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FLAMES SWEEP CITY ORPHANAGE

Burglar Robs Sleeping Man :: Legislature Is Prorogued

SISTERS KNEEL TO PRAY AS FIRE AND WATER THREATEN ST. JOSEPH'S

Fire Breaks in Catholic Orphanage at One o'Clock—Caused by Defective Wiring—190 Children Are All Safe—Sisters Play Heroic Roles as Danger Looms.

UNIVERSITY MEN HELP IN RESCUE

Bishop Fallon Directs Clearing of Building—Miraculous Change of Wind Saves Chapel at Last Minute—North London Opens Homes to Orphans.

AT TEN MINUTES TO THREE IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY CHIEF AITKEN THAT THE FIRE WAS COMPLETELY UNDER CONTROL AND THAT THERE WAS NO FURTHER DANGER OF IT SPREADING.

Amidst the flames and smoke of a fire that broke out at one minute to one this afternoon, twenty-five sisters of Mount St. Joseph's Catholic orphanage braved every danger to rescue the 190 small children entrusted to their care.

SISTERS PRAYED IN BURNING BUILDING.

After all the children, including twenty babies, were rescued, the sisters returned to the Sanctuary in the building and beneath the rush of falling water and the roar of flames, prayed that the hand of divine providence might protect the lower floors of the big building.

At 2 o'clock, with the two big pumps of the city fire department playing on the broken roof and the hole where the tower had stood an hour before, their prayers were being answered and there seemed to be a chance the building would be saved from total destruction.

DEFECTIVE WIRING CAUSED FIRE.

The fire started in the tower overlooking the Thames, and defective wiring is given as the cause. It spread rapidly upward, soon engulfing the tower, which fell.

All the children were saved and housed for the time being in the home of Mrs. Ed. Nelles. The whole of London North has opened its homes to the inmates, and the children will all be comfortable for tonight.

STUDENTS AID IN RESCUE.

In the rush to save the fittings of the orphanage, in which four hundred students of the University of Western Ontario took a gallant part, William Green, aged 9, a pupil at the Ryerson school, received a broken arm when a chair thrown out of a window hit him.

Were Having Dinner.

When the fire broke out the 80 girls, the 90 boys, and the 20 babies were having dinner in the big hall. It was owing to the heroism of the sisters that they were all saved without a scratch.

Bystanders say that the sisters went fearlessly into the heart of the falling brick and timbers to bring out their charges in safety. Everyone was loud in praise of this work done by the sisters.

In the center of the building is the sanctuary where stands a large crucifix. The fire has respected it so far and the priests there say they will not move it unless the fire comes down and threatens it.

Water Pressure Poor.

Water pressure is poor and but for the two pumps there would be no chance of saving the lower floors of the building. As it is, the roof is burning and the fire has reached the upper windows are cracked by the heat, the lower rows are intact.

The sight at this time, with the heavy fall of smoke over the high building, the drenched but praying sisters, and the small tots looking with frightened, hardly understanding eyes at the ruins, reminds one of a day in Belgium in 1914. But still the sisters mutter their hopes on bent knees, still the holy fathers watch with anxious eyes the great crucifix, and still the firemen hold the gleaming brass nozzles on the glowing roof.

Chapel in Danger.

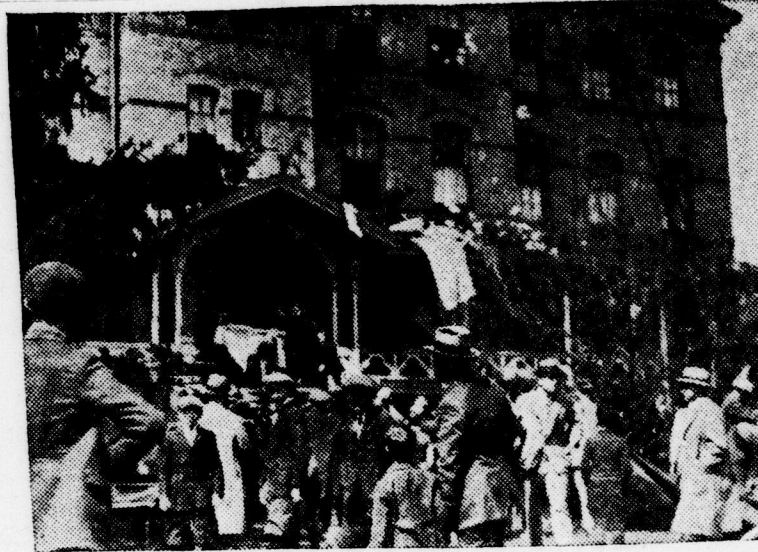
At 2:30, a strong wind was blowing from the northeast and it was feared that the chapel, holding many treasures, could not be saved. The flames were spreading rapidly toward the wing housing the chapel, despite an extra squad of firemen and volunteers detailed in that direction.

