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Five Lives Are Snuffed Out as Fire Destroys Seven Buildings

LONDON GASPS AT BLACKMAIL SUIT

BOARDERS CARRIED FROM BLAZING HOME IN PLYMOUTH, PA.

Loss of \$75,000 is Incurred in Early Morning Fire.

5 DEAD; ONE HURT

Woman, Niece and Three Boarders Die in Attempt to Escape.

Plymouth, Pa., Nov. 20.—Five lives comprised the toll of a fire which destroyed seven frame buildings in the business section here today. The dead are Mrs. Martin Sherako, her niece, Emily Petroski, 11 years old, and three unidentified boarders in the Sherako home. Another boarder, Edward Alexton, was taken to a hospital at Wilkesbarre in a serious condition.

Spreads Quickly The fire, which was of undetermined origin started in the basement of the Sherako building, where police said the flames fed by the wooden frame construction of the building gained rapid headway and soon spread to six other places. These included a grocery store, a tailor shop, meat market, furniture store and cigar store, and pool-room.

A number of boarders were carried from the burning boarding house by Deputy Sheriff Hoesy.

The bodies of Mrs. Sherako and her niece and the three boarders were found on the first floor, where they were evidently attempting an escape from the flames when they met death. The loss was estimated at more than \$75,000.

SPAIN IS GAGGED, IS AUTHOR'S CHARGE

Claims Newspapers Are But Mouthpieces of Military Dictator.

Paris, Nov. 20.—Extracts from the manifesto against King Alfonso of Spain, published by the Spanish author, Vicente Blasco Ibañez, read as follows:

"Spain's mouth is gagged and her hands are tied. If the people do not arise in the streets to protest against such slavery, it is the instinct of national preservation which prevents them. The army, with all modern means of destruction, holds the country under its heel, and it is easy with rifles and machine guns to reduce a defenseless crowd to silence.

LOSES ACTION FOR SHARE OF ESTATE

Supreme Court of Canada Verdict Against William Stone.

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—(Canadian Press)—The claim of William Stone to a share of the estate of the late Enos Stone of Regina, has been dismissed by the Supreme Court of Canada. The case originated when the Western Trust Company of Regina, as administrator of the estate of Enos Stone, appealed to the trial court for an opinion as to what persons, if any, were entitled to the estate.

Party Censures Russian Minister



Moscow, Nov. 20.—War Minister Trotsky has again incurred the censure of his colleagues in the Communist party. They charge him with misrepresenting in his recent book, entitled "Nineteen Seventeen," the real relations between Lenin and the Communist party on the eve of the October revolution.

RATES CUT, TOO, ON GOVERNMENT WHARVES HERE

Wharfage Charges Reduction Announced—Collect on Short Ton.

The top wharfage charges for the government wharves will be reduced to the same basis as those of the city according to the announcement made this morning by J. C. Chesley, local agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department. The change is effective from Dec. 1 the same as those of the city. This schedule places all the wharves along the waterfront, except those owned by the C. N. R. at Long Wharf, on the same footing in so far as rates are concerned. The C. N. R. has a special arrangement whereas no top wharfage is charged where the goods are transported over the C. N. R. Otherwise their rates have been the same as the city.

AUTO IS DITCHED; ONE KILLED, 2 HURT

Wife of Victim, Her Child and Another Passenger Escape.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—Morris Kayler, aged 80, of Toronto, was instantly killed, Solomon Altman, aged 88, was probably fatally injured and Solomon Gordon suffered a fracture of the collar-bone when a motor car driven by Altman was ditched in the provincial highway about three miles east of Brighton yesterday. Mrs. Kayler, wife of the victim and her child, and N. Rosenblum, also passengers, escaped injured other than severe shock.

Water in St. Croix River is at Lowest Level on Record.

Calais, Me., Nov. 20.—Shortage of water in this section of Maine and portion of New Brunswick adjoining is becoming acute as a result of the protracted drought. The water in the St. Croix River is at the lowest level ever recorded, according to local observers as a result of the long dry spell which has been broken only by some recent snow.

Rockefeller Increases Fortune in Standard Oil Stocks by \$111,000,000

New York, Nov. 20.—John D. Rockefeller has increased his fortune, it is figured here today. The Senate committee, while investigating the oil industry, disclosed the holdings of Rockefeller in various Standard Oil units and from this data it has been able to figure his approximate gain for the year.

