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Capture of McKenna New Cabinet Feature

Promises to Take Post of Chancellor if Health Permits—Liberals Regret Defection—Talk of Austen Chamberlain to an Ambassadorship.

(Canadian Press)

London, May 26.—Premier Stanley Baldwin's capture of Reginald McKenna as the prospective Chancellor of the Exchequer is viewed by the morning papers as the outstanding incident in the new Premier's cabinet making. He has promised to take the post a few months from now if his health permits.

There are signs that the die-hard Conservatives had their misgivings about his intention of admitting to the cabinet a politician who sat in the House of Commons for twenty-three years as a Liberal and who never definitely recanted Liberalism, although he supported the Conservatives when the coalition fell.

The moderate Conservatives, however, are heartily pleased at the prospect of the adhesion of a man regarded as one of the greatest living British financiers and Mr. McKenna's willingness to serve in the Conservative administration is hailed by the banking and commercial world as a most significant sign in the trend of political opinion.

The Liberal newspapers frankly regret the defection of Mr. McKenna, which they say is incomprehensible to his old friends and associates. They seek comfort in belittling the Conservative ministers by saying that Mr. McKenna will be something like a triton among minnows.

Three times within the last six months has a prominent Liberal accepted a nomination from a Conservative Government. Lord Crewe was named Ambassador to Paris, Viscount Novar was made Secretary for Scotland, and now the Chancellor of the Exchequer under the Asquithan Government is to have a place in the present Cabinet.

The entry of Lord Robert Cecil into a Conservative ministery also causes some soreness among the Liberals. Lord Robert has never been an avowed Liberal, ranking, indeed, as a Conservative, but his breadth of view and his association with Viscount Grey as a champion of the League of Nations led the Liberals to regard him almost as an ally.

Their consolation is that his appointment carries with it an opportunity to advance the aims of the League of Nations into the Conservative ranks.

As Lord Privy Seal, Lord Robert will rank next to the Premier in the House of Commons, and it is assumed that he will act as deputy leader in the House in the absence of the Premier. The accession of his debating ability to the front bench is cordially welcomed by the ministerial papers.

Keen disappointment is expressed in some quarters over the failure to reunite the divided Conservatives. Austen Chamberlain's future is being much discussed, and there is a report, wholly unconfirmed, that Mr. Baldwin is to offer him an ambassadorship. It is said that the Premier and Mr. Chamberlain will have a heart to heart talk today.

SLAYER OF TWO POLICE CAUGHT BY TEAR GAS

Two Other Officers Shot in Battle With Gunman

Besieged in House, He is Trapped Fleeing from Choking Fumes — Frank Miller, Wanted on Hold-up Charge, Quickly Indicted.

New York, May 26.—Besieged and driven from his garret stockade by police tear bombs, Frank Miller, alias Frank Sage, confessed to Jersey City police the murder of two policemen and the serious wounding of two others, and now faces the swiftest action of Jersey law. Jailed also is the young woman who was with him when the quadruple shooting took place, known in Jersey City dance halls as May Miller, and who calls herself his wife.

After his confession Miller and the girl were arraigned in Chiminal Court on charges of homicide. Both were indicted by the Hudson County Grand Jury, and will go on trial Monday. Officials say Miller has a vivid criminal record. Police identified his partner as Mrs. Martha Benjamin Muir of Newburg, who, it was learned, deserted her husband there two years ago.

Detective Sergeant John J. Black and Patrolman Clarence Weir of the Jersey City force are dead, trapped on the stairs, from the top of which Miller rained bullets at them. Detective James Walton of Jersey City and Lieutenant Harris Otis of West New York are seriously wounded, having fallen in the range of fire of the desperate man they were seeking.

Wanted on Hold-Up Charges.

Miller was wanted on the charge that he led the hold-up gang that took $9,000 from a Public Service Company messenger in Union Hill months ago. The messenger, who was guarded by a policeman, was halted in daylight in a crowded street. The money was snatched and the gang made off in a motor.

