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GIVES LIFE IN VAIN EFFORT TO SAVE 2 SONS

MRS. BOYLE AND KIDDIES DEIN IN PRESCOTT FIRE

Mother Had Gone Back to Home to Rescue Children

FATHER AWAY

Neighbors Find One Dead, Two Unconscious; Both Succumb Later

Canadian Press.

PRESCOTT, Ont., Dec. 24.—Fire last night claimed the lives of a mother and her two children, in their home here. The dead are Mrs. Edward Boyle, 36; Hugh, four, and Francis, two.

Hugh perished in the flames which consumed the family residence, while Mrs. Boyle and Francis died within half an hour of each other, between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, as a result of burns.

The blaze broke out about 10:30 last night. A mother's heroism and self-sacrifice for her offspring mark the destruction of the little home and its pre-Christmas tragedy of a happy family.

LAMP EXPLODES Both her boys were asleep when Mrs. Boyle, wife of Edward Boyle, went to bed shortly after 10 o'clock. Her husband was away at Prescott, some three miles north of Prescott.

A little while after she had gone to bed Mrs. Boyle was aroused by a sound, followed by a crash of a lamp, then its explosion.

Rushing hurriedly from her room after donning some clothing she sought to alarm her neighbors. The distracted mother then returned to the house which was a veritable inferno, and tried to carry out the two children. Her self-sacrifice proved to be in vain.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS Willing helpers responded to the cries of the mother, but on arrival found her with little Francis in her arms, both unconscious, just inside the door. Volunteer firemen later stated that Hugh, untouched by flames, but apparently suffocated by smoke. He had evidently been dropped by his mother who is believed to have lost her presence of mind, when the door slammed and locked behind her on her return to the house.

TORONTO OPERATORS QUIT INTERNATIONAL Join Winnipeg Telegraphers in Secession Move—to Form Canadian Body

Canadian Press. TORONTO, Dec. 24.—By an unanimous vote members of the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America in the employ of the Canadian National Telegraphs in Toronto, decided last night at a meeting here, to secede from the International Union.

On Tuesday night telegraphers in Winnipeg took similar action. A second resolution was adopted by the meeting which calls for a convention in Toronto on January 4, of representatives of union telegraphers in Canada to form a Canadian union.

The immediate cause of the decision to leave the C. T. U. A. was stated, was the refusal of the International president and his colleagues to give to Canadian telegraphers, a referendum on further affiliation with the International, although the request had been made in a constitutional manner.

U. S. Women Taken As a German Spy United Press. BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Private wires from Palermo today said that Mrs. Ella Briggs, an American taking pictures of architecture in Sicily for the New York Herald, had been arrested charged with espionage for Germany.

Rains in Spain Threaten Flood; Storm in France Blows Itself Out

West Sends Greetings To East; Calgary Trade Board Wishes Maritimes Prosperous Year

EAST is East and West is West, but, so far as Canada is concerned, there exists a great national tie which has become still more firm during the last few months through the great campaign of mutual understanding which has been carried on.

To A. M. Belding, of this city, whose work has done much to reawaken the national spirit throughout the country, and who now is recovering from an attack of pneumonia in New York, comes a holiday greeting, which crystallizes the new-born feeling between the western and eastern areas of the Dominion. It is from F. E. Osborne, president of the Calgary Board of Trade, and reads as follows:

"Greetings and best wishes for the Christmas season. We hope the New Year will bring a large measure of happiness and prosperity to the Maritime Provinces, and a satisfactory and permanent settlement of their problems. Best wishes to the members of the Saint John Board of Trade."

YAP SWEEP BY WAVE REPORT DECLARES Not Single House on Island Left Standing—Cable Connection Cut

Canadian Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—A report that Yap, a small island of the Caroline Group, in the North Pacific, was swept by a tidal wave, and practically devastated, is published in the Hochiwa, a Japanese language paper of Honolulu.

The cable between Guam and Yap has been interrupted since December 16. There is another cable between Yap and Nagasaki, Japan. The Hochiwa report said not a single house on the island which has an area of 79 miles, and a population of several thousand, remained standing. Fear was expressed that other islands of the group had suffered a similar catastrophe.

