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Retaliate By Cutting Off Electrical Supply

French Find It Necessary to Take Tighter Hold in Essen

German Miners Make Appeal to World Labor—Bomb Throwing and Serious Cases of Sabotage in Ruhr.

(Canadian Press)

Essen, Feb. 17.—The employes of the Municipal Electric Works have decided to cut off Essen's supply of electricity as a result of the imposition of the fine of 5,000,000 marks on Director Buszman, of the local plant.

The French imposed this fine yesterday as punishment for interference with the supply of electricity to the Kaiserhof Hotel, the French headquarters, and at the same time sentenced Ober Burgomaster Haverstein of Oberhausen, to three years imprisonment and Vice Lord Mayor Schaefer, of Essen, to two years in jail, and a fine of 10,000,000 marks for similar measures in opposition to the French.

An appeal has been lodged for the revision of all the sentences. The French hold on Essen was tighter today in consequence of shooting of two soldiers. Infantryman occupied the police barracks throughout the night and members of the force were deprived of their weapons. The chief of police is under arrest.

Bielefeld, Westphalia, Feb. 17.—Declaring that "our victory is your victory" all the German miners unions have issued a joint appeal to labor throughout the world for support of the Ruhr workingmen's battle of passive resistance against "imperialism and militarism."

Duesseldorf, Feb. 17.—Bomb throwing and serious cases of sabotage occurred in the Ruhr Valley during the night. A bomb was thrown in a street in Essen near the Kaiserhof Hotel, the French engineers headquarters, where Chief Engineer Coste, and thirty or forty other civil engineers are lodged. No injuries resulted.

Italy's Position.

Rome, Feb. 17—Ratification of the Washington conference agreements by the Italian senate yesterday was marked by a speech by Premier Mussolini expressed pleasure over the Anglo-American debt settlement, but asked whether any one could now "nourish any illusions" as to the possibility of debt cancellations.

Turning to the Rhur question, he denied that Italy was mediating between Germany and France. He said he had made it his business to conduct a searching investigation into the whole situation and had concluded that the existence of the Entente was doubtful

"Italy must make some choice as to her policy with Germany," Mussolini continued. "She is mindful of Germany's generosity toward her, but she cannot afford the luxury of generosity when it means the welfare of forty million Italians.

"Although Italy could not be absent from the Ruhr invasion it does not mean actual participation, because she needs German iron and coal for her industries."

French Surprised.

Paris, Feb. 17—A press despatch from Washington saying that Dr. O. Wiedfeldt, German Ambassador, was soliciting U. S. assistance to feed 500,000 persons starving in the occupied Ruhr district, has caused a mild sensation in French official circles. The French view is that any such appeal is unjustified.

MURDER MYSTERY IN SASKATCHEWAN

Bodies of Man, Wife and Girl Found Partly Cremated in Burned Home.

Kennedy, Sask., Feb. 17.—Foul play is suspected by police officials in the discovery yesterday of the partly cremated bodies of Joan Chevlon, his wife and Miss Schmidt, in their burned home, six miles east of here.

Miss Schmidt was a daughter of Mrs. Chevlon by a former marriage. Near the bodies was a can of coal oil, half full, with the cork pulled. The inner windows had been broken as well as the storm sash, the glass having fallen outward. Traces of coal oil were also found on the floor. The Chevlons were known to have money, and it is believed that this may have been the motive for what is thought to be one of the foulest murders in the history of this district. The family were not known to have any enemies.

WELL KNOWN SISTER OF MERCY DEAD

Sister Xavier was Known as "Angel of the Tombs"—Her Efforts for Prisoners.

New York, Feb. 17—The "Angel of the Tombs' is dead. The body of Sister Xavier lies in state today at the Convent of Mercy, in Madison avenue, while countless hundreds of convicted men, past and present, grieve for the passing of the gentle, black-robed woman who for almost half a century took spiritual—and sometimes material comfort into the uninviting interior of the Tombs Prison or within the grim walls of Sing Sing.

Sister Xavier—she was born Mary Xavier McCafffery—joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1875. From the first she devoted her efforts to relieving the troubles of convicted men, whether in prison for minor offenses or awaiting the electric chair. She was known to every court in the city, and many judges today recalled successful pleas she had made for first offenders. Invariably, the fortunate ones went straight under her influence.

