician arrived Mrs. Wetmore had expired. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned by Coroner McMahon today.

The body was identified today by Mrs. William Murphy, a cousin, living at 4540 St. Catherine street west, and Mr. A. D. Munro, a brother, living at 319 Grosvenor Ave., Westmount. The deceased was the wife of the late Howard P. Wetmore, a well known resident of Kings county, N. B., who died twelve years ago, and was on her way to Woodstock from Los Angeles, California.

The body will be taken to her birthplace for interment.

## SINN FEIN MEN WILL KEEP OUT

Dublin, May 24.—The Sinn Fein conference today unanimously resolved to decline to participate in any conference called by the English government ostensibly to settle the Irish question "until the following conditions are fulfilled:

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"Second—That the British government publicly pledge itself to the United States and the powers of

Europe to ratify the decision of a majority of the conference.

"Third—That the convention consist of none but persons freely elected by the adult suffrage of Ireland.

"Fourth—That prisoner of war treatment is accorded the Irish prisoners arrested during the recent rebellion."

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