University students came in a body to aid in saving furniture from the top floors and a squad, headed by "Dutch" Simpson, captain of last year's rugby team, manned a fire hose on the third floor and, although drenched with the many streams of water being played on that quarter, he and his aides stuck to their post. Howell, Western's famous drop kicker, was also a member of the university squad.

Bishop Fallon There.

Bishop Fallon hurried to the scene shortly after the fire was noticed and supervised the removing of the children and the Precious Blood monastery and the Sacred Heart convent, where they will be temporarily housed. Dozens of motorists offered their cars to facilitate the removal of the children.

"I'm certainly very thankful that



WESTERN STUDENTS AID IN FIRE RESCUE.

University classes were broken up when the news of the fire reached the officials and more than 400 students rushed to the scene to help remove the children to places of safety. In the above picture The Advertiser photographer shows some of the undergraduates and schoolboys helping to clear the building. All the furniture was removed in a short time.

Three Negroes To Be Tried For Assault With Robbery

Preliminary Hearing Given E. Smith, A. Harris and J. Johnston Today.

Frank Uttley, Zurich, Tells of Trap in Front Street House—Doctor Testifies.

Ernest Smith, 26, Arthur Harris, 27, and John Johnston, 23, all colored, were committed for trial at the June sessions of the supreme court on charges of robbery with violence, when they appeared for preliminary hearing before Magistrate Graydon in city court this morning.

Mrs. Hazel Smith, 24, white, and Mrs. Louise Johnston, 25, colored, who were also arrested in connection with the attack on Frank Uttley of Zurich at 9 Front street on the morning of March 25, were remanded for a fourth week on nominal charges of vagrancy.

Each of the prisoners was identified by one or more of the crown witnesses, but evidence introduced by Crown Attorney Judd at the initial examination, linked only Smith with the actual assault and robbery. The court turned down the motion of Defence Counsel Frank H. Curran that Johnston be freed, claiming that his bloodstained shirt sustained his being tried on the same charge. Mr. Curran implied he would ask a jury trial. Smith and Johnston are local men while Harris gave his home as Toronto.

Uttley Testifies Today.

Uttley, a stocky man of 38, was the crown's principal witness, and appeared in court for the first time today. Released from St. Joseph's hospital a week ago, he took the witness box with his head and forehead still bandaged. A few days after the assault, hospital doctors feared for his life, and Dr. W. J. Tillmann told the court this morning that although his wounds were healing, they might bring on epileptic convulsions at some future date.

Describing the man's dazed condition when he was called to the hospital between two and three o'clock on the morning of March 25, the physician would not lay his state to an alcoholic disturbance. He was also noted a hemorrhage in the eye and a half inch long, in the forehead, while his left and right temples were severely cut. Dr. Tillmann also noted a hemorrhage in the eye and a half inch long, in the forehead, while his left and right temples were severely cut. Dr. Tillmann also noted a hemorrhage in the eye and a half inch long, in the forehead, while his left and right temples were severely cut.

By 2:30 the greater part of the furniture had been removed from the building.



AIDED IN RESCUE OF ORPHANS.
George "Dutch" Simpson (left) and Courlay Howell (right), famous drop kick, members of the University of Western Ontario rugby squad, who aided in the rescue of children at the orphanage fire.

Hens Produce Purple Eggs

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, April 13.—Three hens that lay purple eggs, of the natural and not Easter-tinted variety, arrived on the pan-American liner Southern Cross today.

The brilliantly-colored chickens, with a dozen of their purple eggs, were sent by Dr. Adolfo Holmberg, director of the Buenos Aires zoological gardens, to Homer G. Pease, chairman of the 17th annual Purdue egg show at Purdue university, Indiana.

PRINCE LEAVES FOR NIGERIA

Gold Coast Natives Stage Noisy Farewell to Royal Visitor.

Associated Press Despatch.
Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa, April 14.—The Prince of Wales, on board the battle cruiser Renown, left here this morning for Nigeria. He was given a great send-off by the local inhabitants and the native chiefs.