Miller's house, at 19 Manhattan avenue, Jersey City, was his castle while the battle lasted. First taking a shot at Walton from a rear second story window the gunman held his fire while the besiegers sent the wounded man to report first at Headquarters, then at the hospital. Walton was time in the head. By the time reserves arrived all was quiet, but in the meantime a fusilade had taken place and Black and Weir were dead. Otis—once "Cannonball" Otis, a pitcher for the Cleveland American League baseball team—was staggering blindly about a room down stairs trying to lift his comrades from the floor.

Miller Hides in Garret.

Deputy Chief Wolfe took charge of the siege. Cautiously the house was searched, down stairs, then up stairs. There was no sign to be found of Miller, who was lying quiet in the tiny garret under the roof with five cartridges in the chamber of his automatic. Searchers discovered the trapdoor and guessed the rest.

An order was dispatched for tear bombs. A motor patrol soon brought them. Deputy Chief Wolfe ordered his men to stand clear, poked open the trapdoor with a broomstick, tossed in three little bombs and waited.

Presently there was a scuffling above and the sound of a man coughing and choking. Violently the trapdoor was flung back and a man's foot emerged. On the instant the watchers below leaped at it and Miller was dragged gasping and weeping in a swift and ungentle tumble to the floor. When the piled heap was finally untangled, the gunman was a bruised spectacle, for the captors had not forgotten their dead and dying below.

Opens Door and Fires.

Otis told what happened when Black, Weir and he entered the house. They were admitted by the landlord and climbed the stairs to Miller's two-room home. A knock on the door was answered by the girl, who told them she would call her husband, and shut the door again. Presently Miller swung it violently open and fired point blank at the policemen. Black faltered and fell back down the stairs. The door slammed.

"I fired a couple of shots through the door," said Otis. "Then Weir and I began backing down the stairs to reach Black. When we were half way down the door opened. Miller leaned over the rail and let go with his gun in a volley. I saw Weir fall and roll down the stairs and then I was hit myself."

May Miller, wild-eyed, her hair tumbling about her face, was seized in a front room after Miller was captured. Police do not know where she hid during the tear bomb attack.

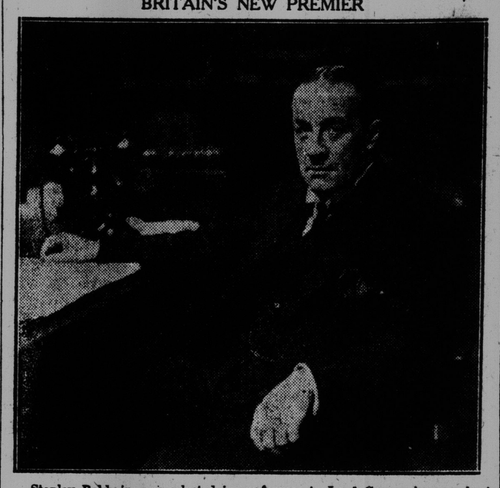
Several hours' questioning by police matrons produced little information from the woman. She denied she fired any shots despite the accusation said to have been made by Otis that she fired at him and the reputed finding of powder marks on her hands. Miller stoutly affirmed that he fired all the shots, police say.

Girl Loyal to Gunman.

The woman was fervent in her loyalty to the gunman. "No matter what comes of this, I will stand by him," she cried. She told the matrons Miller was a bootlegger. She was taken last night to the women's prison in the Oakland avenue police station. Miller was returned to his cell in the county jail.

Sergeant Black was a widower, with aa two-year-old son. His home was at 59 Randolph street, Jersey City. Weir lived at 78 Charles street, Walton at 275 Thirteenth street, Jersey City. Otis, whose father was once Mayor of West New York, is married and lives at 532 Bergenline avenue, West New York.

BRITAIN'S NEW PREMIER



Stanley Baldwin was selected in preference to Lord Curzon because he is a member of the lower house. Although a Harrow and Cambridge man, he is also an industrialist and heads many metal-working plants, including one in Toronto. He is fifty-six years of age and formerly served under Lloyd George.

