

News of the City and the Outports

FOUR BLAZES YESTERDAY KEPT FIREFIGHTERS BUSY

Combination of Fire and High Wind Too Much For Nerves Of Our Citizens.

BRIGADES ACTED PROMPTLY AND SAVED THE SITUATION

Most Threatening Outbreak Was At Empire Wood Working Plant—Night Providers Responsible

THERE were no less than four fire alarms between 3.30 yesterday afternoon and 11 last night, and consequently the fire fighters were kept busy.

The high winds during the day made people nervous, and when they heard the bells and saw the apparatus dashing through the streets they were anxious to know where the blaze was and the extent of it.

The first alarm was at 3.55 p.m. from box 232, a spark from the chimney having fallen on the roof of T. Galway's house and igniting. The Central and the Eastern men were quickly on the scene and a stream from the chemical soon had the fire extinguished. The damage was trivial.

The Second

The firemen returned to their stations and just had their apparatus placed away when another alarm sounded. This time it was from the Western part of the city and the Central and Western companies were quickly on the scene.

The blaze was at the residence of James Sheehan, George St. West. Const. Nugent was quickly on hand and procuring a Pyrene fire extinguisher from the Post Office had the fire under control when the apparatus arrived.

The chemical was brought into use and after a few minutes the danger was over. The damage was slight.

No one was in the house at the time and it is not known how it originated.

The Third

At 6 o'clock a man called at the Eastern station and acquainted the men that the residence of Capt. Wakeham, York Street, was ablaze.

The firemen lost no time in proceeding there and found the fire to be in the chimney. It was put out without difficulty, no injury to property being sustained.

No alarm sounded for this blaze.

The Fourth

At 11.30 last night the extensive premises of the Empire Wood Working Co., situated on Water Street East, were in danger of destruction, due to the action of two night providers, who who sneaked into the kiln to have a comfortable sleep in the warmth, which that part of the building afforded.

They had worked so hard during the day looking for nothing to do that the exercise of the body and mind had to be suspended. Any old place they could hang up their hat, was "home, sweet home" to them, and as the city hotels are crowded just now they decided to enjoy the comforts which the kiln of the Empire Wood Working Factory afforded.

Came Upon the Sleepers

The watchman going his rounds found the kiln to be on fire. He noticed a coat hanging up at all ablaze, and as he tore it down to throw it outside the building, he saw two forms sleeping peacefully, while the ceiling just above them was burning fiercely.

The sleeping beauties were much annoyed on being aroused from their slumbers, but realizing their danger they made a bee line for the door, and beat a hasty retreat. The watchman hurried to the Eastern firehall, a few yards distant, and informed the guard, who aroused the men and acquainted the other stations.

Prompt Work

The Eastern and Central men were quickly present and a couple of streams of water was all that was necessary to extinguish the fire.

The building quickly filled with smoke, making it exceedingly difficult to work, but they continued against the great odds and in less than half an hour the danger was over.

The loss is not great, due to the excellent manner in which the firemen labored.

The kiln and other warm spots in such factories are popular resorts for a number of young men who are afraid of work; they dodge the night watchman and spend their nights there.

Kept Out of the Way

An hour before discovering the blaze the watchman visited the kiln and found everything O.K. The providers no doubt had their eye on

his lantern and when he left they went and were soon asleep.

Had the blaze not been discovered in time, they would probably have been smothered or burned to death. This morning the police were busy looking for the pair. The names of three men who answered their description have been given the officers, who will spare no pains to arrest them.

They deserve no sympathy, because the police believe they are individuals who will not work except when forced to, and when they earn a little money they spend it in rum.

Had the fire assumed serious proportions last night, a number of mechanics and other good citizens would have been thrown out of employment, and to safeguard such men, as well as for the protection of property, marauders should be severely dealt with.

C. L. B. AT BELL ISLAND.

The C.L.B. of Bell Island will hold its first church parade on Sunday next. Monday the new armoury will formally open with an "at home."