Huge crowds were assembled alongside the highways at strategic points on the prince's route to the pier where he embarked. The chiefs, with their retinues, had the best positions for seeing the royal visitor as he passed toward the waterfront. The prince walked to the last band of yards to the dock, where he boarded a launch for the Renown. A heavy swell was running and scores of surf boats, half submerged in the rough water, bobbed up and down offshore, their occupants yelling greetings to the departing guest. Hundreds of natives waded waist deep into the water and, lining up as though on parade, watched the launch leave the side of the quay for the battle cruiser.

DOG TEAMS BRING FIRST MAIL FROM FAR NORTH

Canadian Press Despatch.
Edmonton, Alta., April 14.—Having covered a distance of approximately 1,800 miles by relays of dog teams, mail from Aklavik and other points in the far north arrived at Fort McMurray on Saturday morning, and reached Edmonton on Friday's Alberta and Great Waterways train from Waterways.

This constitutes the first mail from trappers, traders and prospectors of the far north to reach the outside world since the winter set in, nearly six months ago.

CLEVELAND-TO-DETROIT AIR LINE TO START FRIDAY

Associated Press Despatch.
Cleveland, April 14.—A commercial airline between Cleveland and Detroit, operated by the International Airways Company, Inc., may start Friday night. Three all-metal planes specially designed for commercial work are now under construction. A Ford airplane also will be operated if the Detroit-Chicago line lives up to the expectations. It was said. Officials of the Stout Metal Airplane Company have had such a line under consideration since plans for a municipal air landing field were announced.

WILL HOLD LONDON'S RAILWAY

L. and P. S. Board Does Not Support Mayor's Move To End Public Ownership.

RENTAL UNSATISFACTORY
Will Continue as Public Railway in Spite of Hard Times.

The London & Port Stanley Railway will not be leased to the Canadian National Railways or any other transportation company.

A show of hands by members of the London railway commission today gave a vote of three to one against leasing the road. Sir Adam Beck, the absent chairman, has well-known views in favor of retaining the road as a wholly municipal owned and operated enterprise.

J. P. Moore, vice-chairman, and Commissioners Donald Wright and George Burdick gave the mayor's scheme the wet blanket, and his wish stands alone in favor of abolition of municipal operation.

At the same time members do not attempt to dodge conditions in the transportation world. They see in last year's loss in operations a deficit three times larger than that for 1923. The net deficit for 1924 was \$103,307, a big loss for a 30-mile railway. However, die-hards amongst public ownership advocates declare that this is not a comparatively great loss. The failure of the St. Paul Railway and depression in trade and other American roads indicate the possibility of breaking up on new methods, was an important matter.

The future of the London & Port Stanley Railway will be that of a municipally owned and operated road, so it is said by the past two sessions. The big majority of commissioners who are dealing with the light of general conditions, and they do not interpret losses as an indication of failure of public ownership.

The Mayor's View.
The mayor is the only member who could put public ownership to the question. "There is only one solution for us," he comments. "We are losing money, in spite of the fact that expenditures Please See Page 3, Column 4."

CANADIAN CANOEIST DELAYED NEAR GENOA

Declares He Must Reach Rome in Thirty Days To Win Wager.

Associated Press Despatch.
Genoa, April 14.—George H. C. Smythe, the Canadian canoeist, who set out last August from Nova Scotia to paddle to Rome, except for the trip across the Atlantic, has stopped at Savona, 25 miles from here, for repairs to his craft, and will not arrive here according to his schedule. Smythe arrived at Marseilles on March 28 after paddling from Dover across the channel, thence across France by rivers and canals. He encountered much unfavorable weather. At Marseilles Smythe declared he must reach Rome within thirty days to win a wager.

ALLEGES PART OF LIP BITTEN OFF BY BOARDER

Canadian Press Despatch.
Merritt, April 14.—Dominic Fraggi, residing on St. David's road, a two-inch knife slash on his forehead, and is minus a portion of his lower lip, which he declares was bitten off by Giovanni di Gennato, a boarder at his house, whom Fraggi attempted to eject Sunday night when the boarder is said to have frightened Fraggi's wife and six children upon his return to the house in an intoxicated condition. The boarder is under arrest. The biting is said to have occurred after Fraggi had disarmed the man.