KATHARINE MACDONALD, BEAUTY OF FILM, BRIDE OF MILLIONAIRE

Atlantic City, May 26—Katharine MacDonald, once a Winter Garden chorus girl and now a motion picture star, listed as one of the dozen most beautiful women in America, was married to Charles Schoen Johnson, Philadelphia millionaire, grandson of the late Charles T. Schoen, who invented the pressed steel raliroad car. The ceremony took place at the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. R. Johnson Held, 104 South Cornwall avenue, Ventor. The Rev. Marna S. Poulson, pastor of the Ventor Community Church, officiated.

Miss MacDonald's mother, Mrs. L. A. MacDonald, gave the bride away. John Morris Sailor, Philadelphia banker, was best man, and Mrs. C. T. Schoen, present. The couple departed by motor for a honeymoon trip, the destination of which was not disclosed. They expect to make their home in a suburb of Philadelphia.

A courtship of only ten days preceded the marriage, Mr. Johnson admitted, but he added that Miss MacDonald's image on the screen had enthralled him several years ago, before he met her. They met in Philadelphia in 1917, when she was working on a picture.

"Friends introduced me to her," said Mr. Johnson, "and I found her even lovelier than I had pictured her from the plays I saw her in. She went back to California and I did not see her until 1918. That was for only a short time, and it was not until two weeks ago that we met again in New York."

The bride obtained a divorce from her first husband Malcolm Strauss, portrait painter, in 1916, five years after she left the Winter Garden chorus.

TAKE OFF HATS TO ATHLETICS

Writers Now Concede Them First Division Place

Three Homers Help to Give Yankees Second Straight Beating—Giants Continue March Towards Pennant.

(Canadian Press)

New York, May 26.—The Philadelphia Athletics remain a seven day wonder. After their second consecutive victory yesterday over the league champions, baseball critics, who did not rate them high in the pre-season dope, conceded that they will finish in the first division.

Not only are the Athletics closing the gap between themselves and the Yankees and filling the seats in Shibe Park but they are drawing away from the strongest of the western teams and tightening a hold on second place that the westerners will find hard to shake when they come east presently. The Athletics got three home runs in beating the Yankees yesterday 4 to 2.

The Detroit Tigers lost ground again yesterday by yielding to the effectiveness of Urban Faber and the Chicago White Sox won, 5 to 3.

With a chance to catch the dropping Tigers, the Washington Senators fell before Boston, the reliable Walter Johnson weakening after his team mates had given him a two run lead, usually enough for him. The score was 6 to 4.

Pittsburg definitely stakes its claim to second place in the National League winning its seventh consecutive contest, and the second straight of its series with St. Louis 2 to 1. Johnny Rawlings, playing his second game in Pirate uniform, made an error at second base responsible for the only Cardinal tally.

The New York steam roller continued to roll over the Quakers 12 to 8. Brooklyn slipped from a short stay in the first division with third position within its grasp up until the ninth inning. Mickey O'Neil, fighting catcher of the Braves, opened a batting rally in the ninth and Boston slipped over five runs, winning 7 to 4.

Grover Alexander, Chicago pitcher, was in the best of his early season form and let the Reds down with two hits, and Pete Donohue, who has fared badly in recent starts, was given poor support, the Cubs passing both the Cardinals and the Robins, and resting in third place. The score was 4 to 0.

INTERVENTION OR CHAOS IN THE RUHR DISTRICT

A Message from Dortmund Trade Unions—More Disorders.

Dortmund, May 26.—Chaos is inevitable in the Ruhr unless intervention comes immediately, says a telegram sent to the new Socialist Workers' International at Hamburg by the Dortmund general trade unions. The message says: "The Ruhr occupation has intensified conditions of distress and has aided revolts. Bloody fighting has occurred in several places."

Hamburg, May 26. — Germany's political fate is being decided on the Rhine and the Ruhr and "if militarism triumphs there will be tragedy for the republic," said Delegate Well of Germany, in appealing to the international socialist congress to aid German republicanism in protecting itself.

"Moscow communism and Paris militarism," said the speaker, "are the two aides of German reaction. . . If the German republic falls, then everything on which it had been based will fall."

