

MINTO HOTELS BURNED TO GROUND

Loss of \$9,000 With \$6,000 Insurance - Some People Had Narrow Escape

In the short space of two hours the Minto Hotel, at Minto, was burned to the ground last evening, according to a message received in St. John this morning. The fire started about five o'clock and nothing remained at seven o'clock but a heap of ruins. Although there were a great many people in the house, all were able to get out in time, although some narrow escapes are reported. Much credit for the safety of the people in the hotel is given to Robert Jewett, who assisted them in escaping from the burning building.

The Minto was built about eleven years ago by Reuben Kennedy, now residing in Fredericton. He turned the business over to Edward Seaton, the present proprietor. The loss is placed at \$9,000, with about \$6,000 insurance. A horse and some poultry on the hotel property were burned. The store of the King Lumber Co., which adjoins the hotel, was saved with great difficulty.

THE WAR

(Continued from page 1) which lies between Belgium and German East Africa.

GERMAN BOMB IS DROPPED ON SWISS SOIL

Paris, Oct. 26.—A Havas news agency despatch from Belfort says that a German aeroplane which flew over the town of Belfort on Friday and into Swiss territory, dropped a bomb which fell on Switzerland. Much irritation, it is added, was caused there against Germany by the incident.

ST. JOHN OFFICERS TO HALIFAX FOR FINISH TOUCH TO THEIR WORK

An excellent start in the enlistment of officers for foreign service has been made in the infantry battalion which will go from here to the front under Col. J. L. McVitty. Quite a number of officers will be required. From the school of instruction for provisional officers which has been in progress here for some time, twenty-seven candidates will go to Halifax on next Tuesday to finish their course. They will be given two weeks finishing at the district militia headquarters and by successfully passing examinations which will be given, will have an opportunity to qualify. Of the candidates who will take the course for the lieutenant's qualifications nineteen have volunteered for service overseas, and they will protect the retail merchants against having bad accounts. This is the Credit Reporting Department of the Canadian Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, a branch of which is now formed in the province of New Brunswick—but its dominion wide in its operation.

THE FUNDS

Another check for \$50 from the Empire Novelty Co. in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund was received by the treasurer this morning. This makes the fourth contribution this concern has made. Other amounts received this morning were: Greenwith Branch, Women's Institute \$4.20; Newfoundland Mutual Benefit Association, St. John, \$37.36.

MARRIAGES

FLEMING-ARMSTRONG - At St. John's (Stone) Church, Oct. 28, 1914, by the Rev. G. A. Kubring, Arthur Ernest Fleming, of Albert, Norris Armstrong, both of this city.

MONUMENTS

And All kinds of Cemetery Work H. McGRATTAN & SONS Wholesale and Retail Granite Manufacturers St. John Office: 55 Sydney St. Phone M 2280

OTTAWA BELIEVES WAR MINISTER IS ON THE FIRING LINE

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 26.—That Col. Sam Hughes is now on the firing line in Europe is the belief here. When he left Canada he had made plans to see fighting. He had even shipped two motor cars to Ostend so that he might have no trouble in obtaining transport to carry him over the full length of the English, French and allied lines. Since then the Allies lost Ostend and Major-General Hughes probably lost his cars. It is believed that he is now making a tour of the two hundred mile battle line.

FATE OF FLEMING TO BE DECIDED AT A CONFERENCE TODAY

What is to be the political fate of the Hon. J. K. Fleming? What has it to do with the assembling of prominent Conservative politicians in St. John today? All the members of the provincial government are here. Other arrivals include Hon. J. K. Fleming, George W. Fowler, M. P., A. R. Gould and some of the minor politicians from outside points, and there are of course the local Conservative leaders.

WANT GOVERNMENT TO CALL CONGRESS OF THE MANUFACTURERS

Quebec, Que., Oct. 26.—The Levis board of trade last night adopted a resolution suggesting that the Canadian government call a congress of Canadian manufacturers to enable the local industries to take over the immense trade that went from Canada to Austria and Germany before hostilities began.

THE "DEAD BEAT" MUST NOW PAY CASH

Dead beats here will have to pay cash in future is the verdict of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada. At last a remedy has been secured that will protect the retail merchants against having bad accounts. This is the Credit Reporting Department of the Canadian Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, a branch of which is now formed in the province of New Brunswick—but its dominion wide in its operation.