LAST NIGHT'S GAME WAS TIE

St. John-Wanderers Contest Ended 6—6, According to Referee.

According to Ralph Parker, who was the refere in charge of the game in the Arena last evening between the Wanderers of Halifax and the St. John aggregation, the official score at the end of the third period was 6-6. The game was awarded, unofficially, to the visitors, but the official figures are to the effect that the disputed goal was not counted. The mix-up came in the second period when the goal judge is said to have awarded a goal to the visitors. He did not make known the fact to the referee until the end of the period, and then only when the Halifax players raised objection. They claimed the goal. The goal judge said the puck went in the net, but as there was no face-off from centre ice the goal was not counted officially.

TODAY'S RACES

Today marks the close of the 1923 international amateur skating meet. The senior events this afternoon were the half-mile and the three mile races. The weather, while a little colder than the demands of comfort might call for, was good. The day was clear and very cold and the track was in excellent condition and the races were followed with close interest by a very large crowd. Although the results were not available at the time of going to press it was expected that some fast time would be made. The presentation of a gold watch, the gift of the City of St. John to the winner of the highest number of points, was expected to be made at the conclusion of the races.

NO SHORTAGE EXPECTED BY DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Washington, Feb. 17.—Despite the fact that sugar production this year is expected to fall short of consumption by 727,000 tons, Commerce Department officials predict that the surplus carried over from last year would more than offset the discrepancy.

Figures made public by the department last Friday gave the estimated production this year as 18,308,000 tons and the estimated consumption at 19,035,000 tons. The carry-over from the year previous was 1,203,000 tons, all but 476,000 tons, of which will be used up, according to the department's figures, by the shortage for the present year.

In a statement Dr. Julius Klein, director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, pointed out that by incorporating the 1,203,000-ton surplus of last year with the total "estimated production" for this year, the total of available stocks is brought up to 19,511,000 tons, as against an estimated consumption of 19,035,000 tons.

AGED LADY DROPS DEAD IN AMHERST

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 17—Mrs. Sarah Bailey, aged 84, dropped dead from heart failure yesterday afternoon at her home on Clarence street, while taking a glass of water.

"Bob" Doomed? "Inartistic," Says Stanlaws; "Unwomanly," Say Mamas

The "womanly" type represented by Elsie Lombard.

Extreme bob, worn by Maude Lydiate, which Penrhyn Stanlaws (LEFT) says is going out.

New York, Feb. 16—Of course, it all the artists, social workers and preachers and clubwomen say the "bob" is doomed, why, it must be.

But still—when you ask the girl who wears the bob, and who really ought to know——

"So long as I dance," says Miss Maud Lydiate, whose twinkling toes and frolicsome heels kick up quite a dust in "The Gingham Girl," "I shall wear a Dutch bob. It's much easier to dance well if you wear short hair, because you don't have to worry about hairpins slipping, and your hair coming down—or off."

An equally defiant snap of the fingers was the response of Miss Elsie Lombard, member of the same company, who wears a "curly" bob."

"Bobbing curls always have been becoming," said she, "my grandmother wore 'em, and why shouldn't I? Pish, tush! Let them rave!"

By "them" supposedly meaning: Penhryn Stanlaws, a magazine cover artist, who has declared the "bob" less artistic than the coiffed head.

Mrs. Otto Kahn, president of the Society for Political Study, who says it is "as expressionless as a man's derby hat."

Mrs. W. A. McIntyre, treasurer of the North Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs, who calls it "unwomanly, and lacking in dignity."

And Miss Lillian Treloar, fashion expert, just back after studying Parisian styles in headdress, who says "bobs" are definitely "out" and the only women still wearing them are those who are waiting patiently for their hair to grow.

Hopes For Settlement Of Steel Workers' Strike

Ballot Today on Tentative Solution Negotiated Yesterday

Strikers Believe it will be Acceptable — Question of MacNeil's Dismissal to be Investigated.

(By Canadian Press)

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 17—Arrangements were made this morning for the taking of a vote of the rank and file of the Steel Workers' Union upon the tentative settlement negotiated during the night between their representatives and the British Empire Steel Corporation. The ballot will be secret and the result may not be known until late this evening. All strikers encountered this morning seemed to be highly pleased with the draft settlement and there is little real doubt that it will be accepted, probably by an overwhelming majority.