Bochum, May 26.—Communistic disorders broke out here yesterday similar to those in Dortmund and Gelsenkirchen. During an assault on bourgeois newspaper offices, firemen, acting as police, clashed with the Communists, and several persons were wounded. Shops were pillaged. The occupation authorities remained neutral.

Dusseldorf, May 26.—Albert Schlageter was executed by French troops today for sabotage on railroads in the occupied region and other offences. He was shot in a stone quarry near a cemetery and his body was delivered to the cemetery authorities. This is the first execution in the occupied zone.

Complimenting Girl Starts Gun Battle

Assailant Is Wounded, His Three Foes Arrested and a West Virginia Still Seized.

Welch, W. Va., May 26—When Madison Cline accepted a glass of water from a pretty maid at the home of Bill Lester on Bull Creek, he teasingly said to her: "Darned if you aren't the prettiest gal that I ever see."

When the smoke cleared away Lee Hunt, a friend of Lester's, was down with a bullet through his chest and Madison Cline, Harper Cline and Greenway Cline were under arrest.

Incidentally, a big still which figured in the arrest was in the possession of the State of West Virginia.

Just how far the feud will go officials cannot say at this time. The best informaton at hand is that Hunt was visiting at the Lester home when the three Clines rode up on horseback. They wanted a drink of water—or at any rate a drink. The young woman who brought the drink smiled at young Madison Cline, and he gallantly complimented her. Hardly had the words left his lips when Hunt was in the doorway of the Lester home, his guns belching lead at the Cline trio.

Each side taking cover, the battle continued until Hunt was down. While the shooting was under way word in some manner reached Hurley of the trouble and several Deputy Sheriffs headed for the scene in a motor car. They arrived in time to gather in the Clines, seized the big still and then hurry Hunt to the Hurley Hospital.

Chief Bender Signs With Baltimore

Baltimore, Md., May 26.—It is announced that Charles (Chief) Bender, former pitching star of the Athletics, has been signed by the Baltimore club of the International league. He will join the Orioles when they return home to play Newark today.

FEAR OF SELF SHAVING ENDS NEW YORK BARBERS' STRIKE

New York, May 26.—Between 1,000 and 1,500 barbers have returned to their jobs in the Brownsville and East New York sections after a strike of two weeks. Fearing that former patrons would soon be learning to shave themselves, the employers capitulated. The barbers now are getting $40 a week instead of $35.

Three Die In Storm In Mexico.

San Antonio, May 26.—Three persons were believed to have been killed and several others seriously injured in a wind storm and heavy rain at Monterey, Mexico, on Wednesday evening. Reports were that streets were flooded, street car traffic stopped and the city was in darkness for several hours.

HOWATT BARRED AT MEETING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Scranton, Pa., May 26—Alexander Howatt of Kansas, deposed president of District No. 14 of the United Mine Workers of America, and Thomas Meyerscough of Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of the international committee of the Workers Party, were prevented from addressing a mass meeting at Dunmore last night by Burgess William G. Peyton and Chief of Police John Burke. The authorities declared that the men had come to "preach radicalism under the guise of addressing a labor meeting." A large amount of radical literature was alleged to have been discovered.

THREW BOILING WATER; THEN SHOT HER HUSBAND

Peter Ordinal Dead in West, Wife is Under Arrest.

Regina, May 26.—Peter Ordinal died in Canora, Sask., hospital, as a result of gun shot wounds, scalding and amputation. He was brought in from Pelly yesterday.

Mrs. Ordinal, alleged to have thrown boiling water over her husband, and Peter Ordinal, junior, and to have fired a shotgun charge into the father's leg, are under arrest.

TORONTO REPORT ON MALCOLM BRUCE

Said He Will Visit Police Headquarters to Ask if Warrant Out for Him.

Toronto, May 26.—The Globe says that Malcolm Bruce, who is wanted by the Attorney-General of Nova Scotia to answer a charge of using seditious language, will visit police headquarters here probably today, or within the next few days at any rate, to learn if it is true that the police hold a warrant for his arrest.