NO CASUALTIES. TOKIO, Dec. 24.—A report from the navy department today stated that the tidal wave and storm which struck the island of Yap on December 16, and damaged virtually every building along the coast. No casualties were reported. During the storm, a wind of 150-mile velocity was reported.

HIGH PRICE PAID FOR TIMBER BERTH 200 Miles Sold at \$159 After Spirited Bidding; Another Goes at \$20

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Dec. 24.—At the Department of Lands and Mines a timber berth of 200 square miles on Hector Brook, branch of North Forks, Cansan River, was bid in by Mrs. Amelia J. Black of Hunter's Home, Queen's county, at \$159 per mile. The price is a high one, there being lively bidding. The applicant was V. S. Kierstead. Two square miles on Davis Brook, Wooler Settlement, York county, were sold to the applicants, A. K. Christie and C. Angus Christie, at the upset price, \$20 per mile.

DOLLAR AGAIN AT PREMIUM. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Sterling exchange irregular. Great Britain 48 1/2; France 38 1/2; Italy 40 1/2; Germany 23.80. Canadian dollars 9-32 of one per cent. premium.

Christmas Payroll Stolen By Bandits PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Christmas payroll of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company, totalling \$47,000 was taken from the pay car by six armed men at Mollenauer, a mining settlement near Pittsburgh today. The robbers made their escape in an automobile.

Vancouver Gets \$164,000, As Share of Provincial Taxes This is part of a general provincial distribution to the municipalities of British Columbia, amounting to \$591,799. Of this total \$424,484 is made up of provincial liquor profits for the six months' period ending September 30, last, and \$167,314 pari-mutuel taxes for the whole year.

RUBBERBROKERS MAKE \$1,000,000 IN FOUR YEARS Retirement Suspected Indication of Boom Collapse

HUGE BUSINESS Some Firms Kept Clerks at Nearby Hotels, Working in Relays

Canadian Press. LONDON, Dec. 24.—Rubber brokers are beginning to retire with well-filled pockets and the public is wondering whether they foresee a collapse of the boom and are "standing firm under."

Bates & Rogers, who have announced they have decided to close down their business, have been in rubber brokerage for less than four years, and are said to have made \$1,000,000 in profits. Several other firms say they will retire with the end of the year.

Bates and Rogers have often handled more than two million rubber shares for as many as 2,000 in a single day. ENORMOUS TRADE. The firm had to reserve a large number of rooms in a hotel adjoining its offices in the city and its employees slept in relays. Sometimes they were able to get only a few hours of sleep because of the press of business. Work was kept up Sundays as well as week days.

Many rubber brokers in the city have seldom been able to close their offices before midnight of recent months, and the pressure continues with new issue of rubber plantations stocks offered constantly in the paper.

BONUS FOR WORKERS. It is the custom of many brokers to give Christmas bonuses to employees in proportion to their yearly profits, and the sums disbursed this way this year are said to total tens of thousands of pounds. The Daily Mail says one firm is giving each employe a bonus equivalent to one year's salary, while sums ranging from £10 to £100 each are common.

Jeremiah Craig of Newcastle Dies Special to The Times-Star. NEWCASTLE, Dec. 24.—Friends of Jeremiah Craig regret to hear of his sudden death, which occurred at his home this morning. He was 69 years old, and is survived by four brothers—Ambrose, of British Columbia; Stephen, of Montreal, C. N. R. driver; Michael and William at home, and one sister, Mary, at home. Mr. Craig has been an invalid for the last two years and a half.

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Among the passengers on the north-bound train was former Secretary of War Woods, who was slightly injured. The two engines were smashed and seven cars derailed. One of the trains was three-quarters of an hour late and the other seven hours late.

No Papers Tomorrow TOMORROW, December 25. Christmas Day, there will be no issue of either The Telegraph-Journal or The Evening Times-Star.

Held as Spy



France got a sensation when Marthe Moreuil, known as "Mlle. Foxglove," a French dancer, confessed that she and three accomplices were obtaining French aviation secrets for a foreign power.

NEW YORK—In five months F. E. Moskovic has made a paper profit of \$63,000 in an option on Stutz stock.