AWAY WITH POTATOES FOR THE MOTHERLAND

With New Brunswick's donation of 100,000 bushels of potatoes, as well as a gift of apples from the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association, on board the Battle liner Sellaia, Captain Abbot, sailed out of the harbor this morning about 8 o'clock. She is bound for an English port, thought to be London. J. B. Daggett, secretary for agriculture in New Brunswick, was on the steamer and will look after the landing of the potatoes and apples. The Sellaia took a deckload of lumber, which will be delivered at the same port as the rest of her cargo.

GOVERNMENT BUILDS LARGEST ICE BREAKER

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 26.—The construction of the largest ice breaker in the world has been commenced at Montreal by the Canadian Vickers Company. The craft was ordered by the government to replace the Earl Grey. It will be of 10,000 horse power and even more capable than the Earl Grey.

Methodist Missions

Moncton, Oct. 26.—The Methodist conference special committee and conference missionary committee in session here endorsed the effort to raise \$975,000 this year for missions, and urged on every member canvas on each circuit, as well as a weekly envelope system of contributions. In each district the missionary committee will inaugurate the campaign.

TO WED TOMORROW

The wedding of Frank Sedler of Fredericton and Miss Rose M. Curlew of Bristol, England, will take place on Thursday evening in the Episcopal church at Lower Maugerville, Sunbury county. Rev. Canon Smithers of Fredericton, will perform the ceremony.

CANADA IN THE WAR

Rev. C. W. Gordon, (Ralph Connor) has volunteered as chaplain with the second Canadian contingent. No more of an nature are needed at the front, it was announced in Ottawa yesterday.

WEDDINGS

Fleming-Armstrong An event of interest took place this morning at six o'clock in St. John's (Stone) church when Miss Alberta Norris Armstrong, daughter of Lieut-Col. A. J. Armstrong, was united in marriage to Arthur Ernest Fleming, local agent of the Eastern Steamship Corporation, and son of the late Mr. H. Fleming, harbor master of this city.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a blue tulle and white dress, with a beautiful bouquet of white roses. She wore a hat of Copenhagen blue and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her bridesmaid, Miss Bessie G. Johnston, wore a costume of blue and white and carried a bouquet of white roses.

The announcement of the marriage of D. E. Hastings, of New York, to Miss Edith Moore, of St. John, was received this morning by R. H. Fleming, harbor master of the city. The ceremony took place last evening in St. John.

In the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at six o'clock yesterday morning Miss Catherine Doherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Doherty, of Johnville, was married with nuptial honors to Walter H. Daley, of St. John. The bride wore a white and blue dress and carried a bouquet of white roses.

The wedding of Miss Minnie Dayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Dayton, of St. Mary's, and G. H. Prince B. Sc., of Nelson, B. C., took place at the home of the bride's parents this afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. Thomas Marshall performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. P. H. Prince, of St. Paul's church, Halifax, a brother of the groom.

The marriage of Miss Reba M. McFarlane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon McFarlane, of Fredericton and Edwin J. MacCullum, of Hartland took place at the home of the bride's parents this afternoon, Rev. S. A. Baker performed the ceremony.

The marriage of Frank Powers and Miss Helen Geldart, both of Moncton, was solemnized at Highfield Baptist parsonage Monday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. H. Cochrane.

A congregational re-union of the members of the Queen's and Melville churches with the celebration of the 123rd anniversary of the birth of the late Rev. John and Mrs. Johnson, Rev. Messrs. R. S. Crisp, J. C. Berrie, J. J. Pinkerton and W. G. Lane and Dr. Morton M. Allison addressed the gathering. A duet was sung by Miss Day and Miss Kitz. Rev. Mr. Johnson addressed the congregation. Refreshments were served at the close of a very pleasant evening.

Death of Fred Quarmant Fredrickton, N. B., Oct. 26.—Fred Quarmant, who for many years carried on business as a barber here, died last night after a lingering illness. He was a native of England and was fifty-nine years old. His wife, four sons and three daughters survive. Two daughters, Mrs. H. J. Leaman and Miss Hazel, and one son, Ernest, live in Moncton, and three sons, Murray, Alfred and Fred, reside here.

