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NINE PERISH IN MONTREAL FIRES

8 CHILDREN AMONG VICTIMS IN 2 EARLY MORNING BLAZES

Unknown Woman and Five Kiddies Meet Death in Downtown Fatality; Boy and 2 Girls in Suburb

THREE HURT IN JUMP TO SIDEWALK

More Than Score Are Rescued From Burning Building—Bodies Of Victims Are Found After Flames Are Extinguished—Youngsters in Montreal North Burned to Death.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—Nine lives were lost and three persons suffered serious injuries in two fires which broke out early this morning, one in a tenement building in Ste. Agathe Lane, between Cadieux and St. Dominique streets, and the second in a one-story wooden house in a field at Montee St. Michael, Montreal North. No cause has been ascribed for the city blaze, but an overheated stove is given as the reason for the fire in the suburb.

Eight Children Die. The downtown fire took a toll of one woman and five children while three other occupants of the house suffered serious injuries by jumping from the second story window. In Montreal North a boy and two girls were the victims.

The fire on Ste. Agathe Lane, broke out at 1:23 o'clock this morning. Three persons were removed to the Montreal General Hospital, suffering from serious injuries, and a score of other persons, men, women and children escaped from the flames.

Firemen Find Victims. The fire was of short duration, and when the firemen had the flames extinguished, they went into the houses and found the dead lying on the floor on tables and on chairs. The bodies were later removed to the morgue.

The dead are: Rene Thounin, 12; Thomas Thounin, 9; Cecile Thounin, 8; Estelle Thounin, 6; a Greek woman, whose name so far is unknown, all of 11 St. Agathe Lane, third floor, and Edward Brault, 9, of Ste. Agathe Lane, second floor.

Jumped From Windows. The injured, who are in the Montreal General Hospital, are: L. Brault, 6; O. Brault, 40, and Mrs. A. Gauthier, 50, all of 19 Ste. Agathe Lane. They suffered fractured legs and severe internal injuries through jumping from the window of their homes into the street to escape from the flames.

The members of both families were asleep when the fire broke out, and the flames swept through the two dwellings so swiftly that the occupants were unable for the most part to escape to safety. When the fire was discovered by a passerby the flames were already shooting out of the windows of the dwellings. Chief Doonan and the men of the division were at the scene a few moments after the sounding of the alarm and the flames by that time were sweeping from the ground to the roof of the structure.

Others Are Rescued. Ladders were raised and District Chief Doonan, Capt. Ferron and fireman Langelle of the Chenneville street station assisted three persons out of the window and carried them to the ground. The flames were then so fierce that they were licking the firemen as they worked, and they were driven to the ground, entry into the building being impossible. At the dwelling next door, Deputy Chief Marin and other firemen were aiding seven more persons down the ladders before they were forced back by the flames. In less than an hour the fire was extinguished and the firemen were able to get into the house.

Three Are Injured. It was at the commencement of the break that Oslas Brault, who lived with his brother at No. 19, was injured by two other persons, Brault awoke a few minutes later and saw the flames, seized one of the ladders and went to the window with him. He assisted Mrs. Gauthier to window also and the three jumped over the firemen had raised their ladders. They were picked up and removed to the hospital.

When the firemen entered the building at No. 11 they found the body of a woman on the floor of one of the rooms. The woman was a Greek who boarded at the Thounin home. A little further in the hallway of a Thounin home the firemen found a body of a six-year-old boy lying on a chair. In another room the body of a little girl was found across a table. The children had apparently been awakened in their sleep and had attempted to reach the windows. In the Brault home the flames, were more fierce. There the firemen found a boy in bed, the body of Lionel (Continued on page 2, column six.)

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Menace Seen In Drift of Canadian Young People Into U. S.

DIVORCES HUSBAND FOR SECOND TIME

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 3.—It's a rocky road of matrimony that Sarah Brown has traveled. And the going has not been so smooth for James Brown, her eighth husband, also her third. Seven times Sarah, now 54, has gone into court with domestic difficulties and each time the trial judge has set her free. Today was the fourth trip for James Brown, 66, who for the second time was in court to defend himself against Sarah's charges. The divorce was granted.

JAP AMBASSADOR ESCAPES AS WOMAN

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Daily Express, in a dispatch from Peking today describes the sensational escape of Dr. Wellington Koo, former Ambassador to Washington and later Foreign Minister, whose arrest had been ordered by General Feng Yu Hsiang, Christian Chinese commander in charge at Peking. Dr. Koo escaped to the house of a friend in the foreign quarter. This friend, an American, helped disguise the ex-minister as a woman. They motored to Tsin Tsin in safety, passing several guards who searched their automobile. The woman was identified as American told the guards, "but don't disturb my wife who is ill."