The Band of the St. John's Corps and about fifty others, non-coms and privates, intend going over for the occasion.

They will leave here Sunday morning and return Tuesday.

DUST WAS TERRIFIC

Citizens from all parts of the town assert that they never saw so much dust before as yesterday.

All the available watering carts were in operation, but they were not able to cope with the situation. The sand blizzards of the Sabara could hardly be worse than what prevailed in parts of the city yesterday.

C. C. C. ATHLETIC NOTES

The championship field hockey match between Nos. 1 and 2 companies was played last night, the former winning by 6 goals to 3.

The teams were: No. 1 Co.—P. Murphy, T. Cahill, A. Manning, J. Donnelly, D. Dyer; No. 2 Co.—E. Kavanagh, J. Murphy, Jr., A. Lacey, J. Murphy, W. Caul.

The basketball championship has been won by No. 4 Co.

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Bright. Olinda, Capt. Courtenay, is loading codfish at Bowring's for Bahia.

"THE PRIEST AND THE MAN" SHOWN AT THE NICKEL.

There was a large audience at the Nickel Theatre last night and all were pleased with the programme.

This evening the attraction is the well known story "The Priest and the Man," adopted from the Going of the White Swan by Sir Gilbert Parker. It deals with life in the Canadian woods and should be of especial interest to Newfoundlanders.

"The Ferrits" is a romantic story of underworld life, in which two almost human ferrets play permanent parts.

"The Man Who Wouldn't Marry" is a fascinating drama and will give satisfaction to patrons.

"Love" is a pretty picture of love and romance, acted by French artists and produced by the Pathe Co. Miss Etta Gardner sang an attractive novelty song, "Do You Take This Woman For Your Lawful Wife." Mr. McCarthy rendered an Irish ballad.

Friday evening the thrilling drama "Wamba," a child of the jungle, will be produced. This is a two reel feature by the Selig Co.

All patrons of the Nickel should make an effort to attend to-day.

Talking Pictures • At The Casino

The much talked of Edison Talking, singing and laughing pictures will be presented here for the first time at the Casino Theatre. Edison may well claim the title of 'wizard.' Wonders some and go with the opening of each day, but few remain to stand the acid test of time. New forms of amusement are always in demand and the successful ones are those that meet with the approval of an exacting public.

When Thomas A. Edison announced that he had perfected an appliance whereby he could show life motion pictures that would repeat, in perfect tones, the voices of the principals, many smiled at what seemed an impossibility. But when the "Talkies" are head doubt is changed to amazement and the auditor is convinced that the great inventor has added another jewel to the crown he wears as the world's electrical wizard.

The B.I.S. baseball players intend going to Bell Island to play the Islanders next Monday. They will also attend the opening of the new C.L.B. armoury.

MAGISTRATE'S LEVEE.

Three drunks were discharged. Two were fined \$2 or 7 days each.

Const. Peachey summoned ten drivers for not having pithchards on their carts; they had to pay costs. Const. Peachey summoned a man for cruelty to a horse; deft. had to pay costs.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Carter.

Mr. John Carter, son of Peter Carter, Wesleyville, died at the General Hospital on Sunday.

He had been employed at J. W. Taylor's and was highly respected. The remains were sent home by Sunday's express.

He leaves a father, two brothers, one sister and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

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LEWISPORTE PARADE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—On April 29th we held the first Union parade, tea and concert. Although the day, toward the latter part, was very stormy, the whole affair was a great success.

Early in the afternoon, the members left the Orange Hall, with all the musical instruments available. After parading through the place, we returned to the Hall where we found that the good ladies had a bountiful repast prepared.

Shortly after 7 o'clock the doors of the basement were opened and an interesting concert was held, the audience being a large and attentive one. The total proceeds were \$80.00 which we are using in connection with the building of a Union store.

