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CAPITAL IN ALBANY FIRE PREY
Flames Cause Loss of Eight to Ten Million Dollars

VALUABLE BOOKS
Documents Which Can Not Be Replaced and Volumes of Great Worth Are Destroyed—Drafts of Bills for the Present Session Are Also Burned

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 29.—Fire swept and water drenched, New York State's magnificent \$7,000,000 capital stands this morning a partial wreck as the result of a fire that started in the assembly library, burned away the entire west wing and did damage estimated at between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 before the flames were declared under control at 7 o'clock after raging more than four hours.

It is believed that the fire was started by a fuse in an electric push button being examined. The fire was first seen by a night watchman and the alarm was sounded at 2:46 o'clock. Before the firemen reached the massive structure atop Capitol Hill, documents, books and records stored in the assembly library had been destroyed and other departments were being threatened. The oak imitation ceiling of the assembly chamber, composed of paper mache, was partially destroyed, as was also the famous million dollar staircase in the west wing.

On the third floor, where the flames gained their start, the departments which were partially destroyed by fire 400,000 volumes, among them most valuable geographical works in the United States together with priceless documents, some of them dating back to 1778, and irreparable loss.

The assembly and senate libraries, with thousands of volumes in the code books also a number of documents and manuscripts that can never be replaced. The senate committee rooms, which were stored drafts of all the appropriations and other bills of the present session.

The senate and assembly chambers, both flushed with water that had ruined their first furnishings, and the second-story ceiling of the latter hanging in wrecks of shreds of half dissolved paper. This ceiling, with its handsome adornment, is said to have cost a great sum and was one of the shows of the capital.

On the first, second and fourth floors all the departments were more or less damaged.
Stanley Abbott of Syracuse, night watchman in the state library, is missing and is believed to have been burned to death. His body probably buried beneath the mass of debris.

AN ONTARIO OFFICIAL AND MONEY GONE
Agricultural Department Employee Missing and Accounts Are More Than \$2,000 Short

Toronto, Mar. 29.—(Canadian Press)—Worthington G. Lindsay, accountant for the department of agriculture has disappeared and an investigation of his books already shows a shortage of more than \$2,000. Provincial Superintendent Rogers declines to state whether or not a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Suspicion concerning Lindsay was first aroused about the middle of last month. The young man had the handling of a large sum of money, principally in license fees from stationary engineers, and returned possession money received from the deputy minister of agriculture, C. C. James, who initiated the vouchers. Lindsay was then supposed to take them up stairs to the audit office.

It is believed changes were made in the vouchers and the money taken in transit between the two departments. Lindsay apparently being little check upon the account.
Chatham, N. B., Mar. 29.—Allan Mann, proprietor of the Albert House was this morning convicted of a subsequent offence against the Scott Act and sentenced to two months in jail.

Caledonia division Sons of Temperance of Douglastown last evening elected W. P. Richard, Arthur W. A. Wm. Brantford, E. S. David G. East, A. R. S. Harry McCosh, F. S. B. H. Jesman; Treasurer, Miss Maud Wood; chap, Miss Helen Gray; clerk, Chesley Gray; C. Dudley McCosh; I. S. Herbert Russell; O. S. Channon; P. W. P. Harold Stoddart.

The funeral of Michael Hickey took place this morning at 11 o'clock in the cathedral and was attended by many thousands of subjects in vesting and assisted by Rev. Fr. O'Keefe as deacon. Rev. Fr. O'Keefe as deacon and Rev. Fr. Hart as master of ceremonies. The pall bearers were James Desmond, B. M. Moran, Roger Flanagan, James Curran, J. F. Connors and Ed. Ballivan.

SEAL CATCH GOOD
First Steamer in at St. John's Has 30,000—Total Catch Worth \$1,000,000

St. John's, Nfld., March 29.—(Canadian Press)—With a boom at the main harbor, the steamer Bonaventure arrived last night with 30,000 seals aboard. She was the first of the fleet of nineteen which left on the annual cruise fifteen days ago to return to port.

RECORDER BAXTER ANNOUNCES YET ANOTHER CHANGE
A Royal Commission Composed of Citizens of St. John Is Very Latest

IN HIS DEATH AGONY YET SINGS TO SAVE MOTHER FROM SHOCK
Heroic John Grady Sings the Top of the Morn as he Carried, Fearfully Burned, into House

Wifebarre, Pa., March 29.—With both arms and a leg burned off by electric wires, and so terribly injured that his death was certain, John Grady, of Nantook, sang his mother's favorite song, as he was carried into the house, to prevent her being suddenly shocked and alarmed by his unexpected return.

It was "The Top of the Morn" and as the aged woman came to inquire why he was returning home, he told her he had been slightly burned. He saved her from a sudden shock, and died two hours later. The young man was repairing wires about a current of 4,000 volts was accidentally struck into him. He was not seriously injured, both arms had been burned off near the elbow, and one leg near the knee. Despite his injuries he never lost courage.