Close friends of Bruce said that this would be the case. It was admitted that he has been in the city for several days "under cover."

While he has apparently moved about with some care, from the statement made by an official of the workers' party, it would appear that he as more concerned with the affairs of the party and personal matters.

It was said that this friend has been in touch with members of district 26, U. M. W. of America, who have promised him all support required in fighting the charge.

Bruce is editor of a paper issued by the Communist movement of Canada.

ZBYSZKO MOBBED AT BOSTON BOUT

Accused of Biting Opponent, Wrestler Has a Rough Time.

Boston, May 26.—Wladek Zbyszko, wrestler, went under a barrage of bottles and other missiles last night when several thousand persons attending a wrestling contest here attempted to mob him. It was believed that he had bitten his opponent, George Calza, Italian champion, in the left wrist.

Zbyszko had scored one fall on his adversary in twenty-eight minutes. Calza then said that he had been bitten, and the referee awarded him the decision. Joe Perrelli, former wrestler, and now Calza's manager, jumped into the ring and engaged in a battle with Zbyszko. He was arrested. The crowd swarmed about the ring, but Zbyszko was led away by officers. One missile thrown at him was a razor.

FAMED YACHTSMAN OVER STEEP CLIFF TO HIS DEATH

Dublin, May 26—Hugh McCalmont, noted yachtsman, is dead from injuries he received when he fell from a cliff near his home at Bally County Antrim. He was making a path on the edge of the cliff when he slipped and fell 160 feet. He was so badly injured that it was impossible to move him and he succumbed in a temporary shelter erected at the bottom of the cliff.

McCalmont represented Sir Thomas Lipton on the U. S. yacht Columbia, in the America's cup race some years ago. He was a cousin of Major Gen. Sir Hugh McCalmont, who served in South African and Egyptian expeditions, and at one time was a member of parliament for North Antrim.

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WEATHER REPORT

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

Morning Paper Reports.

Maritime—Winds mostly northerly; cooler and showery.

Northern New England—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday, except possibly rains in northern and eastern Maine Saturday; somewhat cooler Saturday night or Sunday morning.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I have been deeply impressed by the following sentence which I find in a newspaper:—"'It is a safe proposition that the great self-enforcing, universally applicable natural laws are not so framed or operative as to make that tributary to progress in any direction which is inevitably and universally inimical to the elements that must underlie and be coexistent with stable material well being.'"

"The trouble with a lot o' stable material," said Hiram, "is that it aint kep' covered up in winter."

"I am afraid," said the reporter, "you do not apprehend the author's meaning. He is not referring to the farm at all. Far from it."

"I'd be obligded," said Hiram, "to hev you tell me what he does mean."

"Ah," said the reporter, "that's the interesting part of it. I don't know what he means—but isn't it wonderful? —so mystical, so profound, or something."

"Well," said Hiram, "you're welcome to all you kin git out of it—but I'd ruther read somethin' about how to git clear o' the cut-worm—By Hen!"

SENDS WILL FROM CAMP OF BANDITS

American Captive Gets it Out With Messenger Bearing "Last Word" of Chinese Outlaws.

Tsao Chwang, May 26.—Leon Friedman, one of the Americans held by the Shantung bandits in the hills beyond here, today sent out his will, drawn up in legal form and witnessed by two of his fellow captives.

Friedman's will was brought out by J. B. Powell, publisher of Shanghai, released on parole as a messenger to carry what the bandits say are their "final terms."

Powell, as the bearer of the brigands "last word" participated in a conference between foreign consular officials and Chinese Government officials. He gave the bandits his word that he would return to their camp within 24 hours.

Three brigades of Chinese troops have taken the field against the outlaws and are slowly tightening their cordon about the bandits' hill retreat.

GREAT OIL FIRE; LOSS IS LARGE

Half Milion Gallons Ablaze at Rochester, New York.

