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SEVEN

## FIRE DESTROYS OLD SCHOOLSHIP

The Algebras Burned to  
Water's Edge at Toulon

Only Three Out of 500 Men on Board  
are Missing—Explosion Was Feared  
—Other Vessels in Danger

TOULON, France, Nov. 25.—The torpedo schoolship Algebras, stationed in this harbor, was totally destroyed by fire at a late hour this evening. There were 500 men on board when the fire broke out, but it is believed that most of them were saved.

As soon as the men had been taken off the flaming vessel the efforts of the authorities were directed to safeguard the other ships anchored in the vicinity of the Algebras, including the new battleship Paris, and the torpedo gunboat La Hire. These two vessels were towed to places of safety. The authorities came rapidly to the conclusion that the Algebras was doomed and she was left to burn herself out. The discipline displayed on board the Algebras was excellent. A majority of the men were cool. The small boats of the Algebras were launched, filled with men and rowed away, while those who could not leave in this manner awaited the arrival of their rescuers. A few men, however, were forced by the flames to jump overboard and swim away. Six torpedoes on board the schoolship exploded while the men were leaving the vessel.

There was much fear during the height of the fire that a torpedo magazine on shore would become ignited, but this was prevented by deluging the magazine with heavy streams of water from powerful fireboats.

It is not known whether the fire originated from an explosion of powder or broke out among the stores on board.

The Algebras had been used as a schoolship since 1894.

TOULON, Nov. 25.—It is thought that the fire which broke out tonight had been smoldering all day long in the vessel's bunkers. This would account for the sudden breaking out of the flames at practically the same time on different parts of the ship.

There is some uncertainty as to whether the three missing men were really burned or not. It is reported that they were last seen standing on deck and when ordered to jump into the water they replied they could not swim.

The burning of the school ship created the greatest alarm throughout the city. News of the fire was first conveyed at about 11 o'clock by the firing of cannon in the harbor. The people hurriedly left the cafes and theatres and rushed to the docks, whence they could see the Algebras a mass of flames in the harbor.

The burning vessel stood out brilliantly in the encircling darkness, and the glare of the flames lit up the other shipping and the coast.

There was terrible anxiety concerning the fate of the 500 men on board until the authorities announced that everybody had been taken off in boats and saved, with the exception of three. These men did not answer the roll call and it is presumed they were burned to death.

The entire garrison here was called out to render assistance, and the crews launched their boats to go to the rescue of their comrades who were on board the Algebras for purposes of instruction. Tugboats and fireboats, as well as several steamers lying in port, slipped their anchors and likewise went out to help. Organized efforts were made to put out the fire, but in vain, the flames quickly spread to all parts of the ship and she was blazing from stem to stern before the men had time to leave her.

The Algebras was a ship of the line, and for a number of years past she had been doing duty as a harbor vessel and employed as a torpedo training ship. She was 2047 tons displacement, and built in 1895.

## MAYOR AND CORONER OF BUCKINGHAM ARRESTED

MONTREAL, Nov. 25.—The arrest of Mayor Vallee, Coroner Rodrigue and six strikers is the latest development in the recent Buckingham strike.

The charge against the mayor and coroner, both of whom are magistrates ex officio, is that they neglected their duty and failed to use proper methods for the repression of the strike. The strikers arrested are H. Hamlin, H. Charette, L. Landry, J. B. Clement, C. Bestelund and George Robinson.

Kenneth P. McCaskill, chief of the provincial police, made the arrests. The accused were immediately taken before Judge Choquet, who allowed bail. They will again come before him on Monday.

Considerable excitement has been revived in town over the affair.

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## INFANTRY CHARGED CROWD WITH FIXED BAYONETS

Soldiers and Police Out in Full Force in Hamilton  
Streets—More Than One Hundred People Injured,  
Some Seriously — One Man Dying — Wholesale  
Arrests Made.