PARIS IS SWEEPED

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Gales which swept Paris and Northern France, yesterday continued during the night, the velocity of the wind here reaching 100 kilometers (about 62 miles) an hour. Boats from Havre for Caen, Toulonville and Honfleur were unable to sail and all fishing boats were forced to return to port. At Dunkirk, navigation was brought to a standstill.

Reports from Lorien say the steamboat Saturn broke in two and sank. At Lilloche a smack was driven after striking a rock and a sleep was crushed by two heavier sailing vessels. The crew of the smack was rescued. The cross channel packet Edmond Laborde was stranded, but was refloated with the loss of cargo.

MOHAWK LIKELY TO BE A TOTAL LOSS

Clyde Liner, Scuttled, Lies in 40 Feet of Water in Delaware Bay. LEWES, Del., Jan. 3.—The Clyde Line steamship Mohawk, whose crew on Thursday night fought a losing battle with the waves, was today in 40 feet of water on the 14 fathom banks, near the Delaware Breakwater. Captain J. M. Staples, master, said it was necessary to open the Mohawk's sea-cocks and let her sink in order to extinguish the fire. He said the blaze started in the after-hold from spontaneous combustion. The vessel, which left New York on Thursday for Jacksonville, probably will be a total loss.

IS ASSASSINATED

Mayor of Guantanamo is Victim, According to Havana Report. HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 3.—The Mayor of Guantanamo, Manuel Sales, has been assassinated according to a dispatch to El Mundo from that city. No details were given. Guantanamo is near the United States naval base on Guantanamo Bay.

British Bread Price Is Likely To Go Up

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The price of the loaf is likely to be raised one-half penny for four pounds on Monday next. The master bakers are meeting today to consider the increase. They blame speculation in the Chicago and Winnipeg wheat pits for the increase and there is likely to be an increasing agitation to ensure that the government try to find some means for dominating the wheat market by eliminating some of the wild speculation.

N. B. Is Held Up A. E. I. Example to P. A. I.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 3.—Dr. P. E. Douville of Toronto passed through Moncton this morning for Charlotte-town, in connection with the good roads movement. He will endeavor to interest the government of that province in a permanent roads policy, under which the highways would be given a coating of gravel similar to the way in which they are treated in this province.

Anxiety Felt For Norwegian Vessel

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 3.—Considerable anxiety is felt here about the Norwegian steamer Karman, which sailed from Swansea, on December 3 for Halifax with 2,000 tons of coal, and the French steamer Felias, which cleared from Portland 28 days ago for this port.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY 62-MILE GALE ON FRENCH COAST

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CAUGHT THE EYE OF WATER FRONT MEN

Vivid reminder of the halcyon days when the Port of St. John stood high among the shipping ports of the world in sailing vessels, is contained in the arrival of the Partridge Island about 1 o'clock today of a bark thought to be the Merous. The bark was square-rigged. Formerly, she was a full-rigged ship. Her great sails billowed majestically as, with a bone in her teeth, she rounded the island and headed up the harbor. Shipping men along the waterfront watched her with more than usual interest and the many comments made started a flood of recollection of days gone by.

ST. JOHN MAN HELD AT CAMPBELLTON

C. F. WETMORE ARRESTED FOR ST. JOHN POLICE. Authorities Silent on Matter Here—Will Likely Be Brought Home Monday. C. Francis Wetmore, formerly manager of the South Typewriter Company in this city, is being held in custody in Campbellton for the St. John police according to word received here today. Chief Adams of the Campbellton police force, in conversation with reporter over the long distance telephone, today said he had received a request from the St. John police asking him to hold Mr. Wetmore. Aside from that he knew nothing about the case.

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NEW UNITED CHURCH IN INDIA IS FORMED

Presbyterians and Calvinistic Methodists in North Amalgamate. TORONTO, Jan. 3.—In a message sent yesterday by the office of the Presbyterian mission from the Canadian Presbyterian mission in Ceylon, the Presbyterian and Calvinistic Methodist churches throughout India had been amalgamated and the United Church of North India formally organized. The message was intended as a report of the final action of the General Assembly meeting this week in Bombay. Several years ago the United Church of South India was formed by the union of the Presbyterians and Congregationalists, the Lutherans and Methodists joining later.