Arthur Leavitt, one of the boys in the Boys' Industrial Home at East John, fell this afternoon from a staging five or six feet from the ground. He was run over by a motor car and his head was struck on the General Public Hospital, where his wound was dressed by Doctor Malcom. He will remain in the hospital for a few days.

For Second Contingent. Harold Sears, of Fredericton; James Dunn, of Blackville, and Frank Ward, of Chatham Junction, all experienced telegraph operators, have offered their services for the second contingent.

TRAFFIC BLOCKED. A heavy delivery truck owned by Murray and Gregory broke down in Mill street this morning and held up traffic for a time.

LOCAL NEWS

WAS GROOMSMAN In mentioning last evening the wedding of Miss Marie G. Burns and Frederick A. Munton, the name of John L. Burns, brother of the bride, who acted as best man, was inadvertently omitted.

Ladies' tailoring done at J. Glick's 86 Sydney street; prices reasonable. PHOTOS! PHOTOS! To introduce a new and lovely process just out we will present with every dozen photographs, special price, one large 5 1/2 photo free, during the week of the 26th. Don't miss it—Climo's, 88 German street. Telephone 885-11.

PARDON. Mr. Workington. But may I hit you in the eye with this hard fact. No matter what you get, there is not a book at the Dominion to equal Bridal's Brides. Waterproof and solid leather, 227 Union; Phone 161-21. Repairs unexcelled.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING No wonder the cost of living is high, when there are so many unnecessary factors, such as the middlemen who come between producer and consumer. Goods leave the factory for the jobber, the jobber for the wholesaler, the wholesaler to the retailer, from the retailer to the consumer. All these unnecessary factors add to the cost of the goods. That's why Groindines can supply silver plated knives, forks and spoons cheaper than any other store. We import the blanks in the raw state from upper Canada and silver plate them right in St. John, so it is easy to see that we can give better values at much lower prices. Try Groindines for silver-plated flatware, 24 Waterloo street, Old.

BUILDING TRADES MEETING Building Trades delegates will meet at Old Fellows' Hall Thursday evening at eight o'clock. Public meeting Friday evening, 10-30.

TOMORROW EVENING The Carleton Cornet Band and prominent instrumentalists and vocalists will contribute to the grand patriotic concert in Carleton city hall tomorrow evening. The total proceeds to go to the Belgian fund. Mrs. Curran, Miss Murray, C. A. Munro, S. C. Matthews and other names on the programme, are the assurance of a brilliant entertainment.

COOL BY BARREL OR BAG, dry hard or soft wood. Fairville Coal and Wood Yard. Phone West 807-21.

EVERYTHING IN men's clothing and equipment at C. B. Pidgeon's, corner Main and Broad.

IT is a positive shame to see a good figure often bunched up with a badly fitting corset. Have your next pair of corsets properly fitted at Daniel's popular corset department by one who makes a study of this work. Costs you nothing extra. Make an appointment by telephone. Hours for fitting 8.30 a. m. to 11.30 a. m.

SHOES For a moderate price stylish shoes our \$2.45 women's shoe beats the world—Wensell's Cash Store, 248-249 Union street, AT THE CORNER.

SALE OF LADIES' WINTER COATS AT M. R. ASH COMPANY'S STORE THURSDAY There is no longer any excuse for putting off the purchase of a warm coat for winter because this sale will present desirable garments in this season's styles at greatly reduced prices. The offerings will consist of manufacturers' samples and odd coats in such a wide variety of models that almost any requirement can be met.

The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price Improvements in Glasses Modern glasses are superior in every way to glasses made only a few years ago. They are more efficient, look better, and are much more comfortable.

The Optix Bifocal - a two-range lens, with the division mark practically invisible, and the "Toric-Nature's curve" - giving a wider field of vision and letting the lens come nearer to the eye - are marked advances in efficiency and comfort in keeping with the modern method of grinding flat lenses. And the improvement in frames is as great as in lenses. It is no longer necessary to pinch the nose or pull the ears to hold glasses before the eyes. Modern lenses are as comfortable as a pair of old shoes, and as good looking as a pair of new ones.

