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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.

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 defenceless crowd to silence.

Calles Rivers Crown. "Reading a Spanish newspaper is simply reading literature by Primo Rivera, a fantastic author and a tragic clown."

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

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Wharfage Charges Reduction Announced—Collect on Short Ton.

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One change in the collection of the top wharfage by the Government is noted, however, in the new rates to be collected at their wharves. This is the collecting of the rates on the basis of the short ton the same as the city uses. Formerly the Government based their charges on the long ton and, while their figures per ton were the same as those of the city, they were really a little cheaper as the city uses the short ton. The Government wharves are Nos. 7, 14, 15 and 16, Sand Point.

AUTO IS DITCHED; ONE KILLED, 2 HURT

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 injuries other than severe shock.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Former Champion Loses Decision

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

John Daniel Hated Limelight



John Daniel II, famous circus performer, sells for London. With John Daniel are Mrs. Katherine Baines (left), his attendant, and Miss Alice Cunningham, his owner.

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.

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.

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.

Table with 2 columns: Station, Highest during Yesterday night, Lowest

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.

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.

Hampton Away The steamer Hampton sailed again this morning for Wickham. She had an exceptionally large freight and indications were that she would have to make another trip on Saturday. Weather conditions and the amount of freight offering will be factors in determining when the steamer will be withdrawn for the season.

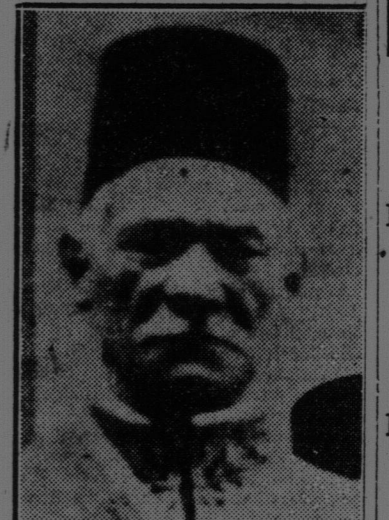
CANADA INCREASES TRADE WITH FRANCE

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.

Baldwin Plans Use of Canadian Food Products to Cut Living Cost

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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.

Blackmail Alleged. The bank, in presenting its defense, alleges Robinson, his wife, the aide, and others, conspired to blackmail "Mr. A." and divide the money.

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.

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.

WANTS PARLIAMENT TO LOOK INTO THIS

Archambault, M. P. Will Move in Matter of Reported Statement of Sir A. Currie. Ottawa, Nov. 20.—J. Archambault, member for Chamblerie-Vercheres, has given notice that he will move at the coming session of Parliament that a committee be appointed to look into the question involved in representations stated to have been made in a recent speech of Sir Arthur Currie at Montreal.

HIGH POTENTATE IS INVOLVED IN ACTION AGAINST BANKERS

Bookmaker, Whose Wife Fled with Easterner, Sues for £125,000.

PLOT IS ALLEGED

Defendants Claim Plaintiff, His Wife and Others Framed Visitors.

BY LLOYD ALLEN (United Press Staff Corr.)

London, Nov. 20.—The suit of Charles Ernest Robertson, a bookmaker, against the Midland Bank for £125,000, involving a mysterious plot whereby an unnamed "Eastern potentate" was blackmailed of £150,000 in the belief that he must pay it to keep his name from the divorce courts, was resumed today before a crowded court room, and all London gasped at the astounding conspiracy.

Names Are Withheld The suit involves the love of the Oriental potentate for an English woman, payment of the enormous blackmail sum to a man he believed to be her husband, theft of all but £28,000 of the money by fraud, concealment and various parts of England and Europe.

According to the story, the Eastern potentate occupied a position so high that, had his name been brought into the case, it would cause international complications.

The cashed and cancelled checks were shown to the jury, with the signatures covered with paper, and the man was referred to as "Mr. A." The case reveals treachery of "Mr. A." to the potentate, whom the government assigned to protect him during his travels in this country. The aide's name has also been suppressed, to prevent checking up on the identity of "Mr. A."

Robinson charges negligence in his suit against the Midland Bank. He alleges he brought divorce suit against his wife when he found her associating with the mysterious potentate, but while the persons acting for him executed without his knowledge £150,000 from Mr. A., he only received £28,000 of the money. He is now attempting to recover all of the hush money that "Mr. A." supplied.

They fell in love immediately. Going to Paris, in December, they stayed together at a hotel. On the morning after Christmas, while both were sleeping late, after a night of revelry, a man burst into the room, crying, "Now I've got the evidence."

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