MAN KILLED IN DETROIT NOT GUELPH CONVICT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Guelph, April 14.—Local authorities state that Detroit police are mistaken in their claim that Joseph Burns, who died in hospital there from bullet wounds received when shot by a patrolman, was the Joseph Burns who escaped from the Guelph farm last year. The Burns who escaped from the farm here is now serving a term in Portsmouth penitentiary.

CANADA HAS GREATEST MATERNITY DEATH RATE

Mortality Rate Is 13.6 Per Thousand Cases—Denmark Has Only 2.3.

ACTION IS URGED

Graduate Nurses Want Action to Fight Menace to National Safety.

The appalling fact that Canada has the greatest maternity death rate in the world (where statistics are taken) was brought out in an interesting discussion of this subject at the morning session of the Ontario graduate nurses' convention held in Wesley hall. While Denmark and Norway have a death rate of 2.3 and Britain a death rate of 3.5, Canada's mortality in maternity cases is 13.6.

It was the opinion of the convention that something should be done immediately to fight such a menace to the welfare of the country. It was believed that the high death rate was due to the lack of proper maternity care in outlying districts and the suggestion was made that an effort should be made to get young medical men to spend some time in rural and outlying communities.

11,200 Deaths in Ontario.
It was pointed out that every year the province of Ontario loses 11,200 citizens through maternal deaths. This meant that practically a whole city was wiped out. And while this was going on, people talked of immigration. Miss Margaret Duffield of the Victorian Order of Nurses, presided over this discussion.

Several important resolutions, concerned more directly with hospitals and nurses, were passed at the morning session.

That the larger hospitals of the province should be asked to consider the granting of post graduate courses to allow graduates of smaller hospitals to qualify as registered nurses and to give older graduates an opportunity of brushing up on newer methods, was an important matter. Please See Page 3, Column 6.

JUDGE OF COUNTY ONLY CAN EXAMINE BALLOTS

Board of Three Appointed at Kitchener May Be Illegal.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Kitchener, April 14.—It is doubtful if the board of three recently appointed by order of the city council to examine the ballots cast in the municipal elections in January can legally act. Judge Hearn has been looking up the law, and now advises the city to get legal advice before completing the appointment of the commission. It is stated that according to law the ballots cannot be examined by anyone except a county judge.

SIX MEN ARE DROWNED WHEN LAUNCH OVERTURNS

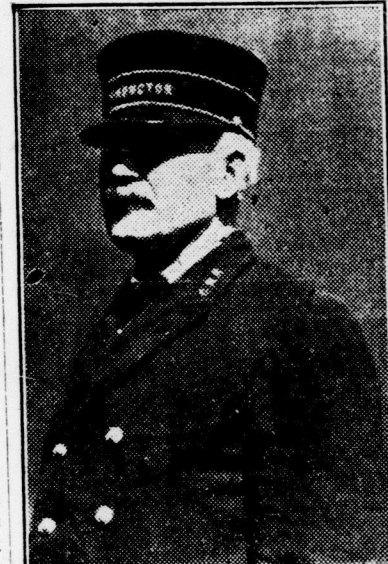
Associated Press Despatch.
London, April 14.—A despatch to the press association from Chatham says that an officer and five men were drowned when a launch, belonging to the Eacobs, an auxiliary vessel of the R.N. fleet, collided with a barge last night and overturned.

Hobby Fair Programs

Tonight the boys of the De La Salle school will give an exhibition of music, aerobatics and tumbling in the arena at the Rotary Hobby Fair, and the Askin street Methodist choir and orchestra will be in attendance under Dr. James Smith.

The program by the De La Salle boys includes:
1. Chorus, O Canada.
2. Word drill.
3. Trio, instrumental, E. Ornsdorff, B. Niosi and J. McDougall.
4. Solo, W. Mullins.
5. Dumbbell drill.
6. Violin solo.
7. Duo.
8. Dance, J. and F. Kelleher.
9. Solo, J. Ornsdorff.
10. Tumbling and pyramids.

Tomorrow the Glee Club of the University of Western Ontario, under G. Forristal and the orchestra under Mr. Rennie, will entertain visitors to the Hobby Fair in the afternoon and evening.



JOHN WILSON, veteran conductor of the Canadian National Railways, who suffered painful cuts and bruises when a baggage car door fell on him at Detroit yesterday. He was able to return to his home here last night. He was reported today as resting easily.

SLEEPING MAN PREY OF THIEF

Burglar Steals Watch From Bedside, Then Dons the Owner's Overcoat.