During last night the usual vigilant picketing continued. A train of coal was held up at the coke ovens, and the engineer allowed to take his locomotive to the roundhouse after the coal cars had been side-tracked to prevent the fuel reaching the plant.

Strikers raided boiler house No. 1, and captured A. S. Tasman, C. S. Piers and A. J. Bone, clerical employes who were helping to keep steam up. The three were escorted to their homes.

An optimistic spirit prevades the city this morning and confidence is expressed on every side that the men will go back to work Monday morning until the official investigation of the dismissal of Sid MacNeil, which caused the strike in the first place.

If the evidence shows that MacNeil was guilty of insubordination, his dismissal will stand without protest by the union; while if the testimony exonerates MacNeil he will be reinstated without further protest by the company.

BRITISH ATTITUDE IS CONVEYED TO TURKISH LEADER

Still Willing to Sign Peace Treaty, Says Henderson to Ismet Pasha.

Constantinople, Feb. 17—Neville Henderson, acting British high commissioner, here, saw Ismet Pasha, Nationalist foreign minister this morning on board the steamer Gul-Djemal, which arrived at midnight, bringing Ismet here on his way from Lausanne to Angora.

Mr. Henderson communicated to Ismet a message from Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary, saying the British were still willing to sign the peace treaty as submitted to the Turks at Lausanne and urging the Turks to accept the offer before it was too late.

Ismet replied giving a friendly message for Lord Curzon and declaring he would work at Angora in the interest of peace.

INCREASE IN SUBSIDIES TO ALL BUT MANITOBA

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Manitoba is the only western province which will not this year, receive a higher subsidy from the Dominion Government.

Manitoba will get $1,468,685.76 this year as against $1,470,991.86 last year. The total amount required for provincial subsidies is $12,209,618.88 an increase of $718,758.40 over last year.

The amounts payable to each province, with respective increases follow:

Ontario, $2,642,611.68; increase $246,232.80.

Quebec, $2,256,419.88; increase $286,789.60.

Nova Scotia, $661,866.06; increase $25,199.20.

New Brunswick $66,665.76; increase $28,789.60.

British Columbia $738,816.66; increase $115,681.60.

Prince Edward Island $381,981.88; unchanged.

Alberta, $1,628,638.20; increase $7,563.20.

Saskatchewan $1,763,883.00; increase $10,808.00.

LEGISLATION RE-PATENTS

Ottawa, Feb. 17—(Canadian Press)—A bill to amend and consolidate the acts relating to patents and inventions was introduced at the opening of the House of Commons yesterday by Hon. James A. Robb, minister of trade and commerce. It was given first reading, as was also a similar bill in regard to trade marks and designs. Mr. Robb explained that the purpose of the two bills was to bring the Canadian statutes in harmony with international law on the subjects.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Howard E. Codner was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 55 High street, where service was conducted by Rev. E. P. Wright, to Fernhill for Interment. The members of Oliver Lodge, No. 19, I. O. O. F., and sister lodges attended in a body.

The funeral of Mrs. Thomas Graham was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, 89 Hazen street to Fernhill for interment. Service was conducted by Rev. R. A. Legate.

The funeral of Frederick H. McKiel was held at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, 185 Princess street, to Trinity Church for service by Rev. R. A. Armstrong. Interment was at Fernhill.

AT THE LIBRARY.

Mrs. G. Sherman Dearborn was the story teller at the Free Public Library this morning. There were thirty-eight children in attendance and the subject was "Outdoor Sports." The short talk was greatly enjoyed and Mrs. Dearborn proved an interesting story teller.

UNABLE TO PLACE THE CAUSE OF THE B. C. EXPLOSION

Miners Return to Work on Conditions Offered by the Company.

(By Canadian Press)

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—The jury which brought in a verdict at the coroner's inquest Friday at Cumberland was unable to determine the cause of the explosion which killed 30 of the miners Feb. 8, in the working of the Canadian collieries. The jury found that the men met their deaths, "as a result of the explosion of gases, the causes being unknown."

The miners decided at a meeting Friday to return to their mine on the conditions offered by the company, which provided for elimination of the long wall system as soon as possible and the employment of Orientals only until such time as white men can be obtained in sufficient numbers to take their places.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pherdinand

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The distribution of pressure has changed but little since yesterday, the barometer being still very high over the Western Provinces and relatively low over eastern Canada and the Atlantic States.