St. John Tug Makes Unnecessary Call

YARMOUTH, Jan. 3.—(Special).—The large ocean going tug Ocean Eagle, Capt. A. L. Greenlaw, belonging to the St. John Drydock Co. arrived in Yarmouth on Wednesday morning to make arrangements to tow the New York four masted schooner Isabella Parmenter, Capt. Cole to Eastport, Me. Capt. Cole has received instructions, however, that new sails are now being made in New York for his vessel and that they will be here next week. In consequence the schooner will not require the tug which will probably proceed from this port to Halifax.

EDMUNSTON LADY DIES IN MONTREAL

Widow of Former Collector of Customs Was 73 Years of Age. MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—One of the oldest residents of Edmundston, N. B., Mrs. Alphonse Chenard Babin, widow of Prudent Babin, died yesterday while visiting her son, H. P. Babin, manager of the Vaudeville, Quebec, branch of the Bank of Montreal.

British Tanker Is Near Destruction

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The British tanker, Ulooloo narrowly averted being blown ashore off Seabright N. J., yesterday when caught in a gale as she was approaching New York in ballast from Norfolk. Blinded by the storm, her captain did not realize how far he had gone off his course until the booming of the surf on the Jersey coast sent out a series of S.O.S. calls but before the United States coast guard cutter Greatham could get to him, he wireless that he had managed to stem the deep water and safety and added that his crippled ship could make port unaided.

The Weather Report

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Pacific states and relatively low over the lake region and off the middle Atlantic coast. Snow has fallen in some sections of Ontario and Quebec, elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Now She Hears and Talks

Gwendolyn Caswell, 22, Chicago, had been deaf and dumb since she was a child. Tyn Burt D. Burley took her up for an airplane flight. When they came down, she could hear a few words and she danced to phonograph music. A few more flights, it is believed, will restore her speech and hearing completely. The change in her condition is attributed to the change in her environment.

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VETS' SECRETARY SAYS REMEDY UP TO GOVERNMENT

MacNeil Says Exodus Is Due to Subtle Propaganda. MANY VETERANS SAYS IN 1921 THERE WERE 2,000,000 CANADIANS IN UNITED STATES. By Canadian Press. OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—That there was a subtle propaganda in United States magazines and moving pictures to induce Canadians, and especially young citizens of the productive and reproductive ages, to emigrate to the states, was one of the many statements made by C. Grant MacNeil, Dominion Secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association at a dinner here last evening.

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Two Die From N. S. Skating Mishaps

Girl and Youth Succumb to Injuries Received in New Year's Falls. NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Jan. 3.—Miss Olive Purves, aged 30, of Shelburne, died in hospital here this morning, and George Cassidy, a youth from Westville, died in the same hospital last night, the two having been victims of skating accidents.

SUPPORT GROWING

Out of 161 Returns in, 152 Congregations Are For Church Union. TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Church Union headquarters here last night stated that reports on the voting of Presbyterian congregations in various parts of the Dominion on the Church Union question now totaled 161. Of this number 152 of the churches had voted for union and nine against it.

NEW GRAIN RECORD

Montreal Handled 165,139,396 Bushels in 1924, Exceeding Previous Marks. MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—That the port of Montreal has definitely established a new high record for the amount of grain handled here in any one year is announced by the harbor commissioners, who gave the official total for 1924 as 165,139,396 bushels as compared with 120,107,990 bushels in 1923 and 155,035,817 in 1922, the best previous year.

WAS SECRETLY WED

Washington is Ferment Over Marriage of Miss Margaret Hume. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Aristocrats Washington was agog today over the disclosure that Miss Margaret Hume, debutante, daughter of one of the oldest families of the capital, secretly married Abdullah Etesam, last Tuesday morning at Alexandria, Pa.

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Sought By Canadian Police, Rumanian Meets Violent Death In Native Village

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Retribution stern and dogged, has pursued a Canadian murderer to his village home in Rumania and Nick Rutka has paid with his life for his part in the killing of Adam Selton, a conspirator on Aug. 1, 1922, at Thorold, Ont. The Ontario provincial police had traced Rutka to Rumania and were engaged in efforts to extradite him, yesterday received a message from Hon. George A. Simard of Montreal, Consul General for Rumania in Canada, giving official indication of the killing of the murderer in his homeland, and conveying the information that Rutka confessed to the Thorold murder. No details were given other than that Rutka met a violent death following a quarrel.

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