Rochester, N. Y., May 26—Five hundred thousand gallons of oil stored at the plant of F. B. Rae Oil Company were ablaze last night. Starting with two explosions which shook the city a little after seven o'clock the fire quickly spread and enveloped every one of the twenty-five oil tanks in which the thousands of gallons of oil, turpentine, gasoline, lubricating oil and other oil products were stored. The oil is valued at $250,000 but it is believed the property damage will bring the total loss to about $350,000.

A few minutes after the first two tanks exploded, scattering flaming oil in all directions, four others blew up. A heavy pall of smoke settled over the city, making necessary the use of lights in the downtown office buildings. Firemen were helpless to combat the flames and turned their efforts to prevent the spreading of the fire.

Twenty-three streams of water were used. Fire Chief Jaynes said the fire would probably burn for a couple of days but no serious consequences are feared unless it reaches the 830,000 gallons of turpentine.

GONE 20 YEARS, DECLARED DEAD; RETURNS TO DENY

Hartford, Conn., May 26—Patrick F. Kelley, painter and decorator, who was declared legally dead last week because he disappeared more than twenty years ago and had not been heard from since, dropped in on Judge Bernard F. Gaffney, of the New Britain Probate Court, and suggested to the judge that he change his decision, and to three of his children, William, Walter and Mary, that there was no need to press their appeal to the Superior Court.

Incidentally his dramatic re-appearance leaves his three other children, Anna and Loretta Kelley and Mrs. Katherine Loomis, with little ground for their suit to have his estate divided.

Mr. Kelley said that where he had been and why he had gone away were his own business, but that he had read he was legally dead and believed it time to offer contradictory evidence. He did say that he had been in Ireland and Mexico and that he had mining interests in the west. When he has cleared up the tangled New Britan estate he plans to visit Argentina.

He closed his paint shop the evening of August 1, 1902, and nothing was heard from him until today. His daughter, Mary, and her brothers took over and conducted the painting business, which today is one of the leading concerns in New Britain.

Metagama and Freight Carrier In Collision

Liner Not Badly Damaged and Puts Back to Glasgow—The Baron Vernon Had to Be Beached.

(Canada Press)

Glasgow, May 26—The steamer Metagama, bound from Glasgow for Quebec and Montreal, with 1,100 passengers, was in collision today with the British freighter Baron Vernon. The freighter was seriously damaged and the liner only slightly so. Some of the freighter's crew had remarkable escapes.

The collision occurred in the River Clyde. The Baron Vernon was beached near Dunbarton and the Metagama returned to Glasgow with her port bow damaged nine feet above the waterline. It is expected repairs will take several days. The freighter had a cargo of ore from Balbao.

DELAY NOT DUE TO PRESSURE FROM OLD COUNTRY

Premier King's Statement on Delay in Sending Envoy to Washington.

Ottawa, May 26.—(Canadian Press).—On Monday in the House of Commons there will be further consideration of the bankruptcy act in committee. Acts to amend the Dominion lands and the Canada shipping acts will be taken up. If time permits marine and fisheries estimates will be considered.

The Senate will not sit.

Yesterday in the House Premier King said that news despatches stating that the delay in appointing a Canadian envoy at Washington was due to pressure from the imperial authorities, were "wholly without foundation."

Second reading was given bill to amend the bankruptcy act, which was then discussed in committee. Progress was reported.

A bill to amend the petition of right act was given third reading.

The Hoppe coal leases were discussed when a senate bill to authorize the Government to recall a fiat already granted was put through second and third readings.

This bill has been interpreted as having been inspired by the report of the senate committee in favor of the recall of the fiat in the Hoppe case.

The Minister of Justice, Sir Lomer Gouin, however, steadfastly declined to say that the bill had special application, and when asked pointedly if it would be applied to the Hoppe case, he replied that if it were applicable the Government would apply it.

MUST PAY WIFE $90 A MONTH

Mrs. F. W. Piper Said He Refused to Live With or Support Her.

Boston, May 26—A non-support suit brought by Mrs. Edith W. Piper of Westland avenue, Back Bay, against Fred W. Piper of Philadelphia, has been withdrawn from the jury in the Suffolk superior court by consent of the parties, after a conference with Judge Dubuque. The court ordered Mr. Piper to pay his wife $90 a month.