—LOCAL COUNCIL F.P.U.

Apl. 29, 1914. Lewisporte.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Our Local Council wishes to express its deepest sympathy with those who have been caused to mourn by the loss of friends or relatives in the great sealing disasters. We are enclosing the sum of \$19.20 as a contribution to the F.P.U. Disaster Fund. This is not as great an amount as we would like to give, but a considerable number handed in their donations at the church collections which were made beforehand.

We very much appreciate President Coaker's untiring efforts to have an investigation held into the great loss of life at the seal fishery this year and we think it high time that some of the captains were relieved of their commands.

—LOCAL COUNCIL, Brooklyn, B.B.

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MANY ACTIVITIES OF BONAVISTA DISTRICT

Wesleyville, Home Town of Many Sealing Captains, Hive of Industry Just Now.

LATE LINGERING ICE SETBACK TO USUAL SPRING ACTIVITIES

Interesting Notes of News From The Ancient Settlement of King's Cove.

During the past couple of weeks our people have been very much handicapped by the ice hanging around the shore so late. A good many of the men have put in their time gunning. Some have secured quite a number of ducks and others have secured a few seals from the ice.

So far, everything points to the Spring being a very backward one, but in spite of all difficulties our people are beginning to get about the usual work of preparing for the fishery.

Many Sympathizers

The people of this place sorrow with those bereft by the sealing disasters and a great many are of the opinion that the loss of life was due to somebody's great blunder. It has been remarked that had Capt. Kean exercised the same amount of energy in notifying the other captains concerning the Newfoundland's crew as he did in endeavoring to prevent the passing of the Sealing Bill, joy and gladness would prevail to-day in homes where there are sorrowing and lamentation.

Friend Samuel Tiller has returned home safely from the seal fishery as enthusiastic in the Union cause as ever. If men, possessed of great abilities and holding high positions, would only follow the example of Friend Tiller in working for the good of his fellowmen, what a difference there would be in conditions of living to-day.

Most of the schooner captains have secured their crews for the summer season for which some of them are already preparing. Skipper Joshua is, as usual, in the front rank, and has already got his trip to the Bay over.

Have Secured Crews

Many of our friends who engage in the lobster fishery are delaying putting their traps out owing to so much ice being around.

Friend Abraham Stanford launches his schooner on the 11th. He has practically rebuilt her and has finished the work much earlier than was generally expected. I think all will agree with him when they see the "Broadwinner" that Friend Abel Hann easily comes first among our local builders.

Herring have been showing up around the Bay lately, but the ice prevented our men from doing any netting. Report says that caplin were recently taken by the boat load at St. Brendan's, but many of our people are of the opinion that they are white fish instead of caplin. We hope this is true as some of our old people have a saying that early caplin indicate a poor fishery.

Venturesome Chaps

Several of our young men have embarked on the matrimonial voyage since returning from the seal fishery. We wish them every success and a pleasant trip.

Some of the supporters of the Government have had their eyes opened by recent events, which we believe, with many others, foreshadow Confederation.

—CORRESPONDENT.

KING'S COVE NOTES.

The weather the past few days is much finer and everybody is now taking advantage of it.

The fishermen are all actively engaged preparing for the coming voyage. Messrs. Richard Hancock and Kenneth Brown have their cod traps already in the water, but no sign of the cod yet.

The S.S. Prospero arrived here on Tuesday evening bringing considerable freight for this port.

Good Meeting.

Tuesday night was our regular meeting night, a goodly number present and we had the privilege of hearing Mr. J. G. Stone, M.H.A., who gave us a very interesting address which delighted all present. We all feel sure now we have men in the House of Assembly who are well able to fight for the working class. Men the stamp of Mr. Stone are not met every day amongst the Tollers.

The S.S. Dundee called here on Thursday, making her first trip for season. Several of our young men are taking passage by her en route to Sydney for the summer as they are

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