HAMILTON, Nov. 25.—Soldiers and police were out in full force Saturday. Such a crowd gathered in the central part of the city that Sheriff Middleton had to read the riot act from City Hall at 7.15 this evening. That did not appear to scare the people, and the police were directed to safeguard the other ships anchored in the vicinity of the Algebras, including the new battleship Paris, and the torpedo gunboat La Hire. These two vessels were towed to places of safety. The authorities came rapidly to the conclusion that the Algebras was doomed and she was left to burn herself out. The discipline displayed on board the Algebras was excellent. A majority of the men were cool. The small boats of the Algebras were launched, filled with men and rowed away, while those who could not leave in this manner awaited the arrival of their rescuers. A few men, however, were forced by the flames to jump overboard and swim away. Six torpedoes on board the schoolship exploded while the men were leaving the vessel.

## CANADA WILL CANCEL PRESENT POSTAL AGREEMENT WITH U. S.

Postal Authorities Not Satisfied With Regulations Governing Exchange  
of Second-Class Mail Matter — Is Injurious to Trade Interests  
of the Dominion.

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—The Canadian postal authorities have avowed the intention of canceling the present postal convention with the United States for the exchange of second class mail matter, thereby making a beginning toward the settlement of an old dispute. Many years ago it was agreed by the governments of the two countries that each should handle all the newspapers and other second class mail matter originating in the other country free of charge. This arrangement operated decidedly to the disadvantage of the Canadian postal authorities, for not only did the United States offer Canada ten times the weight of newspapers Canada sent the United States, but the Americans threw open their second class to printed matter that in Canada was treated as advertising merchandise and only carried at the rate of eight cents a pound. As it originated in the United States it came to Canada as second class matter and was carried at the rate of one cent or half a cent a pound according to circumstances.

This was regarded as giving the Americans a privilege in Canada from which Canadians themselves were excluded, and it allowed a flood of advertising matter to come into which had the effect of diverting a considerable quantity of trade which should go to Canadian firms on the other side of the line. Efforts to get the United States authorities to change the second class were not successful. It was therefore decided that Canada would cancel the convention after May first next. This will give the two countries opportunity to make necessary changes in the classification of their second class matter, and it is expected that an agreement will again be made for the exchange of newspaper mail matter on a more equitable basis. If the new agreement is not reached before the first of May all American publications will pay postage of eight cents a pound to enter Canada and Canadian publications will be at the same charge for admission to the United States.

## A DIVISION PROBLEM



THE THREE.—Give me the biggest piece with the best port, Sir Wilfrid.

## WILL CONTROL COBALT MINES

Properties Will be in Hands  
of Few Capitalists

United Cobalt Exploration Company of  
New York Take Over Foster and  
Other Noted Mines

TORONTO, Nov. 25.—The announcement that the United Cobalt Exploration Co. of New York had taken over Foster and other noted Cobalt properties is explanatory of the suspicion that has been abroad for several days that all leading silver properties of Northern Ontario will ultimately be controlled by a few large holding companies, if not actually by one dominated by Guggenheim. It is not said that Trethewey is included in the purchases by the United Cobalt Company, but it is understood that C. J. McMahon had had overtures made to him for the possession of this property and that his mission to New York during the week was in regard to the proposition. One prominent broker says he is satisfied that Trethewey control has passed, and that if it was not gone to the United Cobalt Company then another big holding company had taken it in. Excitement among Toronto brokers will not be assuaged until the market opens Monday, when some indication of the vastness of financial formations now going on may be obtained. Altogether the company has bought 308 acres of land in the heart of the Tenandean silver producing area. These properties represent some of the best producing mines and prospects that the camp possesses.

## POSTMASTER AT CARLETON 48 YEARS

James Reid, one of the best known citizens of Carleton died at his home in the West End at 6.30 on Saturday evening. Mr. Reid was in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

For forty-eight years Mr. Reid held the position of Postmaster of West St. John, only resigning about a year ago.

The deceased leaves two daughters, Mrs. Fred Bassett, of Boston and Mrs. Humphry, of Sackville. E. W. Elliott, of the Elliott Hotel and Lord Elliott, of Ontario, Maine are half brothers; Mrs. Wallace, wife of J. J. Wallace, General Freight Agent of the I. C. Railway is a half-sister.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday at 2.30 from Mr. Reid's late residence, he died at his home at 6.30 on Saturday evening. The funeral service which will be held at the house will be conducted by Rev. A. B. Colton, of Brussels Street church.