Mrs. Piper alleged that although her husband, who formerly lived in Newburyport, was worth $500,000, he refused to live with her or support her. She testified yesterday that she would have gone hungry many times since their separation if her son George, who is now sixteen years old, and a student at a Wilbraham private school, had not sent her money from his allowance.

She denied that the goods she had sold included the Piper family silver and antiques. She admitted that she had eight or ten charge accounts at Boston stores.

"Do you know why your husband stopped your charge account?" she was asked.

"I know he said he wanted to starve me into a divorce," she replied.

Cross-examined regarding her acquaintance with different men, Mrs. Piper admitted that she once had been named as defendant in an alienation suit. She characterized the suit as blackmail and said that she had never appeared in court in connection with it.

PARENTS AND LITTLE ONE ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Plattsburg, N. Y., May 26.—Elmer Halters, 34, a farmer, his wife, and their son, three years old, were burned to death in their home about ten miles northwest of this city yesterday. An adopted son, 10 years, told neighbors he was awakened by his mother, found the house filled with smoke and ran to summon aid some distance away. When he returned the house was in flames and there was no sign of the Halters family.

Investigation disclosed the charred bodies of the mother and her baby buried in smoking embers and the body of the father a few feet from the open window of his bedroom.

TWO CENT TAX IS PUT ON GASOLINE

Massachusetts Wants Money for Highway Expenses

Liquor Laws Amended and Drastic Act Against Fireproof Coal is Passed—The Sugar Problem--Klu Klux Activities Condemned.

(Canadian Press)

Boston, May 26—The Massachusetts Legislature was prorogued a little after midnight after one of the shortest sessions on record. Enactment of a bill providing a two cent a gallon tax on gasoline to meet highway expenses, amendment of the state liquor laws to prohibit manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquors and passage of a drastic law against "fireproof" coal were the outstanding features.

Coal, sugar and the Ku Klux Klan were issues. A law establishing penalties for sale of impure fuel and for giving short weight, was passed on recommendation of the Governor, and a recess commission of the Legislature was created to study the whole fuel situation. The sugar problem was referred to a special commission on the necessaries of life and the subsequent report was turned over to the Attorney-General. The Legislature disposed of the Klan issue by adopting a resolution condemning the alleged activities of the organization.

FOR CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN BUSINESS

Plea by the Head of U. S. Steel Corporation—Religion, Politics and Steel.

New York, May 26.—Religion and world politics vied with steel in discussions at the annual meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute yesterday. Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the U. S. Steel Corporation and president of the Institute, devoted most of his annual address to a defence of the Bible and plea for the turning toward Christian principles in business as well as in personal affairs.

Last night, at the annual dinner, Prince Caetani, Italian ambasador to the U. S, delivered a defence of Facism, which he declared was "a great spiritual movement," founded on the principle that every individual must be ready to sacrifice himself for the good of the community."

Facism, he declared, was the direct antithesis of Bolshevism, aiming to preserve religion and the rights of individuals, while Bolshevism aimed to destroy both.

The outstanding industrial phases of the Institute's session were:

1.—A declaration by Mr. Gary that "there is nothing in sight to indicate that there will be a substantial diminution of the demand for finished steel in this country during the next six months at least."

2.—Unanimous approval of a report of a special committee, advising against any attempt to eliminate at this time the 12-hour day in the steel industry. This committee, with Mr. Gary at its head, had considered the question of inaugurating an eight hour day at the suggestion of President Harding.

RELIEF CHIEF IS ROBBED IN RUSSIA

Train Held Up and District Superintendent of U. S. Commission is Among the Victims.

Moscow, May 26.—Thirty bandits armed with rifles held up the Odessa-Moscow express 200 miles southwest of Moscow at midnight Wednesday, according to Dr. W. R. Smith, of Taunton, Mass., district superintendent of the American Relief Commission, who was a passenger.

The bandits refrained from looting the relief commission mail pouch, but took from Mr. Smith and the Russian courier of the relief commission who was accompanying him, all their belongings of value.