DOG POSSENER IS ABROAD IN MONCTON
Valuable Irish Terrier the Latest to Be Done Away With—A Business Change

Moncton, N. B., March 29.—The possener abroad in Moncton. Yesterday John A. Kennedy, of the I. C. R. electrical department, who lives in Archambault street, his valuable Irish terrier out for a run and the animal returned in a few minutes pole-poled, spring in a short time. Several other residents of the same locality have lost dogs in the same way.

Charles Bestman, who succeeded his father, K. Bestman, in the jewelry business in Moncton, has sold out to Edward Bestman, who has been employed in the jewelry business for many years. He is now turning his attention to his literary studies.

RARE OPERATION IN SURGERY PERFORMED
Thirty-five Doctors and Fifty Nurses See Removal of Tumor From Pituitary Gland of Brain

Spokane, Wash., Mar. 29.—Modern surgery has just achieved a signal triumph in the removal of a tumor from the pituitary gland of the brain, a rare and difficult operation. It was successfully performed in the Sacred Heart hospital in Spokane. The patient, Miss Maud Kupp, formerly of Evanston, Wis., who was three months in preparation, was on the table for four hours. She rallied quickly and recovery is expected.

NEW RULERS OF PORTUGAL ARE UNEASY
Important Monarchical Secret Society Discovered and Many Arrests Have Been Made

(Canadian Press)
Lisbon, March 29.—The Mundo, the official organ, states that the provisional government has just discovered an important monarchical secret society called the Sbonaria, with branches and many members throughout the whole country. Numerous arrests have been made.

Military officers, priests, policemen and members of the highest aristocracy who belonged to the court, and personal friends of the deposed King Manuel, are connected with the organization. The departure of Portuguese better classes to the Spanish frontier continues.

COMPANY NOT IN EVERSON BANKRUPTCY
(Boston, Mar. 29.—The Everson Manufacturing Company announces that it is not involved in the bankruptcy proceedings against the president, John J. Everson, filed by himself on Monday. The liabilities of \$102,227 are Everson's personal. The company is solvent. A brother of Everson is said to control the Boston and St. John Trolley Co. to which Everson owes \$55,000.

NOVA SCOTIA GIRL, OUT OF WORK, ENDS LIFE IN WALTHAM
(Boston, Mar. 29.—Despondent because she was thrown out of work by the shutting down of the Waltham watch factory last night, Miss Len MacLachlan, aged 25, of River Herbet Bend, Cumberland county (N. S.), committed suicide by ingesting rat poison in her lodging house in Waltham today. Her family are in Nova Scotia.

FORTUNE FOUND IN RUINS OF MANOR
Treasure Trove of the Value of \$1,250,000 Reported From Jersey

London, Mar. 29.—Treasure trove to the value of \$1,250,000 is reported from Jersey where it was uncovered by Athelstan Riley, while he was pulling down the ruins of an old manor house built in the 13th century, with the object of using the stone to enlarge his private mansion.

WHITE SLAVE WORK GOES ON IN TORONTO
Toronto, Mar. 29.—(Canadian Press)—A warning to beware of white slave dealers now believed to be operating in Toronto is issued by working girls by Dr. J. G. Shearer of the Board of Moral Reform of the Presbyterian church. According to Dr. Shearer the dealers are numerous cases women who have the manners and attire of the idle rich. They frequent the large department stores, where they become acquainted with the girls and win their confidence.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES
Paris, Mar. 29.—The attempt of the Zardoroff family, who claim to be descendants of Louis XVI., to obtain a declaration of their French nationality by means of a petition to the senate has failed.

BORDEN IS TO HOLD ON FOR A WHILE
Some M. P.'s, However Do Not Sign Request to Leader

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NAT GOJWIN IS NOT ALLOWED TO WED AGAIN
New York, Mar. 29.—With the signing of a decree of interdictory divorce by Justice Giechich in favor of Mrs. Edna Goodwin Goodwin, the matrimonial career of Nat. C. Goodwin, comedian and husband extraordinary, is brought to an end, so far as New York state is concerned.

Kindly Act of King George
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PEOPLE OF NOTE
Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence

GUILTY OF ATTEMPT TO BRIBE; IS LET GO
Woodstock, Ont., Mar. 29.—(Canadian Press)—John Youngs, ex-county councillor of Oxford was last night found guilty of having offered R. E. Butler a bribe for the latter's influence in securing Young's appointment as governor of the county jail in Woodstock. The jury added a recommendation to mercy. The crown announced its consent to sentence being suspended. His license is output.

CAUCUS FAILS AGAIN
Albany, N. Y., Mar. 29.—The Democratic caucus failed again last night to select a candidate for United States senator. On the first vote Sheehan received twenty-seven votes, ex-Judge Van Wyck eight, Fitzgerald and Coulter six each, Isidore Strauss 5, Kernan and Gerard four each, Sullivan and Leach three each, while twenty other votes were scattered among sixteen candidates.

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