The weather is becoming milder in Alberta, but continues very cold from Manitoba eastward.

Forecasts:—

Decidedly Cold!

Maritime—Fresh west winds and fair and decidedly cold today and on Sunday.

New England—Local snows tonight; probably clearing Sunday morning; somewhat colder Sunday; fresh west and northwest winds.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Temperatures:—

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Prince Rupert	34	52	32
Victoria	42	48	40
Kamloops	30	32	22
Calgary	4	4	*4
Edmonton	4	2	2
Prince Albert	*16	14	*14
Winnipeg	*2	8	*2
Sault Ste. Marie	*8	8	*8
Toronto	3	15	3
Kingston	*2	6	*4
Ottawa	*10	6	*16
Montreal	*6	0	*8
Quebec	*12	*2	*14
St. John, N. B.	—	10	—
Halifax	2	22	*2
St. John's Nfld.	16	18	14
Detroit	10	14	8
New York	14	26	12

*Below zero.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Horbeam, "I have been censured for giving you and Mrs. Hornbeam and some other persons so much publicity."

"We haint been runnin' after it," said Hiram.

"I know it," said the reporter. "The fault is mine. You see, you and Mrs. Hornbeam are really not in society. It is pointed out that in your own humble station in life you may be very excellent people, but you don't bear the Hallmark. You don't get into the society colyum. For that reason, to give you front-page next to pure reading matter every day is an injustice to the truly great and an awful temptation to you and Mrs. Hornbeam to get swelled heads. It is forcibly urged upon me that the thing is highly improper."

"Yes, I guess so," said Hiram, "I guess that's so. Too bad—aint it? Still—when you come to think of it—the's been quite a few from the Settlement broke into sassiety one way an' another—an' I don't know as they made a bad fist of it—nather. Then agin I don't know as it made 'em any better'n the rest of us in the end. I'd like to git old King Tutankhamen's idee on that pint—yes, sir."

W. M. HILL CUTS OFF RELATIVES WITHOUT A CENT

Three Cousins File Caveat Against Probate of Will—$100,000 for a Toronto Hospital.

Toronto, Feb. 17—By the will of the late William Henry Hill, of this city, who left an estate valued at $299,512, $100,000 is to be devoted toward the erection of a hospital in the east end of the city. His physician, Dr. Malcolm Campbell, is bequeathed $30,000. His solicitor, R. W. Omerod, $50,000 and his chauffeur, Joseph E. Hunter, $10,000. Nothing was left to W. H. Hill's relatives. A caveat against the probate of the will has been filed by three cousins of the testator.

SAYS THAT DRAFT EVADERS CANNOT BE PUNISHED

Federal Judge in Ohio Rules That Statute of Limitations Saves the Unindicted.

Cleveland, Feb. 13—Thousands of men who evaded the selective service law during the World War, and are free, are exempt from punishment by the government, under a ruling handed down here today by Federal Judge D. C. Westenhaver, who declared the joint resolution of Congress, which the government has relied upon to prevent the operation of the statute of limitations in the prosecution of "slackers" and draft evaders, is merely "an expression of legislative opinion."

Judge Westenhaver ruled that only when indictments had been returned or information had been filed before the expiration of three years from the time the alleged offense was committed could the government continue prosecution against draft evaders.

The decision was handed down in the case against Charles Salberg of Canton, who was indicted for failure to register on June 5, 1917. Salberg's counsel invoked the statute of limitations, arguing that the government failed to have Salberg indicted until Dec. 20, 1922, although prosecution was barred under this statute after June, 1920.

PUTS KLAN AT 1,450,000

Dr. Crandell Enlists Uptown Lions to Fight Ku Klux.

New York, Feb. 17—Dr. Ernest Crandall, director of lectures for the Board of Education, told 200 members of the Uptown Lions at a meeting at the Hotel Marie Antoinette that the Ku Klux Klan now had 1,450,000 members. "Connecticut is leading in the race to top the list of members in Northern States, and now has 45,000 robed Klansmen," Dr. Crandall said. "This menacing organization is getting stronger every day, and something must be done to check its activities."