SCARED BY WOMAN

Entering the home of Arthur A. Gleason at 24 Evergreen avenue through a basement window at about 2 o'clock this morning, a man crept up two flights of stairs, walked into a bedroom, and stole a watch from a table near the bed on which Mr. Gleason slept. He then took a small amount of change from a bureau drawer, donned Mr. Gleason's overcoat, and made his exit.

A few minutes later he attempted a similar robbery in another house on the same street. He was scared away, however, when a woman screamed.

When Mr. Gleason awoke and found his watch had disappeared, he investigated. The house had been ransacked. Entrance was gained by "jimmying" a cellar window. Police were notified early this morning. The stolen watch was with a man carrying on the back with the initials "A. A. G."

WOMAN IS FOUND DEAD AT MINE AFTER BRAWL

Timmins Police Hold Man With Whom She Was Seen Last.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Cobalt, April 14.—Annie Sinku, a Pole, aged about 32, is dead, and Peter Stepanuk, a Pole is held by the police pending an investigation into the manner of the woman's death. Her body was found near the Hollinger mine at Timmins early Monday.

The police say that her death is the result of a brawl at Schumacher last night. Stepanuk, in whose company the woman was last seen, died at Timmins. The coroner will hold an inquest Wednesday. The woman was married.

EX-FERRY SUPERINTENDENT PASSES AT OWEN SOUND

Windsor, April 14.—Samuel Buchanan, for many years superintendent of car ferries for the Canadian Pacific Railway here, and later superintendent of upper lake steamships for the same company, died at Owen Sound Saturday night, according to word received here.

Mr. Buchanan was well-known in railway circles, throughout Ontario. Funeral services were held today in Owen Sound.

SIMCOE JEWELER FOUND DEAD IN APARTMENT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Simcoe, April 14.—Noticing that the show window lights of his jewelry store had not been turned off after Saturday night, the police Monday investigated and found Israel Bernstein dead in his apartment above the store. Mr. Bernstein had lived in Simcoe for 40 years, coming here from Russia. An inquest has been ordered.

ASSENT IS GIVEN TO ALL BILLS

Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt in Prorogation Address Defends All Measures Passed.

OPTIMISTIC VIEW

Formal Ceremony at Legislature Today Attended Only by Few Members.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.
Toronto, April 14.—The final curtain fell upon the second session of the sixteenth legislative assembly of Ontario at Queen's park this afternoon, when the house was formally prorogued by his honor the lieutenant-governor.

The ceremony of prorogation, while similar to that of opening of a session is less of a social function, and was attended today by a comparatively small number of members.

The lieutenant-governor, accompanied by Col. Alexander Fraser, his aide de camp, and staff officers of the military district, entered the chamber at 3 o'clock. Mr. Speaker, thereupon requested that his honor give the royal assent to those bills passed during the session, which had not already received it, which was duly carried out.

The reading of the speech followed, after which Hon. John G. Macdonald, provincial secretary, announced to the house that it was his honor's wish and pleasure that the assembly stand prorogued.

Bills Are Defended.
In the speech from the throne, the lieutenant-governor reviewed the legislation enacted during the session. With reference to the beer bill, he commented:

"The amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act will, I trust, facilitate the enforcement of the measure and contribute to its efficiency. The fundamental principle of the law has been maintained, while cause of hostility to it has been removed. This experience in the operation of this act has long pointed to the advisability of amending it so as to create a greater respect for the law, not only in the interest of this particular enactment, but for the advantage of law and order generally in the community."

Touching on redistribution, his honor stated: "The readjustment of the representation of the people in the legislative assembly, provided for in the act you have passed, will remove inequalities which have become somewhat marked of recent years. It is a step toward the equalization of the population in the urban centers. While the redistribution will not become effective during the lifetime of the present legislature, the readjustment of the measure constitutes timely notice to all concerned of the changes in the constituencies made by the act."

Further extensions of the power developments of the hydro-electric power commission will serve to meet the requirements of the system in the immediate future. It is recognized. Please See Page 3, Column 3.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Fresh southwest to west winds, partly cloudy with scattered showers.

Wednesday—Northwest winds, fair and slightly cooler.

A moderate depression is moving eastward with its center near James Bay, while pressure is high near the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Showers have occurred in Ontario. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 57; lowest, 49.

The official temperatures for the 13 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 57; lowest, 40.
Sun rises at 5:38 a.m., and sets at 6:59 p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Today—8 p.m., 29.07.
Monday—8 a.m., 29.02.