ALL LUCK OF HOPE JEWEL DOGS STEPS OF FORMER OWNER

May Yohe is Now Wife of John Smuts, Who Tries Suicide.

THRICE MARRIED

Actress Blames Sinister Influence of Diamond for Life of Trouble.

(By United Press) Boston, Nov. 20.—The cause of the famous Hope diamond is again upon May Yohe, actress and one-time possessor of the diamond, now the wife of Captain John A. Smuts, who is in a serious condition at a hospital here suffering from a gunshot wound in the chest.

Mrs. Smuts called a physician and police last night when, after hearing a shot, she found her husband lying on the floor of an adjoining room of their apartment, bleeding from a bullet wound.

The police found a note, signed by Smuts which read: "I intend to shoot myself, because I have been unkind to my wife."

At the hospital however, Smuts said he had accidentally shot himself while cleaning his revolver.

Her Third Husband. Smuts is the actress' third husband and a cousin of General Jan Smuts of South Africa. It was while she was Lady Hope as the wife of Lord Francis Hope, that she was in possession of the Hope diamond, which is supposed to bring ill luck to all who wear it.

It was this sinister influence which made her run away from Lord Hope and marry Major Pittman Strong, she claims. Misfortune still followed her, however, and she divorced him and was driven to singing in cabarets on the Barbary Coast in San Francisco.

Later she married Captain Smuts and blames the Hope diamond for this latest tragedy in her life.

Police are investigating the circumstances of the shooting. A note found at the south end lodging house where Smuts and his wife had resided for two weeks, indicated that he had planned to commit suicide.

It was learned that the shooting occurred early yesterday afternoon. Captain Smuts said he was sitting on a bed cleaning a small calibre revolver when it was discharged accidentally.

Would Protect Wife. In search of the house the police found a note which read: "I intend to shoot myself because I have been unkind to my wife." The note was signed "J. A. Smuts" but the police said the note and signature were in different handwriting. When questioned at the hospital Captain Smuts made the authorities not to make trouble for his wife and said "It makes no difference who shot me. If you make trouble for my wife I will maintain that I shot myself, no matter what you say. I'm a game fellow. I can stand this. I love my wife."

Captain and Mrs. Smuts came to Boston when an inn which they conducted at Keene, N. H. was burned two weeks ago.

John Daniel Hated Limelight



John Daniel II, famous circus gorilla, sells for London. With John Daniel are Mrs. Katherine Baines (left), his attendant, and Miss Alice Cunningham, his owner. The clicking of cameras which photographed him as he boarded the steamer raised the ire of John Daniel, with the result that he suddenly turned on his attendants, Mrs. Baines, and bit her severely in the hand. It was the first time, his owner said, that he had ever shown his temper while in captivity.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RESTORES PENSION TO WIDOW OF N. S. VETERAN

Ruling of Board Reversed, Mrs. Walker and Children to Benefit.

Hollywood, Cal., Nov. 20.—William S. Hart can remember the period when Tom Ince, pioneer movie director-producer, who died on Wednesday, was so poor that he was unable to buy food for days at a time.

"We used to starve for days," the actor of cowboys and bad man parts said. "When we would get food we nearly died. After a hard pull, better days followed and we made as much as \$100 a week."

REPUBLICANS WIN FEWER THAN 50 PER CENT. OF DUBLIN VOTES AT BY-ELECTIONS

Dublin, Nov. 20.—By-elections to the Dail Eireann in South Dublin City and North Mayo have resulted in the return of Republicans by substantial, although not overwhelming majorities. This is regarded in some quarters as a serious setback to the Government, but the results were apparently largely due to the apathy of the electors, fewer than 50 per cent in Dublin voting.

TOOTHLESS THIEF LEAVES EVIDENCE

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 20.—An apple core showing that the burglar had no teeth was the only clue which led to the arrest of a man who was brought here last night, charged with burglarizing the store of Ralph Henry at Sheet Harbor last Friday night.

Weather Report

Synopsis—Pressure remains high over the greater part of the United States and low and decreasing in northern Canada. The weather is quite mild in Ontario and the western provinces and becoming milder in Quebec and the maritime provinces.

Former Champion Loses Decision

Oakland, Calif., Nov. 20.—Jimmy Duffy, Oakland, won the decision over Jack Brittan, former welterweight champion of the world in a fast four round bout here last night. Duffy floored Brittan in the third but the former champion was up immediately.

ATTACK ON BRITISH GENERAL RAISES REVERBERATIONS IN ENGLAND

Newspapers Hold Egyptian Premier and Government Morally Responsible

SIRDAR IMPROVED

Condition, However, is Still Serious—Transfusion Operation.