S. H. Peterson, president of the Lions, announced that all the members of that organization were ready to join in fighting the Klan. The members present joined the American Unity League under the auspices of which Dr. Crandall spoke.

APPOINTMENT FOR R. B. TEAKLE

Montreal, Feb. 17—The appointment of R. P. Teakle as general manager of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Ltd., and the Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Company, it announced in a circular from the office of Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the C. N. R. The appointment is effective as from January 1 last.

Mr. Teakle was stationed in St. John in winter port shipping work some years ago and has many friends here.

Put Down the Revolt Regardless of Cost

"Last Word" Issued Today by President Cosgrave in Ireland

Amnesty Period to Expire Tomorrow and Those Disregarding Warning "Must be Prepared to Pay Price in Full."

(Canadian Press.)

Dublin, Feb. 17.—President Cosgrave this morning issued a "last word" statement on the peace question, in which he says that the government "is determined to put down this revolt against democracy regardless of the cost." "Let no man be deceived," the statement says. "If any one continues in this unnatural war upon his own people after the expiration of the stated period of amnesty, he must be prepared to pay the price in full, for there will be no turning back upon this.

"Furthermore, it must be clearly understood that there will be no meeting for negotiations on the part of the government with De Valera, Liam Lynch or any of their collaborators in destruction, male or female."

(The amnesty period proclaimed by the Free State Government on Feb. 8, as the result of Liam Deasy's peace appeal, will expire tomorrow.)

President Cosgrave's statement shared public interest with the truce proposal of the "association of neutral members of the Irish Republican Army."

Montreal, Feb. 16—In the match here yesterday for the English billiard championship of Canada, between Ibbotson, champion, and Leigh, challenger the former regained the lead in the afternoon by 127 points, but lost it again when Leigh ran his total up to 4,801 against the title-holder's 4,662. Leigh scored the biggest run of the evening with a break of 81.

Dublin, Feb. 16.—The Irish Association suggests the following conditions for a truce: The Republicans to cease all military activities and acts of aggression against persons or property; the Free State Government to suspend all arrests and executions.

During the truce the association would put forward peace proposals which it is now considering. It requests replies to its suggestions not later than February 28, and appeals to both sides not to prejudice peace by newspaper controversy or by acts of aggression pending by the sending of their replies.

The association says it is willing, if it is desired, to nominate a neutral chairman for the suggested peace conference.

Dublin, Feb. 17.—The historic mansion of Sir Bryan Mahon, at Mullabondan, County Kildare, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

Sir Bryan is a Free State senator. He was formerly commander-in-chief of the British forces in Ireland.

MISS CANADA MADE A LIFE MEMBER

Is Guest of Honor of the Women's Canadian Club Today

Receives Pair of Skates from the I. S. U. President — Montreal Winter Sports Committee Lauds City Council Action— Tomorrow's Events.

Gracious and pleasing tribute was paid to Miss Canada today at a luncheon given in her honor at the Royal hotel by the Women's Canadian Club. Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond, president of the club presided and had the guest of honor on her right. Miss Blair was made the happy recipient of an honorary life membership in the club although it was necessary to amend the constitution of the club in order to do this. It was presented as an honorarium to Miss Canada, the first of what is expected to be a long line of Canadian royalty.

Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley made a very gracious address extending the welcome of the club to Miss Canada and assuring her of the interest of the club in her welfare.

Julian T. Fitzgerald of Chicago, president of the International Skating Union was present and was introduced to the gathering. He made a happy speech in which he said that the idea of international amity was being advanced and augmented by such gatherings. The selection of Miss Blair as Miss St. John and Miss Canada had done more, in conjunction with the international skating meet being held here, to put St. John in the forefront of sporting and progressive cities than any other factor of which he had any knowledge. He said he came from Chicago and was pleased to lay at the feet of Miss Canada those tributes which very fittingly were hers. He presented to her a handsome pair of Alfred Johnson figure skates which Miss Canada gratefully accepted.

When Miss Canada entered the dining room which was filled with 300 guests the orchestra played "O Canada." She was accompanied by her chaperone, Miss Moncton and her chaperone also were present.

Tomorrow's Programme.