NEW YORK—"Nick F.," a race track plunger who made \$300,000 at the New Orleans track two years ago, is broke and suffering from pneumonia.

NEW YORK—Oscar S. Traus, an immigrant boy who became a member of the United States cabinet, a diplomat, and a member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague, is entering his 76th year today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—The "Countess Zeldin Letovskaya" spent a joyous five weeks as a dashing widow, but made the mistake of perishing a couple of minutes later. The "Countess" was arrested and turned out to be Jack Macdonald, 17-year-old Bingham, Utah, youth.

FOUR WEDDINGS AT CAPITAL YESTERDAY Quartette of Couples Enter Matrimony on Eve of Christmas Celebration

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 24.—Miss Adella Hillman, daughter of John Hillman of Woodstock, and Bartlett Haines, son of Samuel Haines of Burt's Corner, were married Wednesday evening at the George Street Baptist parsonage, the pastor Rev. I. A. Corbett, officiating. The young couple will make their home at Burt's Corner.

On Wednesday afternoon James Melbourne Harris and Miss Pearl Eula Nelson, both of Tracey Station, were united in marriage by Rev. G. C. Warren. They are to reside at Tracey.

William Smith and Miss Nellie Charlotte Howe, both of Geary, were united in marriage at the Brunswick Street Baptist parsonage, Wednesday afternoon by Rev. G. C. Warren.

The marriage of Elsie Edward Howe, of Geary, and Miss Greta Alberta Harrison of Crombie Settlement, was solemnized Wednesday night at the Brunswick Street Baptist parsonage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. C. Warren.

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FENG OCCUPIES TIEN TSIN; LI'S TROOPS FLEE Chaos Reigns in City Foreign Quarter Guarded MUCH LOOTING Manchurian War Lord Advances On Wide Front Against Kuo

Canadian Press. PEKING, Dec. 24.—Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's National Army troops entered Tien Tsin this morning after several days of fighting in which thousands were killed or wounded. The troops of General Li Ching Ling, civil governor of Chihli, and Feng's enemy, are fleeing in disorder.

Chaos reigns in the native quarter of Tien Tsin, where soldiers attached to the defeated army are engaged in looting. Foreign volunteers and troops are protecting the gates of the foreign settlement which is barricaded. Feng's supporter, Sun Yueh, has been appointed civil governor of Chihli to succeed Li.

STUDENTS RIOT. BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(United Press)—Chinese students of Berlin rioted in a restaurant following word of the reported capture of Tien Tsin by General Feng Yuh Siang. Beer glasses, plates and cups were freely used and 10 of the rioters, who were from the Communists and Democratic ranks, were injured before the police could intervene.

CHANG PROGRESSES. TOKIO, Dec. 24.—Consular reports from Mukden say that the troops of General Kuo Sung Lin are abandoning guns and ammunition in their retreat before the forces of Marshal Chang Tso Lin, the Manchurian war lord, occupied Palikpu and are advancing on a wide front. The reports say that the failure of General Kuo's operations amounts to a serious setback for him.

SURRENDER PROPOSED. TOKIO, Dec. 24.—Kokusai (Japanese news agency) declares that the Japanese war office has unconfirmed advice from Mukden, Manchurian capital, declaring that General Kuo Sung Lin has proposed to Marshal Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian war lord, to surrender if Chang will guarantee his life and property.

ARMISTICE REPORTED. CAIRO, Dec. 24.—An armistice has been signed between the Druse tribesmen and the new French High Commissioner in Syria, General Gouraud.

All prisoners held by the French authorities in Syria on political charges are to be liberated, the report adds.

Greece Plans to Make Voting Compulsory ATHENS, Dec. 24.—The Greek Government has decided to combat communism. To this end it will make voting in the future compulsory.

This is an outcome of municipal elections at Saloniki, where M. Petridis was re-elected Mayor, notwithstanding the fact that the government had annulled his previous election, on last night at Valenar. Details of the accident are lacking.

STOCKING FUND LACKS BUT \$47 TO TOTAL \$3,000 Ultimate Objective Likely to be Reached Before Tonight—Today's Contributions Include One From Employes of New System Laundry.