You can keep yourself up to the minute concerning the progress in the manufacture of glasses by keeping in touch with Sharp's Optical Department. It will be worth your while to do so.

L. L. Sharpe & Son Jewelers and Opticians 21 King Street, St. John, N. B.

DELICATESSEN SPECIAL FOR THURSDAY Veal Loaf 30c a lb. Head Cheese 14c a bowl Chicken Pie 15c each All Our Own Cooking C. DENISON, 61 Patena St. Phone 1986-42.

Prospective Housekeepers!



We have just received a new line of attractive furniture, which will not fail to appeal to those who take delight in making the home a joy forever. We invite you to come in and look through these new pieces, whether you buy or not. It is our delight to show our stock. You will find that we carry everything that the well-furnished house requires, from the kitchen range to the parlor draperies.

MODEL HOME \$135.00 Four-Room Flat Furnished Complete J. MARCUS, 30 Dock St.

may be suited. Prompt action will be necessary to secure bargains. Read descriptions in our regular advertisement today.

Keわたin Dancing Class, Thursday night. BEFORE REAL COLD WEATHER Telephone Main 2686 or order at No. 1 Union street or 61-2 Charlotte street. The regular meeting of the board, of hearing an address from A. Smeraldi, an Italian gentleman, who has been here with increased trade between this port and ports in South America and South Africa. Mr. Smeraldi, who came here with the Norton Griffiths Co., has travelled extensively through these countries, and has followed closely the trade conditions in all places. He speaks several languages and is an interesting talker. At the meeting officers for the ensuing year will be nominated.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT. The arrangements for the concert to be given tomorrow night in St. Mary's Sunday school in aid of the Belgian Relief fund are about completed. It promises to be a distinctly enjoyable affair, with a fine programme.

TO ADDRESS BOARD OF TRADE Members of the board of trade will have an opportunity on Monday evening, the regular meeting of the board, of hearing an address from A. Smeraldi, an Italian gentleman, who has been here with increased trade between this port and ports in South America and South Africa. Mr. Smeraldi, who came here with the Norton Griffiths Co., has travelled extensively through these countries, and has followed closely the trade conditions in all places. He speaks several languages and is an interesting talker. At the meeting officers for the ensuing year will be nominated.

BELGIAN RELIEF CONCERT PROGRAMME St. Stephens Sunday School Room, Thursday evening at 8.15 p. m. Tickets 25c. Vocal solo "Rule Britannia," Miss Ermaline Climo, who came here with the Norton Griffiths Co., has travelled extensively through these countries, and has followed closely the trade conditions in all places. He speaks several languages and is an interesting talker. At the meeting officers for the ensuing year will be nominated.

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TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

FIRELESS Cooked-Ham, Chow-Chow Bread, Special Cake and Doughnuts - only home-cooking sold and served. Women's Exchange Tea and Luncheon, 168 Union street.

TO LET - Remodeled flat, ne plumbing, furnace, etc., 75 Dorchester street. Apply 158 Union. Phone M 789.

LOWER FLAT - 42 St. James street. Apply on premises. 18078-11-4

ROOMS TO LET - 4 Charles, corner Garden. 18061-11-4

FURNISHED, Heated Rooms, Leinster street. 18060-11-4

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LOST - Saturday evening, near Colbrook, bundle bedding. Finder notify R. H. Sanction, Phone 1920. 18081-10-3

FOR SALE - At bargain, new case containing, 8 room house, by facing school-house on Market. Apply on premises. 18082-11-4

WANTED - A few good digging laborers. Apply Thursday night 6.30, Fred Moore, 128 Charlotte street. 18074-10-36

LADIES Wanting Women for work by the day, or party work. Apply Mrs. W. Williams, 75 Victoria street. 18084-11-4

FOR SALE - One 10 H. P. Station Gasoline Engine, cheap for cash. Empire Garage & Supply Co. 18085-11-4

PLEASANT Flat, upper, self-contained, immediate possession. Apply W. F. Fairbrother, 274 Britannia. 18086-11-4

TO LET - Lower Flat, 148 Wiggins street, seven rooms and bath, electric lights, modern conveniences. Apply 148 Wright. 18069-11-4

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