## FINAL FOR HIM; NOT FOR CHURCH

Crapsey Says He Will Not  
Make "Cowardly Retraction"

He Appeals From Those in Authority in  
the Church Itself to the Great  
Body of People

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 25.—Bowling to the will of the church, but refusing to make a "cowardly retraction" of the belief which induced the church to terminate his ministry, the Rev. Algernon E. Crapsey, rector of St. Andrew's Church of this city, today renounced his ministry in the Protestant Episcopal faith in a letter to Bishop Wm. D. Walker of the Western Diocese of New York. In this letter Dr. Crapsey reaffirmed his belief that the "motion of the origin of Jesus that a son of man was born without a human father is without foundation in history."

He also asserted that "when I say of Jesus that He assumed into Heaven, I do not mean and cannot mean that with His physical body of flesh, blood and bones. He floated into space and has for two thousand years been existing somewhere in the sky, in that very physical body of flesh, blood and bones."

Declaring that he is about to carry the case to the free intelligence and enlightenment of the world, he counsels the "hundreds of clergymen and thousands of laymen in the Protestant Episcopal church who have reached the same conclusion" as he has not to be dismayed and to stay where they are.

"I appeal," he says, "from those in places of authority in the church itself to the great body of people." He asserted that he does not blame his judges and that, though he bows to their will and feels that it is final for him, he says:

"I am equally certain that it is not final for the church."

When the great tribunal of free thought has decided this contention, he says, the men who administer the church of earth will conform to this decision.

Having let go of the "temporary and unstable interpretations of the creed," he declares that he holds more firmly to the Gospel.

## DEATH AT NASHWAUKSIS

FREDERICTON, Nov. 25.—The death occurred at Nashwaaksis this morning of Emilie, relict of the late Geo. Anderson, aged 77 years. The deceased is survived by two daughters and two sons.

## NONCTON OFFICIALS AGAIN CRITICISED

City Ministers Deplore Apathy in Regard  
to Scott Act Law Enforcement—  
Farewell Sermon

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 25.—City officials and particularly the police committee were subjected to another severe and scathing criticism tonight at the hands of Rev. H. E. Thomas, who some time ago started a temperance crusade. He blamed principally the chairman of the police committee for laxity of Scott Act enforcement, and criticised the civic administration quite severely.

In the Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. MacDermid, preaching on temperance, congratulated Magistrate Kay on his action in fining Scott Act violators and wanted to know why the jail was not cleaned out and Scott Act offenders over whom jail sentences are hanging, punished.

Rev. Geo. W. Whitehouse tonight preached his farewell sermon to the congregation and the church was crowded to such an extent that many people were unable to get an entrance. At an impressive men's meeting this afternoon a great tribute was paid to Rev. Mr. Whitehouse's efforts in organizing the Christian Brotherhood men's society in connection with his church, from which similar organizations have been formed in all of the churches. There were about three hundred men present and Mr. Whitehouse in his farewell remarks was visibly affected.

The body of George C. Budd, the Moncton boy killed in Regina, arrived home Saturday afternoon.

Robert Hutchinson, of the Hotel Brunswick here, is to be married Wednesday to Miss Clarke at Summerside, P. E. Island. Friday night he was presented by a number of Moncton friends with several gifts.

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## ANNUAL DRAWING ROOM A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—The annual drawing room was held in the senate chamber Saturday night. It was a function of great brilliancy from a social standpoint. Lord and Lady Grey stood on the throne for two hours in the senate chamber while the leading ladies and gentlemen of Canada's social, business and commercial life filed down between two rows of military officers and paid their respects to the King's representative in this country.

About seven hundred ladies and gentlemen made their bows to Lord and Lady Grey and afterward mingled in social intercourse in the spacious senate premises. The drawing room was one of the most successful ever held.

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—A London cable says: The Saturday Review says the speech of Hon. W. S. Fielding at Montreal, Tuesday, adds significantly to the importance of a colonial conference in 1907. The Spectator says Fielding is handling adroitly a difficult situation. The Outlook says Fielding should stand higher than ever with his countrymen for his remarkable speech. The Statist hopes Fielding's speech will be taken to heart by the whole people.

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