At noon today The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund had reached \$2,953.40, just \$46.60 short of \$3,000. It may be that by night the even money objective will be reached. The sum received this morning since yesterday's acknowledgements totalled \$74.25. Included was the sum of \$25 from the employes of the New System Laundry. The standing today is:

Previously acknowledged \$2,879.15 Friend 1.00 T. H. M. 1.00 Rev. David Lang 1.00 The Kiddies 1.00 W. X. 1.00 Anonymous 1.00 A. Dyer 1.00 H. G. B. 1.00 Marjorie Leonard, Rothsey 1.00 Donald Leonard, Rothsey 1.00 Albert G. Earle, Long Point 1.00 James A. Bates, Long Point 1.00 Mrs. Emma Leonard, Long Point 1.00 Mrs. B. F. McCutcheon, Long Point 1.00 Point 1.00 Saint John 1.00 Halifax 1.00 New York 2.00 Total \$2,953.40

Cuban Santa



This is an image of Cuba's Santa Claus—one of the wise men from the east who followed the star to Bethlehem. Cuban children don't know our Santa, so they address their letters to the old wise man instead, and gifts aren't distributed until Jan. 6.

SEVILLE IS IN DANGER TODAY OF INUNDATION Residents of Suburban Villages Flee to City ABANDON HOMES Rumor of Foundering of Steamer Lutetia Is Proved Groundless

Canadian Press. SEVILLE, Spain, Dec. 24.—Imminent danger of inundation by torrential rains, which continued increasing, threatens part of Seville. Provisional lodging has been provided for the residents of the suburban villages of La Vega, Triana, Las Reillas and other places and urgent measures have been taken to fill in an open space on the banks of the Guadalquivir to prevent the flooding of Cortijo and Palm Drive.

Many olive groves are under water, and the residents of a considerable part of the river's territory have abandoned their homes. Miraflores is totally isolated by the floods and the population is a serious situation. The naval authorities have despatched launches to the villages of La Alhambra and Camas.

FRENCH STORM OVER. PARIS, Dec. 24.—The gale which has been raging with unprecedented fury during the past few days at last has blown itself out. The full force of the disaster, however, still is lacking. The telegraph system throughout the country is badly wrecked and the work of restoration will require considerable time.

Paris remains cut off from a majority of the principal provincial cities, as well as from foreign countries, except in a few cases, where it has been possible to establish a roundabout express service by linking up various local lines.

RUMOR UNTRUE. The dissemination in communication has given birth to numbers of rumors. One of these which created considerable excitement was to the effect that the liner Lutetia, bound for Bordeaux, from Buenos Aires, had foundered. Later radio communication was established with the Lutetia which reported all well on board and that she expected to arrive in Lisbon today.

Seven Are Killed as Train Turns Over SANTIAGO, Dec. 24.—Seven persons are known to have been killed and forty injured when a train on the Longitudinal Railroad, turned over last night at Valenar. Details of the accident are lacking.

COUNCIL STANDS FOR RE-ELECTION Full Ticket in Field in Fredericton—Will Have Complete Opposition

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—A full ticket representing the present City Council is in the field for the annual civic election to take place Monday January 11th. The ticket is composed of all the members of the council whose term of office expires. The ticket will be as follows—For mayor, R. L. Phillips, for alderman, W. L. Jennings, F. L. Cooper, David McCaughey, W. E. Farrell and D. W. Oils.

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The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The Atlantic coast storm has passed to the eastward of Newfoundland. Pressure is now highest to the northward of the western provinces and relatively low over Ontario and Quebec. The weather is moderately cold throughout the Dominion.

FORECASTS. Snow Flurries. Snow flurries, partly cloudy and moderately cold today and Friday, a few snow flurries.

NEW ENGLAND—Fair night, increasing cloudiness probably followed by snow or sleet Friday afternoon or night, much change in temperature, inishing westerly winds.

Temperatures. TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Hi—8 a.m. Yes

Victoria ... 48
Calgary ... 14
Edmonton ... 10
Winnipeg ... 4
Toronto ... 22
Montreal ... 20
Saint John ... 10
Halifax ... 16
New York ... 2