Miss Canada tomorrow morning will attend her own church, the Queen Square Methodist. In the afternoon she will pay a visit to the St. John County Hospital at East St. John. She has also received from Rev. R. G. Fulton, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, an invitation to be present at the anniversary services of the Knights of Pythias to be held in that church tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Canada and party will leave on Monday morning in a private car attached to a special train for the Moncton jubilee skating events. It is expected that many local fans will go on the same train for Monday's races.

Council's Action Praised.

The Mayor this morning received the following telegram which is self explanatory:

Montreal
Feb. 17, 1923

Mayor Fisher, St. John:

Greatly gratified at announcement that civic bodies of St. John and citizens are undertaking to provide for Miss Canada so that the highest ideals of Canadian girlhood may be fostered and the title preciously preserved as worthy of the ambitions of every Canadian girl. I offer you every co-operation.

J. J. FITZGERALD
Manager Winter Sports Committee.

The Mayor said that he had in hand this morning the matter of the gift of $500 to Miss Canada for her immediate personal needs and was forwarding it to her. He said the wording of the resolution was that she "be asked to accept" the gift, and he trusted that she would.

A communication has been sent to the head of the Winter Sports Committee, Montreal, saying that Miss Canada will leave early in the week for Montreal to attend the closing of the Carnival there.

Miss St. Stephen Chosen.

St. Stephen last evening elected Mrs. James A. Inches as Miss St. Stephen. She was formerly Miss Louise Pierce, daughter of Rev. Thomas Pierce, a Methodist minister, now retired. There were sixteen entrants and loud applause greeted the selection of the judges who had a difficult task.

17 PERISH IN TUESDAY STORM

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 17.—At least seventeen persons lost their lives in the northwest as a result of Tuesday's blizzard and the following cold spell, according to figures compiled here today.

CHAMPIONSHIP WATCH.

The Mayor had at City Hall this morning the watch that will be given by the City to the winner of the highest number of points at the International Skating Meet at Lily Lake. The presentation will be made at the lake this afternoon at the conclusion of the events. The watch is a handsome gold 17 jewel Howard and on the inside of the back of the case is the inscription, "Presented to....., International Amateur Skating Champion, By the City of St. John, N. B., February, 1923."

FORTUNE IN JEWELS BURIED IN DEBRIS

A Six-Storey Office Building Containing $2,000,000 Worth of Gems Destroyed

New York, Feb. 17.—A fortune in gems, gold and silver, estimated at $2,000,000 and upwards, lies buried in safes in the smouldering wreckage of a six-storey office building that was destroyed by fire recently in Maiden Lane, the jewel centre of the city.

More than sixty jewelers and silversmiths occupied the building. When the walls and floors collapsed during the height of the blaze, the safes were sent tumbling into the deep cellar.

Experts said that the valuables undoubtedly would be found intact. Meanwhile, bluecoats from ten police precincts, and a hundred private policemen were sent to guard the ruins. Nearby streets were roped off to keep back inquisitive crowds.

A dozen firemen and police officers were injured in a back draft which swept from the first floor, occupied by a restaurant, when the fire fighters broke their way through the doors. Several were removed to hospitals with minor injuries.

Historic St. John's Church, erected in 1768, separated from the burning building by a four-foot alleyway, was several times in danger. Streams of water were played over the smoking ancient walls, and firemen directed other water attacks on the flames from the windows.

The fire's origin was not determined.

WILL MEET NEXT YEAR IN HALIFAX

Annual Convention of the Weekly Newspaper Association to Include Tour of Maritimes.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The annual convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association will be held in Halifax this year. This was the decision made at the directors' meeting held here yesterday. A tour of the Maritime Provinces is also contemplated. The convention takes place in June.

60 BELOW IN YUKON.

Dawson, Y. T., Feb. 17.—Yukon's coldest spell this winter has just broken. Several points report sixty below zero for several days. Between Dawson and Whitehorse, fifty below zero was the minimum.

FRANCE PLANS PRINTING OF GERMAN MARKS FOR USE IN RUHR

Paris, Feb. 17—France is ready, under an agreement with Belgium to set her printing presses at work turning out German marks for use in Ruhr if the German government starts a financial blockade of the region, it was reported on good authority today.

The original plan to issue an entirely new currency guaranteed by the resources of the Ruhr has been abandoned because of the numerous complications that will arise.

If the French issue this currency they will attempt to force the German government to honor it when the Ruhr occupation is terminated.