(Canadian Press Cable) London, Nov. 20.—The attempt in Cairo upon the life of Sir Lee Stack, Sirdar of the Egyptian army, has aroused great indignation here and most of the morning newspapers comment very severely, demanding that the Government take prompt decision and action.

While Premier Zagloul Pasha and the Egyptian Government are acquitted of having desired, much less prompted, the outrage, it is contended that they were to a great extent morally responsible by their alleged fostering of political advantage cannot be tolerated. The paper continues: "This is no case for a leisurely exchange of diplomatic notes; it is a case for immediate and energetic action. Such action was effective in the Sudan troubles, and the Conservative government will be expected to act at least promptly and as firmly as did Mr. MacDonald's government."

Some of the other papers demand that the British Government withdraw from the Egyptian army which was wounded by assassins yesterday, passed a good night and there was some improvement noted but his condition this morning was still very serious.

Six or more gunmen, using both bombs and automatic pistols, were concerned in the attack, and the Sirdar was struck by three bullets suffering wounds in the abdomen, one hand and one foot. After an operation for transfusion of blood last night, the surgeons expressed hope for his recovery.

PREMIER TAKES ACTION

In a statement to the newspapers the Egyptian Premier, Zagloul Pasha, declared the government would take every possible step to solve the mystery of the crime and capture the assassins.

"The outrage," he continued, "will cause a very bad impression with everyone everywhere. I deplore this crime. I do not know to what end the criminals are acting or to what class they belong, but I am convinced that its authors want to disturb the peace of the country. They shall not attain their end."

CANADA INCREASES TRADE WITH FRANCE

Both Exports and Imports in 1924 Season Are Greater.

Montreal, Nov. 20.—Canada's trade with France is increasing according to figures issued here by the French consulate. During the first eight months of 1924, it was shown Canadian exports to France increased 112,284 francs in value, the figures this year being 368,104 francs as compared with 255,820 francs in the corresponding period last year. French imports during this time increased from 106,863 francs to 228,037 francs, an advance of 119,174 francs.

Death List in Java Earthquake Now 664

Batavia, Java, Nov. 20.—It is definitely established that 664 persons perished in the earthquake which recently shook Central Java.

Baldwin Plans Use of Canadian Food Products to Cut Living Cost

London, Nov. 20.—(By Herbert Bailey, British United Press)—The utilization of the food products of the dominions, particularly those of Canada, as part of a campaign to force down the cost of living here is one of the plans which Premier Stanley Baldwin has in mind upon the practical nature which the Royal Commission will be asked to report.

An Imperial economic committee such as was suggested at the Imperial Conference last year, to which Canada would not agree, is soon to be set up and this will further deal with this same question. Premier Baldwin also has an idea that food may be sent from the dominions at cost price to be distributed here with the least possible expense.

Egypt's Premier Is Criticized



ZAGLONE PASHA. Although acquitted of prompting the recent attack on Sir Lee Stack, Sirdar of the Egyptian army, London newspapers condemn the Premier and his Government as being, to a large measure, morally responsible.

PURDY, CAUGHT IN ICE, IS AIDED BY SISTER STEAMER

Will Try to Force Way to Fredericton Wharf This Afternoon.

The steamer Majestic, of the Crystal Stream S. S. line, arrived at Fredericton from St. John early this morning, and forced her way beside her sister craft, the D. J. Purdy, which was fast in the ice of Waterloo Row, about three quarters of a mile from her wharf. The Purdy got that far last evening and stuck.

Ice was heavy enough to stop her and also to cut her wooden hull quite deeply. During the night more ice made and this morning men were walking out from shore and working about the Purdy on the ice. Heavy deals were taken out and the Purdy's bows sheathed with them. This afternoon the two vessels will try to force their way to the wharf.

The Majestic left here last night upon receipt of word that the D. J. Purdy had been caught in the ice while proceeding to the capital yesterday. She left Indiantown yesterday morning with one of the largest cargoes of the season.

CHARLES MATTHEWS STARTS PRISON TERM

Toronto, Nov. 20.—Charles A. Matthews, Jr., former Assistant Provincial Treasurer, sentenced here recently to two years in the penitentiary for complicity in the provincial bond sale scandal, was taken to Kingston penitentiary this morning to begin the working out of his sentence. An appeal against the sentence was dismissed by the provincial court of appeal yesterday.

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